



# NEWSLETTER

June 2005

*Hi, Gang!*

At our June meeting we were happy to welcome **Steve Dahl (World Champion)** to our gang of long wand miscreants. All of us Longtail virgins will be picking his brains between now and our Inskip trip.

The big news for this month is that we are going ahead with our **Flyfishing Convention 2005**. **El Presidente, Tom** has put a massive amount of effort and time into this project, and as a result we have our venue, our visiting gurus, and our major sponsors locked in. **Mark Hosking** has produced a detailed spreadsheet, which shows we can't lose financially, and **Glenn Court** has been busy spreading the word on the fishing forums. Rather than explain the details, here is our publicity blurb, which appears on the forums, and will appear in all the major fishing publications.



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## PRESS RELEASE

The South East Queensland Flyfishers Club is hosting a live in flyfishing convention on the Gold Coast over the weekend Fri. Oct 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30. This will be held at Camp Bornhoffen some 40 minutes from the coast in the Gold Coast Hinterland.

It is intended to be a hands on affair where people can try various rods, reels, lines and tie flies under expert guidance. The event is aimed at intermediate to advanced flyfishermen; those who appreciate fine equipment and, because of the S.E.Qld. location, will largely attract salt and freshwater native anglers. As it is a live in weekend it will provide flyfishermen with an opportunity to discuss ideas, experiences and form new liaisons

Personalities involved will be PETER MORSE, ROD HARRISON, SHAWN ASH, MUZ WILSON & JON MAKIM. In their company attendees will be able to cast a variety of quality rods on the large adjacent parkland areas, discuss their comparable attributes and seek advice on their own technique.

Inside the auditorium, visitors will be invited to sit down opposite one of Australia's leading fly tyers and step by step tie a fly under their guidance. There will also be audio visual presentations, talks and demonstrations of rigging leader construction etc.

Leading fly tackle distributors and manufactures will be there with their product ranges for people to see, sample and try. Loomis, Sage, Temple Fork, Redington and the new X Stream and Echo ranges of rods. Reels and flylines of every description together with all the ancillary equipment fly fishers could desire.

The accommodation is in modern motel style bungalows set in a beautiful area with the upper Nerang River separating it from the mountain range background. Those travelling by car should bring their own linen. The club will provide at no cost, hired linen to those travelling by air and arrange for club members to meet your plane at the Gold Coast Airport and convey you to the venue. In this regard they ask that you endeavour to book flights arriving around midday Friday and departing late Sunday afternoon. Virgin offers some attractive prices for this period.

The total cost for the weekend, including accommodation and all meals, including morning and afternoon teas plus supper will be \$160.00 per person (drinks extra)  
Enquiries may be made by contacting the club President Tom Boylan on (07)55646660 or email [tboylan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tboylan@bigpond.net.au). Bookings, accompanied by your cheque should be directed to South East Qld. Flyfishers, PO Box 602, Palm Beach QLD 4221 and include your name, address and contact details to enable the club to return your registration package. Bookings will be closed at the end of September.

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## **Don't Miss Out!!**

We have had overwhelming response on the fishing forums and as accommodation is limited, there is a very real chance that those who leave registration too late will miss out. Club members who want to take part should register as soon as possible. We have decided to offer an **Early Bird Discount** on the fishing forums and of course to members. Those who pay before August 16<sup>th</sup> will pay only \$130 for the weekend. Members who attend should be willing to pitch in and help with the chores.

## **Fishing News**

**Dave Downey** was kind enough to share some of his extensive knowledge about fishing Jumpinpin at our last meeting. He really gave us some good tips, which would prove very useful, as our trip to The Pin was the following weekend.

Dawn saw eight intrepid club members slipping out of Jacob's Well and heading for the Pin. We had been scared off our last trip by the weather report, so we were not going to miss out on this one! The weather started out on the ordinary side with a fair bit of wind. By the time we reached our destination it changed from ordinary to quite uncomfortable, before becoming downright nasty! The only member to score was **Brian Kirkley**, who landed a Flathead and a Bream. Well done, Brian!

We all straggled back to the boat ramp, feeling quite wet and blown about, but the mood picked up as soon as the amber fluid and the snags, eggs and bacon began to appear. Brian, again catered a great barbeque, but this time didn't have to do much cooking. I guess everyone was so hungry that it became all hands on deck! Once again, the weather gods let us down, but we still all had a great morning.

## **Club Bream Outing**

By Trevor Johns

The monthly fishing trip for July took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July hunting down the wily bream on the Coomera River. A good turnout of club members set off from the Santa Barbara boat ramp on a beautiful morning under clear blue skies. I thought I would practice my Le Mans start by staying in bed until my partner Sean phoned, waking me up and asking where I was. I was up and down the ramp in 25 minutes, pretty successful test I thought. (Actually I thought the trip was scheduled for Sunday, oh well).

The wind slowly picked up throughout the morning, but never became too troublesome for those of us that stayed in the river. Some members headed up the 'Pin, but they met the same dearth of success as the rest of the club members. After the recent heavy rains the river was very dirty and debris filled. And no doubt the amount of fresh water was also still very high. These factors seemed to inhibit the fishing action.

A few bream were caught, Dennis taking some from around the rock bar up river and a few others being enticed to take the fly from under the pontoons further down stream. A small number of "lizards" also fell prey. At least one to John Prince, probably on one of the many rods he has won in various raffles over the years, (heh heh).

Sean Connelly brought to boat a nice sized whiting that fell for his fluoro green marabou fly. A fly, which was only slightly smaller than the garfish he had hooked a few minutes previously. How it took the hook into its minuscule mouth will forever be a mystery. The whiting was a much more honourable catch.

We are fortunate to still have our President Tom Boylan still with us after he was caught stalking bream around the Sanctuary Cove Marina. Security found him and told him to stop or "we'll shoot you." He assured us that the guard was actually quite friendly and interested in our club's outing.

The beautiful weather made the post event barbie even more enjoyable, and Brian Kirkley did a sterling job of cooking the bacon and snags and eggs just the way we like them. The food and a few 4X's mixed with the usual convivial atmosphere rounded off another very enjoyable club outing.

## **Junior Coaching**

We had expected to start teaching at Miami High in the final term for this year, but we learned that we are scheduled for this term instead. This meant some scrambling to get ready. Any member who has a bit of free time, please contact Tom Boylan. We can use some help.

Our **AGM** will be held at our August meeting, so get your flies ready for that meeting; they will be judged at our Sept. meeting.

## **Membership list**

You will each receive an updated membership list with this newsletter. Please check your details carefully and let us know if yours are incorrect in any way.

## Remember

If you have not yet paid your \$40 annual membership fee, bring it to this coming meeting or post a cheque to: **South East Qld Flyfishers, P.O. Box 602, Palm Beach, 4221**

## Quote of the month:

**I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence and insanity to anyone, but it has always worked for me.**

**Hunter S. Thompson**

***Tight Lines and bent rods!***  
***Your Scribe***

## Coming Events



### NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday, July 19th - 7.30 p.m.**  
**Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,**  
**9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

### NEXT FISHING TRIP:

**Aug.- Maroon Dam**  
**Date to be announced**  
**Target: Bass**  
**Barbeque about 11**

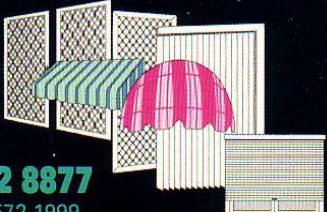
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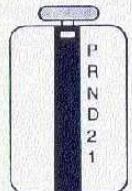


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