



GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRIZE \$150 DOLLAR VOUCHER FROM
DOUG BURT'S TACKLE WORK
DECEMBER/JANUARY INSIDE COMPETITION
IRENE ROBERTSON



My two whiting measuring 37cm each

Hooray, this is the first time I have won a monthly competition since I've been in the club, I'll have to try a bit harder this year. Didn't get there until after 6pm as I was having trouble trying to buy some yabbies, by the time I managed to get some it was getting on and by the time I packed my boat with everything but the kitchen sink I was feeling a bit stressed when I got to the spot I fish. So before I put a rod in the water I poured a glass or two of wine and had some cheese and biscuits to settle the nerves, it worked.

I caught the whiting in the Nerang River near the Council Chambers, one of my favorite spots to overnight. I know you're supposed to use very light gear etc but I had 8lb Fireline on my baitcaster and a 10lb Fluorocarbon as a leader. I have fished with a lighter leader but kept getting bitten off or just busted so went to the 10lb. I used a Mustad long shank hook No.4 and yabbies as bait. Had a good night, pictures of my catch below. Looking forward to more nights.

Cheers Irene

PS: I did have the kitchen sink.



Christian Pulvirenti came second with his two whiting 39.5 and 29cm.
Peter Denaro came third with his two whiting 35.5 and 32cm.

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CLUB DATES

COMMITTEE MEETING	GENERAL MEETING
<u>WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD</u>	THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11TH 7. 30PM
<u>Committee Meeting</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u>
	<u>BBQ 6.30PM</u>

GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE NOW READY AND
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING ON 11TH FEBRUARY

CHECK OUT NEW COMPETITION RULES BELOW

Gaday members.

As we don't have a games master at the moment looks like I have the job back till someone steps up to the plate.

I've talks with a few people about recording captures and we need to stand firm on the fact you need to register your own captures, the reason we had this in place was to boost attendances and for the presentation of the prizes to the winners.

I know some people have things to do but we only meet once a month and if you get a horse of a fish and you think it's a winner turn up to possibly win the prize.

At present that prize is \$150 for a win.

If that's not a good reason to attend I don't know what is.

Species badges are still able to be achieved just photo the legal size fish and email it to me cloudnine9@optusnet.com.au.

Please remember to photograph all your fish on a measuring stick as you can put your top 5 fish in the book for the annual comp. If you think you have the winning fish, get a photo of yourself with the fish for the front cover of the news letter.

CLUB RULES

No boundaries and you choose bait, lure, your mums casserole, whatever catches the fish.

The winner cannot win both inside and outside prizes. It gives more people a chance at winning. Maybe even the little juniors could nab a prize.

Please remember that no fish is worth getting hurt or damaging your boat. So please bear in mind that if it is rough outside then we have the option of the inside comp.

Outside Prize:\$100 voucher at Doug Burt's Tackle World

Inside Prize:\$100 voucher at Doug Burt's Tackle World

If no outside fish caught and only the inside fish are at the weigh in then we have decided to extend the winning prize money .

1st \$100 voucher

2nd \$50 voucher (no handicap penalty)

3rd \$50 voucher (no handicap penalty)

So guys get out there for this comp it gives a lot of anglers a chance to pick up some good vouchers to replace all the tackle we loose throughout the year.

Just another reminder to take some happy snaps of you holding up some of your better fish as it may be the winning fish and we would love to use the photo in the newsletter.

-----Explaining the rules, points & handicap system-----

All fish must be legal length to count for comp and end of year point system.

There are 2 ways of working the points system

The first is worked on length.

ALL TARGET SPECIES ARE MEASURED

The points for this is tabled below.

1 point per cm plus 5 points for the fish (target species get bonus points)
I E: a 40 cm fish is 45 points.

non target species can be weighed (this is only good for big fish)
this system is based on 10 points per kilo.
A 10 Kilo fish is 100 points.
Generally fish 10 Kilo and over are best weighed

All Marlin are winners when they are the Target species prize pool divided between winners.
Marlin receive 100 points at other times
You can weigh in 5 fish and only 3 of the same species for the monthly comp to count towards your end of year score. They do not have to be target species.
The monthly comp is for 1 days fishing unless stated differently
Winner is handicapped 10% of the overall length or weight of their biggest fish for his/her next comp. This is to hopefully even the playing field for the not so great fisherman.

Handicap is reduced by 2.5% after every non-successful comp. You must fish the fishing comps to reduce your handicap.

You must attend the BBQ/Weigh in to register your catch for the comp or for the end of year score.

The end of the club year champion is determined by the total score of all entered fish caught during the monthly comps.

Could you please bring photos to the BBQ/Weighin. The photos of your fish must be clearly on a ruler with token colour of the month. **If you do not personally present the photo or the fish no prize will be awarded.**

No points for vermin such as sharks and stingrays. Unless it is a specified vermin competition.

FISH OF THE MONTH INFO:

Fish of the month is awarded by Vote of your fellow members and having a great picture is an advantage.
You need to decide when you present your photo's: is this a fish of the month or is it a fish to go into the end of year points tally.
It can't be both.
Winning fish of month gets a \$50 voucher from Doug Burts Tackle World. And photo in the news letter.

Here is a list of websites and phone numbers that might come in useful to you.

Bureau of meteorology.	:	http://www.bom.gov.au
Coastwatch surf cams	:	www.coastwatch.com
Buoyweather	:	http://www.buoyweather.com
Fish watch Hotline	:	1800 017 116
SE Qld Boating Weather	:	1300 360 428
Crab Pot Theft Hotline	:	1800 017 116

JAMIE'S FISHING REPORT

Gaday all.

After as very slack December (for me) January has fired up and spurred me on to enjoy my fishing again.

At January's meeting a trip was organized to target Marlin and Mackerel. We managed 3 boats and 7 people fishing, while this wasn't a club competition it was organized to target pelagics which is the target species for the January comp (Largest measured Pelagic).

The way it worked out it was like the Galeforce Boats Invitational, all boats being Galeforce Boats. Guy, Steve and a friend in Guy's 4.8m, Peter and Tony in Peter's 5.5m and I rene and myself in my 5.5m. We all met at Jacobs Well boat ramp at 4 am, that was the plan anyway, Peter was running late in picking up Tony. Running late is normally my job.

4:30 am we set of and headed for Jumpin Pin Bar. This type of fishing trip is good for a few reasons the first is there is safety in numbers, when heading offshore in relatively small boats, second if you're not confident at bar crossings going with some who are experienced is a learning curve to improve your boating skill and safety.

At the bar crossing it was a no brainer just a gentle swell coming through and a well defined channel to navigate.

Once outside we found a very clearly defined dirty water line and commenced a trolling run along the dirty water line using hard body lures and skirted lures, and both were catching fish.

technic and lure colour all played their part on the day, Steve and Guy got some nice Spotties and lost a bit of gear to bite off's.

Peter and Tony got a lot of hits with no hook-ups due to someone rigging the skirted lure complete with plastic hook protector intact, end result one chewed skirt and no fish.

I rene and myself trolled skirts too but we never lost any gear, I rene got a nice 89cm spottie, my greenish skirt seemed to get all the attention on the day landing 3 from 5 hook-ups, the best spottie went 97cm and 4.5 kg.

The mackerel didn't behave like the ones I caught last year, they behaved more like a Spanish with huge runs before coming to the boat for dinner.

Next it was a trolling run out across the cotton reef area and the 24's I only found one bait ball during this troll and I rene got a strike with no hook-up .

There were a lot of boats out in this area because of the light tackle masters starting the day before.

From here it was a good run north to an area known as Sullies about half way up North Straddie.

First drop for I rene produced a nice pan sized snapper. I only had one decent hook up that peeled line only to be lost fish unseen. I rene got one more pan snapper and then the fish stopped for us.

Peter and Tony trolled all over the place getting a just legal Dolphin Fish.

Guy and Steve, they were on fire. and being prepared had bait on board for the bottom bouncing. they got their bag of Snapper and Pearl Perch to top off the Spotties.

At 10:30 I rene and I decided it was time to go and headed for home with the intention of a quick troll in the same area as the mornings mackerel came from.

I decided against mucking around on the way home as my motor was starting to misfire and cough, so we headed straight for the ramp.

A great days fishing and fishing with other members made a much more enjoyable day, we will try to get more days like this happening.

Next trip , Monday the 25th a late decision to go out, 4 am alarm, get up at 10 past 5.

bad start to the day, all invited crew unable to attend, the trip would be a solo adventure.

6am at the Bar, same as last trip only a gentle swell and a well defined channel to navigate. started to troll the dirty water line like last trip, there were birds every where Bait schools busting the surface, flying fish jumping in front of the boat as I trolled and I didn't get a touch I tried casting a few slugs around to see if there was anything down deep but no fish.

I headed south of the Pin towards the no go zone and trolled more bait schools for zip. I noticed 3 big boats out from Curran Cove area and thought I'd give that a go, while staying out side the exclusion zone.

Then I had a engine alarm go off, I'm not happy now just serviced the outboard new plugs and fuel filter. I think the alarm was a low fuel pressure warning caused by the filter change with an air bubble getting to the fuel injection system.

The alarm stopped and I thought better head for home, about half way bar to the bar I found a boat with one guy hooked up, great I thought sneak in and have a cast.

First cast I'm on, some smokin runs and I don't know if I've got a Mackerel or a big Tuna. I yell to the other boat what did he catch a Mack or a tuna? He didn't answer. A third boat arrived and cast and straight away had a double hook up. I'm still fighting my fish, 5 or 6 good runs later I finally got to see some colour and I'm happy to see the familiar shape of the mackerel and a good size one too. I'm only using 10 lb braid with 40lb leader and a 40gram raider .

I stupidly tried to net the first fish and gave up after 3 missed attempts. Gaffed it in one.

One fish in the boast I was happy.

Cast again hooked up again then lost it then hooked up again and lost it too, got one last hit before the lure got back to the boat with 3 macks hot on the tail of the lure only to turn and disappear when they spot the boat.

Next hook-up stayed connected and the boat next to me was within chatting distance and as we fought our fish they decided to run in similar directions and an imminent line cross and cut off was close. I asked the other guy what line he was using and he said 20lb mono, I said your about to get cut off by my braid. My fish changed direction and turned away then back again and ping the other guys line went slack.

I got my fish, had to follow the fish around a bit but that's the fun of light line fishing.

Got a third fish from this school before they disappeared, we chased the birds for a bit for zip.

Time to call it a day, headed back to the bar and found the birds going nuts in the back of the breakers, I moved in close and cast and hooked up straight away after a brief tussle a 45cm Tailor was flapping on the deck, the longer I stayed there the smaller the fish got. 5 Tailor from 45 to 39cm and 3 mackerel from 96 to 89 cm resting in the ice slurry. Its 9:30am and time to head for the ramp, can't wait till next Saturday out again.

On the mackerel fish front Mermaid and Palm Beach are firing too so get out there and have a go, there are so many recipes for mackerel they don't get boring.

Don't forget the size and bags for mackerels, spotties 60cm and 5 fish, schoolies 50cm and 10 fish, Spanish 75cm and 3 fish . I remember hearing that there was a 20 fish in total for Mackerel but the size and bag limit book doesn't mention it.

till next trip happy fishing.

Jamie

Jamie Pics below of both trips.
Irene with snapper and spottie.

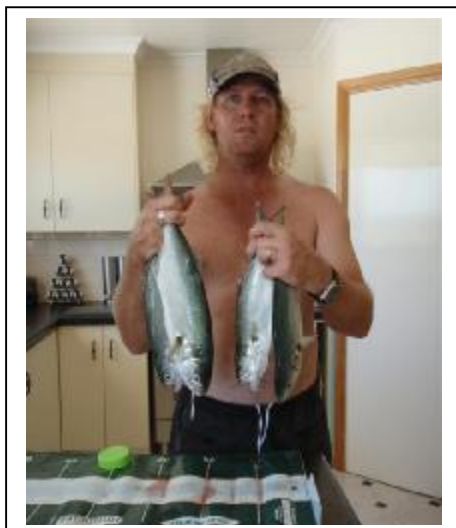
Jamie with his spotties

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Peter with his spottie

Jamie with his tailor



Games Masters species list for the coming year.

2009 -2010.

Start date: 1st July 2009

Finish date: 30th June 2010.

<u>July/August</u>	Bream inside	Snapper off shore
<u>August/Septembr</u>	Biggest species inside and offshore, excluding vermin and marlin.	
<u>September/October</u>	Flathead inside	Cobia offshore
	3 Biggest Flathead (captures from Flathead Classic are eligible	
<u>October/November</u>	Flathead best 2 fish	Tuna offshore
<u>November/December</u>	Flathead inside 2 longest combined. Outside largest measured Pelagic	
<u>December/January</u>	Whiting 2 biggest	Marlin offshore all marlin are winners
	The prize pool will be split between all marlin caught.	
<u>January/February</u>	Mangrove Jack first Bass if no jacks caught inside. Biggest Measured Pelagic outside	
<u>February/March</u>	Jew 1st choice	Flathead 2 nd choice inside. Mackerel offshore
<u>March/April</u>	Bream inside	Mackerel offshore
	Mackerel type will be decided before comp	
<u>April/May</u>	Bream inside no offshore.	Bream Easter Classic 2 nd April
<u>May/June</u>	Bream inside	Snapper offshore
<u>June/July</u>	Tailor inside	Snapper offshore

All species are to be entered for yearly club champion.

Best 5 fish with a maximum of 3 of a kind.

Target species get bonus points

Members that support the club run competitions will get additional bonus Points

Club competition target species are not restricted to lures only with the exception of those who are fishing the club run competitions that state lures only.

December/Jan 2 biggest whiting inside-Marlin outside

**No outside winner
Inside winner Irene
Robertson**

2nd Christian Pulvirenti

**3rd Peter Denaro
GAMES MASTERS
MONTHLY POINTS
UPDATE**

LISTED BELOW ARE THE YEARLY COMP POINTS TOTALS

NAME	MONPTS	TOTAL	NAME	
			C Pulvirenti	2.5%
Guy McConnell	Dec	0	Peter D	5%
		763	Guy Mc	7.5%
Rob See	Dec	186	Tom R	7.5%
Peter Denaro	Dec	330	Irene R	10%
Steve Wilson	Dec	0		
Tony Lemasurier	Dec	0		
Fay Rhoweder	Dec	0		
Sarah Lemasurier	Dec	0		
Irene Robertson	Dec	282		
Jamie Farraher	Dec	0		
		769		
Darren Nagorcka	Dec	0		
		0		
Matt Robinson	Dec	0		
Chris Nelson	Dec	0		
Christine Hunt	Dec	0		
Tracey Memmen	Dec	0		
Paul Neilsen	Dec	325		
Jake Neilsen (J)	Dec	0		
Luke LeMasurier	Dec	0		
		0		
Terry Ryan	Dec	0		
Corey Tarr	Dec	0		
Jeff Robinson	Dec	0		
Tom Ryan	Dec	370		
Christian Pulvirenti	Dec	306.5		
Simon Marshall	Dec	60		
		210		
		549		
		33		
		400		
		577		
		597		
		978		
		95		
		816		
		932		

**Our January/Feb comp will be Mangrove Jack first or Bass if no Jacks caught
Outside biggest measured Pelagic**

**TIGHT LINES
IRENE**