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President's Report...

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On behalf of the committee I wish all members and their families a safe and Merry Xmas. Don't forget 6th December AFAQ Xmas Party. Meeting to commence at 9.00am sharp with only essential business to be discussed. We will be aiming for the meeting to conclude at 10.00am with 10.30am being deadline.

Immediately after the meeting we will need a number of volunteers as follows;

Erect the club's tarp, wipe down and lay out chairs and trestles, tidy up Zane Gray Way

Caterer Jimmy will also need a couple of extras to assist him. *So if you are able to assist please do so.* If anyone is staying over on the Friday maybe some of these chores can be done then.

JUNIORS

Don't forget the Johnstone Casting Competition. This will be held at about 11am. I believe Secretary Pat has been busy using his contacts and obtaining a number of excellent prizes from ET

CAMPING TRAILER

Last meeting it was agreed that the club camping trailer be sold. Minimum accepted amount to be \$150. One member has offered \$150 plus cost of registration, (Registration was renewed last week). If any member wants to improve on this then we will take your money at the Xmas Party.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Andrew Merritt has taken on the role of co-ordinator. Thanks for this Andrew.

We do not expect Andrew to be present on each occasion so until we get a set roster in place he will be looking for volunteers. Next Sizzle is on Sat 13th Dec. so if you are available please contact Andrew Ph 33146231.

ANNUAL SUBS

There are still some outstanding. Last chance will be the Xmas Party.

Treasurer Alan advises that we have received two credits to our bank account this month for Subs but no name attached. If you have paid by direct credit in Nov please contact the Treasurer.

MATHEWSON MEMORIAL SHIELD

This inaugural event was fished at Bribie over the weekend 15 & 16 Nov. 12 members from Southport competed along with 12 from AFAQ. End result was Southport taking the shield home. A very successful and enjoyable weekend. Thanks to those who assisted in catering and organizing.

SICK LIST

Mal Slattery has been doing it tough over the past couple of weeks and is recovering from an operation. Last I spoke to Mal he was on the mend and improving each day. We all hope to see you back in action soon Mal.

Peter Johnstone has been in the wars fracturing his leg on the deck at the cottage a couple of weeks ago. And no we can't blame the demon fluid. He is hoping to have his cast off soon but in the meantime he cannot drive.

Peter would love to come to the Xmas Party so if anyone could see their way clear of calling into Enoggera and giving him lift he would be most appreciative. His phone number is 3855 1355

Looking forward to catching up at Xmas Party.

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Christmas Party

The cost for the Christmas party is \$10 per adult, children are free. There will be fresh prawns, and Jim is doing a spit roast this year.

The Johnstone Junior casting comp will be held at around midday. ET (Andrew Ettingshausen) has donated about \$250 worth of prizes for the casting competition, including autographed books, DVDs, a rod and reel combo, knife and fishing pliers. ET is looking forward to getting back some photos of this year's casting comp.

Thanks also to Greg Harrold for donating \$100 for Junior prizes as well.

Please remember to return the Christmas raffle tickets and money before the draw.

The crab races will be held after lunch, and we need some Juniors and an auctioneer to help out there.

From the Club Captain

A quick note our last comp which was held at Bribie with AFA Southport for the MATHEWSON MEMORIAL SHIELD.

A few fishermen from AFAQ attended which saw us as a minor contender for the shield. Two of our members never left the property to fish and so we were out fished. Oh well!

The comp started with a meet and greet at the cottage at around 9am. Then the competitors returned for dinner at 6pm on Saturday night. It was great getting to know the Southport team and building the blocks for next years comp which will be down Southport way around June.

Here is some advice...If you ever start telling a sexist joke around a bunch of blokesmake sure there are no women around because they might all stroll in just before the punch line.

The Southport team stayed at the Woorim caravan park and really enjoyed Bribie. Some had never been to Bribie before and others had been to the cottage but not for many years. The AFA Southport are also interested in renting the cottage for a weekend or two in the future. A lot of good Bream were caught.

Jim M. won the AFAQ comp with a couple of fine bream and a large whiting.

Hopefully next year a bigger team from AFAQ will help us gain the trophy. See you all at the Xmas party, *Ricky B*

Noosa North Shore Caravan & Camping Review

The site is about 3k up the dirt road from the barge about 1/2 way between second and third track.

My wife and I have just spent a week there and we found it just great. There is a large open area just behind the dunes or bush, site toilets and shower block, and drinking water at the block. In the open area there are 4 powered sites, well worth looking at for future comps.

No open fires are permitted. It is just a short drive to third track if you want to drive up the beach.

The park is booked out most weekends so you need to book in well in advance. *Bob Newbery*

AFAQ Junior Education Program

Looks like the junior education program will be held over a week-end rather than fragmented sessions after each meetings.

Bunnings Hardware - Sausage Sizzle

Andrew Merrit has volunteered to be coordinator of the sausage sizzle. Thanks Andrew.

We are looking for members to help out at the sausage sizzles at Bunning's Hardware at Lawnton. These are all basically the 3rd Saturday of each month.

13 Dec is the next

Contact Graeme Goodall on 0409 727236 to help out on these dates.

Fraser Island Social Comp

Congratulations to Jim Mischke and Graham Newton of the B-Team who are the 2008 winners of the Fraser Shield, both members each landing a 63 cm tailor.

See the feature article to find out the details.

If you're interested in going to Fraser in 2009 year best get organised early in the year.

Cottage Rentals

Due to a cancelation the cottage has become available for the week before Christmas. The 2009 Winter and Spring and Summer school holidays and still available.

Contact Alan Peiniger alpine@ozonline.com.au or Phone (H) A/H 3217 9729 to book.

Annual Subscriptions

Anyone who paid subscriptions by direct deposit please contact the treasurer, Alan Peiniger alpine@ozonline.com.au , or 07 3217 9729

Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held at 9:00am **6 December** at the cottage, followed by the Christmas party.

AFAQ Proposed 2009 Event Calendar

To be finalised at the December meeting

Date	Event	Loaction	Type
7 February 2009	Round 1 - Championship	Bribie	Beach only
7 March 2009	Working Bee	Bribie	
14 March 2009	Round 2 - Championship	Bribie	Beach / boat
3 April 2009	Succession Shield	Bribie	Beach / boat
2 May 2009	Round 3 - Championship	Bribie	Beach / boat
23 May 2009	Patron Shield	Bribie	Boat only
June (tba)	Round 4 - Championship & Matho Shield	Jumpinpin	Beach / boat
4 July 2009	Working Bee	Bribie	
11 July 2009	Round 5 - Championship	Mud Island	
1 August 2009	AGM	Bribie	
8 August 2009	Round 6 - Championship	Bribie	Beach / boat
5 September 2009	Round 7 - Championship	Bribie	Beach / boat
October (tba)	Round 8 - Championship	tba	Shore / boat
7 November 2009	Round 9 - Championship	Bribie	Beach / boat
5 December 2009	Christmas Party	Bribie	

2008 Fraser Island B-Team Blog

**Warning: The following article may offend some readers....
especially members of the 2008 Fraser Island A-Team**

A great bunch of blokes all looking to get away, have fun and enjoy fishing with mates was what the B-team was all about for this year's Fraser trip.... and oh yeah.... retain the Fraser Island Shield with a 3 zip white wash over the corporate sponsored A-Team.

The A-Team did well during their trip this year and bagged-out in the first few days. This was due to the fact that last year the A-Team sent their spy, Greg Harrold, up to Fraser Island to spend a few days with the B-Team. This is not fair and not in the spirit of the club, the A-Team should have sent a few more blokes to see how it's done! I see Greg learnt a lot from us and we learnt a lot from Greg's good advice and demonstration like never leave your rod on the beach in case a 4 Wheel Drive backs over it, or a seagull might take off with your bait and unspool 300 meters of line off your reel. Thanks Greg.

For those who are not familiar with the Fraser Island Shield, it is an annual social comp where the trophy is awarded to whoever catches the longest tailor. The trophy was donated by Noel Gorman a few years ago. Two teams go up to Fraser each year and there has been a bit of competitiveness. The A-Team set the length this year at 52cm.

Congratulations to this years winners Jim Mischke and Graham Newton of the B-Team who each caught a 63cm tailor.

Here is how the B-Team did it.

We travelled up to Fraser, and then spent the whole week sight seeing at Sandy Cape, Wathumba, checking out the back packers at Champaign pools, Rainbow Gorge, hitting the pub everyday and lounging around on the beach.

Then, on the last day, on the way home, we pulled up at some beach with the engine still running while Graham went and cast a line. Five minutes later Graham came back with a 63 cm green back. 4 out of the 5 minutes were spent reeling in that fish. Jim sobered up when he saw Graham's fish and thought he might do the same. So he handed his cold beer to Pat for a few minutes ... first cast and another 63 cm Tailor ... easy as that ... and with the fish in the esky still flapping around we continued on our way home, the B-Team victorious again winning the Fraser shield for the 3rd time in a row.



Ok, enough giving the corporate sponsored 3 zip A-Team heaps, but after coping a ribbing from 6 of em at the October meeting it was their turn, mind you not a word from them over the last 2 years....keep trying fellas.

Seriously

We headed up to Fraser on Saturday 25 Oct and settled in at Crawford's at Orchid beach. A bit of a rough drive along the beach with a few dunes and Graham managed to get all 4 wheels off the ground a few times. The boys won a meat tray at the pub the previous night and after going over some of those dunes it was a mixed grill.....mixed in with everything else in the esky. We cooked it up anyway and had the mixed grill with honey cumin roast pumpkin and veggies. After a few toasts to the AFA, Phil and Mark picked up their guitars and churned out a few songs and we all got into the XXXX.

Sunday we went to Waddy fishing for whiting using live worms, no whiting but the dart were striking on the worms, good size and plenty of em. That evening we tried Orchid beach for tailor, no luck but plenty of dart again. Sashimi for entre that night, and Jim cooked up a batch of seafood marinara. We tucked into a few bowls of the seafood marinara, which was a big hit with the Potts cousins (Mark and Ben) who hadn't tried it before.

The next day we fished Indian Head, and tried Orchid beach again, no Tailor but plenty of good size Dart on pippies at the peddles. At low tide that afternoon, Mark (the gun worm puller) gave us all lessons on how to catch beach worms. If at first you don't succeed try again, and again, and again. The fly blown stink bag was reused again and again over the trip until it was a bag of bones and the flies swarming around it got hungry and left.

We decided to give a Waddy Point a go on dark. We got there about an hour before sunset, there was no one there really just a few blokes sitting around watching, they had used up all their bait earlier. A bit quiet at first, Jim caught some dart, and then just on dark the place came alive, tailor just about every cast. Those blokes who ran out of bait were kickin 'emselves, after seeing us reel 'em in. The tailor hung around for a while and then it all went quiet. Graham landed his nice 63 cm tailor at the front and Woody caught a 71 cm one off the rocks around to the left.

On Wednesday Jim cooked up some corned beef, with a mix of his herbs and that smelled great. Don't tell Jim but ... after the corned beef was cooked, we snuck into the kitchen and tipped the broth down the sink. Jim also cooked up a very nice pumpkin dish which went down very well. Jim cooked up Nachos another night, using some of Graham's special hot chili sauce, called "Chili Willie spank my ass and call me Cindy". He prepared one extra hot chili nachos and one non hot, except I think Jim had a few too many rums and accidently on purpose put the Chili sauce in both.

We went to Waddy again that evening, and the place was packed, we could hardly get a spot. Those same blokes who ran out of bait the night before were there, and they must have told all their mates too. Jim turned to me and said, "News travels mate.... new travels." We caught a few more tailor and headed home.

Thursday we set out for Sandy Cape, we packed lunch and everything the night before and headed off at 4am for the low tide. Beautiful spot, it was a little windy and we go into the fishing, some blokes caught up on their sleep. Oh no, Jim started catching dart again, which earned him the name of "The Dart King". Pat and Phil each caught 2 flat head over 60 cm, a few whiting. Jim caught a travelly and did I mention Jim caught some dart as well.

That night we ate sashimi, smoked dart, and fresh barbequed flat head. We got into the grog a bit too in an attempt to finish of the remaining supplies. And got ready for the return trip home. Every one had a great trip, the seafood marinara was a big hit with the Potts cousins, and Phil enjoyed the smoked fish so much he made a smoker when he got home.

