



# BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006

## **Presidents Report**

The last year has been another very positive year for the club. We have continued to grow steadily in numbers which is so critical for the future of the club. Most new members have made the effort to come along to at least a few meetings and come along on at least one trip. These are the people who will get the most out of their membership in so many ways. It has been great to see (a few first hand) some of our new members catching their first of a new species or a new PB. The stuff memories are made of!

One of the benefits of being president is that I get to meet all visitors at the club meetings, all new members who join up, and also all of our speakers. I just wish I had a bit more time to spend chatting to people during the meetings.

Most memorable among the club trips was the trip to Awoonga last November, with 160 barra caught during the week, with 44 over the magic metre mark. Other trips I remember include the houseboat trip to Jumpinpin chasing flathead, and the flotilla following Roy Lane out through Sth Passage chasing snapper. The trip to Awoonga is on again next year with many of the same people, and a few others expressing interest, which is great. For fish caught, the trip to Burnett Hds would have to be the standout, although there were only five club members who attended. This trip is also pencilled into the diary for next year during the May long weekend.

One disappointing aspect of many of these trips has been the lack of members attending. For example, we only had 6 members at Awoonga, and about the same on the houseboat. The committee does try hard to plan trips which will be interesting and productive for the club. We have recently had some feedback indicating that more people may be able to attend some trips if they were held on Sundays. We have taken this into account and will continue to plan accordingly where possible. We welcome suggestions from members regarding possible club trips and their timing, so please feel free to let us know your ideas.

There were a number of excellent talks over the last year also, including Warren Steptoe on impoundment barra, Aaron Concorde on deepwater jigging, Owen Hancox on trailerboat gamefishing, Lyn Bain on seafood cooking, Brad Smith on luring the Gold Coast canals and Brian Webb on Moreton Bay reefies, which set a record for attendance in recent years. If anyone in the club knows or can think of someone who would give an interesting talk, please let us know as we are always on the lookout for new speakers.

The 'Fish of the Month' competition has again been a great success, with the largest of the nominated species each month shared around club members, and in most cases being won with top quality specimens. The 'Fish of the Year' was sweetlip for the first time in the club's history, and there was an outstanding specimen weighed early on in the year which will take a lot of beating.

Our interclub comp was the best it has been for several years, based on the 37 nominations we had, excellent support from our sponsors, and financial return to the club. It is strong evidence that the current format is working well, and we hope it will continue to grow further next year.

As has been the case for several years, the elected committee just barely filled the required positions and a lot of work was left to a few. A big thanks to Kev Behrens who took over the role of secretary (after the person elected as secretary at the 2005 AGM resigned at short notice) and did a wonderful job, and also to Chris Power, Bob McMillan, and David Rawlins who joined the committee late in the year and helped to spread the workload and have made some valuable contributions. I would also like to make special mention of Peter Gannon who has served on the club committee for 10 years straight, for many years as the treasurer and more recently handling membership issues. He is also a great 'club' man, attending most club meetings and trips. Peter is understandably stepping down from the committee at the end of this year, and has my thanks for all his work over the years.

It is a well worn line, but so true that 'you only ever get out of something as much as you put in'. The Brisbane Sportfishing Club has so much to offer its' members. There is an incredible knowledge base distributed among the members covering a very diverse range of fishing types. Get to know the other members of the club, and who does and knows what. I have tapped only a tiny fraction of this knowledge myself and really should try to fish with a wider variety of club members in their domains.

I wish everyone good fishing and smooth seas for the 2006/07 fishing year, and hope you all achieve some of your fishing goals, whatever they may be.

Jeremy Arnold  
President

## **Secretary's Report.**

The 2005/6 fishing year is coming to an end and it is now time to re-count all that has happened. Though I was not elected as Secretary at the 2005 AGM I took on the position late 2005 when Peter Marshall had to resign due to ill health.

The major event during the year was the BSFC Competition held in March 2006. Planning or organising for the comp commenced almost immediately following the AGM in July with letters going out to our various sponsors requesting support for the competition and is only now being finalised with the 'Thank you' certificates going out. Combined with a number of other tasks and through the effort of all committee members, I feel that our 2006 competition was a resounding success and comments from visiting clubs indicated that they would be recommending our 2007 comp to all members within their clubs. Here is hoping that the 2007 comp will be even better attended and that it, and successive comps, will continue to grow and improve.

Other major initiatives we had during the year were our continued membership with the South Moreton Branch of Sunfish, the continuation of the club's corporate status, the running of a major raffle and, most importantly, our integration into the Sunfish – 'Kids Fishing Adventure Day' scheme. This last initiative should see extra funds coming into the club next year and, more importantly, will also provide good advertisement for the club and provide a start in fishing for potential new members. All in all, the scheme should benefit the club well into the future.

One task that I enjoyed was the registration of all the Record and Master claims produced and sent up to State and National level by our Recorder, Darryl Lund. It is good to see the quality of captures being made and members achieving their fishing goals, as this is one of the aims of the club.

The role of Secretary has been an enjoyable one but work requirements will be seeing me step back into a basic committee member role in 2006/7. I've been a member of the BSFC now for over 30 years and I feel that with the support of the committee and all members, the club will be still going strong in another 30 years.

Kev Behrens  
Secretary

## **Recorder's Report.**

As we come to the end of my first year as recorder it is a time to reflect on the clubs fishing achievements. I believe that it has been a very successful year with 336 fish from 67 species recorded on the books this year, and an additional 1500 odd fish tagged. There have been 2 Queensland record captures and an additional 2 Queensland and 3 National record claims still pending. There were also 67 masters captures reordered with 7 masters certificates awarded and an additional couple still to be claimed. We also had 36 club records. By all accounts a very successful fishing year

The highlight for me has been the successful club trips. We started the year with the Fishtag trip, with 5 boats turning up on a wet and cold morning. We had a good result with over 100 fish swimming away with little yellow tags.

The Awoonga trip was an outstanding trip with both good numbers and size of fish. All anglers caught fish and all but one caught a metre plus barra. This in itself is a major mile stone for any angler that has chased a barra. Almost all the fish were measured and released with only few being reordered for masters and records

The Interclub's have been a great success with Brisbane again winning the Bribie comp and coming runner up in both Kingaroy's and our own comp. The Brisbane interclub was a very successful with good attendance and some great captures reordered. There were 2 national record claims and a number of club records. A couple of the new members commented on the size and variety of the captures weighed. Lets all keep our finger crossed for good weather for next year.

The other trip I would like to comment on was the trip to Bundy on the May Day weekend. Although only five members fished I am sure all would agree that the fishing was excellent, with all anglers catching good fish, and bring home an esky full of quality filets. Great hospitality from the Bundy club only added to the top weekend.

All members should remember that fish can be submitted to the recorder at any time. Simply fill out a capture form and put it in to the recorder. These are available on the web site and from the recorder at the meetings. They can be submitted by email, fax, at a club weigh-in or meetings.

There are many benefits to submitting captures. Along with masters and records, ANSA QLD has a club competition that runs each year, for the club that records the most fish species. These do not have to be weighed, or captured on pre test line, and can even be caught on braid. Just record the length and put in the capture form. Of particular interest are species that are unusual. The target is to beat the 67 species we caught this year, and maybe become the top club.

Another benefit of reporting captures is that it shares information between members on what is biting. The more information we share between each other the better we as a club function. Don't forget to check the recorder report in each newsletter, and let me know if I have made any mistakes or missed your captures, we all get it wrong occasionally.

My final message to members is that you get as much out of the club as you put in. So come along to meeting, and listen to the great line up of guest speakers, and make an effort to come on as many of the club outings as you can.

Darryl Lund  
Recorder

## Treasurer's Report

2006 was another growth year for the Club. Not only were Memberships on the increase but so much been returned to Members. We still carried the burden of heavy Accounting costs but the good news is that it was for the last time. From now on a full independent Audit is now longer compulsory and this will save us several hundred dollars and also a hell of a lot of time. (Thanks to the Beatie Govt.)

The Committed has worked hard to reduce expenditure and increase revenue. This resulted in a loss of only \$307.00, with more than half being attributed to depreciation of assets; this once again is a very good result to get during the rebuilding phase of the Club.

The good result was due to

- a) an increase in Meeting Raffle revenue (Thanks Slobs)
- b) the Big Easter Raffle (Special hanks to Kev)
- c) an increased effort in the area of sponsorship and donations (Special thanks to Chris & Rob)
- d) A fantastic result from our Annual Interclub Competition, which was run very tightly. (Thanks to all)

The reduction of Newsletter costs has been gratifying and I predict that more progress will be made in this area in the coming year. Presentation Dinner was again subsidised last year but many people that made a booking did not come and that resulted in a loss of several hundred dollars. This was unfortunate but we have taken steps to make sure this won't catch us again.

I have taken further steps to continue the streamling of accounts, and reduced the amount of cash running through our books unnecessarily. (Particularly Accommodation costs will I try to pay directly) This is in keeping with trying to reduce the red tape and simplify the job and it's reporting.

In summary, the Club is in a very healthy financial position, and we hold a large amount of donated goods which we can raffle off, which are not reflected in our Balance sheet as they are not purchased assets. If we continue to do what we have been doing and again have a major raffle this year, I believe we will soon be in the Black despite that damn depreciation.

David Marsh  
Treasurer

**BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL  
2006**

STATEMENT BY TREASURER:

To the best of my knowledge, the operating statement for the year ended 30 April 2006 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 7 and 9 present fairly the financial position of the Brisbane Sportfishing Club Inc. as at 30 April 2006 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 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		
Balance at Beginning of Year	15,102	15,703
Surplus/(Loss) for year	( 307)	( 601)
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<u>14,795</u>	<u>15,102</u>
Represented by:		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on Hand	150	150
Cash at Bank	4,405	3,652
Debtors and Prepaid Expenses	10	903
Interest Bearing Deposit	9,666	9,666
	<u>14,231</u>	<u>14,371</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Plant & Equipment (at cost)	4,852	4,852
less: Provision for Depreciation	( 4,287)	( 4,121)
	<u>565</u>	<u>731</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>14,795</b>	<b>15,102</b>
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Sundry Creditors	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>14,795</b></u>	<u><b>15,102</b></u>
<b>MORTGAGES, CHARGES AND SECURITIES</b>	Nil	Nil

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## OPERATING STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Subscriptions & Joining Fees	2,524	3,408
Sale of Goods	1,175	637
Raffles	2,133	1,013
Fishing Clinics	-	-
Competition Receipts	1,439	1,355
Interest Received	515	421
Trip Receipts	620	1,740
Social Functions	500	460
Profit on Sale of Assets	-	-
Other Income	144	156
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	9,049	9,191
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Accounting and audit fees	547	507
ANSA Affiliation Fees	2,153	1,777
Cost of Goods Sold	847	601
Competition Costs	543	418
Raffle Costs	41	38
Newsletter, Printing, Postage and Stationery	756	1,017
Bank Charges	123	199
Annual Trophy Costs	824	691
Meeting and Conference Costs	314	418
Depreciation	167	427
Trip Costs	1,381	2,054
Rent - Sailing Club	-	-
Sunfish	50	120
Social Function Expenses	1,407	1,010
Other Expenses	203	515
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	9,537	9,792
<b><u>SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR YEAR</u></b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<b>( 307 )</b>	<b>( 601 )</b>