



# NEWSLETTER

August 2009

## *Greetings, Gang!*

Our July meeting was very well attended. We welcomed **Taz Jeffery** into the fold. We know he will be an enthusiastic member.

It was great to see old friend, **Gavin Platz** who came down to judge our fly tying competition. He was impressed by some of the entries by members, notably **Vince Margossian** and **Brian Kirkley** whose flies showed great imagination. This year we had two classes in the competition. A grade was won by **Paul Goodey** with a very impressive Crayfish. **John Burgess** won the B grade with his creation.

Having gotten the comp out of the way, Gavin gave us a riveting PowerPoint talk on his visit to the Solomon Islands. I'm sure many of us were itching to get to a place like the Solomon's by the time the talk was over.

## *Seaway Trip* - Bob Knott

After two weeks of great, still weather we arrived at the Seaway on a grey morning with the promise of wind coming up. There were twelve of us heading out at daybreak to find that outside looked somewhat formidable so most of us fished the Seaway with no success. **Denis** was the exception to the rule, taking a small Kingfish from the pipeline. Several of us tried without success on the pipeline but accomplished nothing but left a few offerings to the God of the Pipe in the form of T14 line. It appears that if you want to fish the pipe you need to stock up on T14, and then feed it a few meters a time to the Pipe to keep him happy. **Vince** tells us he bought 500ft (152m) and has donated half of that to the Pipe so far. **Tom** and I tried up toward Runaway Bay and Wavebreak Island without success. We did meet **Mark Drewett** who turned up in his "work boat", a Boston Whaler that could have carried my boat on deck. Other than that only **Norm, Taz, Harrison, and Tim** picked up a flathead each. We all got together around 11 for a barbeque brunch and a few cold drinks before heading off. What trips like this lack in fish caught they more than make up for in camaraderie

## *Annual General Meeting*

As you all know, our August meeting is also our Annual General Meeting. We will elect officers for the coming year so if you have a nomination to make for any position this is the time to do it. You also need to be a financial member to contribute to the AGM so if you have not renewed your membership please see Mark Miller prior to the AGM starting. We will also be seeking nominations for a new committee position, that of Club Captain. The responsibilities will be to coordinate and plan (with help of others!!) our fishing calendar and trips. If you are interested please give either Tom or Mark a call.

## *President's Report 2009*

Well we see the close of another great SEQFF year with again many highlights. Congratulations to those who performed so well in the various charity Bass and Saratoga competitions, Rick Slennett, Paul Goodey & Denis Shaw to name a few. Worthy of mention also is the indomitable Vince Margossian who's consistency in fish taking beggars us all.

Our schools programme continues with the students enjoying it almost as much as those of us who take part as instructors. Joining the festival at Beaudesert to teach the locals a little of fly fishing and fly tying was most successful. Thanks to Paul Goodey, Jon Burgess, Brian Ware and Jeff Christoffel who attended the function and passed on a great deal of skill and earned us some new friends who just happen to live on some Bass and Carp rich waters. An invitation to visit them will be taken up later in the warmer months.

A wonderful weekend was held with a visit from Peter Morse culminating in a family picnic and casting day with instruction from the best in the business, Jon Burgess, Gordon Low, Nial Logan and of course Peter Morse. The BBQ was performed by master chef Mick Nash and our provider, Denis Shaw again showed his value on an extremely hot, still day with the thoughtful provision of chilled watermelon, rock melon and orange slices.

The loss of one of our foundation members, Brian McDuffie was a bitter blow; his popularity due to his excellent company makes his absence sorely felt. A magnificent trophy in his name was designed to be contested each December on an outing chasing Brian's beloved Bass. Paul Goodey took out the first clash.

I would like to thank and congratulate my fellow committee members Mark Hosking, Mark Miller, Paul Goodey and of course Bob Knott. Your assistance in piloting our ship made it a very pleasant cruise. Thanks also to the many members who put their hands up whenever there was a job to be done.

I have served now as President for the past 9 years and I take a great deal of pride in our club's growth, reputation and development over that time. I feel that, in the best interests of our club, it is now time for the injection of some new personnel on our committee to engender new ideas, drive and enthusiasm into our future and as a result I will not be standing for re election.

I cannot properly express my gratitude to all of our club members for the unwavering support, laughs, friendship and enthusiasm I have enjoyed during my term of office.

I will, of course, continue to support the club and make myself available for any tasks asked of me.

THANK YOU

Tom Boylan

## *Secretary's Report 2009*

We come to yet another end of our financial year and it is AGM time again. The Club has seen steady growth over the last 12 months and once again we hosted a very successful Convention. A change in date in 2010 will see the Convention being held in March to try and avoid the clash with other tackle shows we have experienced in the past. We will need all of your assistance to make sure this one is at the very least as successful as the ones we have held previously.

The AGM will see Tom Boylan, who has been our President for the last nine years, step down. It is very hard to try and adequately convey the impact that Tom has had on our Club. For all of those years he has steered the SEQFFC with an unwavering commitment. He has always been the provider of leadership, humour, wit, a joke and of course diplomacy when needed. Having served on the committee for most of those nine years with Tom, I know I will miss him as I am sure the rest of the committee and all other members will as well. Tom will still be around to provide counsel for anyone who asks and will be heavily involved in next year's convention. On behalf of everyone involved in SEQFFC, thank you Tom.

This year also sees Bob Knott hand over the reins of the production of the newsletter to Jeff Christoffel. I have worked with Bob for most of the time he has been responsible for the newsletter and I know that many times when the newsletter was due he had very little content. A phone call or an email or two to members to chase a photo or an article would mean he always produced a newsletter for us, and an enjoyable read it has always been. Bob, from everybody thank you.

Mark Hosking

## *Treasurers Report - Financial Year June 2008 - June 2009*

The operating funds of the club are the product of five fund raising components. The most beneficial for the club was again the Convention. Our account is always much healthier after such an event. From the profits of the convention we pay for insurance of club members. This ensures that club members have insurance over during monthly fishing trips.

The Peter Morse weekend and Film night have contributed also but not to the same extent as the convention but all profit is most welcome and the result of dedicated work by club members. The two remaining fund raisers for the club are the annual fees and monthly raffles.

Our monthly raffles contribute to the BBQ's when held after the monthly fish so continue your contribution to the raffles during each meeting. Last year the annual fee for senior financial members was raised to fifty dollars. This increase has also contributed to the financial health of the club but the true benefit to the club will come when all participating members pay their dues. So before the next meeting starts please come and see me. If anyone requires further information relating to the Clubs financial position please see me at the AGM.

Mark Miller

## *From your Scribe – Bob Knott*

They say all good things must come to an end. I have enjoyed bringing this newsletter to you for quite a few years now. I started when most of you were not on e-mail and each newsletter had to be sent by post. I feel it is now time for some fresh new ideas and we have just the member to take my place. **Jeff Christoffel** has accepted the invitation to take over the Newsletter. Jeff been a good contributor to this missive since he joined and everyone is well aware of his skills with a camera so I know he will carry on the tradition with his own style and ideas.

This will be my last newsletter, so I would like to thank all of you who have contributed articles and pictures. I am especially grateful to my faithful sub-editor, **Mark Hosking** without whose help I would have been in a real mess. He has patiently corrected my mistakes, put the pictures where they fitted best, and added a few words when needed.

I trust you will be as generous to Jeff with your input as you have with me. Remember this is your newsletter; it is your chance to have your say or tell your stories.

### *Who's been catching fish?*

Vince & Paul have been out in the seaway in the last couple of weeks and having a bit of luck.







### *Next Club Fishing Outing*

Tweed River, Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We are holding this on a Sunday to accommodate those that must work on Saturdays.

Launching early A.M. from Fingal Head ramp we can fish all areas of the river from the entrance to the hot water outlet at Condong sugar mill.

A 2.3 metre tide tops at around 10.30 when we can make our way back to the ramp for a well earned BBQ brekkie.

Our website has this outing listed where you can register your attendance, identified as available boat or crew.

### *Quote of the month:*

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again then quit. There is no point in being a damned fool about it.

W. C. Fields

*Tight Lines and bent rods!*

*Scribe*

## Coming Events



### NEXT MEETING:

Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday, 18th August 2009  
Start - 7.30 p.m.  
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,  
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach

### NEXT FISHING

#### TRIP:

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009  
Tweed River  
Launch: Fingal boat ramp early  
BBQ - 10.30am back at the ramp  
Target - All species

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