



BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005

Presidents Report

Over the last few years, the Brisbane Sportfishing Club has lost quite a few members for various reasons. Priorities change, families grow, work commitments may impinge. The committee set membership as our number one priority when I became president two years ago, and the hard work we have done in that time at last seems to be paying off with several new members joining this year. We have a good variety and number of club trips, a range of excellent speakers at our meetings, an informative web site, and a good newsletter. **There is more enthusiasm about the club.**

Our club motto is 'Bluewater, Freshwater, Estuary and I think we have followed this in terms of the trips we have had over the last year. We have held 12 club trips during the year, namely FishTag 2004, Gold Coast snapper trip, Jumpinpin trip, Mooloolaba trip and State Titles, Awoonga Barra trip, Gold Coast Game trip, Bribie Is SFC interclub, Brisbane SFC interclub comp, shark tagging trip, Burrum Hds, Winter State Titles and Boondooma bash. These trips have catered for estuary, freshwater, reef and game fishing and most have been moderately well supported by club members. There has been plenty of 'boat hopping', as various members have accepted offers to crew on the boats most suited to the style of fishing on offer. **To me, this participation and interaction is what being in the club is all about.**

I think most notable among these were the trip to Awoonga Dam, the Houseboat trip to Jumpinpin and the trip to Burrum Heads, which were all well supported. We also fielded 12 of our members for the Bribie Island SFC Interclub comp, and had 35 nominations for our own interclub comp in addition to making a nice little profit. This would make it one of the most successful comps we have had in recent years. Unfortunately, the TS Koopa is no longer available to us, and we are on the search for a new venue.

It should be noted, however, that to a large extent, it is the committee members who support the club trips. These trips are put on for everyone and provide an opportunity for new members to learn something, experienced club members to put something back in and show others what to do, and for social interaction among members on the trip. **The committee do put a lot of effort into organising events which they think will be attractive to club members, and it would be gratifying to see more members taking advantage of this.** Certain trips are annual events, such as the interclub comps, the Jumpinpin trip, and the marlin trip, while others vary from year to year. Suggestions are always welcome for somewhere new to try!

It has also been very good to see someone claim the fish of the month each month and also the fish of the year trophies, and every single one has been with a very good specimen. This indicates plenty of interest and participation in these trophies and indicates high skill levels within the club to see such quality specimens win the awards.

This year we also introduced the Club Champion and Champion boat trophies and I believe this has been successful to some extent in encouraging competition among club members. This may have also encouraged some people to participate in more club trips. I am not yet aware of the standings of various members in this category, but I believe the end result will be fairly close. Certainly, the **friendly competition** among club members and increased participation on club trips are good for the club.

We have also heard some great talks over the last year, such as Warren Steptoe's talks on impoundment barra, the reel servicing demo, snapper and bream on soft plastics, and Moreton Bay jew. If anyone has some suggestions of a speaker or a topic, please feel free to let me know. Also, please promote these events amongst your friends and workplace wherever possible. You can email the newsletter around or photocopy the front page and place it on a notice board. Visitors at club meetings will help raffle sales and also provide potential new members.

We have been a small committee with just eight members (out of the 13 allowed in our constitution). This can be an advantage in some respects as it reduces the discussion time on difficult issues, but it also means that a lot more work is required of fewer people. **I would like to thank all of last year's committee for their hard work and commitment**, and I am grateful that almost everyone is staying on for another year. Unfortunately Mike Clare is standing down due to other commitments. He did a great job as secretary and never complained at all about the workload. I am also grateful to long time club member Peter Marshall who has agreed to become our new secretary. I would also like to particularly thank David Marsh, our treasurer, who had to work really hard to bring the clubs books up to scratch for audit last year (among other things) and Damon who has been running the raffle each month. You will see from the accounts that the monthly raffle has raised quite a lot of money for the club, which is important for our continued existence. It helps having some quality prizes available from our sponsors and also thanks to everyone who attends for buying a ticket or three. Not a big cost for the nights fun anyway.

Although we have nominations for and should fill all of the most important committee positions again this year, there is plenty of room for more committee members (up to another five!). **In fact, we critically need more committee members to help us out and share the workload.** Joining the committee is a great way to get involved in the club and get to know other club members better. Of course, it is also the best way to have your say on what the club does each year. If you don't want to join the committee, there are still other ways to help out. Ken Bloor, for example, has greatly assisted us with recruiting sponsors to donate prizes for our interclub comp and monthly raffles (a big thanks to Ken!). This is an area in which we can still do a lot better, so if you or your relative or friends are in a business which may be in a position to donate something appropriate, perhaps you could have a word to them.

Looking forward to another year in sportfishing,

Jeremy Arnold

Secretaries Report

Over the past year, the Brisbane Sportfishing Club has gone from strength to strength, thanks largely to the efforts of the club committee and members of the club willing to support them.

As secretary for the year 2004-2005 it was great to be involved in the planning and implementation of events for the club as well as the everyday running of club business.

The committee is the driving force behind the club. They are doing a great job. I'm sure the incoming secretary Peter Marshall will enjoy his time on the committee and I hope that everyone gives Peter and the committee the support they deserve.

Mike Clare

Treasurers Report

Despite a Loss of \$601, 2005 can be considered a good year for the Club with some excellent indicators of strong growth. This Loss was contributed by a few major factors. For the first time in a long time we have had to pay for Accounting and Auditing costs. (We have escaped these in the past due to the generosity of Jon Norling. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to Jon for this invaluable service in the past.) This accounted for \$507 for the year. Depreciation of our assets accounted for another \$427 and we also subsidized the Annual Presentation Dinner, which we also intend to do again this year. The committee considers this an important investment in the social fabric of the Club and a great way to return even more value to the Members and their Families.

Although we are working hard to reverse the situation and eliminate any Loss, I believe that in the circumstances this is a great result that we can be proud of, especially in light of the position some of other Clubs are in. Revenues from Memberships were up, because Memberships have increased for the first time in a long time – more great news! A great deal of effort has gone into sponsorship and donations during the year. This has resulted in good prizes for our Annual Interclub Competition and also our monthly Raffles. Proceeds from both are well up and they now represent very important income streams for the Club. We have identified some areas where we can do even better at fundraising while still returning phenomenal value back to the Members. You will soon see a slightly expanded range of goods offered at Club meetings including coffee and Tea as well as soft Drinks during the colder months and also some nibbles. This will provide a service to members and further help reduce our costs.

I have taken steps to streamline our account keeping and have also fully computerised our accounts into Spreadsheet form to make the Treasurers job simpler in future and also to minimize our Accounting and Audit costs. To this end I have also introduced an entry called “Debtors and Prepaid Expenses” to better report Accommodation Deposits that are sent off well in advance to secure our bookings, and to also cover costs incurred in one year but recovered the next, along with bits and pieces that various Members owed at 30/4/05. We are also looking at trying to reduce the amount of Newsletters that are mailed out as this represents the Club’s largest reducible cost. Members can help in this by opting to receive their Newsletter by Email. This saves the Club both Printing and Posting costs. Unfortunately there was no income this year from Fishing Clinics.

All in all I believe that we have had a good year financially and have sown many seeds that should kick-in to continue the Clubs strong financial position while we continue to push to grow our Membership, have great trips with good affordable Accommodation, and great meetings while returning good services and great value to the Members.

Dave Marsh

BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2005

STATEMENT BY TREASURER:

To the best of my knowledge, the operating statement for the year ended 30 April 2005 and the balance sheet ended on the date presents a true and fair view of the results and state of affairs of the Brisbane Sportfishing Club Inc.

David Marsh
Treasurer

STATEMENT BY AUDITOR

In my opinion, the financial statements set out on pages 6 and 7 present fairly the financial position of the Brisbane Sportfishing Club Inc. as at 30 April 2005 and the results of its operations for the year ended.

Not available at this time

BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Balance at Beginning of Year	15,703	16,573
Surplus/(Loss) for year	- 601	- 870
MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>15,102</u>	<u>15,703</u>
Represented by:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand	150	278
Cash at Bank	3,652	4,601
Debtors and Prepaid Expenses	903	-
Interest Bearing Deposit	9,666	9,666
	<u>14,371</u>	<u>14,545</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Plant & Equipment (at cost)	4,852	4,852
less: Provision for Depreciation	- 4,121	- 3,694
	<u>731</u>	<u>1,158</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	15,102	15,703
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry Creditors	-	-
NET ASSETS	<u>15,102</u>	<u>15,703</u>
MORTGAGES, CHARGES AND SECURITIES	Nil	Nil

BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.

OPERATING STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions & Joining Fees	3,408	2,807
Sale of Goods	637	164
Raffles	1,013	67
Fishing Clinics	-	310
Competition Receipts	1,355	826
Interest Received	421	431
Trip Receipts	1,740	-
Social Functions	460	296
Profit on Sale of Assets	-	176
Other Income	156	26
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	9,191	5,103
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Accounting and audit fees	507	-
ANSA Affiliation Fees	1,777	1,888
Cost of Goods Sold	601	280
Competition Costs	418	366
Raffle Costs	38	100
Newsletter, Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,017	1,062
Bank Charges	199	92
Annual Trophy Costs	691	389
Meeting and Conference Costs	418	235
Depreciation	427	662
Trip Costs	2,054	-
Rent - Sailing Club	-	200
Sunfish	120	50
Social Function Expenses	1,010	486
Other Expenses	515	163
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	9,792	5,973
<u>SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR YEAR</u>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	- 601	- 870