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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the First edition of 'The Magazine' for 2022

It's been a massive start to the year for our club committee. Since the last AGM, we have been busy working through the various mandates given and well on our way to creating more stability and return to our members. We are looking forward to making 2022 a huge year for the club in the way of promoting what we do, how we do it, and working hard to provide to each and every member within our fantastic community.



The AGM saw a few changes. Firstly, I would like to put out a massive thank you to some of those that have stepped down from the committee – David Hutton, Paul Ditchfield, Nick Currey, Ross Garratt and Jason Edwards. These gentlemen have done this club proud over the years with immense service. On behalf of the whole club, thank you for the time you have put in, and the difference you have made.

New to the committee, Barry Parker, Warren Meads and Jo Billing. Thank you for jumping in to lend a hand. Already making an impact and contributing to the overall cause. Warren Meads has taken on the role of Weighmaster and has made an immediate start to looking at how to provide for our members. There's a lot of work going in and the rewards will be seen later in the year. Greg Flynn has stepped into the role of Vice President, and his understanding of the fishing scene and people will also go a long way to giving back to the members. The work these two are putting in will also go a long way to the clubs ambitions.

Socials started ramping up later in 2021, but were swiftly slowed by the arrival of Omicron. At the time of writing though, we are moving through the back of the wave and have booked in our next few meetings and really looking forward to getting the members back together to talk fishing. We are planning on engaging with other like-minded clubs in our area, and branching out our influence, knowledge, social engagement and community engagement. I believe one of the big things our club can do is to assist in education, this is great for fishing, and also supports our club long into the future.

The overall COVID activity has forced the committee to rethink our approach to the annual tournament, and the decision was made to push it back to May. This was a big decision, but we have appreciated the support of the club community rallying behind the call. We may make a few tweaks to the program, but hoping for another great tournament and patronage.

On the fishing front, despite it being another La Nina cycle that usually sees a high level of fishing activity, particular with the small black marlin run, it's been a fairly slow start to the season. The back end of 2020 didn't particular see much

with a series of persistent down-welling's off the coast dragging the good water away with them. The run of blacks didn't really show up until mid January, and with that, being a bit patchy. Strong currents have held bait down in the deeper water, and average weather has left only the odd day being fishable.

With this said, late January has seen a little fire up. There have been good sized black marlin of the 60-80 range off the Gold Coast along the 80m line, and some fantastic days fishing recently up the northern Sunshine Coast grounds. Some of the Sunshine Coast boats have seen double digit tag days recently. Lets hope that's a sign to come.

Closer to the bay, we have seen some small black marlin along the trench and out to the cape. Some fish have been under a metre in length and the occasional confusion with sailfish due to still having the full length dorsal fin running down the back. A little unusual to see them this size so late in January, but welcome, nonetheless.

There has not been a lot going on with the heavy tackle front. A few recent striped marlin, but the Christmas run of blues wasn't seen. Maybe they are holding out a little for our delayed tournament!?

One thing of note is the capture of several Swordfish by a Newport boat. These fish were caught in 550m of water east of Cape Moreton, and a fantastic sign there is a fishery. Let's see what happens in the coming years and if this fishery can be better uncovered by recreational fishers.

Let's hope the weather improves as we move towards Autumn and the fishing really fires up. Stay tuned and watch for the information on the upcoming social activities, come along and get involved.

On behalf of the committee, we would like to wish all members and their families fantastic fishing through the rest of Summer and into the Autumn season.

See you at Tanga in May!

Until then, stay safe and tight lines.

Tim Billing

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TROPHY WINNERS

Brentley Theatre Trophy	Highest Point Scoring Female	Michele Hicks
Tamio Tsuji Trophy	Female Highest Scoring Heavy Tackle Billfish	Not Contested
Gordon White Trophy	Highest Point Scoring Junior	Harry Billing
Bulletin Editors Award	Highest Point Scoring Fish - Other Species	Robbie Flynn
Club Champion Angler	Highest points scoring member Rally Weekends	Dylan Betts
John McCarthy Trophy	Highest Score on 6kg	Not Won
Peter Lee Trophy	Highest Aggregate score on 8kg	Clinton Hicks
Harry Danvers Trophy	First Billfish of the season	Jeff Morrow
SWADE Trophy	Last Billfish of the season	Ryan McKinnon
Precision Tools Trophy	Most Billfish	Clinton Hicks
Tuck Fanning	Highest Point scoring Male	Clinton Hicks
MBGFC 'Out of Zone' Angler	Highest Point scoring Angler Out of Zone	Robbie Flynn
Champion Boat over 8m	Champion Boat over 8m	Luna
Champion Boat under 8m	Champion Boat under 8m	Galaxy II
Graham Bell Trophy	Most Longtail	Warren Meads
Vance Hull Trophy	Heaviest Mackerel	Dylan Betts
Back to Tanga Champion Angler		Dylan Betts
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ANARCHY IN THE WHITSUNDAYS



Story by Warren Meads

Over the weekend 01-03 October 2021, I fished the Whitsunday GFC's 2021 Light Tackle Game Fish Tournament with my brother (Ian) and his fishing-addicted son (Ryan) on Ian's 21' Kevlacat – ANARCHY. ANARCHY was one of eight Mackay GFC boats and 30 boats in all that fished the tournament.

The tournament briefing on Thursday night at the Whitsunday GFC's clubhouse was a great chance to catch up with fishos I hadn't seen in a while and, as always, the Calcutta with Bob Spees at the helm was an event not to be missed – just don't scratch your nose or blink at the wrong time.... We managed to secure ANARCHY in the Calcutta and from the clubhouse it was a short stroll back to our boat tied up for our overnight stay in the Abel Point Marina. Ryan set off with rod in hand and only returned in the early hours of Friday morning after multiple follow ups from Ian – after all who wants to sleep when there are fish around.

Friday morning saw the shotgun start outside the Abel Point Marina leads and from here the fleet spread – there hadn't been many reports of billfish out of the Whitsundays before the comp and when we were the only boat pulling our spread around Dolphin Point (a usual go-to spot off the top of Hayman) at *start fishing* we knew fishing was likely to be slow.

Friday was a slow day for us as we worked the area north of Hayman & Hook Island with our only excitement for the day being a lost bait on the downrigger. After *cease fishing* we headed into Nara Inlet and were joined in a raft up with 5 other Mackay boats – a great evening and consensus was

that there didn't appear to be too much bait around and while a few boats had managed a billfish each for their efforts, no boats yet had 2 billfish so we figured we were all still in with a chance.

Saturday saw us throw all our chips on the table and unfurl "PLAN B" – the in close, low fuel usage strategy was out the window - we were heading wide & south – a much bigger fuel consumption strategy relying on the good planning and prep that Ian had done for the comp. While a couple of boats in the fleet had been working what would ordinarily be considered wide at *The Oval* on Friday, we were going even further than this toward a spot Ian had luck the previous weekend in a Mackay GFC comp. On Saturday morning we had weighed anchor and were underway by 04:30 so that we could be where we wanted to be by *start fishing* at 07:00.



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Not long after deploying the spread at *start fishing*, the homemade 3D printed lure on shotgun was taken. Initially we didn't hear the relatively quiet Fin-Nor MA30 drag on the rod up in the rocket launcher so Ian had given the sailfish a bit of a head start before we cleared the spread and started the chase.

Ryan's first tagging attempt saw the tag pole break at a previous repair location – luckily his reflexes were quick enough to grab the broken business end of the pole before it disappeared – our 12' tag pole was back to being a bit over 6' for the rest of the comp. After tagging the fish (a first sailfish for Ian in ANARCHY) we also took a fin sample to assist with the work being done by PhD researcher Laura Smith.

An hour or so later, the swimming gar on the downrigger went off and after a short fight I tagged a Spanish Mackerel – a very important fish for our score as it would later play out. As the day progressed, the breeze that was up earlier in the morning had dropped out and not long after Ryan took over strike around 11am we sounded up a large bait ball and then a marlin appeared at the skipping gar on the starboard rigger – after a bit of an eye-balling of the bait, he decided it looked the goods and while we got the strike and he broke the line out of the clip in the rigger, he didn't hook up. For

the next hour or so we worked that area and sounded many bait schools in the vicinity, however it was uncannily within 50m of the same location that on three more occasions we had a fish appear for the same result each time – talk about frustrating.

With the action slowing around that mark, we decided to troll out of the area for a bit to see what else we could find – a free-jumper a long way off in the distance seemed like as good of a direction as any to take. My hour on strike passed without the scorer being troubled and not long into Ian's turn on strike we had the homemade 3D printed lure on shotgun take off for the second time that day. After a relatively straight forward fight with a well-behaved sailfish it was tagged, another fin sample taken and then released.



After Ian had released the fish and I watched it swim off, as I looked up while straightening up the boat for redeployment of the spread, a free-jumping sail put on a show about 50m in front of us – these things must have been everywhere.... Apart from a Spanish Mackerel putting on an aerial display as he clipped the skirt out of our shotgun lure, we didn't have any more action for the Saturday.

After *cease fishing* we had a good 1.5hr run back to Hamo (Hamilton Island) to refuel the boat and top-up jerry cans for the last day of fishing. The area we were fishing had limited radio reception so we were unsure how our efforts compared to the other boats in the fleet – talking with the boys on *Grey Nurse* at the Hamo fuel berth, it had sounded like there wasn't too much action around for the day so we were potentially in with a shot if things went well for us Sunday. While in phone range at Hamo, we submitted our log sheet and tag cards to Gamebase.

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Our fuel burn figures (which were according to forecast plans) had suggested that if we wanted to return into Airlie Beach under our own steam the next afternoon then heading up to Nara Inlet for a catch up with the other boats overnight would be pushing our limits so we dropped anchor in Turtle Bay not long after sunset.

The forecast for Sunday had suggested a 15kt northerly was with us for the day – nothing obscene but things could be a little bit messy. Leaving from Turtle Bay on Sunday morning meant our run out wasn't as long as it had been the previous day so this provided Ryan with a chance to jig a few liveys before we took off – Ryan had plans for using his liveys to chase barra that night after the presentation dinner. Liveys are a rare commodity when fishing out of Whitsunday/ Mackay waters so we took the opportunity to also bridle one up as a pitch bait in case the need arose – although a live herring is not a slimy, it would be a far nicer option for a billfish than a dead gar.

We were delighted to have almost glass out conditions as we headed to where we had left off the day before – the forecasted 15kt winds didn't end up coming through until lunchtime. We weren't sure how many billfish we needed to be in the running to win the comp but figured 2 would put us in with a chance and 3 would likely clinch it.

With 07:00 ticking over we deployed our spread for the start of fishing on the last day of the comp – the signs for what was to happen later in the day were ominous as we saw a free-jumper about 200m out behind our spread as we were setting it. We were running a 5 rod spread – skipping gar on sbd rigger, swimming gar on the downrigger at 30m in the sbd cnr, a lure on shotgun, swimming gar at the back of the teaser in the port cnr and skipping bait on the port rigger – with a bridled live herring as the pitch bait ready to deploy on the 6th rod.

Ian was on strike for the first hour and nothing happened, Ryan changed onto strike at 08:00 and I was at the helm. It was at 08:02 that the downrigger went off and as is normal practice, I accelerated the boat to secure the hook up – this approach we had found minimised the chances of the fish throwing the hook when it first breaks the surface and sees the fish drop out behind the rest of the spread while the spread is cleared.

With the boat in motion, Ryan picked up the rod connected to the fish and hit auto-up on the downrigger (gotta love the electric downrigger), Ian cleared the lure on shotgun and secured the downrigger ball as it came to the surface while I retrieved the skipping gar from the sbd rigger. At this point in time, Ryan's sailfish surfaced and like a well-trained fish, it headed directly away from the boat – we have got ourselves a billfish and it's playing nicely – you beauty. I take the opportunity to slow the boat to just faster than troll speed while we continue clearing rods – up until this point in time everything was quite normal and in accordance with the playbook, however what follows was where the boat name comes into play – ANARCHY.

With Ryan's fish peeling line off his reel, the swimming gar in the port cnr is taken as Ian picks the rod up to clear it. My next move was to pull the teaser forward to get it out of Ian's way and I tie it off short (leaving the time-consuming bit of clearing the teaser into the boat until later) before I attempt to clear the port rigger skipping bait. As I pick up the port rigger rod, that bait too is taken and I am also hooked up - unfortunately the line wrapped the rod tip and I have busted off almost before I realised I was hooked up – bugger, missed the shot at a triple.

As this happens, Ian's fish surfaces a fair way off and it too is a billfish – we are on a double – wow. I then look to the teaser to clear it and see a sailfish sitting at the back of it. With two reels going off in the background and without thinking too hard about it, I grab the pitch bait, throw it in and free-spool it back. The livey drops out of view and so too does the sailfish, after what was probably a bit of time but seems like a few seconds I see there is a sailfish back at the teaser and my livey is a fair way back and still only going backward at the speed of what the boat is moving. I retrieve the livey and redeploy it under the sailfish's nose while Ian pulls the teaser out of the water with his spare hand. While I don't see the fish inhale my bait, it circles at the back of the boat around where my leader enters the water and then takes off out to the port side of the boat. As my fish goes for the surface, I close the bail arm and it tail stands away from the boat out under the port rigger - I am hooked up and we are on a triple.

All fish were heading in different directions (Ian & Ryan's fish had crossed as some point) and there were cheers of excitement amongst us as we realised we were on a triple (Ian's forward on sbd side, Ryan's out the back and mine forward on the port side) – now we need to come up with a game plan to convert our triple hookup into tag points. We take the first few minutes to assess the fish and which one is showing more signs of coming to the boat than the others – I was glad Ian had put side windows in his clears as for a bit early in the fight I had my left hand holding onto my rod and keeping tension on the fish out the port window while I was steering the boat with my right hand.

Eventually we arrived at a strategy of chasing my fish first and with Ian driving as he fought his fish, after 20mins from the initial hookup we had my sailfish tagged, a fin sample taken and the fish released (as it ends up, this tag

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ended up missing being the first billfish of Day 3 by 2mins). We then assessed the line remaining on Ian & Ryan's reels and decided to chase Ian's fish next. After another 15mins we were close to Ian's fish (could see the leader and a large black marlin shape in the water) but after multiple attempts couldn't get any closer to get a tag shot.

By this time, Ryan appeared to have his fish (which had remained on the surface for most of its fight) under control to the point we figured we would get his out of the way before working more on Ian's. We got a tag into Ryan's sailfish 45mins after his initial hookup. The focus then turned to Ian's fish which by now had the sulks and just didn't want to come up. We tried all manner of techniques to bring him up but unfortunately after a 3hour fight, the angler was broken and tweaks on the drag to change the balance in the fight resulted in the line breaking.

We didn't see any further action for the comp and we downed tools an hour or so before *cease fishing* in order to get back to the clubhouse in time to get our tag cards in. The wind picked up on the way in with conditions getting closer to 25kts by the time we were travelling through the Whitsunday Islands. Ryan was excited on our return to see he still had a few liveys kicking around in the bait tank and his tales from that night suggest they were well received by their intended recipients.

We ended up with 4 sailfish and a Spanish Mackerel tagged for the weekend and the following prizes for our effort:

- Champion boat overall (& the Calcutta win)
- Champion boat under 7m
- Champion boat day 2 & day 3
- First billfish - day 2
- Runner up champion senior male angler - Ian
- First boat to take 2 sailfish fin samples

A big thank-you to the Whitsunday GFC for putting on the tournament and all the tournament sponsors. It was a fantastic weekend with a great crew, plenty of refreshments consumed and more wonderful fishing memories made.





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VALE DR TERRY RUSSELL



MBGFC Past President and long time supporter of the club, Dr Terry Russell sadly passed away in January.

Terry was President of the club from 1972 - 1974. He also fished several of the "Back 2 Tanga" tournaments with his daughter Anna over recent years.

The article below is one he wrote for a special club magazine produced to celebrate 50 years of the MBGFC in 2003, reflecting on his time as president and the early days of the club.

He will be sadly missed by many.

My recollection of my time as President of Moreton Bay Game Fish Club is of very pleasant times on the water "mucking around in boats". What happened in committee meetings was generally only secondary to time spent on the water - it was all for planning the next escapade and introducing newcomers to our sport. Days on the water were fun - no one took the fishing too seriously, but usually the results were good. My most vivid memories are shared feasts on the beach - mackerel fillets marinated in garlic salt and butter and barbecued over the coals behind the wrecks. Or how about freshly caught crayfish with a cold bottle of wine in Days Gutter - and always there seemed to be enough for another couple of boatloads of friends.

One feast stands out. In 1972 Ron Jenyns had a 25ft Bertram and we had a 26ft Savage. Saturday night's celebration was to be a Luau (we took a suckling pig with us - wouldn't trust the Moreton Island Wildies!). The weather was idyllic and we anchored both boats in a few feet of water down below the Cape Moreton light. By midday we had a pit full of coals, pig in pandanus leaves, and all's right with the world. By 4 o'clock seas were breaking around the boats and we had to leave, but the pig wasn't cooked yet. We virtually swam out to the boats carrying the pig to finish cooking it in another hastily dug pit back inside the bay. That was a gourmet feast and the makings of a late night.

I think the committee's best achievement in 1972-1974 was starting the Tangalooma Tournament. It always was thought that northern bluefin tuna were difficult to catch inside the bay, but Bob Kearney had shown us otherwise, using freshly-caught hardiheads for bait and burley. By 1972 all club members were aware of the technique and capable of hooking and catching northern bluefin. Most of the club boats were small, and this made for an excellent tournament in relatively sheltered waters. The club hosted visitors from all over Australia the tuna tournaments and Moreton Bay was home to practically all the northern bluefin records.

Then something better showed up - schools of Sailfish up off the north of Moreton, and they ensured the continuation of the Tangalooma tournament with even more variety and spectacle. One vivid recollection from the Tangalooma tournament concerned the first women-only team. They were fishing from my boat. First morning they took off from the resort with everyone watching and wondering why an empty dinghy was chasing them and catching up fast - its anchor rope wound round their propeller!

I wrote something in the 1972 President's report which proved quite prophetic: "I feel we must involve ourselves more in tagging programs, and join with other bodies to form a political lobby for the preservation of amateur salt-water fishing, particularly against foreign over-exploitation". G.F.A.A. (and Q.G.F.A.) embraced the New South Wales tagging program in November 1973. Q.G.F.A. joined with other recreational fishing bodies in Queensland in 1977 to form the Queensland Amateur Fishing Council (Now Sunfish). I was first chairman and Graeme Roberts-Thomson inaugural secretary. That body was primarily responsible for having foreign longliners excluded from the 200 mile zone off Townsville, Cairns and Lizard Island - as the result of a fiercely-fought media and political battle which the politicians and the longliners couldn't win.

That was in 1979. The United States had been trying for years to exclude foreign longliners from their 200 mile zone, but didn't succeed! I worry that it was but a hollow victory in that our domestic longliners may now be doing more harm than foreign longliners formerly did.

Congratulations to the Club in celebrating its 50th anniversary.

MBGFC LOGO RENEWAL



Over the years, the MBGFC logo artwork has changed hands in many formats and used in a lot of places. The constant copying saving and changing of the format over time led to a loss of definition, and image alignment.

This year, our new Weighmaster Warren Meads, set about the proposition of refreshing the logo. Lots of discussion was had around what could be done with it. In the end, the original artwork intent and history of the club was identified as something important to maintain.

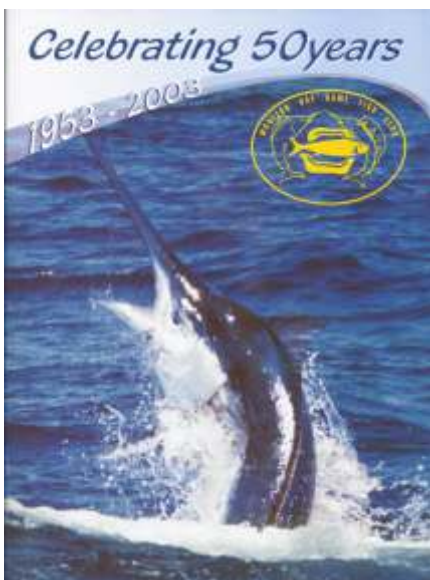
The history of the club started with chasing sharks and Tuna in the bay. As can be seen in the logo from the clubs magazine 'Fighting Fish' from back in July 1970, one of the earlier times of the logo's origins.



It wasn't long after that, when sailfish were found off Brisbane north of Moreton Island. Hence the addition of the two sailfish to the outside of the logo. Below centre is how the logo was in mid - late 70's on a Tangalooma Tournament trophy. Then little black marlin were discovered among the sailfish and a marlin replaced one of the sailfish on the logo and remained like that to this day. Bottom left is the logo in 2003 when we celebrated 50years of the club.

This logo is rich in the clubs heritage. It was this reason the club had again decided to carry this heritage forward, so the original intent of the artwork was used to re draw, sharpen, and align with current data software.

A massive thank you to Warren Meads and the assistance of John Heselwood for their efforts in this task. Absolutely fantastic outcome !



MORETON ISLAND CLUB GROUNDS UPGRADE



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Taken by Dale Wooly and Barry Parker around the mooring buoys during maintenance

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50 years of Moreton Bay Game Fish Club

By Peter Goadby 2003

The Moreton Bay Game Fish Club was founded in 1953 by a group of 25 actively ethical fishermen in Queensland, who possessed a common desire to create a club dedicated to better fishing in their home waters around Brisbane. These fishermen believed in the quest for big fish on sporting tackle. This philosophy has been strengthened in this day and age with the addition of tag and release; and fittingly, the Moreton Bay Game Fish Club was one of the first gamefishing clubs in Australia to adopt the principle.

The importance of the fish was clearly stressed at the club's very first meeting. The title, Moreton Bay Game Fish Club —which was proposed in favour of a more general 'catch philosophy' name like many others in use at that time — set the tone immediately for the club's ethical direction at its inaugural meeting.

Mr Norman E Gow Snr was nominated as Chairman — but after he commendably outlined the course of MBGFC in future conduct, fishing and sportsmanship, it was promptly moved and seconded that he be instated as President instead.

The orderly growth and development of Moreton Bay changed suddenly in 1953 when a company, Whale Industries, built a whaling station at Tangalooma on Moreton Island. This whaling station triggered the world's best shark fishing, with world-record size white sharks and tiger sharks.

Sharks in excess of 1000lb became magnets for fishermen, who travelled from all over to face the challenge. At that time, the formation of the Game Fishing Association of Australia had accelerated the quest for big sharks, with Queensland leading in both whites and tigers. Bob Dyer and Alf Dean both broke and re-broke the white shark record. The Moreton Bay Game Fish Club concentrated on the long-standing tiger shark record. This quest led club members through various and different areas in search of a massive tiger to fit the bill. In 1958 - July 20 to be precise - Vice President John



Robinson got hold of such a shark, and knew at first sight that it was the one he'd been after. It was the heaviest and strongest that I had experienced on the wire, and set an as-yet unbroken Australian 60kg (130lb) record. The big question for Moreton Bay Game Fish Club and its members was then, "where do we go from here?" The answer was simple: forward, forward, forward!

Visiting anglers John Johnston and Sir William Stevenson fished the bay and caught sharks to boost their achievements. Thomas Welsby recorded some of the history of Moreton Bay, thus keeping the history alive for those interested in what became 'down the bay'.

However, while other fishermen sought likewise achievements in the conventional areas of Queensland sportsfishing, Fred A Eager was the first of the gamefishermen of the Moreton Bay area to realise that maybe there was a more sophisticated fishery waiting to be developed. He imported a US-built gameboat named 'Wollomai', and Moreton Bay Club thus learned to establish where the smaller gamefish - and more importantly, the magic billfish might be found.

Moreton Bay GFC, the Queensland Game Fishing Association and visitors from interstate had always had an interest in the possible marlin fishery of the Great Barrier Reef. But Moreton Bay members were among the first to try fishing the Barrier Reef during what had traditionally been regarded as 'out-of-season'.

Members of the club had fished New Zealand, Port Stephens and Sydney to gain experience before venturing into the Queensland tropics — so their decision to experiment with the Great Barrier Reef was backed by some considerable skill and expertise.

Meetings with Cairns' commercial fishermen had indicated that quantities of marlin and sailfish were prolific in the area from Cairns to Lizard Island, and the Moreton Bay GFC took the next step in paving the way for the Great Barrier Reef's sportsfishing future.

Without going into too much detail, anglers scored seven Australian record captures of various species — and in a short time, the club established the potential and furthered the reputation of the Great Barrier Reef as a premier hunting ground.

I wrote in *Big Fish and Blue Water* that "Cairns will produce the best fishing to be had anywhere in Australian seas". Once again the Moreton Bay anglers were of assistance in that overall pattern. Appropriately, Moreton Bay GFC won several of the black marlin tournaments at Lizard Island.

During its 50 year history, the Moreton Bay Game Fish Club has had 14 Presidents. Each has contributed to the club's progress and colour — and most importantly, each leader has worked to ensure the future success of the club.

Those original 25 founding members ran their club with an obvious and justifiable sense of pride. And in this, its 50th year, the Moreton Bay Game Fish Club is still a world leader —demonstrating the qualities and principles it was originally created to encourage.

This article was original written for Blue Water Boats & Sportsfishing magazine and published in the October/November 2003 edition.

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The Clayton's Cyclone of the 1984 Tangalooma Tournament - The Aftermath!



Photos by John Heselwood

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MBGFC - CLUB FISHING RULES

MORETON BAY GAME FISH CLUB

CLUB FISHING RULES

- Fish must be captured or tagged in accordance with the MBGFC rules, which follow the rules of GFAA. MBGFC rules include the following key points, based in Queensland and QGFA guidance:
 - A fish gaffed for weighing points cannot be tagged and released;
 - Every effort should be made to release tagged fish in a healthy state;
 - Capture of gamefish species will comply with QLD DPI Fisheries bag limits and lengths;
 - All edible fish to be weighed for points may be gilled and gutted on capture and an additional 10% added to weight of the fish;
 - Sharks (as per QLD Fisheries) – “cannot be in possession over 1.5m in length, MBGFC encourages tagging of all sharks;
 - MBGFC promotes tagging of all billfish using NSW DPI Fisheries tags, unless it is a potential record;
 - All QGFA, GFAA, IGFA potential record claims must comply with GFAA rules and all the correct paperwork, measurements, photos etc submitted with a claim.
- MBGFC fishing grounds are “Queensland Local Waters” ranging from QLD/NSW border (in South), to a line east of Double Island Point (in North)
- MBGFC has a number of annual trophies including an “Out of Zone” trophy for fish caught outside of “Local Waters”.
- Light tackle (1-10kg) line test can be used in all waters.
- Heavy tackle (15-60kg) line test can only be used in waters over 150m deep.
- Fish captures or tags will only be accepted for Club and QGFA points if:
 - Claims are submitted on MBGFC capture sheet / QGFA Activity Book and all details filled in;
 - Tag claims are submitted with filled in NSW DPI Tag Card;
 - Is received by Club Secretary or PO Box 371, Capalaba, QLD, 4157; no later than one month after capture/tagging.
- Sportsmanship and consideration to others should be the mark of MBGFC members;
- All boat skippers have a Duty of Care to ensure vessels are seaworthy, insured and safety of crews are first consideration.

MBGFC CLUB POINTS

Capture points listed for Billfish apply only for captures in excess of the following: Marlin (Blue, Black, Broadbill Swordfish) – 100kg, Marlin (striped) – 75kg, Sailfish – 35kg. Points halved below these weights.

	LIGHT TACKLE (Any water depth)							HEAVY TACKLE (over 150m deep)			
Line Class (kg)	1	2	3	4	6	8	10	15	24	37	60
BILLFISH tag points	5000	4000	3000	2500	2000	1500	1000	3000	2500	2000	1500
BILLFISH capture points/kg	150	100	75	50	25	15	10	50	35	15	10
TUNA - Longtail/Yellowfin											
Tuna Tag points	2000	1000	600	500	400	300	200	150	100	100	100
Tuna Capture Points/kg	200	150	50	35	25	15	10	7.5	5	3	2
OTHER SPECIES tag point	500	400	300	250	200	150	100	75	75	75	75
Other SPECIES capture pts/kg	100	50	35	25	20	15	10	7.5	5	3	2
SHARK Tag point	500	400	300	250	200	150	100	75	75	75	75
SHARK Capture points/kg	100	50	35	25	20	15	10	7.5	5	3	2

MBGFC - CLUB HOUSE AND LAND RULES

MORETON BAY GAME FISH CLUB LTD. MORETON ISLAND CLUB HOUSE AND LAND RULES

Effective 15th July 2015

1. All members wishing to use the Club facilities must notify the Secretary to obtain approval. Approval will only be considered if the Member has already signed a "Application for permission of MBGFC Ltd to enter upon land at Moreton Island" Form 37 for the current financial year or lodging an application. If applicant is under age of 18 years the application must be signed by both the applicant and a legal guardian. Each person staying at the Club land must sign a separate form. Club Land is for the use of members and their immediate family only (i.e. partner and children). Members may invite guests to stay at the club land on a one off introduction basis (fill in Form 37a). These guests would be expected to join the club if revisiting.
2. **FEES** are payable in advance are:
 - Members Tent Sites:** \$35.00 per night includes 2 adults & 2 children plus \$10.00 per extra adult and \$5.00 per extra child on the same site.
 - Guests Tent Sites:** \$45.00 per night includes 2 adults & 2 children plus \$10.00 per extra adult and \$5.00 per extra child on the same site.
 - Caravan:** \$50.00 per night includes 2 adults & 2 children plus \$10.00 per extra adult and \$5.00 per extra child.
 - Moorings:** Use of moorings is free for club members but if clubhouse facilities (showers & BBQ etc.) are used, a fee of \$10.00 per day per person will apply.
3. **BOOKINGS** will only be accepted through the Club Secretary; but fees must be paid in advance: Postal: P.O. Box 371, Capalaba QLD 4157 Email: admin@mbgfc.com.au
4. **ACCESS TO LAND AND USE OF VEHICLES AND TRAILERS:** All access is via the access roads only. No vehicles or trailers are to be driven on Club Land (except for unloading & loading) and all Members are requested to park vehicles in an orderly fashion allowing room for others.
5. **SHOWERS AND TOILETS:** Members are requested to hose out these areas daily and to use the stainless steel troughs to wash sand off feet before entering.
6. **BARBECUES:** The barbecues are to be cleaned well after use including drip trays and burners.
7. **KITCHEN:** The facilities are available and all refrigeration and freezer units are to be left open when no longer in use and power is to be turned off. All kitchen utensils, counters, fridges and floors must be cleaned upon departure from the Club Land. Hot water system to be left on standby upon departing Club Land.
8. **GENERATOR SHED and POWER:** Generator is to be run morning (3 hours) and evenings only (sunset till 10 pm) latest. See instructions for turning on and off. The generator shed is not to be used for storage of anything whatsoever. If possible bring diesel across for Genset and put into 200L drums – club will reimburse receipts.
9. **WATER:** Numerous taps are located around Club Land. Please use the sprinklers when possible.
10. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Members are requested to spend a little time carrying out any maintenance needed, if it is within their capabilities. Any damaged or broken facilities to be reported promptly to a committee member or Club Secretary. All facilities to be cleaned, and locked up upon departure and keys returned to Club Secretary promptly. Welcome to assist with gardening and site upkeep for the benefit of all and preservation of the area.
11. **FIREWOOD and PETS:** Moreton Island is a declared National Park and the cutting and gathering of wood is prohibited. Pets are prohibited on Moreton Island and hence on Club Land.
12. **RUBBISH:** All rubbish is to be removed from Club Land either to the public dump at Cowan or taken off the island. Fish are only to be cleaned on the outside stainless steel bench and thoroughly cleaned after use. All frames and gut are to be immediately disposed of in the sea, but not in area immediately in front of Club Land.
13. **VEHICLE PERMITS:** Permits must be obtained to take your vehicle on Moreton Island.
14. **ABUSE OF RULES:** Committee Members have the authority to ask any tenants or visitors on Club property to leave should any abuse of the above rules occur. The Committee will act on such matter.

MBGFC - CLUB LAND PROCEDURES

NEW GENERATOR STARTING AND STOPPING PROCEDURES

Starting

1. Unlock shed and do a visual check for oil/radiator leaks or damaged pipes etc.
2. Check the oil level, the dip stick has a yellow top.
3. Check the water in radiator, when engine is COLD, top up fluids using the radiator fluid or if none available clean fresh water.
4. Check the fuel in generator, it is a brass coloured cap, this must be filled daily as it is on a small tank. Fill from the 200L Drums to 20L jerry can via funnel or pump from Green 200L drum (generator tank will only run for 15 hours).
5. Turn the ignition key on and then press and hold the green button on panel until the engine starts.
6. Switch the three large breakers "on" they are pushed "up" for on.
7. Power is now running.
8. Close shed door.

Shut Down.

1. Unlock shed and do a visual check for oil/radiator leaks or damaged pipes etc.
2. Switch the three large breakers "off" – into the down position.
3. Turn the generator ignition key to off position. Generator will stop.
4. Refill the fuel in generator, it is a brass coloured cap, this must be filled daily as it is on a small tank. Fill from Green 200L drum.
5. Close shed door and lock up.

DO NOT RUN GENERATOR OUT OF FUEL

THE HOT WATER SYSTEM

Should be left on at all times.

When arriving remove the cover from the hot water system and turn the knob from vacation to hot, the pilot light will ignite the main burner, refit the cover.

When locking up to leave the club again remove the cover and turn the knob on hot water system to vacation. Replace the cover and lock the cage.

SUNDRY

The BBQ gas bottle is kept in the kitchen. When leaving, make sure the grease tray on the BBQ has been cleaned out.

Clean out fridge and wipe out. Use the wet vacuum to suck out the water.

Fridges and 240 volt light switches can be left on, but ensure the 12 volt LED lights are turned off before leaving.

Toilets must be cleaned, rubbish removed and all hoses and tools locked away.

Any breakages or anything that requires maintenance must be reported to the Club Secretary as this will assist to keep on top of repairs.

Please make sure that these procedures are adhered to. If in doubt or do not understand any of the procedures contact John Moore on 0434 344 228.