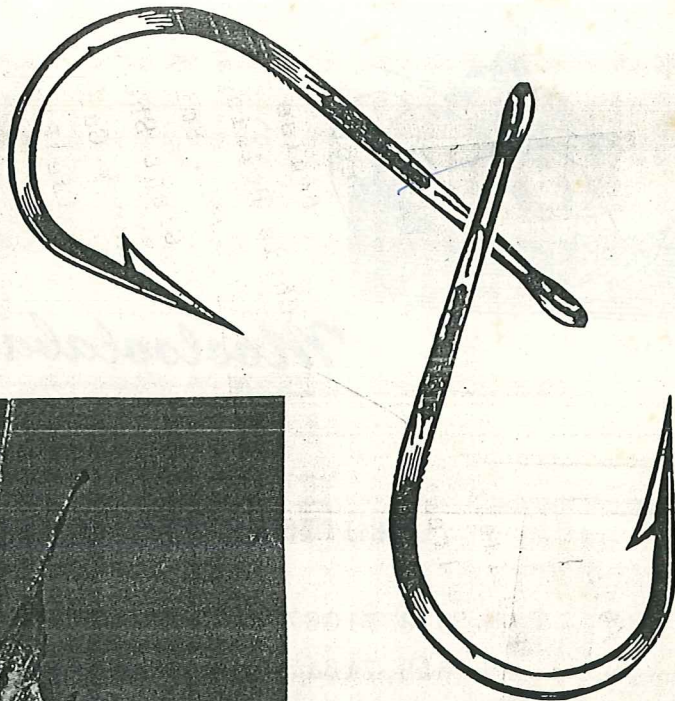


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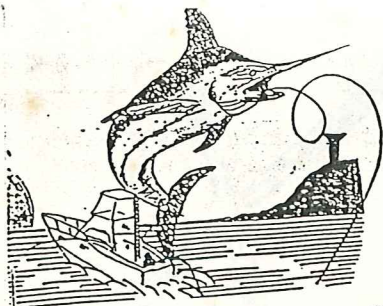
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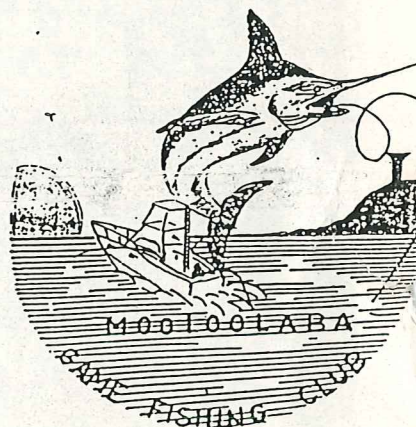
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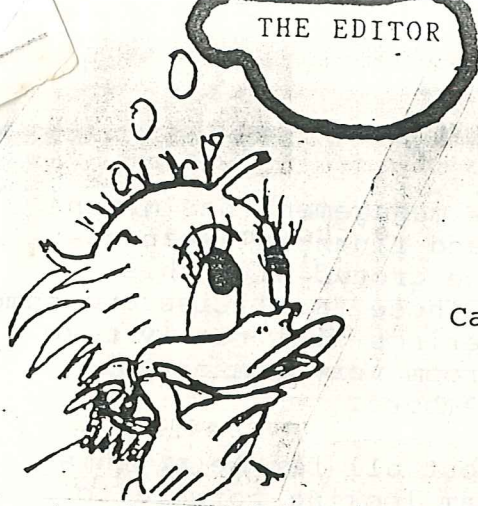
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Caricatures
by
Nanna!!

Firstly, my heartiest congratulations to all members who participated in the tournaments that have been held since our club's formation.

You all displayed a sporting spirit that I have not seen for quite a number of years in the game fishing communities.

We now have have official confirmation for our next tournament to be staged on the first week-end in May. For all those members who are unfortunate to have to work on week-ends start ticking up your credit now with your respective employers because that week-end is the three day labour day break. Monday the 3rd is a public holiday.

Coming up also in March is a camping week-end and a challenge by the Sport Fishing Club that should be a real blast. If you have not met members of the Sport Fishing Club you are in for a treat. They have very similar policies regarding socializing and fishing. Information about both of these events are in this issue of "Hook Up". Please do not hesitate to phone me to nominate or if you require further details.

My sincere apologies for missing a month of our magazine. I will endeavour not to allow this situation to happen again.

Thank you to all members who contributed to this edition you have made my task considerably easier this month.

Good Luck,

Daffy.

This side of the page has been allocated for members to have their say regarding the organisation and running of our next tournament in May.

The format the committee used seemed to be quite successful but we would appreciate your input and suggestions for the next tournament.

You may know of a better or more efficient way of doing something or can suggest something we omitted to do or may have heard of any complaints from other participating clubs.

Your suggestions are of utmost importance to us and we welcome all ideas whether large or small to ensure a more efficient and entertaining tournament.

You may either write, phone or bring up ideas and the next general meeting.

Please remember, if the committee is not aware of a problem we cannot correct it!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Tournament season is here with us again, with the local tournament completed and Bribie ready to roll.

Speaking of tournaments, my thanks to our members who competed in the Sunshine Coast Classic, and won the Club Championship Shield, a great result for our young club. Congratulations to the "Nomad" crew for taking out top honors, must have been your turn this time Vince.

Our next tournament will be held on the long weekend, 1, 2, and 3 May. The fishing will be Saturday, Sunday and half day Monday, with presentation Monday afternoon. This should be great news to our small boat crews, as they seem to be most affected by lost working days. The format should be much the same as December, a very modest entry fee, with a barbecue on the pontoon on Saturday night, a free night Sunday night and a great presentation on Monday afternoon, with a host of prizes and give-aways, and of course friendship and hospitality.

I also urge all our members to support Bribie Island comp., as they are a very friendly and social bunch, and have given us great support from day one, so make the effort. Entries will be accepted up to Thursday night 18/2/93, note that is to be paid by then.

I have already started the process rolling to have a male and female toilets and kitchen/bar facilities installed in our club room.

The centre management has given approval and financial help to get off the ground with this project. These facilities and some floor coverings will really make our club room very comfortable for our members.

That's about all for me at this point, I am looking forward to the year already, as it promises to be a real growth period for our club.

Kind regards,

Brian J. Black.

Contributions from
Members.

The Balek Buzz.

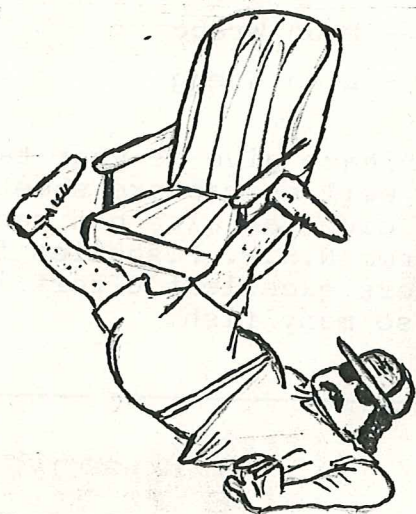
by Blackie

Local fishing identity, Geoff Short-house (B.B.) has leased well known game boat "Balek III".

For those who know the characteristics of this boat can appreciate this yarn.

The first charter for the boat came up in early January, a crew of german tourists, a couple of them could not speak English. I was doing the deck, and on the way out to the grounds I was quite impressed with "Balek's" ability to travel into a head sea at a very good speed.

"Balek Buzz" cont.



The day was quite successful and very entertaining as the first fish tagged was caught by one of the non speaking English tourists. His first fish ever, the german was very excited and oblivious to my hand signals and advice. I'm playing charades, explaining how to pump and wind and wind faster, with the angler looking blank at me saying "Ya Ya", meanwhile Geoff was yelling instructions, he wasn't aware that this guy couldn't speak English, everything worked out well in the end and we tagged three fish for the day.

Time to come home, and we had about 15-18 knots N.E. starting to chop the sea up. This being the first time the skipper had the use of twin diesel power and two throttles, he was half drunk with power (another old petrol-head).

The trip home was something else, the wash behind us looked like a drunken snake weaving out over the ocean. The boat has the frightening habit of leaning over to the point where the ocean is actually running past the top of the covering board, and stays there for awhile before it decides to come straight again.

When the boat comes upright, it then immediately heels over the opposite way, very exciting if you are moving around the boat, then while doing this it also does about 45 degree turns left and right at will.

After the first twenty minutes or so, you start to get the feel of it all, up till when we came around Point Cartwright, as you know the sea stands up pretty well around there. The skipper decided he would make a fast entry into port, at about the same time I was taken by surprise at how far the boat leaned over and kept going for some time at 45 degrees, it did come right and we arrived safely inside the river, by then we had buckets, bit of tackle, ropes, gaffs etc. all over the back deck, a lesson learned in stowing on an unfamiliar boat.

After the charter left, the boat cleaned, we were up at the office (Hog's Breath Saloon), having a few cold ones and discussing the day. I asked Geoff about the big broach outside the river and how far the boat went off course. Geoff looked around to make sure no one was listening and said to me, "The f-----g thing threw me out of the chair and I was on all fours trying to get back up to the wheel!"

The boat does everything very well, extremely manouvreable when backing down and raises fish consistently, great to work on, the only thing is travelling with a following sea, beware !!!!!!!!!!!!!

P.S. The abbreviation B.B. is the title Geoffrey justly won at the Hog's Breath Beer Belly Competition.

"When one realises

one is asleep.

at that moment

one is already half-awake".

Club Captain's Report

Game Fishing.

While there have been very good numbers of black marlin around in the past few months it is interesting to see that not many sail fish have been tagged also the large schools of bait have not been around. All this may be about to change with some bait schools starting to show up in our usual grounds of Mooloolaba hopefully the sails will be thick for our Tournament in May.

Sunshine Coast Game Fishing Classic

The Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club showed that while it may be a new club our members are a very keen bunch of anglers not just through individual effort but also the team work shown during the tournament. So it was great to see our club take out the Champion Club Trophy.

Day 1.

The weather was great but fishing was patchy, a few dolphin fish were taken and also a few black marlin tagged there was nothing separating most boats with 3 blacks tagged being the best effort and a number of boats only one fish behind. "Ruff Stuff" weighed a fish of 36 kilo for Claire Bright.

Day 2.

Fishing was conducted in great conditions once again. "Nomad" and "Balek III" fishing out wide raised a large number of fish and it was not unusual for two or three fish in on the baits at once. The competition was still tight at the end of day 2 with "Nomad" in the lead and "Balek" running fourth at this stage at least six boats had a chance of winning.

Monthly Comp. Winners:-

November - Jeff Wregg

December - Leon Wregg

January - Leon Wregg

Note:- Please give me your tag cards as well as capture sheets so that the club can also get recognition from N.S.W. Fisheries for our anglers excellent effort in tagging so many fish.

Day 3

The sky looked very black but the sea conditions in the morning were excellent. Fishing was patchy but for boats in the right spot when the fish decided to finally bite the action was really hot. Once again "Nomad" showed just what a good team effort can really do. Everywhere boats were reporting shots and hook-ups. But "Nomad" was always able to stay in front. The trip home was interesting with a 25 knot S.E. squall coming through so naturally the boys being true anglers decided that if you are going to get wet on the outside you can only do one thing and that is drown your insides with a few coldies whilst relaxing on the floor wedged into a tight corner.

Rob Werry.

THE MOOLOOLABA GAME FISHING CLUB
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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT
ROCK, BEACH & ESTUARY

BY B.J. Tompkins.

I am the club captain for rock,
beach and estuary (R.B.E.).

Over the last 2 or 3 months since
the club has started I have weighed
2 fish and received 1 capture
form and that was from one angler.
What I am trying to say is we have
a captain for game fishing, R.B.E.
and fresh water. I think the only
captain getting capture forms is
the game captain. It's pointless
for me and the fresh water captain
to be here unless you go out and
catch something.

P.S. Have a read about our fishing
challenge with the Sunshine Coast
Sport Fishing Club and give me
something to report.

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By Special Invitation !!!!!!!!!!!
The SUNSHINE COAST SPORT FISHING
CLUB has issued a challenge to the
Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club for
an ALL TYPES Fishing Tournament.
To be held on Saturday 27th and
Sunday 28th March.

The gauntlet has been thrown down
for this interclub competition.
For this event you can fish any-
where you choose whether it be up
the river, on the beach or out at
sea ALL FISH either captured or
billfish and tuna tagged will score
points going towards your overall
club score. Club points will also
be allocated.

The itinerary is as follows:-

Start Fishing - whenever you wish -
Weigh-in Saturday 3.00 p.m. at the
Coast Guard car park, Mooloolaba.

Sunday - Start Fishing - whenever -
Cease fishing at 12.00 p.m.

Weigh-in 1.00 p.m. at vacant land
next door to Coast Guard,
Mooloolaba, to be followed by a
barbecue afternoon. Food generous-
ly supplied by the Sport Fishing
Club. All you have to bring is
your own grog.

The usual ANSA and GFAA compet-
ition rules will apply.

As we are the new kids on the
block this invitation from the
Sport Fishing Club is a positive
sign of recognition for our newly
formed club and a great chance
for our smaller boat owners to
participate and have a great
social week-end.

There are no nomination fees only
your own personal expenses.

TO NOMINATE YOUR TEAM please
phone Denise Black (074) 443285
as soon as possible.

DON'T MISS OUT ON A GREAT
TIME.

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FISHING EVENTS and COMPETITIONS

coming up for CLUB MEMBERS'

INTEREST.

February - 19th/20th/21st, 1993.

Bribie Island Game Fishing Club

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.

N.B. This tournament has been postponed from the 12th, 13th and 14th February due to the cyclone to the above dates.

Nomination Fees will be accepted as late as Thursday 18th February either physically handed in on the night before fishing or posted to be to be received by Thursday 18th. If you have adhered to these dates, collect your anglers' bags upon mooring your boat at Spinnaker Sound on the Friday night if you are leaving from your own port on the First day of fishing.

As we now have a week's grace to nominate for this tournament we would appreciate as many members as possible to nominate and fish this event. For those who have never fished Bribie before you are in for a hot week-end.

All members wishing to fish this event contact:-

Denise Black - (074) 443285.

for further details.

N.B. If you have entered your boat after Thursday 11th February your boat is not eligible for entry in the Calcutta.

My apologies but this magazine will not be out in time to advise you that the briefing night is still on the 11th February.

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March - 12th, 13th, 14th, 1993

LAKE BORUMBA FRESHWATER FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION.

Registration closes 5th March, 1993.

This is a camping week-end for all the family. There are 120 campsites available at a cost of \$7.50 per night. Amenities available are:- Hot showers, Toilet blocks, Barbecues and Fireplaces (B.Y.O. wood), bring your own camping equipment. N.B. No animals are allowed.

We are looking at participating in this event as a club family outing.

All interested members please contact:-

Denise Black (074) 443285.

for further details.

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CONTRIBUTIONS from

MEMBERS.

Letter from Gary "Arab" Timperley.
Goondiwindi.

I thought I must write and thank your club for the best organised, best run, best fishing and best fun competition I have ever competed in and as far as hospitality goes, nobody could beat yours.

Being a "bushy", now (the yellow-belly fisherman) but not always. I am presently the president of the Cabarita Beach Amateur Fish Club and have been for some time, so I think you could say I have a bit of knowledge on competition fishing, (have been comp. fishing for 26 years).

So far as your comp. went last week on a point score of 1 - 10 I give you 9.9. You lose .1 for the fish I didn't catch.

An excellent comp. and I can't thank you all enough for your hospitality and the chance I had to fulfill my life long ambition to go game fishing.

Haven't had so much fun since Granny got her boobs caught in the wringer.

P.S. I had a bloody ball!

Thanks for the invite,

Lion Gary (Arab) Timperley,
Goondiwindi.

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CLUB MEMBERS who won TROPHIES in the Sunshine Coast Classic:-

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Champion Angler Light Tackle | Leon Wregg |
| 2. Champion Angler Male | Leon Wregg |
| 3. Champion Boat over 6.5 metres | "Nomad" |
| 4. Heaviest Billfish Weighed | Claire Bright |
| 5. Champion Deckhand | "The Butler" Trevor Garlick |
| 6. Champion Club | Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club |
| 7. Champion Club Team | Claire Bright, Leon Wregg,
Jeff Wregg, Mike Barnes,
Robert (Squizzy) Taylor. |
| 8. Highest Point Scoring Team - Day 2 | Jeff and Leon Wregg |
| 9. Champion Team Overall | Leon and Jeff Wregg |

CONGRATULATIONS! to all members of our club who participated and
to all victorious members.

WELL DONE - Not bad for a new club and only
3 competing club boats.

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FOR MEMBERS' EYES ONLY.

EXPENDITURE REPORT.

Expenses -	November	\$1,933.93
	December	\$3,815.84
	January	\$125.60
Income -	November	\$3,351.00
	December	\$6,968.30
	January	-

Note to all members:- Due to my commitment with the magazine and Secretary's job it is no longer possible for me to continue with the Treasurer's job as well.

All deposit slips and cheque butts will be available for perusal at February meeting.

XMAS BILLFISH BASH TROPHY

PRESENTATION 1992.

First Billfish
Day One

Jeff Wregg
M.G.F.Club.
"Nomad"

Most Meritorious
Capture

Graham Carrick
B.I.G.F.Club
"Obsession II".

Champion Angler
"Other Species"

Jeff Wregg
M.G.F. Club
"Nomad"

Champion Angler
Runner up

Graham Carrick
B.I.G.F.Club
"Obsession II".

Lucky Draws
Day One

Robyn Cavill
M.G.F.Club
"Wahoo"

Gordon Murray
M.G.F.Club
"Storm Bringer"

Bernie Williams
S.C.G.F. Club
"Sitges"

Champion Team/Boat
Under 7 metres

"Ruff Stuff"
M.G.F. Club
Claire Bright
Allan Harvey
Jeff Ryan.

Champion Team/Boat
Over 7 metres

"Wahoo"
M.G.F.Club
Grant Sherwood
Stuart Masters
Arab Timperley
Robyn Cavill
Denise Black.

Lucky Draws
Day Two

John Runje
B.I.G.F.Club
"Taipan"
Graham Carrick
B.I.G.F.Club
"Obsession II"



Champion Angler
Runner Up

Graham Carrick
B.I.G.F.Club
"Obsession II"

Champion Angler

Jeff Wregg
M.G.F.Club
"Nomad"

RAFFLE WINNERS

Striker III - Seafood Tray

Barbarian - Seafood Tray

Winner of the Modern Marine
Sounder

Blue Ticket E 2 - Clayton Black

CONTRIBUTIONS from
MEMBERS

SPLASH !!!! (Nothing to do with
the movie.)

by Captain Kodak.

It's not the trouble with the water
that's the problem, it's the boats.

Last year at the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament, Kona, Hawaii I was stepping off the press boat after it's engine expired. My cameras were safe in water proof cases. Our crew and cameramen (persons) were executing a mid ocean transfer from the "Summer Rain" to a fully laden second Press Boat of Japanese photographers when the sea parted us and into the briney I stepped, splash !!!

What a slack lot of photographers, not one of them even got an action photo. I was pretty pleased having only wet me and my old raffia hat, but what was that lump in my pocket? My electronic digital wizz bang light meter, it was spluttering and dying so I made an offering to King Neptune, casting it into the 600 fathom depths never to be seen again. That was Kona 1991.

In 1992, on the first day of the H.I.B.T. off Kona, the Press Boat stopped. Three hours later we were rescued by another Press Boat. Assured the next day that this was the Press Boat to be on, we set off to capture in living colour the famed blue marlin. By 10.30 the boat felt a bit sluggish on the pick-up when we attempted to motor at lightning speed to a hooked up blue marlin.

No go - we were slowly sinking. Yes, we got in and drained the boat. I had time to take in the harbour, boats and drain a two litre balloon of beer, have a snack, take a picture or two before the draining was complete.

Lastly at the Lexus Third Marlin Fishing Classic I was stepping, (or was it scrambling) from the "Kialua" to the mother ship, "Laura J" when the forces of nature parted us, but quick as a flash I spun and western rolled back into the "Kiahlua". Skipper, John Donaldson quizzed me, "what's wrong?" he inquired. "Just trying to erase my middle nick-name, Mike "Splash" Kenyon.

Results of the Lexus Classic:-

Winner - "Shoki Maru", skippered by Bob Jones - \$10,000 Most tagged and released on Day ! plus \$30,000 Most tagged and released in the tournament.

Heaviest Marlin weighed - 448 kilo captured on the boat, "Reel Easy" won \$30,000.

The tournament emphasis was definitely on tag and release with a nomination fee of \$1,600 per boat plus charter etc. the prizes certainly had to be quite substantial.

The bottom line for Lexus cars is that it really pays to advertise because the car salesmen sold four cars valued at \$360,000 over the four day tournament.



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Mrs Denise Black
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Dear Denise,

After a little effort I finally managed to find time to put finger to keyboard and knocked up this little yarn for inclusion in the club magazine.

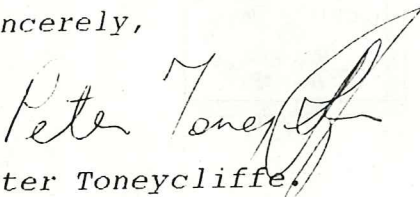
Although it has expanded on the original idea of letting others know of my little venture with Complete Fishing Tours I thought it might make more interesting reading to include the tale of my day out of Cairns. Hopefully it will also encourage others to test out their abilities with pen and paper as I believe club magazines with no input from members means a lot of additional work for the poor editor.

I trust the saga meets with the editor's approval.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all fellow members a merry Christmas and a joyful and prosperous New Year.

Tight lines in 1993.

Sincerely,


Peter Toneycliffe.

Thank you Peter for your contribution to our club magazine, it is most gratefully appreciated and the editor certainly approves.

WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE

by Peter Toneycliffe

We had been trolling a Trevally and a Barracuda as skip baits with a Scad as a swimmer since 10 am. During the day there had been three big fish come up under the baits, two had struck, but no hook-ups. I had been off the left rod for two minutes when yet another fish put in an appearance underneath its bait. Naturally I was disappointed as the thoughts raced through my mind as to how close it seemed I had come to the opportunity to catch that elusive quarry: a big BLACK MARLIN.

Only a month beforehand I had started a small company to organize fishing charters for individuals and groups around Australia and Overseas. I had flown to Cairns to arrange boats for an idea that came about after discussions with a dive charter operator whom I met in Melbourne. Stan had been out researching dive sites and found an area that in his words "contained the biggest Tuna and Marlin I've ever seen". Of course I got kinda excited about that news and in 1993 will be putting motherships and game boats into this area for those who want to fish a part of Australia which has seen little or no fishing.

"Reel Easy", skippered by Dave Pemberton of Townsville, was in Cairns for the Marlin season. Throughout the 1992 season there had only been three days when they had not brought at least one beakie alongside the boat. Unfortunately at 5.18pm, it looked like this was going to be day number four.

We were off the Linden Bank about 50 miles north east of Cairns and would need a couple of hours to get back to the marina. Dave was talking of packing up the 130lb tackle to head for home when the Black put in her appearance. The three Americans and myself could only sit back and watch as the two deckhands, Alan and Andrew, went about their business endeavouring to get this fish to strike.

The fish showed little interest in striking and it appeared the day was done with the fish being declared the winner. Then one of the deckies threw the centre outfit with the Scad on it into freespool. This was MY rod and the silent prayer that all fishermen make in these situations raced through my mind. "Please, please, PLEASE take it! Come on you bloody fish, STRIKE!"

Sitting on the flybridge I waited and suddenly Andrew called out "HOOK UP!". My heart felt like it was going to leap clear out of my throat when equally as quickly the call of "IT'S GONE" brought me crashing back to reality. Again the line was freespoiled and yet again the call of "HOOK UP!" and this time it stuck.

Have you ever seen anybody leap from the flybridge of a gameboat into the chair and not touch anything in between? I'm almost certain I managed this remarkable feat, and without a safety net as well.

As the 130lb tackle was pushed up on to strike the skipper threw the throttle forward and the big motors fired up and raced away from the fish. All other gear was quickly put away and then the angler was given his first taste of BIG fish on BIG tackle. The weight in the rod as I struggled to get the rod butt into the chair gible is a feeling that no other form of fishing prepares you for. Only those who have been there, done that, will understand what was going on in

my mind at the time.

Setting the strike drag at fifty odd pounds lends itself to a very interesting situation - like your bum being hoisted out of the chair each time the fish tried to turn away. A little unnerving to say the least. Within a few minutes (with the aid of some dishwashing liquid on the chair - Denise this does not mean it's time to bring out the sheep and lanolin lines again) a steady pressure was being put on the fish and what finished up as a 50 minute fight began in earnest.

How do you pass on to others the exhilaration that you feel when you fish heavy tackle? All I can say is that, despite having been fishing for 30 odd years and having caught a wide range of fish in my time, the feelings I underwent were like nothing I had ever experienced.

The anticipation as the angle on the dacron started moving away from the boat and everybody waited for the Marlin to show itself above the water for the first time. The absolute astonishment as about 950lbs of fish came halfway out of the water, this was one big bloody fish. The sorrow as it's first head shake sent sprays of red across the water surface. The delight when the perfect moment occurred, up on it's tail only fifty odd metres behind the boat. The satisfaction as the deckie leaned out and the tag found its mark.

A deckie at each shoulder waited for that moment when the trace finally reached the reel and they leaped into action. And then finally after 50 minutes of a very tough fight the awe as the most majestic of the ocean's pelagic fish lay alongside the boat.

The sheer joy as, after carefully checking the "lady" out to ensure she was in good condition, the line was cut and the bill released. She gently swam alongside for a moment and then turned left and headed back down into her domain.

Standing at the back of the boat congratulations and thanks were being passed around by all on board. I doubt that the feelings will ever fade from my memory and wish that all who fish were able to experience the emotion at least once. Perhaps, with a little luck, Complete Fishing Tours will give me the opportunity to assist others to achieve the same or similar experiences. If not in Cairns then maybe in Bermagui, Townsville, Vanuata, Alaska and many other places where that most excellent of contests takes place - man versus fish.

My thanks to Dave and his crew for providing me with the opportunity to realise a dream and to this Club for providing me with the opportunity to pass it on to others.

FOOTNOTE: If you are going away on holiday, around Australia or overseas (or if you are lucky enough to be going away for work reasons) then give us a call on 03-3543948 or 018-540844 and allow us the opportunity to get you out fishing. Whether it be for the day or a week our contact list is extensive and flexible. We also organize travel and/or accommodation and/or fishing as well as packages combining the lot. We will even incorporate your fishing into a family holiday. As we are affiliated with a licenced travel agent we are able to offer the same services and protection all agents provide. Keep an eye out for specials and packages in this magazine.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS FROM

COTTON TREE BULK MEATS.

The proprietor of the above butcher shop is a member of our club and will give all other members a discount of 10% for all meat purchased at his shop at Cotton Tree upon producing your club membership badge for identification.

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1st QUALITY ROLLED ROAST BEEF **\$3.99** KG

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IDEAL opportunity to include your family on this memorable package.

Below are more Packages from club member Peter Toneycliffe:-

GUIDED TOURS

Barra - 7 days	
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Tasmania	\$1,850.00
Blue Water - 7 days	
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Bermagui - 7 days	\$995.00

Packages normally include:-

Airfares

Transfers

Accommodation

Meals

and 7 days fishing.

Prices are approximates and are dependant on individual requirements.

From the Editor:- I know one little black duck who will be saving her pennies.

FOR further INFORMATION and package Structuring (including transportation)

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IT's EASY TO SMOKE YOUR Very OWN FISH.

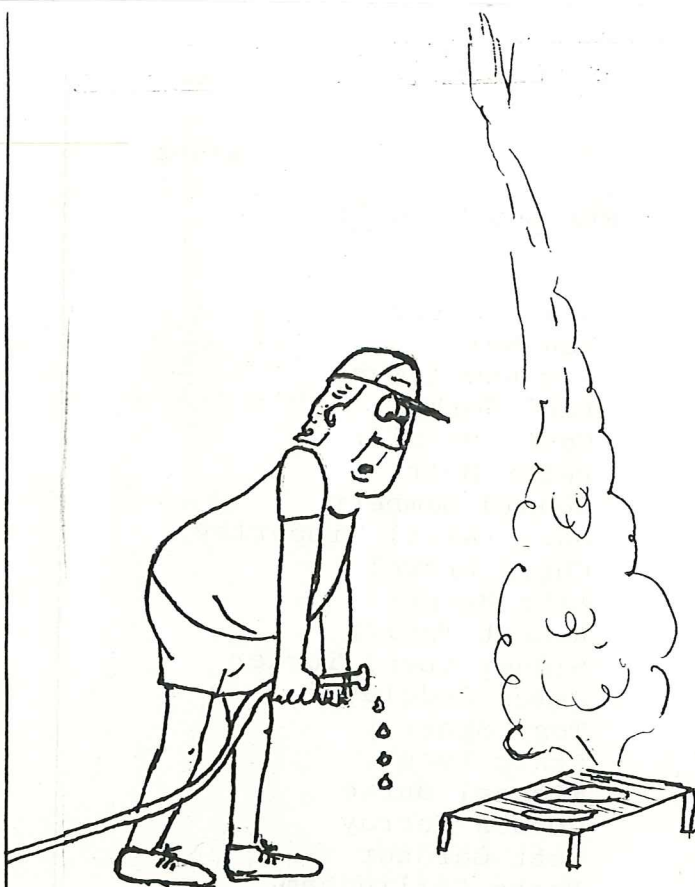
According to Mr. Ronald Carby, local fishing identity and expert SMOKER. Last seen still picking the scales out of his choppers.

For a minimal outlay of between \$80.00 to \$100.00 you can purchase from Mooloolaba Angler's Supplies a fish smoking contraption that is so easy to operate even I could do it.

The keyword in smoking fish is EXPERIMENT with marinating times and strengths of marinade till you obtain a result that is pleasing to your own palate.

Instructions:-

1. Catch some fish and cut into half palm size fillet chunks and marinate in a solution of 500 grams of salt and 500 grams of brown sugar in a bucket of water for the length of time that you require the flavour strength. (In other words, the longer it is left in the marinade the stronger it is). The salt removes all blood and the sugar, as it dries gives a tacky surface for the smoke to take to.
2. After marinating, dry fillets well with paper towel - note to completely dry to prevent steam from forming in the smoke box.
3. Arrange loosely on smoke rack and do not overload. The smoke flavour used is hickory chips or hickory sawdust obtained from most tackle outlets. The secret to smoking is do not get heavy handed with chips and overload the smoke, all you need is $\frac{1}{2}$ a cup of chips placed above each burner on the hot plate. You will need approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of metho for each burner to burn consistently for 15 to 20 mins.



4. Light your burners and replace hot plate and rack back into smoker. Check to make sure your metho is burning and replace lid.

5. Smoke for 15 - 20 minutes, not any longer as your fillets will dry out and are somewhat tough to eat.

6. When time is up for smoking, remove lid and arrange fillets on a plate for enjoying with your salad or whatever.

TIPS TO REMEMBER:- Clean your hot plate with a scraper after every smoke and hose all parts when finished all cooking.

Remember the more you use your smoker the nicer the flavour. It's a bit like some men, they mature with a bit of age and taste heaps better - or so I am told!!!!!!

"Success is a journey
not a destination -
half the fun is
getting there".

NEW MEMBERS LIST

John Softly
Ken Neil
Kim Kowalewycz
Paul Jerks
Geoff Brazier
Peter Bolt
Donald Lambert
Gary (Arab) Timperley
Chris Browel
Mike Barnes
Robert Taylor
Sidney (Len) Tucker
James Sedgley
Tony Speer
Craig Ryan
Michael Burke
Gordon Murray
Matt Gardner
Reece Callingham
Daniel Callingham
Steven Callingham
Mandy Callingham

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Believe It Or Knot

Did you know that bald patches are among parts of the body previously unlikely to qualify as sexy, but which are now the latest erogenous zones.

Bald Spots and receding hairlines are incredibly sensitive, says "She" woman's magazine in London.

A kiss on the crease on the inside of the elbow is also a "wow".

Believe It Or Knot

A British angler was so proud of the blue marlin he caught in Hawaii that he shipped it home, had it preserved, then fixed the four-metre fish to the roof of his modest home.

John Gladden, a 43 year old businessman, said he had spent eight years and roughly \$A67,000 trying to catch the fish, which now looks as though it is leaping over his house in Norbury, south London.

Outraged neighbours say they will complain to planning authorities about the flying marlin. "It's a real eyesore," said one resident.

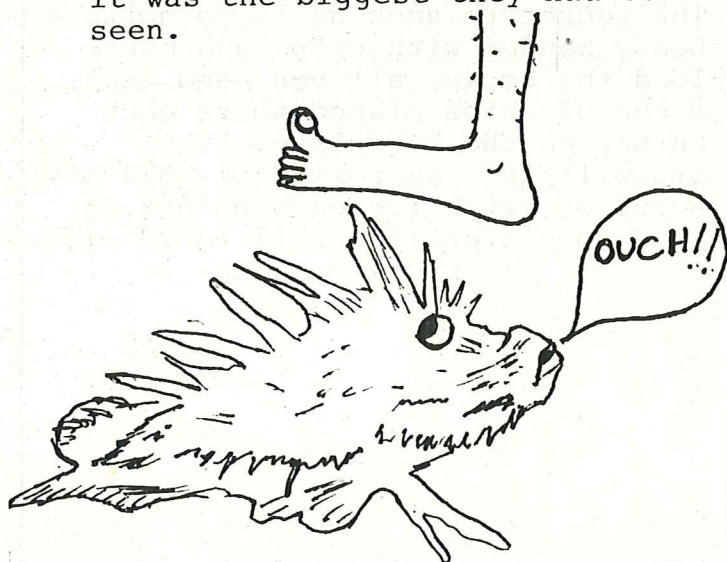
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Believe IT.

A POISONOUS stone fish - one of the biggest ever found in Bribie Island waters - was washed ashore recently.

The 30cm-long fish, which weighed 1.5kg., was found by children playing on the foreshore near the Spinnaker Sound Marina. It is believed to have been washed in on the high tide.

Spinnaker Sound Marina staff said it was the biggest they had ever seen.



HAVE YOUR SAY...

at the public meeting in your local area
to discuss

RECREATIONAL FISHING IN AUSTRALIA

and have an input into the

NATIONAL POLICY
ON

RECREATIONAL FISHING

Date: WED. 24/3/93

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: MOOLLOOLABA YACHT CLUB

PRESS RELEASE

OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT TO NATIONAL RECREATIONAL FISHING POLICY

A draft national policy on recreational fishing has been widely disseminated throughout Queensland. The views of the angling public are now sought to help produce a final national policy.

Mr Mal Ramsay, President of the Australian Recreational and Sport Fishing Confederation, will chair all 13 State-wide meetings. Mr Ramsay said "To assist Queensland recreational fishers to have constructive input into the final document, a number of public meetings have been convened around the State". He continued to say "It is important that grassroots anglers and individuals as well as members of fishing clubs attend these meetings to discuss the principles raised in the draft policy document".

The draft National Recreational Fishing Policy was developed by representatives of each State, the Commonwealth and the Australian Recreational and Sport Fishing Confederation.

Mr Ramsay said "The public meetings will focus on the contents of the draft national policy and whether it needs to be amended, what the policy means to anglers, why we need a policy, and how it might be funded".

Mr Ramsay also said "The boating and tackle industry representatives have expressed a keen interest in the draft policy and local representatives will attend each meeting."

"It is important for recreational fishermen to be aware that these meetings are as important but quite separate and different to those recently conducted by the Deputy Premier, Mr Tom Burns", Mr Ramsay also said. "However, both meetings are complementary as they both serve to highlight the importance of recreational fishing in this State."

Mr Denis Griffith, Chairman of the Queensland Sport and Recreational Fishing Council, said "The Council has been indirectly involved in the development of the National Policy and supports the idea of a National Recreational Fishing Policy. I urge all recreational fishers to attend these meetings to have a say on the future of Recreational fishing in Queensland".

The following is a list of meeting dates and venues.

Gold Coast	Monday	15 February	7.30 pm	Southport Surf Life Saving Club
Mt Isa	Saturday	20 February	10.00 am	Brothers Concordia Club
Brisbane	Wednesday	24 February	7.30 pm	Ballymore Football Club
Gladstone	Monday	1 March	7.30 pm	Country Plaza Motel, 100 Goondoon St
Bundaberg	Tuesday	2 March	7.00 pm	State High School Hall
Hervey Bay	Wednesday	3 March	7.30 pm	Great Hall Beach Rd, Pialba
Cairns	Sunday	7 March	7.30 pm	Cairns State School
Townsville	Monday	8 March	7.30 pm	City Administration Building
Bowen	Tuesday	9 March	7.30 pm	Air Sea Rescue Hall
Mackay	Wednesday	10 March	7.30 pm	Prince of Wales Hotel
Yeppoon	Thursday	11 March	7.30 pm	Roslyn Bay Coast Guard
Toowoomba	Wednesday	17 March	7.30 pm	Venue to be advised locally
Mooloolaba	Wednesday	24 March	7.30 pm	Mooloolaba Yacht Club