



# Hook-up December 2008 Issue

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AUSTRALIA

# BILLFISH BASH 2008

**NEW DATE RE SCHEDULED**

**FRIDAY 12TH**  
**SATURDAY 13TH**  
**SUNDAY 14TH**

**CALCUTTA 7.30PM**  
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MOOLOOLABA GAME FISHING CLUB  
QUEENSLAND GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION INC.





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# Rally Day Calendar 2008-2009

## 1st Saturday of each Month

September 6th

October 5th

November 1st

December 6th

January 5th

February 7st

March 7th

April 4th

May 2nd

June 6th



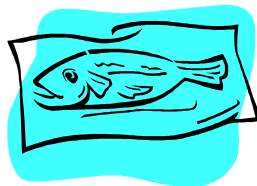
BBQ will follow fishing if  
everyone can make it

All points accumulated during rally days go towards winning the  
Geoff & Pauline perpetual Rally Day Trophy

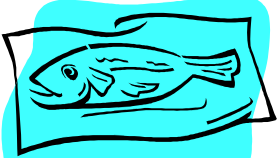
Champion angler for the last 2 years

2007-2008 Daniel Walker

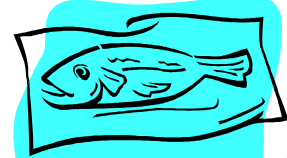
2006-2007 Nathan Douglass



Please be aware to start earning points to go towards your yearly totals  
you must be a financial member, to do so please complete the  
membership form on the website & post back to PO Box 298 Moffit  
Beach Qld 4551 OR please renew online at [www.mgfc.com.au](http://www.mgfc.com.au) & click on  
the link Membership Form. Payment can be made online via direct deposit  
or please post your cheque.



## Fishing news



The season started with a bang and the fish have arrived as predicted earlier this year. Warm water showed up in the heavy tackle grounds in August and has been spiralling into the light tackle grounds ever since. I keep records of the water temperature we see on "Luna" and here are the averages for the past months: July – 21.2, August – 23.6, September – 23.8, October – 24.0 and November 26.2. The best water according to those that fish regularly has been found between 12 and 30 miles from shore this does not necessarily mean the fish are found there but it is a good point of reference. Huge bait schools have been found especially on the 12 mile Mooloolaba and 12 mile Caloundra over the last 2 months and there has been a number of fish tagged there from our club and others. However it is not staying for long, the bait sometimes passes in a change of tide or a day.

A suggestion would be instead of travelling to numerous locations stick to what you know best, this maybe a favourite spot where you have caught fish before or have a suspicion there will be some there now. It may be a small reef, gravel patch, wire weed or upwelling, tide line or temperature break venture around until you find "good bait" and stay there. Chances are and I have seen it time and time again you may not get a fish immediately but once they "turn on" and feed you will notice the bait change formation on the surface or sounder and you're in with a chance. Change of tide is also important and the facts are the majority of fish are tagged 1 hour either side of its peak. The funny thing is the amount of boats that will pull up and move locations during those peak times and completely miss a bite or be trolling from one spot to another and be in "no man's land" sure you can still pull a roaming fish but if you want to maximise your success you need to play the percentages. Try the standard 8, 10, 12, 18, 21 mile grounds off Mooloolaba, 12 mile Caloundra and Caloundra wide, Gravel patch, Trench and Cape Moreton. If you don't have the GPS marks ask! 4

What have we done so far this season? Well I can tell you that last season the club had tagged 2 billfish and recorded another 20 game species up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. In the same time this season we have tagged 19 billfish and recorded another 36 game species. That's more billfish than the entire last season combined. So with 7 months to go we are looking at possibly the best result in 5 years. So well done to those venturing out and flying the flag for our club and finally being rewarded with what is shaping up to be a bumper season. Special mention must go to "Goin off" skippered by Geoff Harris who tagged 3 Sailfish for the day early in October. "Phantom" skippered by Ian Walker who managed 10 Black Marlin and a Sailfish to and from Cairns. "Animal" skippered by Steve Jensen who tagged a healthy Blue Marlin on 24kg stand up tackle for new member Craig Walters. "Luna" skippered by Wayne Douglass who tagged a Blue Marlin for Sue Douglass and a sizable Striped Marlin for yours truly on heavy tackle.

I am looking forward to the next few months as the light tackle fish arrive in bigger numbers and more fish are tagged it looks to me like a 50, 60 or 70 fish season. If you have a boat have a go if you don't let us know and we can arrange for some trips it is that easy, you never know you may just make a lifelong friend or become a permanent member of a team for tournaments or day trips. If you have not caught a billfish this is the season to try so don't be afraid to ask as no one will be left on the dock at our club – the friendliest club. Boats are always looking for crew to fish with and if they don't know you are looking they may not ask, everyone has to start somewhere. My tip would be don't jump on and fall asleep the moment you leave the heads. Be helpful, be realistic and enjoy the ride.

Nathan Douglass – MGFC Club Captain.



**Sue Douglass tagged this Striped Marlin on Luna**



He is passionate about his fishing but he is also keen for a good feed of muddies, these beauties were caught in the Mooloolah River. The last few weeks Nathan has been heading up the river every 6 hours to check his pots, it pays off.



## CHILL MUD CRAB

1. Freeze the crabs until they are killed
2. Cut into segments
3. Crack the claws
4. Heat oil in a wok
5. Add garlic, chilli, ginger & coriander root and cook until fragrant
6. Add the crabs and toss
7. Add tomato sauce, chilli sauce, water, hoi sin sauce, fish sauce, sugar and salt.
8. Stir to combine the ingredients, bring to the boil.
9. Cover and allow to simmer/steam for about 10 minutes
10. Add in the green onions, cherry tomatoes and herbs and serve with Jasmine rice, and crab pickers and bibs

# Angler / Boat Points

BOAT	SKIPPER	POINTS	HEAVY TACKLE	OUT OF AREA
Luna	Wayne Douglass	3,615.01	3,000.00	
Animal	Stephen Jensen	2,250.00	2,250.00	
Goin Off	Geoff Harris	2,300.00		
Hot Shots	Greg Burt	50.00		
Phantom	Ian Walker			8,150.00

ANGLER	GAME	TOTAL	HEAVY TACKLE	OUT OF AREA
Craig Walters	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	
Nathan Douglass	1,914.38	1,914.38	1,500.00	
Sue Douglass	1,820.63	1,820.63	1,500.00	
Geoff Harris	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Barry Breddin	800.00	800.00		
Greg Burt	50.00	50.00		
Rene Walker				3,400.00
Jess Walker				2,000.00
Dan Walker				750.00

## Monthly Angler Awards

August—Greg Burt

September—Nil

October—Craig Walters

These lucky anglers receive a MGFC vest with the month won embroidered on it.

Once you have won a vest organise to give it to Kellie & your month will be put on it under your other months won. If it is your first time winning the award please call Kellie to organise your size.

*M.G.F.C – 1770 REPORT*

25<sup>th</sup> September to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

In the late hours of Thursday night the 1770 road trip/fishing trip/drinking trip began. From Brisbane, Alex Wheeler and I departed to start the convoy north to the township of 1770. At about midnight we met up with Brian Black, Nick Peterson, Dan Edwards and Anthony West we fuelled up and kept moving. After dodging numerous kangaroos, bats, rabbits, road trains and furry things we arrived at the 1770 boat ramp on the Captain Cook River at 5am Friday morning.

The 6 intrepid anglers and 3 aluminium boats had arrived to see the sun rise, wind blow and waves crashing through the entrance to the river. Never the less we were all keen to get going and as the past weeks reports from the locals and visitors had said find our first billfish of the season. We loaded the crab pots and headed up river to drop in the various creeks and have a try for some fish on plastics while we were there. The first fish of the trip arrived and we had a flathead and some small grunter to start the day. We circled at the mouth of the river to check out the conditions for a day outside but the weather was shocking and it wasn't to be. We decided to call it a day and check in to our various hotels and beach houses and start the second phase of our trip – drinking. We caught up with Scotty, Helen, Pedro, Michelle, Jed and the kids and our fleet grew stronger with 5 boats and 13 anglers.

Saturday arrived and once again we woke to a howling wind and smashing waves on the heads. Another day of estuary fishing ahead - we tried the next creek a few miles from 1770, we stuck close to the beach and managed to risk death and made it inside. A few Cod, Grunter, Bream and smashing runs later we called it a day and prepared ourselves for the trip home. After launching over waves and making the poor 20hp Yamaha scream not to mention my deckhand we got back to the ramp and prayed for a better day. Once again more drinking and story time at Villa de Douglass and we were joined by Geoff and Pauline Harris who towed the trusty "Goin Off" up and ventured where we could not – outside. The tally was not good as Scotty, Pedro and Jed made the call to pull stumps and fish for Barramundi in one of the local dams as the weather predictions were not favourable.

Sunday morning was a new day and alas the weather had got bearable so out we went to do some light tackle finally on the last day of the trip. 5 minutes in the 3.75m tinny was hooked up and we were away the hooks pulled and that's all we saw for the next 3 hours of trolling. With thoughts still fresh in our mind of Spanish mackerel, Longtail tuna and 14ft tiger sharks from last trip we decided to hit the reefs for some table fish. The first 30 minutes was full of trevally up to 6kg which was some fun on whiting gear and when Anthony West hooked up and the rod doubled over we knew we had found the spot. A quick gaff shot by Dan Edwards and a 8kg snapper was onboard. Not bad for a 4m aluminium tinny 6 mile from shore. Another few burning runs with fish never to be seen and we went home with our tails between our legs.

Overall the trip was great fun with good friends, atmosphere and long nights on the beverages. Disappointing weather but that was an oversight to the time we had. The trip will be annual so if you are keen to join the boys and girls on the next outing get involved.

Our sked for the trip was 148 beers, 16 bottles of spirits and lifelong memories.

See you next time – Nathan.

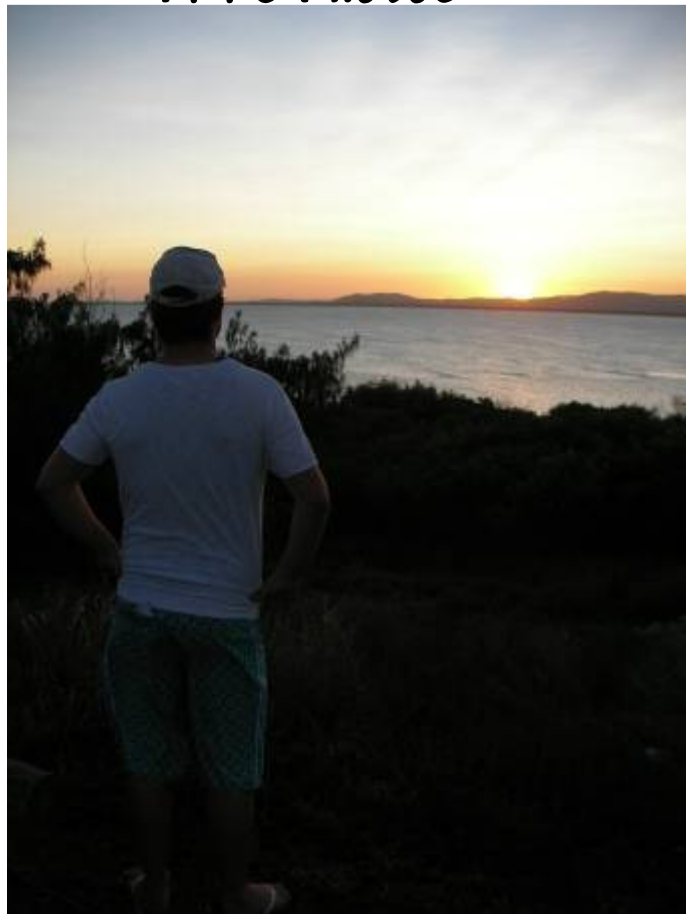


## 1770 Photos





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We welcome any photos & stories that you would like to have published in future Hook-Ups. Please email them to Stephen Jensen at [jenosk@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jenosk@optusnet.com.au)

Happy Birthday to the following member for  
December

Peter Richardson

