



NEWSLETTER

March 2007

Hi, Gang!

Our February meeting was ably chaired by our Vice President **Gary Sheppard** in the absence of our Prez. Tom and I had the only real excuse for missing the meeting...we went fishing, but more of that later. The meeting was well attended and we welcomed visitor, **Norm Good** who also fished with us at Clarrie Hall and seems keen to join us.

We assigned boats and crews for the Clarrie Hall outing and discussed the up and coming **2nd Annual Fly fishing Film Festival** which will be held in Brisbane on March 29th. Those wishing to attend should contact **Tom Boylan** and we will arrange car pools for the event. For more information check out www.gin-clear.com.

Clarrie Hall Dam Bass Trip - February 25th - Tom Boylan

Before describing the trip accolades must go to Denis Shaw, the outing captain who set a new benchmark that will be hard to follow.

There was some talk of a locked gate so Denis visited and interviewed Tweed Council officers learning that the family living on the dam have their children awoken by early dam visitors hence a 7am opening of the gate.

The ever intrepid Denis then visited the family assuring them that we were nice folks and would take a cross country approach eliminating any noise and secured an open gate.

He collected the BBQ from Mario with our cooking implements. Kathy was horrified (nauseated) by the cardboard box and cutting boards so rushed out and bought new boards and a posh plastic box with sealing lid.

Denis then bought the food, organized the drink and transported it all to the dam around 5.30am. Suffering from a rotor cuff shoulder injury, he couldn't fish himself but brought his punt and electric motor for Brian and I to use.

When we all returned around 11am he had the bacon/sausage/egg brunch ready to be rolled out and the beer was cold.

What can you say about that kind of dedication to his club mates but thanks?

The day dawned overcast and threatening but soon gave way to sunshine on a full dam with large stands of new growth lilies, it looked too good to be true, and it was.

Fifteen members attended determined to work the lily edges with poppers early and move to deep water flies later in the morning. There were a few lost fish and missed strikes early but the sum total at stumps was Don Nash one fish 31cm and Paul Goodey another of 40.5 cm.



Don's Bass

Put it down to a low barometer reading of 1008, or recent rain lowering the water temperature or-- I have some more in a big book I keep, the end result was a disappointing one fish wise but a social success.

Wind and Rain at Hervey Bay – Bob Knott

Tom and I missed the last meeting for a very good reason; we went to Hervey Bay to fish with **Nat Bromhead**. We knew the weather was a bit iffy, but this trip had been put off so many times we thought we would chance it.

We arrived the day before and settled into the caravan park. By the time we retired to the Boat Club for pre-dinner libations the wind had dropped to nothing and it looked like the next day would be great.

What is that old saying: The best laid plans...? It didn't look too great at 6am but Nat was there with the boat so off we went. The wind was kicking up to 20 knots and there was some rain around, but we came across a small school of Frigates before long. They were spooky and we didn't get a shot, then we spotted a small school of Macs ...same result!

We travelled all over the Bay in the wind and rains squalls with no result which was not due to the want of trying on anyone's part: Nat drove us about 90 nautical miles and we cast until our arms were about to drop off. The total result was one nice Long Tom caught by Tom. Nat was as upset as we were about our lack of success but conditions were against us. He promised to give us a "make-up trip", and didn't want to charge us anything but we forced petrol money on him which was only fair. He is great company and really knows Hervey Bay. We are looking forward to fishing with him again.

New Car & Boat Stickers

New exterior car/boat stickers in full colour 168mm x 96mm have been ordered and should be available for our March Meeting. Cost will be \$4.00 each

Next Meeting

Gordon Lowe will give us chapter and verse on the taking of carp on our upcoming trip to Chaffey Dam. Shore based sight fishing should be great fun.

Next Outing

Our next outing is for this coming Saturday, 17th of March. We will fish Moreton Bay, launching early at the Raby Bay boat ramp and meeting there later for a barbeque brunch. For more details check out our website. If you need a ride or if you have a boat but no passenger give Trip Captain **Duncan O'Connell** a ring on (07) 3206 7999.

Thought of the month:

If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

Anon

Tight Lines and bent rods!

Scribe

Coming Events



NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 20th March - 7.30 p.m.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach

NEXT FISHING TRIP:

Saturday 17th March
Moreton Bay
Launch – Raby Bay Boat Ramp
Targets – Snapper, Tuna and others

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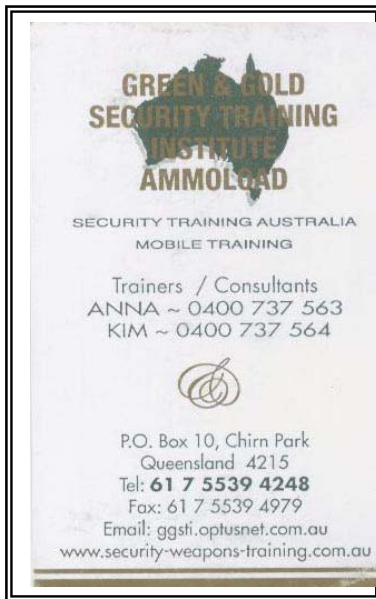


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