



NEWSLETTER

March 2006

Hi, Gang!

At our February meeting we welcomed visitors **Ian Greensleeves, John Gower, Barney?** and from the Brisbane Flyfishers **Jeremy Wakelin** and **Craig Stevens**. We also welcomed our first Associate Member **David Warnes**. His details follow.

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“Ghosts” at Borumba

At our last meeting Jeremy Wakelin, President of Brisbane Flyfishing Club attended to generate some interest in the Variety Club Saratoga competition at Borumba Dam they were hosting.

We were a little embarrassed at only fielding two teams from our club as some were planning to fish the tuna comp that weekend so in order to support the charity our club paid the entry fees for two “ghosts” and gave a cheque that night to Jeremy.

Benevolence brings its own rewards and our “ghosts” won four prizes in the draw. Two \$50 vouchers from Mossops which we will turn into a variety of prizes for our raffles, a rod/reel tube which we will include as a prize at next meeting and a ceiling fan, a little out of our line, however look about the house and if you have a hot area why not bid for it at our auction? Probably valued at around \$60 we will start the bidding at \$20.

FOOTNOTE: we will not accept “ghost” bids so bring your money.

Weekend Workers

As a number of our members are unavailable to attend our normal club outings on weekends due to work commitments it was decided at our last meeting to adopt a suggestion of Duncan O’Connell’s to set aside a week each month for these people to fish.

You may choose any day of the nominated week and you must fish with another club member. This does not preclude you from fishing the club days but only competition points from one outing may be submitted.

Looking for a partner? There are a number available: Bob Knott, Don Nash, John Foy, Tom Boylan, Brian Kirkley, Vince Margossian or Denis Shaw would generally be available for a midweek fish.

It would be helpful if you list your availability on our website to enable people to hook up with you.

Based upon moon / tides these are the nominated weeks

March	Week commencing Monday	27
April	“ “ “	13
May	“ “ “	15
June	“ “ “	12
July	“ “ “	10
August	“ “ “	07
September	“ “ “	04
October	“ “ “	09
November	“ “ “	06
December	“ “ “	08

We appreciate that it perhaps provides a competition advantage to be able to choose your day and venue however these people do miss out on the camaraderie and the barbeques. It is also important to give everyone the opportunity to fish with other members. Please log on to our website the week before the outing and nominate the date.

February Meeting

Our speaker for the evening was **Rod Harrison**. Most of you have heard him speak before and know that each time we hear him we learn something as well as being entertained. Rod kindly provided a \$500 **Temple Fork Outfitters** rod for us to auction to the members. **Brett Martin** was the lucky bidder and picked up a fine rod for \$270. Congratulations Brett! Harro then gave us some insights into catching Barra in impoundments. Anyone who was there benefited from his experience.

Newbie's Night – Tom Boylan

The first of our training nights was held on Tuesday March 14. Only three members attended but that's OK we designed it to help and numbers will increase as we progress.

Thomas Seebach, and there is none better to do it, brought along a number of rods, reels, flylines and leaders. The object was to illustrate the differences in rod weights, the variety of lines, how they are rated and their design purposes in fishing situations.

Leaders and tippetts were also explained and how they may be applied to target species.

Our next session on Tuesday April 4th will be devoted to knots and rigging where flyfishing opens up a whole new world of practical innovation.

Over the coming months we will cover fly casting, line management, stripping techniques and fighting tactics. Fly tying will be another number of sessions from introductory to intermediate levels.

It is hoped that these sessions will build knowledge and skill levels among our newer members to the degree that they become confident to join in our monthly outings where they will learn even more in the practical sense.

A big thank you to Thomas Seebach an outstanding club member who is always eager to help.

Variety Club Children's 'Toga on Fly' Comp – Denis Shaw

Three teams & one from The Gold Coast Sportfishing Club represented our Club. The non boaters who missed being part of a team I hope will make it to the event next year. The Brisbane Flyfishers should be commended again on their efforts with the sole objective of keeping fly fishing alive. They are planning another comp (possibly for bass) & hopefully get the bass circuit anglers more involved in fly fishing.

The conditions on Saturday were perfect and as Rick & I didn't have a recy we planned to target our usual location up the left arm of Yabba Creek. One thing you need is patience & concentration as there are long periods between strikes. Rick managed 3 Toga for the day to lead in points. Sunday he landed 1 which was enough to seal the trophy. Congratulation Rick! Paul, Kerry & Mick also scored points. Steve Kanowski took 2nd placing & also with his son took out the teams event. As soon as I have a print out of the results I'll forward them for the newsletter.

Had a short trip to Lenthalls Dam as the locals had told us of a hot bite on surface poppers the week before when the spillway was flowing & the barra congregated in that area. Got one on the third cast at 8.30am then fished solidly to 10.30 pm for no results. I think I will always stopover at this dam on my northern trips, even though it does say no camping everyone does anyway.



Rick's 1st Toga of the Comp



Rick's 2nd Toga



Winners are Grinners – Congratulations Rick!

2006 Fishing Calendar

It took a while but we finally sorted out dates for our 2006 Fishing Calendar. I must thank Shaun Connolly for his input. The calendar is attached for all to see. It is also posted on our website.

 2006 FISHING CALENDAR 		
<p><u>January 2006</u> Location: Lakewoods Date: Been & Gone Target Species: Any Coordinator: Angus Collins</p>	<p><u>May 2006</u> Location: Uncle Billy's Date: 29, 30th April & 1st May Target Species: Trout Coordinator: Mark Hosking</p>	<p><u>September 2006</u> Gold Coast Flyfishing Convention Date: 16 & 17th September</p>
<p><u>February 2006</u> Location: Victoria Point Date: Been & Gone Target Species: Snapper Coordinator: Duncan O'Connell</p>	<p><u>June 2006</u> Location: Jumpinpin Date: 10th June (Saturday) Target Species: Flathead or Tailor Coordinator: Thomas Seebach</p>	<p><u>October 2006</u> Location: Coomera River Date: 22nd October (Sunday) Target Species: Open Coordinator: Denis Shaw</p>
<p><u>March 2006</u> Location: Borumba Dam Date: 11th & 12th March Target Species: Saratoga Coordinator: Denis Shaw</p>	<p><u>July 2006</u> Location: Somerset Dam Date: 9th July (Sunday) Target Species: Bass Coordinator: Shaun Connolly</p>	<p><u>November 2006</u> Location: Bribie Island Date: 4th & 5th November Target Species: Tuna Coordinator: Shaun Connolly</p>
<p><u>April 2006</u> Location: Hinze Dam Date: 22nd April (Saturday) Target Species: Bass Coordinator: Rick Slennett</p>	<p><u>August 2006</u> Location: Tweed River Date: 6th August (Sunday) Target Species: Bream Coordinator: Gary Sheppard</p>	<p><u>December 2006</u> Location: Byangum Bridge Date: 10th December (Sunday) Target Species: Wild Bass Coordinator: Mark Miller</p>
<p>PLEASE NOTE: Changes may be made to the Calendar as a result of weather, water conditions or the whims of the members. Final arrangements including the allocation of boats (if necessary) is normally done at the monthly club meeting immediately preceding the Club Outing. If you have any queries regarding a particular Club Outing please speak to the designated Coordinator.</p>		

Next Club Fishing Outing

Since we have already had our March trip our next outing will be at **Uncle Billy's Retreat** on the weekend of the 28th, 29th and 30th of April. For those of you who have never been there this is trout fishing at its gentlemanly best. You will be provided with comfortable accommodation, shower, flushing toilet and bedding included. Fishing is a short stroll to the dam where trout up to and exceeding 10lbs have been caught. Mark Hosking caught a 5 pounder and another at 6½ lb within minutes of each other. Don't think these are tame trout that will take anything. Most of these fish have been caught and released and read Flylife. If you want to go contact Mark Hosking before the end of March so he can book the accommodation.

July Club Fishing Outing – Somerset Dam

Anyone interested in this trip can book accommodation for the Friday or Saturday night via the following link <http://www.lakesomerset.com.ayu/prices.htm>

Alternatively speak to the trip co-ordinator Shaun Connolly.

Member Profile – Shaun Connolly ('aka' 007)

Arrived at Botany Bay mid 1968. Born 1946. My score, one Aussie wife, one Aussie daughter and one Irish son all the same pedigree, with now a four year old grandson.

Started fly fishing when I was about 7-10 years old when I would go down the back of the town and fish on a good salmon and sea trout river called the River Roe whose headwaters were in the Sperrin Mountains. Had the privilege of fished for trout, salmon and sea trout on some great Irish lakes such as Mask and the Corrib with varying degrees of success. My Dad and Mother had part of a syndicate on the River Glenelly for many years where I caught my first salmon. My Mother was a great fisher lady she could cast a great line using a 12ft 6 in or thirteen foot Hardy rod.



My Dad was the Treasurer of the Roe Anglers Association for forty years. He had a rod on the River Bann in his later years. He allowed me to fish when he got a bit tired which was great and I remember how bloody cold it got with the rain dripping down your neck and your hands frozen. We all looked forward to a few hot toddies at the local pub before we headed off home.

After arriving in Sydney I forgot about my rods, different country new experiences etc (Wasted fishing years). Worked for Mount Isa Mines for 8-9 years in the Geology Section, fished at Karumba, Booraloola, Gregory River then left Australia to go back to Ireland. Got into the salmon again headed back up to the beautiful Glenelly River. Picture below is my favourite Pool. God look at that beautiful peaty water!!



Unfortunately you don't know how good you had it until it's not available for whatever reason. The weather finally got to us as it was cold wet damp with a howling gale (just like Melbourne Weather). Upon coming back to Australia I had to reinvent my fly casting in Australia as age tries to inhibit your physical attributes. The new rods are quite different to handle with the various actions not the same as my bamboo rods. I was a 9-1 man which still has its place, but have refined that for the sake of my right elbow and shoulder to the Lefty/ Rod Harrison "thumb a lift" cast which is much easier to get distance with.

Since being in Australia have fished of note Karumba, Bourketown, Booraloola, Gregory River, Palm Island and Magnetic Island.

I am a member of the SEQFF and BVA a better bunch of blokes you wouldn't wish to meet. 🤔
(CRAWLER)

Love to fish for bass, tuna etc, love to cast well, be on the water, talk fishing and have a drop of the hard stuff.

That's it 🤔

Shaun Connolly

Note to Members regarding Monthly Meetings

Please note that as from our next meeting they will be held in the other end of the Bowls Club. This area is a little quieter; however please note that it is a NON-SMOKING area.

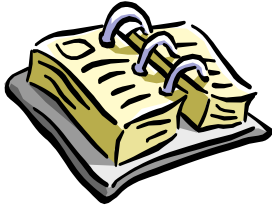
Quote of the month: The darkest hours come just before the dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbour's milk and newspaper, that's the time to do it.

Anon

Tight Lines and bent rods!

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Coming Events



NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday, 21st - 7.30 p.m.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

NEXT FISHING TRIP:

**29th, 30th April & 1st May
Uncle Billy's Retreat
Target – Trout of course**

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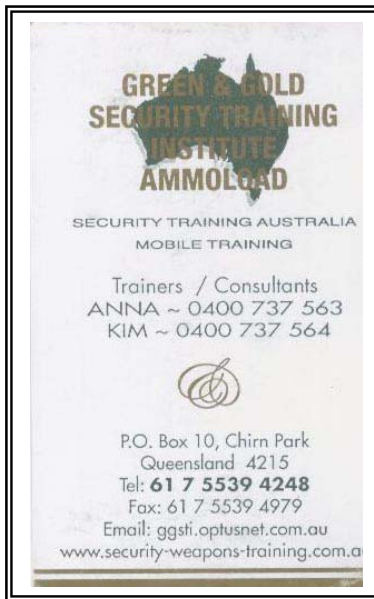


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