



NEWSLETTER

June 2007

Hi, Gang!

At our March meeting we welcomed visitors **Mark Spanner** and **Russell Segal**. We also welcomed new member **Gordon Lowe**. We have known he was going to join for some time and he finally did! Welcome aboard Lowy!

Gary Sheppard suggested organising a trip to Somerset Dam on the weekend of 28th & 29th July. Anyone interested should contact Gary.

Tom Boylan asked for a couple more casting volunteers for the 6wt. rod comparison near **Fishhead** to be held on 19 May. No volunteers were forthcoming. Boats and crews were also organised for the Tweed River Trip and the Inskip Point trip. At Inskip we will be joined by the Sunshine Coast Flyfishers. **Mario** has booked some cabins at Rainbow Waters Caravan Park for Friday and Saturday night, the 15th and 16th of June. It looks like there will be a good rollout.

The **Pink Flyfishers Clinic** has been arranged for the 14th August at Pizzey Park.

Kim Chadburn floated an idea for a possible Carp trip after he visited a place near Rathdowney where he saw some Volkswagen size Carp (he says).

Clarrie Hall Bass Classic

Forty teams fished this event on the weekend of May 19th & 20th. Most were regulars from the "Bass Circuit" fishing both fly and lures and were well sponsored. **Rick Slennett** and **Paul Goodey** teamed up as "Southeast Qld Flyfishers", fished fly only and took out third place. The Largest Bass Prize went to a 43cm fish whilst Paul boated a 42cm specimen and "missed by that much". Great effort Guys!





Tweed River Outing – Bob Knott

Tom Boylan and I launched the Seagoing Skateboard at about 6:30am and headed toward the Tweed Bar (that is the ocean bar not the other). We investigated the fishy looking water just inside with no success, but watched **Andrew Ledger** boat a Grinner which would have taken the Smallest Fish Prize. We then headed upriver looking for likely Flathead spots. We found one that looked good and both got hits shortly after casting. We watched **Gary Sheppard** and **Mark Drewett** boat a couple of Lizards but no luck for us.

We all arrived back for the barbeque about 11:00 to learn that most of the other members had picked up a fish or two, but **Paul Goodey** and **Kerry Mitchell** had been busy! They had tied up to the old bridge early and caught Trevally, Queenies and a nice Estuary Cod. When things got slow there they moved and caught some Flathead. They wound up catching 20 fish between them! There is no doubt about those guys...they know how to fish the Tweed. On our next Tweed outing there will be a flotilla following them everywhere.

XLD's NZ North Island Trip - Thomas Seebach

We arrived in Auckland at 2.00 pm Friday, A couple of hours looking around the Auckland Boat Show, some dinner and drinks with my In-laws that night. We woke up to a glorious day next morning. After breakfast and packing the car we started the 4 hour trip to Turangi and the Tongariro River.

On arrival we settled into our accommodation, organised our waders, flies and fishing licenses. That afternoon we decided to have quick fish down at the Hydro pools. On arrival there were already over half a dozen guys fishing there, we slotted in and it was great to finally wet a line but unfortunately we saw only one fish get caught.

Sunday we decided to make the trip up to the Taupo- Tauranga River, a smaller river about 20km up the road. This is a beautiful river with plenty of opportunity to sight cast to fish. There were only two other cars in the car park so not to many anglers on the river. We saw some big fish in a longish pool but there were a couple anglers already on them so we kept walking upstream. We ended up only hooking two fish but lost a lot of flies due to timber.

Monday saw us guided by Bryce Curle, we started of on the Judges pool on the Tonga and made our way upstream. Although it poured down all day we had a great time, landed 6 Rainbows between us, Muz got smashed by a nice Brown and the highlight was seeing Bows stacked up in the Cattle Rustlers pool. Bryce told us about a trophy lake not far away. That's where we were going to head to tomorrow.

Tuesday saw us do a quick trip back to the Cattle Rustlers pool the fish were still stacked up and after landing a couple of fish each we decided to try and find this lake we were told about. Unfortunately we did get lost and made it all the way to Mt Ruapehu (tallest North Is Mountain), the view was pretty good though. We found the lake at about 3.30 pm and although we didn't catch any fish we saw some that would have been pushing the 12- 15 pound mark.

Wednesday we were guided by Bryce again, this time back to the TT again. We stared in some lower pools and slowly made our way past where we were couple of days before. Once again it was nice to actually sight the fish before casting to them. Muz absolutely smashed me that day, the final count being 7 fish to 3 and we would have lost that amount again. All in all a great day though.

On Thursday we had a social fish with Bryce. We started back at the Trophy Lake and Muz landed the fish of the trip, a nice 7.5 lb Bow as well as a fish each for Bryce and I. He took us up to the fish traps (research traps) for a look, it was amazing watching the DOCs guy fin clipping, weighing and measuring 4 bows and 2 Browns up to 8lb, especially since he just finished doing 60 fish before we got there.

After that Bryce took us to one of Backcountry Rivers. First pool in this amazing gorge we came to had two big Rainbows spawning in tail of the pool and minutes later three Browns about 8lb cruised past our feet oblivious to us. I hooked a small Bow in that pool and after dropping it on the jump the pool shut down so we moved further upstream. Muz and Bryce were casting into the riffles and Bryce pulled a small Bow out, after that he said your turn, he got up high and spotted a fish, I cast to about where he had said, the indicator dipped, I struck and all hell broke loose, a few minutes later I had my first 4lb backcountry Bow in the net, a great highlight of the trip.

On Friday we had half a day to spare so we decided to start at the Judges pool again and within minutes Muz was hooked up to a nice jack Bow and that was all out of that pool. We went for a ten minute run up to the Poutu pool where we had some more shots at some fish and I landed my biggest Brown to date at 4lbs.

Lunchtime saw having to check out and make our way back to Auckland for the plane trip back home on Saturday afternoon. All in all it was a memorable trip, great company and a few fish caught as well.





SEQFFC 10th Birthday Celebrations – Tom Boylan

In September 2007 our club will be ten years old and we are looking at ways to celebrate this important milestone.

Some suggestions are that we subsidise a dinner for members and wives or a family luncheon at Benowa Tavern, another is that we hold off until warmer weather in October and fund a giant family picnic where people can arrive by boat or car and drop in and out during the day.

Another option arises from Mark Hosking who will by October be settled into his new home on 3.5 acres at Tallebudgera which he has kindly offered as a venue. This comes with swimming pool, tennis court, room for cricket or touch football and if his girls permit, pony rides. We could have this catered with a spit roast butt of beef, salads, a keg and of course a huge birthday cake

We would appreciate your thoughts or alternative suggestions and input to help celebrate this special occasion. Please relay your thoughts to me by email: tmboylan@bigpond.net.au when a special group comprised of current committee and original members will be assembled to discuss and plan the event.

Fly Tying Competition

Entries may be submitted at our June or July meetings but will be not accepted after our July meeting. Give your entry to **Don Nash** in a plain white envelope (no name). Your entry will be marked with a number and Don will record the number against your name.

Next outing

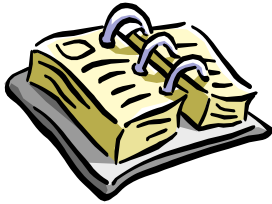
Our July outing will be an evening trip to the Seaway on the 7th July. **Thomas Seebach** will be the Outing Captain. Boats and crews will be organised at our June meeting.

At our June meeting Lowy will bring a DVD, "Images in a Northern estuary" by Graeme Williams. This is a great flick on flats fishing and is well worth seeing.

Thought of the month: Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Tight Lines and bent rods!
Scribe

Coming Events



NEXT MEETING:

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

NEXT FISHING TRIP:

Saturday July 7th evening
The Seaway
Target – Whatever

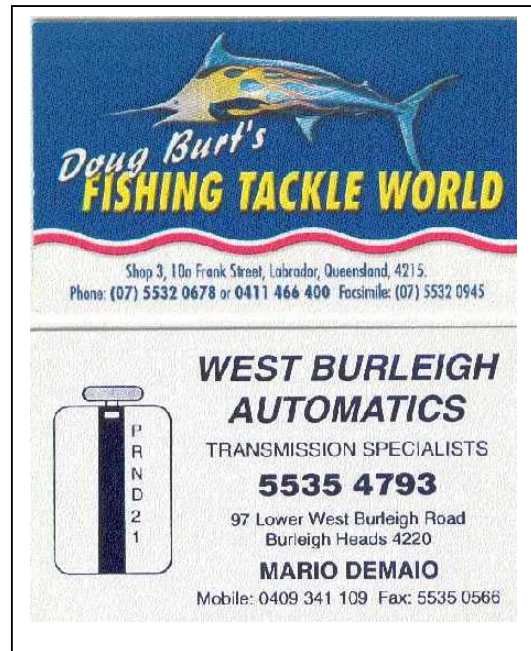
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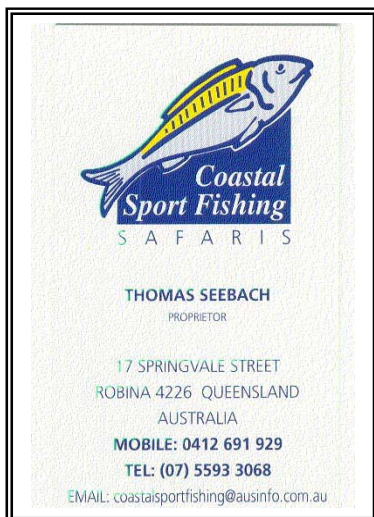


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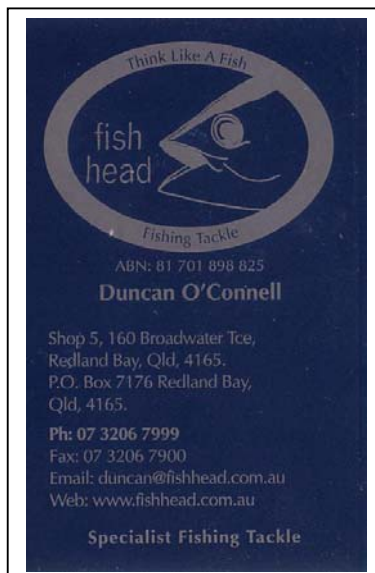


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