



GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB



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CLUB DATES

COMMITTEE MEETING	GENERAL MEETING
<u>THURSDAY 5TH MAY</u> <u>SOUTHPORT CLUB</u>	<u>THURSDAY 12TH MAY- 7.00PM</u> <u>SOUTHPORT CLUB- BBQ 6.30PM</u> <u>GUEST SPEAKER</u>
	Ken Thompson
	Novico- Lowrance Sounders

Our Guest Speaker is Navico Rep Ken Thompson demonstrating the latest Lowrance Sounders

Presidents Report,

Hello fellow fishos I hope this finds you well. Wow can you believe it we are at Easter already! Quite a number of members are involved in the Easter Bream Classic either as anglers or organisers so the next few days will be quite busy putting the finishing touches on the comp. A big thanks to member Steve Wilson who has organised the sponsor prizes from afar, Steve has had a long association with the Bream comp but work has taken him away from the coast this year and as such he hand to hand the reigns back to the club. Despite this Steve has still manage to wrangle a few of his bream sponsors to come to the party to put together a good prize pool. Thanks to, LOWRANCE, ENGEL, BERKLEY, BATTERY TRADERS, TT LURES and GOLD COAST FISHING TACKLE.

What a great month it has been on the fishing front there have still been plenty of Spottie and Spanish Mackerel around and members report getting some good snapper post the closures. As members heard at the club night I was lucky enough to sneak back up to the Boyne River south of Gladstone to chase a few more of those Awoonga escapees. It was a great trip where Tracey managed to get on to her first and second ever Barra. Speaking of Barra a number of club members are packing up their gear and hooking up the boat for the long trip north to Darwin and the Barra Classic we wish them all safe travels and good luck in the tournament. The Barra Nationals were postponed due to excess rain so let's hope the weather gods shine on the guys up there for the Classic. From all accounts there has been an incredible amount of water in the north which means there is a big run off to come.

What a fantastic club night we had on Thursday 14th April a good turn up with over 65 members in attendance. We heard from Guy McConnell who shared a few tips on chasing Snapper on light gear and I have had heaps of positive feedback from members so well done Guy. We also gave our members a sneak peek at the new website we are very excited about what this is going to offer the club and will be launching the site live very soon. Next Month we have Ken Thompson from Navico , Ken is bringing along all the new Lowrance sounder models and demonstrating their features. The new Lowrance Elite 5 with inbuilt down scan look like an exciting option for the boat and I hear it is at a really good price point. As well as Ken we will have member stories, club catches and plenty of time to catch up with mates.

The membership is looking really healthy with 140+ members now onboard, early on the committee set a goal of doubling the membership, well I am very pleased to say we are well on our way to tripling it! Members who join now get covered for the 2011/12 season so spread the words to your fishing mates. As I mentioned at the club night the organisation for the Flathead Classic is well on the way and we are proud to announce Carlton Mid and Blue Fin Boats as our major sponsors and we already have TT Lures/ZMan Lures, Sunzapper, and quite a few more sponsors already on the list. Dates for the classic are Registration Wednesday 28th Sep, Fishing Thurs 29th Sep-Saturday Oct 1 book your holidays Now!

That's it for this month folks take care and fish hard !

Christine

EI Presidente

Club Night	Topic
May 12th	Navico Rep ken Thompson demonstrating the latest Lowrance Sounders
June 9 th	Auction Night: bring along your unwanted fishing, boating gear for auction
July 14th	Annual General Meeting
August	Flathead Classic Launch Night

Club Members Discount Offer:

For the month of May (1st to the 30th) Keogh Marine will run the following specials for all club members

- 25% off the RRP for all Lowrance
- 20% off the RRP for Simrad products except NSS
- 10% off the PPR for the new Simrad NSS (they changed the discount structure on this and as such there is no where near the margin

Keogh Marine Electrics

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TEL: 07 5529 2544

SHOWROOM: 8/227a Brisbane Rd, Labrador QLD

The discount is on presentation of your membership card

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Fay and I travelled up to explore all of the stories we had read and heard about the large number of Barra that were swimming around the Boyne River after the Dam wall at Awoonga had been breached by the Dec/Jan Floods. After a slow start, we worked out that we had to troll deep diving Jonesy lures to effectively catch fish. We had success by finding the fish holding on various rock bars and outcrops that lined the edges of the river with the sounder, and then trolling over these spots as slow as we could, while getting the lures to bump into the rocky bottom. This had the desired effect and we ended up catching 10 Barra, 4 cod and a very large Eagle Ray for our efforts over the three days on the water.

The Twin Township of Boyne Island/ Tannum Sands were a great place to visit and camp, and I think we will definitely be heading up there again - after the Flathead Classic! Rob See.



Fay and Rob with a couple of good Barra they caught.



FISH OF THE MONTH-MARCH- \$50 VOUCHER FROM
DOUG BURT'S TACKLE WORLD
WON BY CHRISTINE HUNT

A 97cm Boyne River Barra.,after first getting a taste for catching Barra in February I didn't have to think twice when Greenie invited Tracey and I to fish the Boyne River. We fished for 2 days and landed 6 Barra with a few more hook ups. This one obviously bares the scars of escaping over the wall. Caught on 40 lb Braid and 40lb Hi Seas Camo leader on a 4000 Fin Nor Bahama Reel and a ABU Garcia Veritos nano technology rod.

Aykut Ahmet won the inside comp with his 30cm Whiting, 36cm Bream and 60cm Trevally.

Paul Neilsen won the outside comp with a 109cm Spanish Mackerel.

Both receive a \$150 voucher from Doug Burt's Tackle World. Sorry I do not have any photo's to put in the newsletter.

**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.**

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NEW MEMBER



95cm Spottie

Hi Christine and Irene.

I attended the last meeting and it's the first club meeting I've been to and I want to thank you for your work and the presentation on the night. It was a good evening.

I didn't sign up on the night but I'd like to get my membership request in so if possible the details will be further down in this email or I might just have to wait till next meeting?

In any case I took onboard some of the information that Guy was sharing and promptly took a morning off to chase some Snapper on 'light' gear. Well fairly light for me in any case using my heavy Flathead gear with 20lb braid and 20lb flouro.

I failed dismally on the Snapper though but was pretty happy to land this fairly decent Spotted Mackarel on a floating pillie with a snelled two hook rig and no wire.

It was 95cm which is the largest spottie I've ever caught in any case.

I remembered your fish of the month comp with blue in the photo so I just pushed in a blue bit of plastic into the photo although as I'm not on your roll yet I don't expect to win anything but I'm proud enough to share the photo in any case and it was thanks to Guy I was fishing this light and without wire!

Kind regards.
Joakim Odlander



GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB MONTHLY SCORE SHEET

MARCH COMP

OUTSIDE MACKERAL

INSIDE- WHITING, BREAM TREVALLY COMBINED LENGTH

WINNERS

OUTSIDE- PAUL NEILSEN

INSIDE - AYKUT AHMET

NAME	FISH	SPECIES	CM	SPECIES	CM	SPECIES	TOTAL
Glen Croft	1	Spotty	100				.
Tom Ryan	5	Bream	32	flathead	69,62	whiting/trev	25,32
Martin Burling	1	Bream	40				.
Evan Harvey	4	Bream	34,32,28	GT	35		.
Cooper Sands	1	Trev	34				.
Terry Ryan	1	Flathead	78				.
Paul Nelsen	2	Spaniard	109	flathead	53		.
Irene Robertson	3	Whiting	40.5	Bream	30	Trev	44
Chris Nelson	4	Trev	54,50	flathead	54	Giant Herring	57
Christine Hunt	5	Bream	30.5	Flathead	42	Squire/Moses	38,38,33
Tracey Mammen	4	Bream	33.5,33,32	Pearly	44		14
Danny Sands	3	Spaniard	105,107/99	Tuna	73		.
Aykut Ahmet	5	Bream	36	Whiting	30	Trev/King/Span	60,99,100

LISTED BELOW ARE THE YEARLY COMP POINTS TOTALS

NAME	MTH	POINTS	TOTAL	NAME	HANDICAPS FEBRUARY
Danny Sands	Mar	475	3125.6	Ben Job	10.0
Tom Ryan	Mar	309	2720.25	Kevin Ballantine	
Aykut Ahmet	Mar	551	2170.3	Paul Neilsen	10.0
Rob See	Mar	0	1854.5	Danny Sands	7.5
Jake Neilsen Jnr	Mar	0	1723.45	Aykut Ahmet	10.0
Christine Hunt	Mar	180.5	1710.5	George Sands	7.5
Chris Nelson	Mar	215	1184	Dan Hickey	7.5
Tracey Mammen	Mar	142.5	992.5	Christian P	7.5
Paul Neilsen	Mar	271	957	Rob See	7.5
Christian Pulvirenti	Mar	0	784	Tania Baker	7.5
Jamie Duncan	Mar	0	729	Danny Sands	7.5
Glen Croft	Mar	100	692		
Irene Robertson	Mar	229	685		
Mark Cherry	Mar	0	654		
Fay Rohweder	Mar	0	579		
Peter Denaro	Mar	0	488		

Terry Ryan	Mar	78	424.5
Scott Gregory	Mar	0	369
Steve Wilson	Mar	0	344
Simon Marshall	Mar	0	327
Glen Jackson	Mar	0	326
Matt Tyler	Mar	0	296
Tania Baker	Mar	0	296
Ben Job	Mar	0	246
Daniel Hickey	Mat	0	222
Jamie Farrahar	Mar	0	209
Kevin Ballantine	Feb	200	200
Evan Harvey	Mar	190	190
Cooper Sands	Mar	34	184
Kristie Ahmet	Mar	0	130
Evan Harvey	Mar	129	129
Nathan Andersen	Mar	0	115
Bruce Andersen	Mar	0	92
Guy McConnell	Mar	0	89
George Sands	Mar	0	84
Paul Tamis	Mar	0	66
Martin Burling	Mar	40	40

APRIL

COMPETITION

OUTSIDE SPECIES

INSIDE SPECIES

COLOUR TOKEN

BIGGEST PELAGIC

2 BREEM COMBINED LENGTH

BLUE

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