

July 2008

**HOOO
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**AGM
2nd August 2008**



The billfishing has been poor, but there is still some good reef fishing... like Mick Jongejans' 30 kg Ambo'

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FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Another season over, where does the time go? This year at least, much time was spent trolling many miles in a fruitless search for the billfish. I never thought I would say this, but there were times when a mac tuna would have been a welcome catch.

It's time to do all that tidying up of boat and gear, reels serviced, line changed, maybe bring out the bottom donging gear.

You should have received a letter from Queensland Transport as a reminder that the old 121.5MHzEPIRB will no longer be monitored from 1st February 2009. It is law that from 1st November 2008 a 406 MHz EPIRB must be carried if you operate beyond smooth or partially smooth waters with fines to apply. I'm sure tournaments in the 08-09 year will have EPIRB inspections also. Your new 406 MHz EPIRB must be registered with AMSA which is free to do.

Would be wise to get one now and avoid the rush.

And By The Way

Two 90-year-old women, Rose and Barb, had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear that Rose was dying, Barb visited her every day. One day Barb said, "Rose, we both loved playing women's softball all our lives, and we played it all through High School. Please do me one favour: when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's women's softball there." Rose looked up at Barb from her deathbed, "Barb, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you." Shortly after that, Rose passed on. At midnight a couple of nights later, Barb was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to her, "Barb, Barb." "Who is it?" asked Barb, sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?" "Barb -- it's me, Rose." "You're not Rose. Rose just died." "I'm telling you, it's me, Rose," insisted the voice. "Rose! Where are you?" "In Heaven," replied Rose. "I have some really good news and a little bad news." "Tell me the good news first," said Barb. "The good news," Rose said, "is that there's softball in Heaven. Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play softball all we want, and we never get tired.." "That's fantastic," said Barb.. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?" "You're pitching Tuesday."

PRESENTENTS REPORT

I've gotten through my first year as President with minimal scarring!! All I can say is thank goodness for my committee. Jess and Kelly have been dedicated in keeping the administration side of the club in very tight order, Wayne Douglas as I've said previously is tireless in his quest for sponsors and generous to a fault with use of his "mansion" impromptu meetings and for storage. Meanwhile Nathan as Club Captain hasn't been able to loose himself in fish records because the bloody things haven't shown up. Geoff has continued with the Hookup magazine while Blacky, Mick Jongejan and Steve are always ready and willing to lend a hand as required.

On a personal note I'm saddened to report that VP Wayne is stepping down as VP and sponsor guru this year and we are on the look out for someone on to whom Wayne can pass on some of his bag of tricks and take over the sponsor guru role for this year. Similarly Geoff is stepping down and I too would like to as I'm simply not going to be here until December thereby missing our first tournament completely!! So if there is anyone available to take the reins from me put your hand up at the AGM or you will have to put up with a partially absent President for the second year in a row.

During the season we have held two AIBT tournaments and even given all of the circumstances such as the Yacht Club being closed etc. they have both gone off very well. OK, just a few ruffled feathers with a protest, a lot of partying, minimal fish but overall things went to plan each time. Again a big thank you to all that helped put the events together, top effort

I looked forward to a good year working with the committee and intended to make my mission for the year one in which we would strive to encourage ALL club members to enjoy the club for fishing first and foremost. This came undone due to the continued closure of the Yacht Club (with the fortunate reprieve that allowed us to use it during our Tournament earlier this). It is next to impossible to keep regular monthly meetings going without a venue. We held a three combined BBQ Park Cricket events which went down well but it's still not the same as club meetings.

Until the Club House opens again we are looking at holding quarterly meetings at a venue where we can get a meal and a drink, talk fishing and discuss the latest tackle, talk tall stories and all the other things that make up a club. Keep an eye out for an email setting out the first date, time and venue and don't forget to check the Club Web site.

On the fishing scene my compatriots in the Townsville Game Fish Club tell me that the little Blacks are starting to show up at Bowling Green in numbers already. Maybe a sign of good things to come this season? Here's hoping.

Until the AGM, tight lines

Phantom

AGM
Saturday 2nd August 2008
Venue: Wharf Tavern

3-4pm: AGM meeting in lounge area

- President opens the meeting.
- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM
- Business arising from minutes
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Club Captain's Report
- Special Business
- Election of Office Bearers
 1. Call for nominations
 2. Voting
- Meeting Close

4-5.30pm Casual Drinks & Finger Food served in lounge area

Presentation Dinner
Saturday 2nd August 2008
5.30-9.30pm Dinner & Presentation

Venue: Wharf Tavern Restaurant

Address: Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba

Partners, friends & family welcome.

Lucky Door Prizes & Raffles through the night

Members free. Non-member \$40/head

(remittance by cheque/money order payable to Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club)

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Nominations for Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Committee.

The following nominations have been received;

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer: Kellie Jensen

Secretary: Jess Walker

Club Captain: Nathan Douglass

Membership Officer: Kellie Jensen

General Committee:

MGFC representative to the MYC:

Hook-Up magazine Editor:

You are encouraged to play an active role in your club and your nomination for any committee position will be gratefully received.

I _____, hereby nominate for the position of _____ on the MGFC committee. (note: we will also be calling for nominations at the AGM)

I _____, will be unable to attend the AGM 25th August 2007 and wish to appoint _____ as my proxy.

this _____ day of _____ 2007

Signature _____

NAME (Print) _____

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FISHING REPORT: BUNNY'S WEEK AT MARION REEF

As some of you will know, Cam Foley and I went on a trip to Marion Reef in May with Damon Olsen's Nomad Charters, it is something we had been looking forward to for 18 months since we organised it so to say we were excited would be a massive understatement. The seaplane flight out from Hamilton Island was clear for us to get some great views of the Whitsunday Islands, the GBR as we flew over it, and the 23 mile long atoll which is Marion Reef as we made our approach to land, photos just don't give this area justice.



Above: Arriving at the Mother ship
Below: Let the fishing begin



This was a 'dory' trip which means that everyone fishes from Nomad's 3 16' Kevlacat side console boats or from their new 25' Contender centre console, which gives everyone ample opportunity to do both shallow water fishing and get some deep water jigging and pelagic action as well.



Above: Some of the boats
Below: Casting with poppers and jigging, this might be too energetic for some.



After quick introductions and a chat with some blokes I know in the departing party, it was down to the serious business of fishing. While the location was absolutely spectacular and the operation completely first class, the fishing was rather tough for most of the week. Both the tides and moon were pretty good and the fish were definitely present, but we all had to work very hard to get hits. Keeping the 'Doggies' away from the voracious sharks became the next big challenge as they monstered many of the good fish hooked over the first few days (particularly mine!).



The ever present Noahs were problems at times



Not a bad Doggie to Cameron

Despite this a number of good fish were boated throughout the week, such as Dogtooth Tuna to 20kg, GT's around 10-20kg with two going 30kg and 50kg, and Red Bass, Jobfish and Coral Trout to 12kg. I was lucky enough to score a 65-70kg Cod on a Jig which took some convincing to come out of the reef.



Bunny's Cod



That's one big "Cuda"

All fish are released unless they are the right size for the dinner table, Rob the chef did some wonderful things with some fresh Doggie, Trout and YFT, all barbs are crushed and a lot of care is used in releasing the fish.



One of the GTs to get boated



And another

The 5 star meals where that good people even took pics of them.
The team and crew where fantastic with heaps of laughter each day and helped with some amber and red fluids each night.
It really was an amazing experience fishing in a pristine location like Marion Reef and being looked after by such a professional team, I am now biding my time till I go to Bugatti Reef in April 2009, 'YEE HA'.



Tara serves up dinner. Some of the other dishes including dessert



Picked up Blue Water Mag yesterday with Malcolm Crane on the front with a GT, it has a good article inside by Damon with a few pics from our trip thrown in, the full page picture of Brandon casting around the 'Blue Holes' really shows Marion Reefs beauty.



Time out. Sometimes it's all too much hard work.



Left: Not all fish were lineburners. Right: Check out those fangs; watch the fish's too

EVENT CALANDER

Jul '08

31st- Aug 5 Sydney International Boat Show

Aug '08

2nd AGM & Presentation Dinner.

1st- 4th Dampier Classic

2nd - 3rd 6kg Light tackle Tournament

22nd - 24th Norship Light Tackle Slam

Mooloolaba YC

King Bay GFC

Cairns Bluewater GFC

Yorkeys Knob SFC

Sep '08

5th - 10th Gilbert Group NQ Mining Billfish Challenge. Townsville GFC

8th - 12th Mackerel Islands Tournament Perth GFC

13th - 15th Billfish Tournament Innisfail GFC

21st - 22nd Wollongong Annual Open Tournament Wollongong GFC

28th - 30th Port Hacking 100 Shoot-Out Port Hacking GFC

Oct'08

4th - 11th 22nd Black Marlin Lizard Island Classic Lizard Island GFC

10th- 12th Trophy Boats SF Classic Yorkeys Knob SFC

25th- Nov 2 John Jones Memorial Billfish Tournament Nhulunbuy Regional SFC

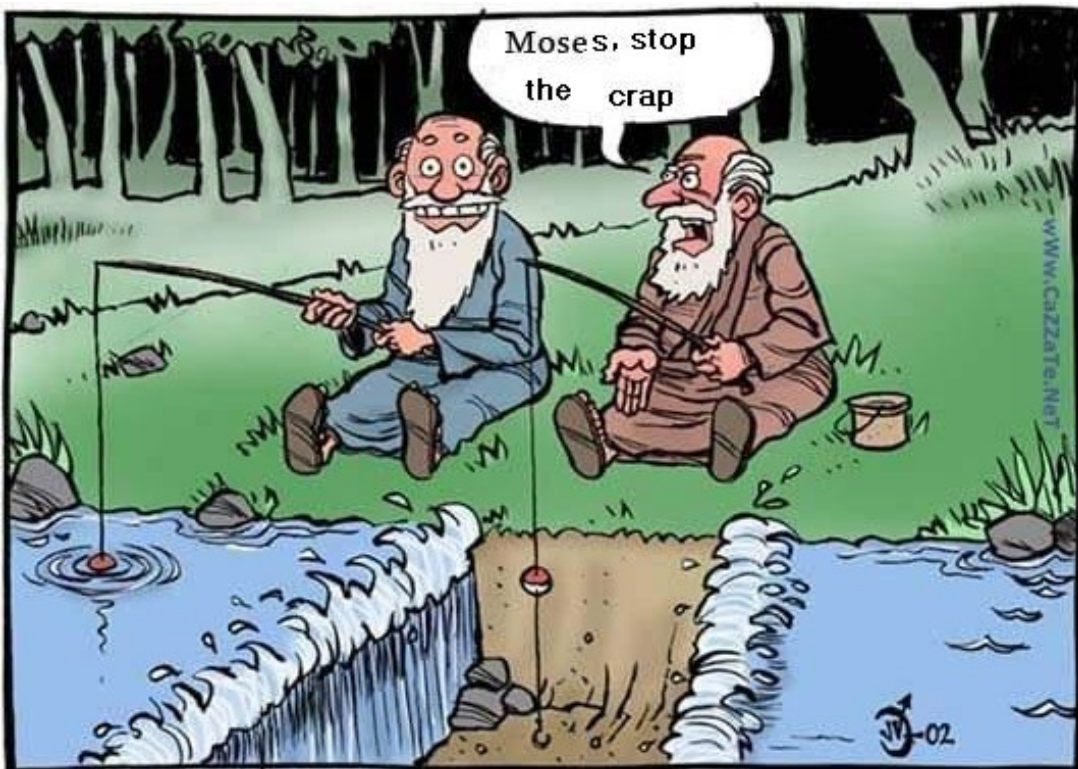
Nov '08

6th - 8th 8kg Light Tackle Tournament.

Whitsunday GFC

29th -30th Billfish Bash

Mooloolaba GFC





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