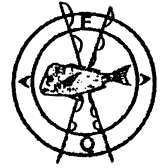




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President's Report...

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Welcome all to our first Newsletter for 2009

Not a great deal to report as we have been in recess since December.

Whilst we all thought things were turning around and nature was replenishing our sand those recent king tides have made things worse. My contact with Council advises that the situation is now with Asset Planning and Management Moreton Bay Council. They are in the process of conducting a Shoreline Management Plan.

As most of you are probably aware we have discontinued our sausage sizzle at Bunnings Lawnton. Thanks to Andrew Merritt for his short term as co-ordinator.

I understand that the shop where the key is kept is being sold with settlement on 6/2/09.

Until new owners settle in the opening hours may be inconsistent. If you require the key outside normal opening hours please contact myself or Graeme Dowd to make arrangements.

Greg Harrold has been doing it tough again, this time with a severe case of shingles and has spent a couple of weeks in hospital. We all hope for a speedy return to health.

Thanks to all members and guests who helped with the running of the 2008 Christmas party, and thanks to Joe Bennett (junior member) who sold 87 tickets in the Christmas raffle.

Graeme Goodall
President.

The **"Johnstone" Junior Casting Competition** was held at the Christmas party with 5 competitors going for great prizes. Special Thanks to ET (Andrew Ettingshausen) for donating great prizes including DVDs, autographed books, a rod and reel combo, knife and fishing pliers and Greg Harrold for donating \$100 toward Junior prizes as well. Congratulations to Michael Attard who took out the longest cast and Dylan Bennett for the most accurate cast. A few spectators nearly got taken out, but all in all everyone had fun.

Below (left) – Adrian Thorpe with his father Steve collects runners up prize, and (right) Joe Bennett casting in the comp with some instruction from Greg Harrold.



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From the Club Captain

Hi all members.

Well I hope you all had a good break and are all eager to start the new fishing season.

Our next comp after the 7 February meeting will start us off with a beach only comp. During the meeting we will be discussing the new fishing zones and size / bag limits, also fish eligible or ineligible for points. I hope to see more active fishermen this year especially when we fish against AFA SOUTHPORT who now hold the Matho shield.

See you all at the meeting. Regards Ricky B

From the cottage Chairman

Firstly a big thanks to Dan Hollywood and Patrick McShane who during the Christmas break realigned the side fence to the correct boundary. This saved the club a few hundred dollars. More work will have to be done with the stairs which leads me to the next point – the working bee.

The working bee is scheduled for 7 March, after the meeting. There are many things to do and some of these will be discussed at the February meeting. Please make an effort to attend the working bee, Thanks Jimbo.

Club Championship

Congratulations to Ricky Bennett for winning the club championship for 2008, and to Jim Attard for the catch and release. Jim Mischke did well as runner up in both categories.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Ricky Bennett

2nd Jim Mischke

3rd Graham Newton

CATCH & RELEASE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Jim Attard

2nd Jim Mischke

3rd Steve Thorpe.

Below (left to right): Joe Bennett, Dylan Bennett, Ricky Bennett, Jim Attard and Michael Attard.



Letter to the Editor – AFAQ Newsletter

Following the unexpected criticism in the “B” Grade Team Fraser report in the last edition of the AFAQ Newsletter, the “A” Team now wishes to respond...

We found the report of the “B” Grade trip a pleasant mixture of fact and fiction, even if the two were somewhat blurred. To correct the first false impression, our esteemed Member G Harrold attended the 2007 “B” Grade event only through convenience, he was in the area for a couple of days and lonely, however try as he could he had difficulty in learning anything new.

What can we tell from the “B” Grade report?

- They did catch SOME tailor, how many is unclear, 3 were mentioned of reasonable size – of course, we had to stop because we were over our limit after only 2 day’s fishing.
- They spent countless hours fishing for lesser species such as Dart, considered a waste product by the “A” Team, our hands are usually too sore from catching Tailor to bother with such pastimes.
- They like Chilli

Moving forward to the “A” Team trip in 2009, Yes our T Shirt Corporate Sponsor has renewed his contract, we also have been able to attract a Bait Sponsor, further sponsorships are still available but you will have to be quick, rumour is Channel Nine News is negotiating. Unfortunately there are no positions vacant in the “A” Team for 2009 – such is the demand for a quality trip.

“B” Grade Members take note - Copies of our 2008 video are available from Ian Venning for training purposes at a very reasonable fee.

EDITORS NOTE...

Last and final comment....Please note that the B Team DID take out the Fraser Shield for 2008, 2007 and 2006. Whoever said Fishermen lie is a liar! Catching of Dart is classed as an acquired skill for those piscatorially challenged (and hungry).

Cottage Rentals

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.

Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held at 9:00am **7 February** at the cottage, followed by the Bribie beach comp.
