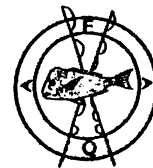


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President's Report...

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Last meeting saw a marathon meeting followed by Patrons Shield with results published elsewhere in this report. Sorry about the length of that meeting but we seemed to have a lot to get through. It will be my intention to shorten meetings as much as possible.

Next meeting will be 3rd May with the Succession Shield

Please note that the July meeting has been changed to the 12th to fit in with fishing comp. scheduled for 5th July

CLUB PHONE NUMBER

For reasons unknown the gremlins must have changed the clubs phone number.
The correct number is 0437 365 738.

CLUB BOAT

We now have a new battery in the boat which will remain in the boat all times. To avoid any current drain members are asked to ensure that the lead is taken off battery when storing boat.

HOTEL RAFFLES

For a variety of reasons we will be ceasing our raffles at the Royal English Hotel, Nundah with the last night being 2th May. It would be appreciated if any members are available if they could attend as a token of appreciation towards the hotel and the patrons.

On behalf of the Management Committee I wish to thanks all those who have participated in selling these raffles over the past. The task has not always been easy however valuable funds have been raised through the members' efforts.

As an alternative for fund raising we are have discussion with Bunnings Warehouse at Lawnton (where one of our members is employed). They are keen to get an organization in on a Saturday to run a sausage sizzle. Preliminary talks suggests about 2-3 hours on the 3rd Saturday each month. We will keep you posted.

STONE FISH

Members are reminded of the presence of Stone Fish in the passage. There have been a number of stings on Bribie in recent months. Please take care if fishing out front of cottage.

EROSION

Council have advised me that they have ordered some 30 large sand bags that will be placed in front of the cottage. No date given as to completion.

DRINK CANS

Members are asked to make sure that any drink cans bought to or consumed must be crushed before putting them in the recycle bags. It is impossible to leave this for the one person who will be taking them to the recyclers.

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Club Captain's Report

Hi all, Well now the winter weather is setting it's a good time to think of bream ,bream, bream.

The patrons shield has come and gone with this close result.

Jim M 20 bream for 6.44 kg .644 ` c/r.
Graham N 7 bream for 2.38 kg .78 cm c/r.
Steve T 6 bream for 1.74 kg .42 cm c/r.

Not a bad turn out!

Our next comp is the succession shield which is held after the next meeting on 3 May. It's a good weekend as it is also a social week-end.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Regards Ricky B

Changes to the Fishing Comp Calendar

After much discussion at the last general meeting the following amendments have been made to the 2008 fishing calendar.

3 May – Successions shield
31 May – Jumpinpin
5 July – Mud Island
8,9,10 August – Amity Point
6 September – Bribie
October – Somerset
1 November – Bribie

New Members

Congratulations to our newest junior member Joe Bennett. Joe competed in the Johnstone Junior Casting competition at the last Christmas party and was voted in at the April general meeting.

Welcome to the club Barry Masters, our newest senior member.

The Junior Caravan

The Junior Caravan is now complete ready for this week ends succession shield fishing competition. Jim and Ricky have worked hard recently to finish off a few things.

The official opening will be on 3 May after the general meeting.

AFAQ Fishing By-Laws

The catch and release by-laws were discussed during the last general meeting. It is important to release the catch in good condition and below are some suggestions the best way of handling fish.

7.3 Fish out of water cannot live for more than three or four minutes because of brain damage caused by the lack of oxygen. Return the fish to the water as soon as possible. Do not let it flop and flail about.

7.4 An exhausted fish played too long may not recover. Retrieve your fish as quickly as possible. Undue stress can be caused by the use of ultra light tackle. Consider using heavier line and tackle that is appropriate for the size and type of fish targeted to land it sooner.

7.5 Improper handling can easily damage fish. Even though the fish swims away, extensive damage is likely to cause death. In some cases this may be days later. The damage is usually caused by interference with the slimy protective coating (mucus) on the fish that forms a natural barrier to bacterial infections. Damage can also occur by removal of scales or even disrupting the natural set of the scales. This allows easier access for bacteria and other infection. Using the following methods can lessen damage to fish.

7.6 Use a landing net with a fine soft mesh and no knots. A tough mesh will often scrape the body, removing mucus, while knotted mesh can remove scales and damage flesh.

7.7 Handle fish with wet hands. Dry hands can transmit infection and remove protective mucus. Gloves that are wet, open weaved and knotless are good for handling purposes.

7.8 Place the fish on a wet and preferably soft surface. A wet cloth spread over an even flat work area is ideal. Dry surfaces of any substance (wood, metal or plastic) damage fish. Cover the fish's eyes.

7.18 Each member competing in the catch and release division is to fill out a log with the competition details, specie of fish and its length for each eligible fish caught and released. The release of each fish is to be witnessed by at least one other member and signed off accordingly. Members fishing by themselves may retain their catch in a suitable container such as large esky or live bait tank fitted with aerators (keeper bags and buckets are not considered acceptable) and they must conduct regular water changes whilst seeking verification / witnessing and recording.

Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held at 9:00am **3 May 2008** at the cottage, followed the succession shield junior fishing comp.