



AFAQ



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President's Report...

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On behalf of the Committee I welcome all members to 2008 and wish you and your family good fortune, good health and good fishing. Next meeting is scheduled for Sat 2nd February which also coincides with our first fishing comp. for the year. Don't forget that the cottage is reserved for members as from the Friday before each meeting and /or comp.

Those that did not attend our Xmas Party in December you missed out on a good day. Thanks to all those who assisted on the day, setting up, providing tucker and cleaning up. Special thanks to Jim Attard for his catering efforts and also for his hidden talent as "Crab Race Auctioneer". Also to Pat McShane for organising the Johnstone Junior Casting Competition.

Matho

For those that may not be aware sadly we lost Cliff (Matho) Mathewson in December. Thanks to those members who were able to attend his funeral and represent AFAQ. It was Matho's wish that his ashes be spread on The Broadwater in the presence of his mates. A tentative date at this stage is 16th/17th February however this needs to be confirmed. All members are invited to attend. It has also been suggested that members might like to make a weekend out of it. Further details should be available at February meeting however for those unable to attend the meeting please contact either myself or Secretary Pat for more info.

Erosion

The wild weather over the past few weeks has left Bribie's surf beach undamaged but the area in front of the cottage has suffered. I reported the case of "Stolen Sand" to Paul Whyte from Caboolture Council. He has confirmed that the groyne, which has all but disappeared, will be replaced.

Web Site

The club now has a new website, www.afaq.org.au and email address afaq@afaq.org.au which has been set up by Secretary Pat. There is more to come. Please have a look and see what you think. Many thanks to Noel Gorman for his work in setting up the original site.

Moreton Bay Marine Park

As most of you are probably aware by now the EPA has now published its "Draft Zoning Plan Including Regulatory Impact Statement and Draft Public Benefit Test". This publication details various proposed restrictions and no go zones in Moreton Bay. Some of these impacts will have a major effect on us and will need to be discussed at February meeting so I would encourage members to obtain a copy for themselves by phoning 1800 105789 and follow the prompts. DPI also has produced their "Proposed Management Changes" which details changes to bag and size limits. A copy of this report can be obtained by phoning 132523.

Fishing Gear...Club Use

Jim Mischke has suggested that we have at the Cottage some basic fishing equipment that could be used by guests, visitors, juniors etc. To kick it off Jim has kindly donated a tackle box with some basic gear. If any members have surplus equipment, tackle, rods, reels don't let it collect dust at home, let it be put to use at the cottage.

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Club Captain's Report

Happy new year to all.

This meeting starts our first comp for the year and weather permitting it should be a good one. It is a beach only comp so we can all get together. I encourage all to attend.

After the general meeting I would like all competitors to stay for a fishing forum where we will discuss fish that can and cannot be weighed in.

I look forward to seeing you all.
Fishing captain
Ricky B

Club Boat

Members are reminded that ethanol blended petrol is not to be used in the motor as it is not suitable. LRP only to be used.

Membership

Frank Sandona was voted in as our latest AFAQ member at our December meeting.
Welcome Frank.

"Johnstone" Junior Casting Competition

The inaugural "Johnstone" Junior Casting Competition was held at the 2007 Christmas party. It was decided that the event be named in honour of the Johnstone family, whose past and present membership spans 3 over generations.

There were 2 contests, the longest cast and the most accurate cast. An Alvey side cast reel on a surf rod was used for both events and it was best out of 3.

The competition was held on the beach at the front of the cottage. There were with 7 contenders (I didn't think we had this many juniors, but Oh well). It was high tide so there wasn't a lot of room. A quick lesson on using an Alvey and then it got serious.

There were a few wild first attempts as the boys got used to the Alvey. No injuries though as the judges and spectators quickly learned to pay attention and leap out of the way when necessary. The boys did manage to cast into the trees, out to the passage, straight up in the air, backwards, and not to mention a few minor tangles and the odd nylon bird's nest. No worries, the organisers patiently waded out to the passage for a measure and re-spooled the reel.

The most accurate cast was a close competition with each attempt getting closer and closer to the



mark. Jake Thorpe took out the event with a nice cast to be within 1.5 metres of the mark.

The longest cast was won by Jeremy Peiniger setting the pace at 64 metres on his first attempt.

Well done Juniors, keep practicing and see you back at this years Christmas party.

Thanks to Patrick McShane, Dan Hollywood, and Peter Johnstone for running the event and thanks to George Newman for donating the trophy.

Royal Hotel Raffles

Your assistance in helping with the raffles 1 day every 2 months or so is greatly appreciated. If you have any queries, please phone Dan on 07-54961298 or 0417 667526.

25 Jan - Garth Bess, Jim Mischke
1 Feb - R. Hounslow, G. Whelan
8 Feb - B. Hendy, D. Rollings
15 Feb - M. Preston, J. Preston
22 Feb - J. Doorley, D. Labudda
29 Feb - R. Bennett, J. Attard
7 Mar - P. McShane, R. Andrews
14 Mar - J. Ellis, A. Peiniger
21 Mar - D. Hollywood, A. Simpson
28 Mar - I. Venning, M. Fairman
4 Apr - M. Slatery, G. Goodall
11 Apr - G. Harrold, T. Bartholomai
18 Apr - T. Hunter, D. Nelson

Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held at 9:00am 2 **February 2008** at the cottage, followed by the beach comp.
