



# **BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007**

## Presidents Report

Another year has flown by and we are all another year older and wiser. It has been another good year for the Brisbane Sportfishing Club. We continue to attract a lot of new members, many of whom are very experienced anglers and will be great assets to the club. Indeed, some have already shown this to be the case coming along to club trips and sharing spots and techniques. It is pleasing to receive feedback from visitors and new members regarding what a friendly bunch of people we are, and we should all be proud of this.

I did take three months off as president in early 2007 around the time my son Owen was born, and I would like to thank Roy Lane, past president and life member of the club for filling in for me during that time. Owen is a born fisherman, waking up between 3.30 and 5.30 am each morning. I have grown used to a bit less sleep, but I must say what a wonderful experience it is to see him grow and change so quickly.

We have had some great trips over the past year, although the fish have not always been as co-operative as we would like. The trips to Awoonga and the Australia Day Marlin trip are both examples of this. On the other hand, some trips such as the Wahoo trip and the Col Kinbacher weekend at Bundy provided plenty of action and a few fish meals. I think our club trips are one of our biggest assets. Organising trips with 4-8 club boats launching from the same ramp and fishing the same area, talking to each other on the radio to compare progress, location and techniques and then meeting up afterwards for a chat and weigh in makes for a great day. We have always been able to place club members who do not have a suitable boat for the trip on another boat (or conversely placing experienced club members on the boat of a less experienced skipper) and this is a great feature of our club. A big thanks to all the skippers who willingly take other club members out with them (in some cases virtually complete strangers). Recent experience shows that we still have plenty of room for members without boats.

There have been a number of excellent talks at our club meetings over the last year, although attendance at the meetings has been disappointing at times. Highlights for me were Leann Payne's talk on barra, Brad Smith showing us how to catch finicky spotties, Eric Grell's tuna on soft plastics and Warren's tour of the Cape. The committee has had some discussions on ways to try to encourage more people to come along to meetings, and will try to put some of these into practice starting at the AGM. We plan to present fewer external speakers, and replace these with some talks by club members on their favourite spot or fish etc. There will also be more 'workshops' on things like knots and rigs, what is ANSA and how to get the most out of it, basics of soft plastics etc.

The 'Fish of the Month' competition as always has been very popular and provided for some good rivalry. A quick look through the twelve category winners shows the top quality of the specimen which won each month. Members of the Brisbane Sportfishing club also features prominently in the ANSA Queensland length overall competition which was run for the first time this year. This is a great new initiative by the State executive, and I think this will rapidly grow in popularity and become hotly contested.

Our interclub comp was a great success again this year. It is the highlight of the year for many of us, myself included, and so it was unfortunate that I was unable to attend this

year. As usual we copped a bit of criticism over the way we chose to run the event, so it was very pleasing to us all for the comp to go so well. There were 39 nominations, good weather, members from 5-6 clubs in attendance, some very good fish caught, the prizes were well distributed, and the club made a bit of money. Congratulations to Kingaroy who won overall honours for the second year in a row.

Due to the sale of the TS Koopa, it will no longer be available to us as a venue to run our comp from, so there will be a completely new venue next year, and we will continue to make whatever changes and improvements we feel are in the best interests of the event and the Brisbane Sportfishing Club.

It seems to be a common thread that all volunteer organisations find it difficult to find the required number of people to effectively run it. We are no different, and as we have for several years, we continue to do the best we can with the limited number of people who are able to give a bit of extra time to serve on the committee. A big thankyou to everyone who has served on the committee, and thanks also to the non-committee members who have helped at events such as the club meetings and club comp.

It is a well worn line, but so true that 'you only ever get out of something as much as you put in'. I encourage everyone to come along to club meetings and club trips wherever possible. The committee puts a lot of effort into making these events interesting and attractive to the members and we need your support at these events. There has been a noticeable decrease in numbers at the club meetings this year, which is a shame for the excellent speakers who agree to talk and put a lot of effort into their presentation. If you are unable to attend meetings or club trips, you can still participate by submitting articles for the newsletter, photos and capture reports.

After four years as president, I have had enough and believe that it would be in the best interests of the club to have a new president to inject some new energy and perhaps take the club in new directions. You will still see me at most club meetings and on most club trips.

I wish everyone good fishing and smooth seas for the 2007/08 fishing year, and hope you all achieve at least some of your fishing goals, whatever they may be.

Jeremy Arnold  
President

## **Secretary's Report.**

Just before last year's AGM I was asked to nominate for the position of Secretary. I had some big shoes to fill having taken over the position from Kev Behrens who had done a great job since taking over the position part way through the year.

As I soon found out, the secretary's job was more than taking minutes at committee meetings. From writing letters to potential sponsors to ensuring our annual return is lodged with the State Government and sending out interclub notices it was an eye opener for me to see the effort the committee members go to to keep the club operating for the benefit of members.

I think the committee can be proud of what it achieved over the past year in particular another successful interclub competition and the Kids Fishing Adventure Day as well as the regular work that goes into organising speakers, raffle prizes and other activities for the monthly meetings.

Due to the upcoming birth of our first child I will not be nominating for the position of Secretary for the coming year.

I would like to thank the other committee members for their support and I would encourage other members who wish to see the club continue to run successfully to consider nominating for the committee.

Chris Power  
Secretary

## **Recorder's Report.**

This year has seen the recorder keep busy with some good fish captured both in and out of club comps. We ended up with 324 fish recorded. This included 67 individual masters and 38 club records. We also tagged around 1500 fish thanks mainly to Mick Dohnt. As a club we also had a push towards the ANSA QLD top club which is awarded to the club that captures the most species. We achieved 93 species off the ANSA list, way up from last year's tally of 63. A very good effort by all.

One of the biggest highlights for me was helping in the successful submission of Kev Behrens QLD masters division 1 – 100. Kev is the first to achieve this prestigious award. It took a bit of detective work to find some of the early captures records that were missing. It was very disappointing that this is not the first National Masters 100. National only had a Masters 10 up until 1994 so Kev's masters 20 & 30 are not eligible.

As usual we had some great club trips. A few that stand out, were the Cobia trip to Western Rocks, Awoonga Dam, Wahoo at the Tweed 9 mile and the trip to Bundy. Some trips had a lot of boats, some had a few, but they all returned some great captures.

The Club Interclub was again very successful with around 40 ANSA anglers turning up to fish. Kingaroy pipped us at the post to win the interclub trophy for the second year in a row. We did win the inshore and offshore individual trophies. With the TS Koopa unavailable next year the committee has a lot of work ahead of them to organising this year's event.

Nicole Lund won the Junior Champion at the Kingaroy interclub held at Borumba Dam. Brisbane were again runner up to Kingaroy in the over all standings at their interclub. The other significant ANSA event fished by club members was the Col Kinbacher Challenge hosted by the Wide Bay ANSA zone. This was the first time that we have been allowed to fish this event and we were lucky enough to take out the top two spots. Rob McMillan was the runner up and I got lucky and won the event.

ANSA QLD this year introduced a length only fishing competition for a number of nominated species. This was open to all ANSA divisions including the use of Braid lines. For the first half of the year all captures had to be submitted via the recorder. Some captures did miss out due to the tight time frames involved. With the update of the ANSA QLD website these can now be entered direct by anglers on line. It is simple and I would expect Brisbane to be competitive in a number of categories in the future as we have been this year. This competition will grow to be one of ANSA QLD premier events. I would encourage all members to get involved.

I would like to encourage all members to put in capture reports. I would like to throw out the challenge to members to catch 100 different species this year. We can achieve this if we all put in capture forms, particularly for species that are not common in SE QLD. The more information we share between each other the better we as a club function.

My final message to members is that you get as much out of the club as you put in. So come along to meetings, 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. But most of all get out on the water and have some fun.

Darryl Lund  
Recorder

## Treasurer's Report

The very successful inter-club competition again under-pinned another good financial year for the Club. This event has been the most important income producer for the Club. We will however need an increased effort from the Committee as a whole if this event is to be revamped and continue into the future.

We are now finally in the black, we made a modest profit of \$11.00 for the year, which reversed a loss of \$307.00 for the previous year. This was achieved while also adding to the Club Term Deposit Account, Which now has a balance in excess of \$10,000, which now earns a higher interest rate. The interest from this account represents our third highest individual source of income second only to our inter-club competition and our raffles.

What is really pleasing is that we went into the "Black" at a time when we were also able to return more to the members than ever before - all without an increase in Memberships Fees.

We were able to subsidise the Last year's Presentation Dinner at the Song Song Noodle Bar and we are also in a position to do so again this year. Special thanks go to Slob for his efforts selling Raffle tickets at each Meeting, and also to Rob McMillan for Co-ordinating the Kids Fishing Adventure Day. A day, which not only made money for the Club but also, returned something to the Community and our Fishing future - kids.

We added to our asset list for the first time in quite a number of years with the purchase of a Projector Screen. The Club hopes to also purchase a data projector in the not too distant future. Thanks to Darryl and Chris for their efforts while looking into the possibility of a Govt. Grant.

This year I have continued to refine and streamline our account processes to better reflect the Club's current nature and activities; so the reporting and procedure are more in-line with the real world. This process will continue to make the Treasurer's job simple and easier for the present and also into the future.

As reported last year, the Beattie Govt. has changed the rules for incorporated Clubs in terms of their compliance obligation. This recognises the unnecessary burden, which Clubs have been facing over recent years. In simple terms this means we no longer have to go to the trouble and expense of going through a full audit. This will represent a saving to the Club of Between \$550 to \$700 approx each year in additional Accounting and auditing charges. This is great news as not only does it save the Club a large amount of money, but also it frees up some time for the Committee to do more productive things like planning Fishing Trips. It also removes a chunk of unnecessary work from the Treasurer thus making it less unattractive to potential new Treasurers in the future. This is reflected in the changes to our Constitution that will be put forward at the AGM.

All in all a very good, solid year for the Club financially and the outlook is rosy. Out of all of the challenges the new Committee will face, it is not only nice, but also reassuring, to know that finances will not be one of them.

David Marsh  
Treasurer

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL  
2007**

STATEMENT BY TREASURER:

To the best of my knowledge, the operating statement for the year ended 30 April 2007 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

# BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		
Balance at Beginning of Year	14,795	15,102
Surplus/(Loss) for year	11	( 307)
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<u>14,806</u>	<u>14,795</u>
Represented by:		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on Hand	150	150
Cash at Bank	4,803	4,405
Debtors and Prepaid Expenses	-	10
Interest Bearing Deposit	10,275	9,666
	<u>15,228</u>	<u>14,231</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Plant & Equipment (at cost)	5,054	4,852
less: Provision for Depreciation	( 4,521)	( 4,287)
	<u>533</u>	<u>565</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	15,761	14,795
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Sundry Creditors	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>15,761</u>	<u>14,795</u>
<b>MORTGAGES, CHARGES AND SECURITIES</b>	Nil	Nil

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## OPERATING STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Subscriptions & Joining Fees	3,384	2,524
Sale of Goods	930	1,175
Raffles	1,595	2,133
Fishing Clinics	-	-
Competition Receipts	2,028	1,439
Interest Received	544	515
Trip Receipts	150	620
Social Functions	588	500
Profit on Sale of Assets	-	-
Other Income		144
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	9,219	9,049
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Accounting and audit fees	500	547
ANSA Affiliation Fees	2,142	2,153
Cost of Goods Sold	882	847
Competition Costs	238	543
Raffle Costs	735	41
Newsletter, Printing, Postage and Stationery	890	756
Bank Charges	225	123
Annual Trophy Costs	220	824
Meeting and Conference Costs	614	314
Depreciation	233	167
Trip Costs	229	1,381
Rent - Sailing Club	400	-
Sunfish	50	50
Social Function Expenses	1,668	1,407
Other Expenses	182	203
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	9,208	9,537
<b><u>SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR YEAR</u></b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	11	( 307)