



GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB



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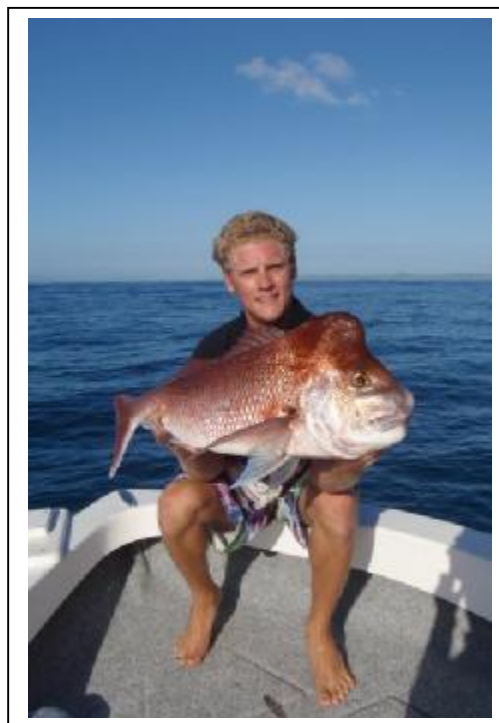
COMMITTEE MEETING	GENERAL MEETING
<u>THURSDAY 7TH APRIL</u> <u>SOUTHPORT CLUB</u>	<u>THURSDAY 14TH APRIL - 7.00PM</u> <u>SOUTHPORT CLUB - BBQ 6.30PM</u> <u>GUEST SPEAKER</u>
	GUY MCCONNELL

Our Guest Speaker in April is Guy McConnell who is talking about *Techniques for Snapper*. You have seen the amazing fish pics this talented angler has landed over the last few months, Guy is

undoubtedly one of our best ! One of his favourite target species is Snapper and Guy will be sharing an assortment of techniques for chasing them this coming season. As well as this we will feature monthly catches, share our experiences and catch up on what our members are up to. Looking forward to seeing you at next month's meeting.



Guy with some of his Snapper catches.



From the President

What an amazing month of fishing I have been very fortunate to have had. I was able to tick off my fish list my first Barra, first Wahoo and first Spanish Mackerel over a metre. Mix that up with a good assortment of smaller species and it all adds up to a great month of fishing, just fantastic! As mentioned on Club night I competed at the *No Blokes Barra Bash* early in Feb. The name is actually quite misleading as the tournament actually allows for Male captains, but males do not fish or compete for prizes. It was an extremely well organised comp well supported by sponsors. Amazingly in 4 days of fishing only 1 Barra was caught on Awoonga and that lucky lady took out all the categories. The recent rain and over flowing dam at Awoonga has certainly shut down the fish and made it very tough. What they say about it being the land of 1000 cast certainly rang true for me. With over 75 Anglers on the water over the 3 days of competition and 1 pre-fish day adds up to over 1500 fishing hours and then multiply that by the amount of casts put in all resulting in 1 Barra! That certainly is tough.

My team mate for the comp seasoned ABT Barra angler Elaine Sanderson didn't want me to go home without getting onto a fish so after the comp we headed into the Boyne River where many dam escapees had been reported to be going off. It was in the Boyne system where I was able to hook up to my first ever Barra a 1.08m and I consider myself fortunate to break that magic 1 metre Barra on my first trip for them. As for the comp I am keen to go again next year and would encourage our female members to consider this fun event.

The March Club night again was well attended with 45+ people enjoying Tracey Mammen's talk on chasing Bream with Lures. There were some giveaways thanks to TT Lures. There was a great assortment of fish pics and stories shared by club members and this is becoming a growing feature of the club night. It is something I would love to see continue and even grow, the Club Night is for and about the members. Unfortunately the club camping trip was a bit of a wash out but some die hard campers still made a good go of the weekend, hats off to them! Amongst the group were a strong number of our younger members and I know Tamara & Nathan Anderson, Thomas Ryan, Jake Neilson, Cooper and Jacob Sands were all troupers. Thanks also to the 'Big' people over there Scooter, Branderson and the Brothers Sands. Whilst most of us hid under covers the morning of the club comp, 2 adventurers Aykut & John did make their way over and even managed a fish bagging 4 of the 5 Mixed Bag species. To all of you that braved the conditions well done! We do plan to try for another weekend for a mixed bag comp so please stay tuned.

I mentioned at the meeting a camping trip up to Borumba Dam. I will be setting a date soon and letting you all know. For those of you who have not been up there it is a really nice place to visit with good camping facilities and awesome Saratoga fishing, you can also find Bass in the Dam. Motorised craft are permitted and it is also a good spot for Kayaks and canoes. The plan would be to head up after work on a Friday in a convoy and back Sunday arvo, if we have any folk who could go as an advanced party to set up a central tarp, BBQ etc that would be helpful.

The East Bream Comp will soon be upon us. It would be great to see our membership amongst the field on Good Friday April 22nd. You will need to have a 60 litre live well to participate and the necessary safety gear, Pdf's must be worn whilst underway. The comp is fished under the ABT rules and if you are unsure go to www.bream.com.au to check out a full copy of the rules. Entry for the comp is \$130 per team.

Each month growing numbers of members are entering captures and sharing pics and this is great to see. The capturing of pics and videos certainly will help with making our new website something anglers will want to come back time and again. I have been putting in many extra hours of late to get the website underway and we should be able to share our progress very soon. I believe the club is going from strength to strength and it is fantastic to see more and more members getting involved. Believe it or not planning for the 2011 Flathead Classic is well underway, I shared some info in regards to our new Flathead Classic sponsorship package and this will be available electronically soon (* We are just holding off on wider distribution hoping to lock in our naming rights sponsor hoping this will also encourage others to get onboard).

Building on the success of the Dash for Cash Bream, 2011 will see the club trial the concept for a Dash for Cash Flathead Comp. An exciting one day shoot-out with the potential of a huge cash prize pool. It is proposed that this comp be held pre the Flathead Classic with the final date to be announced, most likely August. The comp will operate under the same rules as the Bream comp with the top 5 Flathead per team submitted on the capture sheet. It is a Photo and release competition.

Cost: \$270 per team, of 2 anglers which includes lunch and drinks.

Dash for Cash Potential Payout's

Payout Schedule: 50 boats 1st prize \$5000

2nd prize \$1000

3rd prize \$750



4th prize \$500
5th prize \$400

40 boats 1st prize \$3500
2nd prize \$1000
3rd prize \$600
4th prize \$500
5th prize \$400

70 boats 1st \$7000
2nd \$1500
3rd \$1000
4th \$700
5th \$500

This will give our keen Flathead fishos another chance to compete and also serve as a great warm-up and pre-cursor to the big event.

It has been a great month for fishing let's hope the fish continue to play the game, I hope you find the time to get out amongst it, don't forget to take your camera along and I look forward to seeing all the pics and footage next month

Best Wishes
Christine Hunt
El Presidente

Easter Bream Classic

The Gold Coast Easter Bream Classic is a one day teams bream tournament. Fish with your friends and family, juniors are welcome to compete.

Time: Date: Friday April 22nd Good Friday .Sign on from 5.30am. Briefing 6:30am.
Any teams that sign on after 6:45 will go to the back of field.
Start 7:00am. Finish 2:00pm Start will be random draw.

Weigh From 2:00pm Drive through in front of the Fishing Club
in:

Rules: As per ABT rules can be found at www.bream.com.au



Mick Stewart with a short billed
Sailfish.

FISH OF THE MONTH
WON BY CHRISTIAN CROSS WITH THIS
MARLIN. \$50 VOUCHER FROM
DOUG BURT'S TACKLE WORLD

PICTURES FOR THE MONTHLY COMPETITIONS CAN NOW BE SENT VIA
EMAIL TO CHRISTIAN BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO BE AT THE MEETING FOR
THEM TO BE COUNTED.

fishofthemonth@hotmail.com

FISHING REPORT

Hello to all club members. By the amount of fish caught from the last months capture sheets, inside and outside grounds are fishing well. First up prawns are running hot at the moment so if you love these tasty crustaceans get your cast nets out. The prawns can be caught from Jacobs Well to the mouth of the Logan River. Its great fun but be warned it can be very messy, so wash your boat out very carefully after a session. Just a little hint, if your castnet has been sitting for a while, soak it in a bucket of cuddly and warm water this will soften your net making your net a lot easier to cast. Inside fishing has been fishing well for your bread and butter species. The council chambers and the southern arm of the Coomera river are fishing well for Whiting, but one of me favourite spots is Coombabah Creek next to Boykambil bridge. Fresh bait is the key to success such as bloodworms, wriggler worms, and tiny yabbies will do the trick. Jacks are still fishing well as the water starts to cool off the jacks will feed up aggressively so don't be afraid to use big baits or lures. To catch a trophy jack try the seaway as this is a excellent spot for this time of year, so try in front of the seaway tower or the end of the north wall. This time of year big bait schools move in and out of the seaway, a few club members are having fun catching Tuna, Mackerel, Trevally, Jew and one club member has been catching big Kingfish on live bait so the seaway is a hot spot for all species. The Mackerel have been filling the score sheets. Guy has been catching Mackerel off the Pin region. His method is to slow troll big baits which have seen him catch fish upto 25 kilos. Down south has been fishing well when the blue water is in close. Try the 18 fathom bait grounds or along Stradbroke island but if the water is green and the bait is still in close it's still a worthwhile a troll. If not the 24s are fishing well but can be there one day and not the next. Trolling Halco lazor pros in all sizers are the number one lure. They are cheap and built tough to handle the punishment of a Spanish Mackerel. Just a reminder outside species is Spanish Mackerel and inside species are combined fish which are Whiting, Bream, and Trevally and the token colour is white. See you all at next months meeting.

From the Gamemasters.



GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB MONTHLY SCORE SHEET

FEBRUARY COMP

COMP WAS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

WINNERS

NAME	FISH	SPECIES	CM	SPECIES	CM	SPECIES	TOTAL
Glen Croft	2	Spotty	86	Spaniard	107		193
Tom Ryan	5	Spaniard	105	Bream	29,27	Pike/Trev	58,47
Mark Cherry	2	Spaniard	110,107				217
Evan Harvey	4	Flathead	67,46	Bream	38	GT	39
Cooper Sands	2	Spaniard	104	Jack	46		150
Terry Ryan	1	Bream	30				30

Jake Neilsen (J)	1	Spangled	31/29.45						29.4
Paul Nellsen	4	Spaniard	98,92,67	Spotty	85				34
Rob See	3	Spaniard	115/103.5	Wahoo	112,93				308
Chris Nelson	3	Spotty	90	Flathead Mac	85	Whiting	28		20
Christine Hunt	5	Bream	27.5	Tuna	70,70	Wahoo/Span Span/Mac	60/120		347
Tracey Mammen	4	Yellow Fin	65	Spotty	73	Tuna	140/71		34
Danny Sands	5	Spaniard	98,106/98.4	Spotty	78,73,67				414

LISTED BELOW ARE THE YEARLY COMP POINTS TOTALS

NAME	MTH	POINTS	TOTAL	NAME	HANDICAPS FEBRUARY
Danny Sands	Feb	414.4	2650.6		
Tom Ryan	Feb	266	2411.25		
Jake Neilsen (J)	Feb	29.45	1723.45		
Rob See	Feb	308.5	1854.5	Ben Job	10.00
				Kevin	
Aykut Ahmet	Feb	0	1619.3	Ballantine	10.00
Christine Hunt	Feb	347.5	1530	Rob See	7.50
Chris Nelson	Feb	203	969	Danny Sands	7.50
Tracey Mammen	Feb	349	850	Tania Baker	7.50
				George	
Christian Pulvirenti	Feb	0	784	Sands	7.50
Jamie Duncan	Feb	0	729	Dan Hickey	7.50
Paul Neilsen	Feb	342	686	Christian P	7.50
Mark Cherry	Feb	217	654	Jake Neilsen	2.50
Glen Croft	Feb	193	592		
Fay Rohweder	Feb	0	579		
Peter Denaro	Feb	0	488		
Irene Robertson	Feb	0	456		
Scott Gregory	Feb	0	369		
Terry Ryan	Feb	30	346.5		
Steve Wilson	Feb	0	344		
Simon Marshall	Feb	0	327		
Glen Jackson	Feb	0	326		
Matt Tyler	Feb	0	296		
Tania Baker	Feb	0	296		
Ben Job	Feb	0	246		
Daniel Hickey	Feb	0	222		
Jamie Farrahar	Feb	0	209		
Kevin Ballantine	Feb	200	200		
Evan Harvey	Feb	190	190		
Cooper Sands	Feb	150	150		
Kristie Ahmet	Feb	0	130		
Nathan Andersen	Feb	0	115		
Bruce Andersen	Feb	0	92		
Guy McConnell	Feb	0	89		
George Sands	Feb	0	84		
Paul Tamis	Feb	0	66		

MARCH COMPETITION

OUTSIDE SPECIES - MACKEREL

INSIDE- THREE SPECIES, WHITING, BREAM, TREVALLY- COMBINED LENGTH

COLOUR TOKEN - WHITE

COMPETITION RULES BELOW

I've talked 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 \$100 for a win.

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

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.

COMP RULES

The winner cannot win both inside and outside prizes. It gives more people a chance at winning.

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

THE PRIZE:

Outside Prize:\$150 voucher at Doug Burt's Tackle World

Inside Prize:\$150 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 \$150 voucher

2nd \$100 voucher

3rd \$50 voucher

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 lose 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-

Points: 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

1 point per cm measured or 10 points per kilo, whichever is greater.

ALL TARGET SPECIES ENTERED RECEIVE DOUBLE POINTS

All fish must be photographed clearly on a ruler showing the token colour of that month.

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.

Handicap: 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. **IF YOU DO NOT PERSONALLY PRESENT YOUR PHOTOS THERE WILL BE NO PRIZE OR POINTS AWARDED.**

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

BOUNDARIES

All fish entered for the end of year points must be caught no further north than the top of Moreton Island and no further south than the Cudgen Bar. The boundary for Inshore to Offshore is the end of the South wall of the Southport Seaway and the breakers out the front of Jumpinpin Bar.

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 the month gets a \$50 voucher from Doug Burt's Tackle World. And photo in the newsletter.

VOUCHERS

TO RECEIVE YOUR VOUCHER ALL THE WINNERS MUST EMAIL CHRISTIAN THE PHOTOS AND DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAUGHT YOUR FISH .

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

TIGHT LINES
IRENE