



Club Newsletter

October 2019

Greetings everyone!

The big news since the last newsletter is the election of our new committee as of our August AGM. The current committee looks thus:

President: Jim Williams
Vice President: Lando Leadbeatter
Secretary (interim): Brian Kirkley
Secretary (pending): Robert Schenck
Treasurer: Jon Burgess

Brian Kirkley has kindly filled the Secretary role pending Robert Schenck's availability to pick up the reigns early next year. Jon Burgess has lent his not-inconsiderable talents to the Treasury. Multitudinous thanks to Brian, Robert and Jon for picking up the baton and sprinting into the future with carry-over champs, Jim and Lando. Just remember, everyone, that the club isn't the committee, the club is the members and the committee requires the support of the members to elevate this great club.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Speaking of the AGM, as is the tradition the AGM is the venue for the previous Member Of The Year to award the trophy to a new recipient and this year Peter Butcher awarded the prize to Ez Sarvan. All would say this has been a long time coming and is deserving of this award on his club trip catering alone. Congratulations, Ez! Well deserved, Sir!



IMPORTANT DATES

15-16 November 2019

Club Trip: Ebor

1 December 2019

Casting Clinic:
Emerald Lakes
9am to 11am

15 December 2019

Casting Clinic:
Coomera Sports Ground
9am to 11am

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CLUB CASTING CLINICS

Due to club outings and prior commitments all our regular instructors are unavailable until December so our next casting clinic will be the first Sunday of DECEMBER. Normal clinics will resume thereafter on every first and third Sunday of the month for members and the general public.

On the first Sunday of each month the clinic is held at Emerald Lakes and the third Sunday of the month at Coomera Sports Grounds from 9am till 11am.

These events are a great opportunity for members to fine tune their casting techniques or to simply try out new rods and lines and receive some feedback from our Qualified Instructors.

Jon Burgess and Peter Glasson are the head Instructors for these clinics with support from the club's other CCI's. Come along, bring a mate and enjoy the company of your club members.

Also, many thanks to Brian Kirkley for getting this article in the local paper:



SEQFF Forum

Just a reminder that the bulk of the arrangements for upcoming club trips and up to date club news takes place on the [club forum](#), so be sure to stay in touch with us there.

If you are not yet registered on the forum, you can do so here:

<http://seqflyfishers.asn.au/phpbb3/ucp.php?mode=register>

Note that registration is available to club members only.

After registering you MUST send me an email at seqffclub@gmail.com so that I can approve your application. This is, unfortunately, a necessary security step we must take as we receive an enormous number of attempted registrations from bots and spammers every day.

Also if you have any issues accessing the forum, just shoot me an email and we'll get it sorted.

Variety Toga Comp

Congratulations to Blommy for taking out this years Variety Toga Comp at Borumba Dam for the second year running. Lando came in second place and Mark Hosking scored the biggest fish at 78cm! Well done, gents!

Many thanks to this edition's contributors: Mark Hosking, Tom Boylan, Brian Kirkley and Alex Meynink. Fine work, gentlemen. Much appreciated!

Stu Jamieson
Editor

CLUB TRIP – Inskip Point August 2019

By Mark Hosking

Alex and I headed up to Inskip early Friday morning for the “Club Trip” and I use that term loosely as it turned out that we, together with Robert, were the only members attending.

Left early Friday morning and were heading out from the Carlo boat ramp by about 10.00am. It was a little windy but still fishable in the sheltered area of the main channel running from Carlo to the passage. Motoring along for about 10 minutes with the intention of heading straight for the passage, Alex spotted a few birds working and when we slowed down to take a closer look we were greeted by the odd Longtail breaking the surface.

Good start we thought.

They were flighty which made it hard to get within casting distance but they were feeding into the wind so we stopped up wind and drifted down towards them hoping they would re-appear within casting distance. As is so often the case when chasing Tuna, they popped up all right but most times always just out of casting range. We persevered and finally had a school bust up in front and Alex was able to get a couple of good shots in coming up solid after a cast or 2. I have seen a fair number of Longy's in my time and when I saw the eat I knew this thing was no average fish. Bear in mind this was Alex's first Longy hook-up so he had little idea of what he was in for. With line screaming off his reel and backing disappearing at a great rate of knots we decided to motor quietly after him trying to recover some line. I'm not sure how long the fight went but I know it was at least 20 minutes before we saw any sort of colour and when we did we were greeted by at least 20kg of prime sashimi. This thing was easily the largest longtail I have seen. At least half a dozen times over the space of the next 10 minutes Alex had him circling the boat just out of net range and just when we were thinking that he was exhausted a big burst saw the 10kg leader part company. To say Alex was devastated would be a major understatement not to mention totally stuffed.



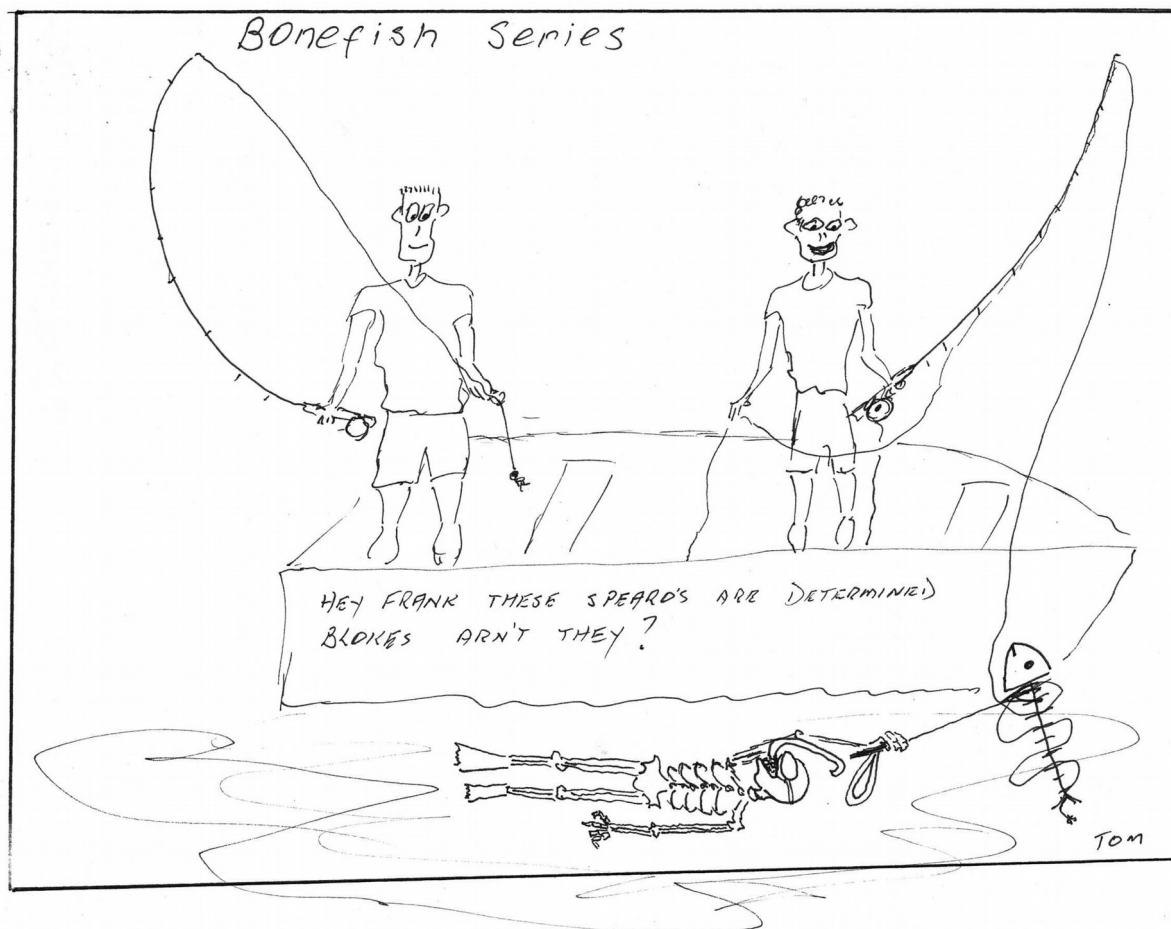
For the remainder of day we chased small pods of longy's getting a cast in here and there but never really had any good shots so pulled the pin about mid arvo and headed back to Carlo and checked into the cabin. A few beers and then off to the Sports Club by the ever-reliable shuttle bus for a meal.

Saturday the wind had dropped off a little so we headed for the same area, saw a few bust-ups but a long way off and with the tide slowing so did the action. Spent a fair bit of time searching for fish in the passage and up the straights but came up blank. Headed back to where we had started the day an hour or so after the tide change and chased a couple of small schools but was hard for us to get close, finally pulling the pin later in the arvo.

Sunday morning we decided to just hang around where we had seen the fish over the previous 2 days and again later in the morning we had a few brief opportunities finally getting off the water around midday for the drive home.

We saw plenty of Longy's over the 2 & 1/2 days, unfortunately for the most part they didn't want to play the game within casting distance. I know one thing for sure, we will be back next year..... Alex has unfinished business!!

FLY YARNS



CLUB TRIP: Bli Bli

By Brian Kirkley



The Barra trip went off well with 7 fishermen earnestly spreading around the banks trying to 'whisper' a Barra to their fly. Not easy, especially when the #2 size hook advice which came from one who will remain nameless, turned out to be a VERY big furphy!!

Even so, there were several fish hooked and landed including a couple by Pete B who started using his bright yellow bread fly.

Tony had success with a slender black baitfish fly, and I think Scott did well too.

The fish were all good size, over 80 and I saw a couple over a metre landed by non fly fishermen.

The fish came alive early afternoon and the manager said that once it gets hotter, they will be firing.



FEATURE – Uncle Billy's June 2019

By Alex Meynink

The June 2019 outing was to Uncle Billy's Retreat near Wandsworth in the New England region of NSW.

Having heard of Peter Pakula's success using a woolly bugger style fly tied with golden olive pearl chenille (discussed at one of the club meeting I was unable to attend), I spent a couple of hours tying some in advance of the weekend.



Woolly buggers ready for Uncle Billy's (Photo by Alex Meynink)

The week leading up was bitterly cold with snow reported at neighbouring property, Dunmore. Uncle Billy's is well set up for cold weather, however, with an abundant supply of fire wood for the cabins wood fires.

This weekend was also the second trial for the Queensland chapter of Fly Fish Australia (FFA). From SEQFF Club, John, Brian, Mark Drewett, Tony and Lando arrived Thursday arvo and were joined by FFA QLD President Ward Nicholas from Townsville and his father Roy from Bribie Island.

I arrived mid morning Friday after traveling up Thursday night with my family and overnighting with the in-laws in Tenterfield. Friday was a magnificent clear sky day.



View from the edge of the dam on Friday (Photo by Alex Meynink)



Looking back at the log cabin and amenities block on Friday (Photo by Alex Meynink)

Reports from the group that arrived Thursday was the fishing was great, with Tony leading the way with 30-40 fish landed, fishing the shallows on the opposite side to the dam wall of the main lake. With water levels low, the owners were doing some maintenance on the dam wall which meant it wasn't as easy to fish as years gone by but will certainly be of value in years to come when water levels are higher resulting in a very deep edge to fish.



Photo taken with dam wall maintenance visible in the background (Photo by Alex Meynink)

Mark H, Mario, Jim Williams, Peter Butcher & Ez all arrived before lunch Friday just in time for late breakfast of bacon and egg sandwiches prepared by Mark D and Lando. Following brunch everyone geared up and fished the various lakes on the dam.



Mark and Tony preparing breakfast (Photo by Alex Meynink)

Despite low water there was plenty of fish. Many in the 18-20cm range with good numbers larger.



Rainbow Trout (Photo by Ward Nicholas)

Later Friday evening saw the arrival of Stewart and Fraser from the sunshine coast to fish the FFA trial.

Friday's dinner was apricot chicken with pasta prepared by Brian Kirkley. The following day's competition groups were determined over a few drinks before retiring to the cabin to enjoy the fire and more drinks and tall stories.

Saturday morning we awoke to overcast but calm conditions.



Saturday Morning calm but overcast conditions (Photo by Ward Nicholas).

The calm conditions allowed many anglers the opportunity to fish to rising which made for exciting fishing.



Rainbow Trout caught during the competition (Photo by Ward Nicholas)

As the morning wore on, the overcast conditions passed and the sun came out. Clear sky and clear water enhanced the fishing with opportunity to cast to cruising fish.



Jon fishing from his kick boat (Photo by Alex Meynink)



Ward Nicholas casting during competition session (Photo by Alex Meynink)

After the days fishing the group settled in to evening appetisers courtesy of Ez with the usual assortment of deli meats and condiments before sitting down to a feast of roast beef and vegetables prepared by Mark Hosking.



**Brian taking care of carving and serving duties for Saturday night's meal prepared by Mark H
(Photo by Alex Meynink)**

Following dinner we retired back to the cabins to make use of the fires and enjoy a few Canadian Club and Drys before calling it a night.

Sunday was a glorious day, the groups headed out for a morning fish to close out the last session of the FFA trial, on the way to my beat I came across Fraser from the sunshine coast who had decided to take a shortcut ending up waist deep in silty mud exposed by the low water levels on the main dam. The bog hole claimed one of Fraser's integrated wading boots leaving him looking like he had done battle with a crocodile rather than enjoy the tranquil fishing on a private dam. Sunday was unseasonably warm, with great conditions and the majority of anglers caught plenty of fish to close out the weekend before the 5 + hour journey home.

All up there 15 anglers for the weekend. Results of the trial are outlined below.

QLD-FFA Trial 2 Uncle Billies 2019

PROVISIONAL RESULTS AS AT 01-JUL-2019. DECLARED FINAL AFTER 7 DAYS IF NO OBJECTIONS RAISED

ANGLER NUMBER	ANGLER NAME	ANGLER STATE	SESSION 1			SESSION 2			SESSION 3			SESSION 4			CUMULATIVE			RANK	RANKING POINTS	SESSION FISH POINTS
			No. FISH	FISH POINTS	PLACE	No. FISH	FISH POINTS	PLACE	No. FISH	FISH POINTS	PLACE	No. FISH	FISH POINTS	PLACE	No. FISH	FISH POINTS	PLACE			
A14	Stewart Dick	TAS	3	2160	8	5	2960	4	12	8800	1	1	800	2	21	14720	15	1	15	4
A3	Ward Nicholas	QLD	2	1640	9	4	3020	3	4	2500	4	1	820	1	11	7980	17	2	12	4
A13	Jim Williams	QLD	8	5180	1	1	600	7	9	5940	2	0	0	16	18	11720	26	3	9	3
A11	Peter Butcher	QLD	3	2520	7	6	4720	1	3	2540	3	0	0	16	12	9780	27	4	6	3
A15	Jon Burgess	QLD	4	2940	5	6	4360	2	3	2160	5	0	0	16	13	9460	28	5	3	3
A2	Ezvin Sarvin	QLD	5	3800	3	3	1620	6	2	1840	6	0	0	16	10	7260	31	6	0	3
A16	Alex Meynink	QLD	3	2540	6	2	1880	5	0	0	16	0	0	16	5	4420	43	7	0	2
A4	Mark Hosking	QLD	5	3900	2	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	5	3900	50	8	0	1
A6	Brian Kirkley	QLD	5	3440	4	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	5	3440	52	9	0	1
A5	Roy Nicholas	QLD	1	1100	10	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	1	1100	58	10	0	1
A12	Tony Brunker	QLD	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	64	11	0	0
A1	Mario Demaio	QLD	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	64	12	0	0
A10	Mark Drewett	QLD	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	64	13	0	0
A7	Lando Leadbeatter	QLD	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	64	14	0	0
A8	Fraser McInde	QLD	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	64	15	0	0
A9	Compliance Zzz	NA	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	64	16	0	0
Totals			39	29220		27	19160		33	23780		2	1620		101	73780				

Congratulations to Stewart Dick from the sunshine coast taking out 1st place followed by Ward Nicholas from Townsville and SEQFF Club President, Jim Williams in 3rd place.

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