



33RD NATIONAL ANGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CONVENTION

NEWSLETTER No. 4 - NOVEMBER, 2012

Hi All,

Welcome to Newsletter No.4! There are now around 270 days to go until the 33 rd National Championships on the Sunshine Coast. Our planning is well on track and we are looking forward to entertaining you all with catches of fish, and a great social program at the Caloundra Power Boat Club. I hope by now you have made up your mind to be here for a great time.



QAFCA held their Light Gear Titles on the Northern end of Bribie Island on October 14 with 66 competitors attending and catching 712 fish for 123.83 kg. This Light Gear competition is unique to Queensland as I know no other state that fishes this way, but we have been fishing these events all over the state since competitive fishing started in Queensland. All competitors are land based and may use a line of no greater diameter than .030 which normally runs down to around 4.00 kg breaking strain.

As I mentioned, we fished the Northern end of Bribie for 6 km up the surf beach, which will be in bounds for the Rock and Beach in the Nationals, and the sandy islands inside the bar, which will be within the estuary boundaries. There were whiting, bream, dart and flathead caught and as every trip goes, there is always a story.

I know I will have a hard time making you believe this, but some of the fish hooked in this competition were just too big to weigh-in. Several years ago some wise person/s in Fisheries told us that all large flathead were females and consequently a law was introduced that any dusky flathead over 75 cm has to be returned to the water alive.



Well this was just one of those days! On 'lines down', Martin Cowling went to his favourite spot, threw out and straight away had a hook up. After a good fight, he got his fish on the bank, but to his disappointment, it measured 78 cm. Back it went into the water and straight away - you guessed it, another oversized flathead. Martin was not the only one to be disappointed. There were at least 5 other competitors who caught fish too big to weigh-in. That's not the story about the one that got away; it's the story about the ones we had to throw back!

Some may suggest that this competition was held in the summer months and these fish will not be there in August, but I can assure you we particularly picked August because it will give us the best of both worlds. The moon in August is the last of the breeding cycle of the bream. It sees the black bream turn up round the boardwalk at Caloundra, and whiting and flathead make their first appearance. The secret to fishing all areas is to have the right bait (here I am preaching to the converted). Without live worms, catches of whiting will be very poor, whereas the bream seem to prefer cut flesh or gut. Here, I am giving away trade secrets!

From what I have been hearing, there are still some people having difficulty with accommodation for the championships. I know it's hard to make people understand exactly



what we require, as everybody tells you there is miles of accommodation, but most of it is in high rise apartments - hardly a place to keep a boat. I tell people I would rather part with my wife than my boat! I suggest that you try one of the following to find something to suit your requirements.

www.accommodationcaloundra.com

www.holidaycaloundra.com.au

If you would like to get a cabin or van site, I suggest www.goldenbeachholidaypark.com.au

In this newsletter, I have included a membership form for the Caloundra Power Boat Club. Unless you become a member when fishing the titles, you will probably get sick and tired of signing in every time you enter the club. The cost of joining is \$5.50 per year or \$11.00 for 3 years. What advantage do I get in becoming a member? Firstly - discount drinks and discount meals! Your number goes in the draw for lucky membership draws. Even if you do not



become a member now, I suggest you have the form filled out ready when you arrive at the titles - it may save a lot of time!

I will finish off with my usual - I would still like to get a lot more early registration forms in, as we still don't have any great numbers. Queensland and New South Wales will have the biggest contingents and they are the worst offenders, so how about it? Please help me, and in the long run, this will help you.

Just to finish off - if anybody would like any information whatsoever about these titles, please feel free to contact me on the following -

Ph 07 3281 3514



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PO Box 3178
West Ipswich QLD 4305

Email : jpcrone@bigpond.net.au

In closing, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas, and I will talk to more of you (hopefully) in the New Year.

Cheers
John (Carnival Coordinator)

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1 year membership \$5.50 3 year membership \$11.00

Personal Details (Please complete) TITLE: MR / MRS / MISS / MS / OTHER

Surname:		First Names:	
Address: (Residential)			
		Postcode:	
Date of Birth:			
Home Phone:		Mobile:	
Email:			
Proposed by:		Club No:	
Seconded by:		Club No:	

Declaration (please complete)

I hereby make application for Membership of the Caloundra Power Boat Club.
 If accepted as a member, I will abide by the Constitution and By Laws of the above Club.

Signature: Date:

**A Membership Card is issued on application of all 1 & 3 year memberships.
 However your membership application is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.**

The Caloundra Power Boat Club is bound by the Queensland Club Privacy Code and is committed to the privacy of your personal information supplied on this form.
 The Club will use the information to provide it's facilities and services to you and also plan new services and improve existing ones.
 If you have any questions regarding the Privacy Code, please contact the Club's Privacy Officer, on telephone (07) 5492 1444 or fax (07) 5492 3623 or in writing at PO Box 1, Golden Beach QLD 4551

I do not wish to receive any promotional materials or offers.

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Subscription Fee:	Receipt No:
Date Entered:	Entered by:
Date Approved:	Membership No.
ID: <input type="checkbox"/> Drivers Licence (current) <input type="checkbox"/> 18+ card (current - Qld only) <input type="checkbox"/> Passport (current)	No. Sighted By:



Intention to Attend Form

**Australian Anglers Association 33rd National Angling
Championships and Convention
Sunshine Coast, Queensland, 2013**

Anglers may register in one of the following six sections :

Men	\$65	Ladies	\$65	Juniors (under 17)	\$35
Veteran Men	\$65	Veteran Ladies	\$65	Social	\$35

For Early Registration, a discount of \$5 per competitor will apply.

For Early Registration, please return with FULL PAYMENT (Cheque made out to QAFCA Inc – ABN 95 238 239 719) before **1st July, 2013**, to the following address:
Queensland Division of AAA, P O Box 3178, West Ipswich, Qld, 4305

Name :		
Street :		
Town :	State :	Postcode :
Home Phone :	Mobile Phone :	
Email :	State affiliated with :	

Please tick appropriate category

Name	Men \$65	Ladies \$65	Veteran Men \$65	Veteran Ladies \$65	Juniors \$35	Social \$35	Amount
Less Discount of \$5 per competitor if registering prior to 1st July, 2013							
TOTAL payable							

Juniors must be under **17 years of age** on the 6th August, 2013, while Veteran Men and Veteran Ladies must have reached **the age of 60** on or before 6th August, 2013.