





President's Report

January 2024

Welcome to the new year of 2024, especially to our newest members, Denis Shoecraft and Katie Ingleby from Caboolture and out of Hervey Bay.

As I missed out an important speech on Trophy Night due to the night's activities just flying along, I take this time to thank all those involved in putting that night together and a big thank you to our Sponsors not only for some fabulous Raffle prizes but also for throughout 2024.

We certainly couldn't have ended 2023 with the healthy bank balance that we have without their support.

That brings me to our AGM which as usual always ends up a night to remember.

A huge thanks to John Davis, stepping down as Assistant Weighmaster after a long stint but still staying active with the committee and utilising his computer and printing skills. On the subject of committee, a welcome to newcomers Mr Bruce Carey (fisherman extraordinaire) to the post of Assistant Weighmaster, and Hilary Woodward in her new position of Catering/Social Director, so soon after retiring.

I would also like to thank the club members on behalf of myself and fellow committee members for our re-election for 2024.

Going back to this same time last year in my report I mentioned I was anticipating a great year in not only social activities but also the fishing of course, which turned out to be exceptionally good. Maybe not so much offshore due to very ordinary weather conditions but we will give it another try this year.

You would have heard at the AGM the Treasurer's report showing the club not only to be financially solid and sound, but Heatherbell has budgeted for an increase in both fishing prizes and subsidies which is pleasing and welcomed, I am sure.

Our 2024 Calendar is up and running very early this year due to a big input by committee and some members with only a few TBA's still to be finalised as well as a bus trip away to Bris Vegas.

I am looking forward to our first Sunday BBQ get together which I see is our old favourite of Chicken and Chips.

Any information is available on our fabulous website, or your committee members are only a phone call away.

Once again from Julie and myself we wish you all a safe and happy 2024.

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Editor's Notes

Hi everyone, and welcome to the start of another year of fishing. The weather hasn't been particularly kind for fishers, but it is the wet season, and Mother Nature has made sure we know it, as usual.

Once again, we had no ladies weigh in during December, and only a couple of offshore weigh ins. So Richard's report for December is very brief.

Remember to get your monthly weigh sheets to Richard by the Friday before the monthly BBQ to be counted.

Not a lot to mention for this month, but many thanks to those of you who have supplied me with articles or photos for publication.

There is a picture of Greg with his record fish on page 8, and Greg has also written a lovely short story about the time his young daughter caught herself a rather large Bream. That's on page 9.

That's it from me for this month, keep an eye on the raffle rosters to know when you are on next.

Alison



Front Page Photo

Our first front page photo for 2024 is of Trevor Plant with a Cobia and Snapper caught in early January.

Send your contributions to me at

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**Richard Holmes -
Weighmaster**

Weighmaster's Report

for

December 2023

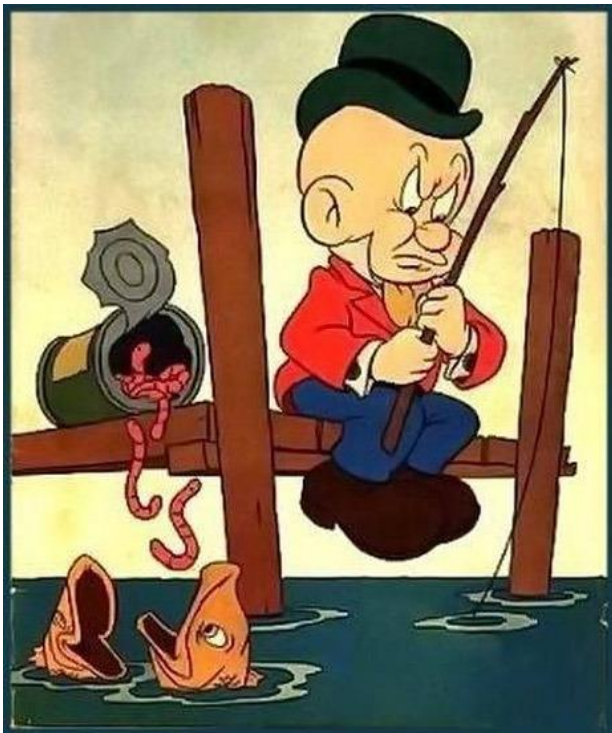
Men's Inshore (57 fish weighed in)

Place	Name	Points
1st	Trevor Plant	82
2nd	Ron Winnett	81
3rd	Bruce Carey	52
4th	Richard Patterson	44
5th	John Casey	35
6th	Michael Phillips	22
7th	Greg Hannay	11
8th	Amrat Chauhan	5
9th	Tony Jericevich	1

Men's offshore (7 fish weighed in)

Place	Name	Points
1st	Michael Phillips	38.725
2nd	Amrat Chauhan	33.775

Lucky Draw
John Casey



Committee Members 2024



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Upcoming Events

More details will be available on these events as we get closer to the dates. Meanwhile be sure to sign the lists available at the BBQs and meetings if you are interested in participating.

- ⇒ **March 3rd** - Clean up Australia
- ⇒ **March 5th - 8th** - Somerset Dam 2-day freshwater comp (6th & 7th)
- ⇒ **May 20th - 23rd** Maroochy River 1-day comp (22nd)

New Members

A big welcome to our newest members Kate Ingleby and Denis Shoecraft. Our first newbies for 2024. Hope the weather hasn't stopped you from wetting a line .



Raffles

Our Thursday night raffles at the RSL Club continue throughout the year, so get yourselves down there anytime from 5pm. Have dinner and a drink with friends and buy some tickets to support your fellow club members and your fishing club. The draw will be just after 7pm in the Sports Bar.

The roster for January and February is:

- 18th January - Ony & Loris Roubin, and Angie Stenning & Steve Burns
- 25th January - Ony & Loris Roubin, and Angie Stenning & Steve Burns
- 1st February - Coll Callander and anyone who wants to help him
- 8th February - Ony & Loris Roubin, and Vera Sipovac & Tony Maatouk
- 15th February - Ony & Loris Roubin, and Vera Sipovac & Tony Maatouk
- 22nd February - Therese Lee & Steve Bruce, and John and Sandy Casey
- 29th February - Therese Lee & Steve Bruce, and John and Sandy Casey

Somerset Dam

2-Day Freshwater Fishing Competition

6th and 7th March 2024

This competition is held on 6th and 7th March this year, and is part one of the Otto Scott and Jack Daley trophies. Part two will be held in November and the trophies presented in December.

Many people go for the whole week now, so get your names onto the forms at the meetings or BBQs to book your accommodation.

Pest or Invasive Fish

The photos to the right show two pest species both found in Somerset Dam; Pearl Cichlid and Tilapia.

If you catch either of these, they must be killed and disposed of in the bins provided or buried well above water level. They cannot be returned to the water.

You can tell the difference between pest and native freshwater fish by the dorsal fin. The pest fish have a continuous dorsal fin, and native fish have a dent or separation in their dorsal fin.

Permit required

You will need a SIP - a Stocked Impoundment Permit to fish this dam and you can buy one online if you don't already have one. <https://dafqld.forms.decipha.auspost/sip>



Vic Herring displays a Pearl Cichlid that he caught at Somerset Dam last November.



A female Tilapia has just disgorged hundreds of babies from her mouth, shortly after capture.



Record Fish

Congratulations to Greg Hannay who pulled in this Giant Trevally weighing 2.532kg, during the recent boat day held back in December. He breaks Frank Oostenbroek's 2018 record of 2.32kg, and is the last new record holder for 2023.



Greg Hannay with his record 2.532kg Giant Trevally

A short story by Greg Hannay

Just a little story for the bream enthusiasts of our club.

About 30 years ago I was fishing with my daughter Vanessa already a very keen angler, in Ningi Creek beside the old oyster lease when she hooked this monster bream.

I was not allowed to help with the fish, she is still bossy to this day.

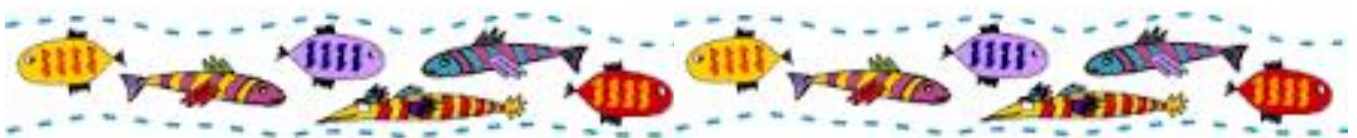
It was weighed at the Ningi Bait Shop at 2.8kg or 6.2 lbs.

I am not sure if it was the biggest bream caught in the passage but we were pretty chuffed.



Editor's Note: Just as a 'By-the-way', this is the current **club record for Bream.*

Bream Yellow Fin	<i>Acanthopagrus australis</i>	Richard Patterson	1.5kg	2017
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BBQs at TOC-H

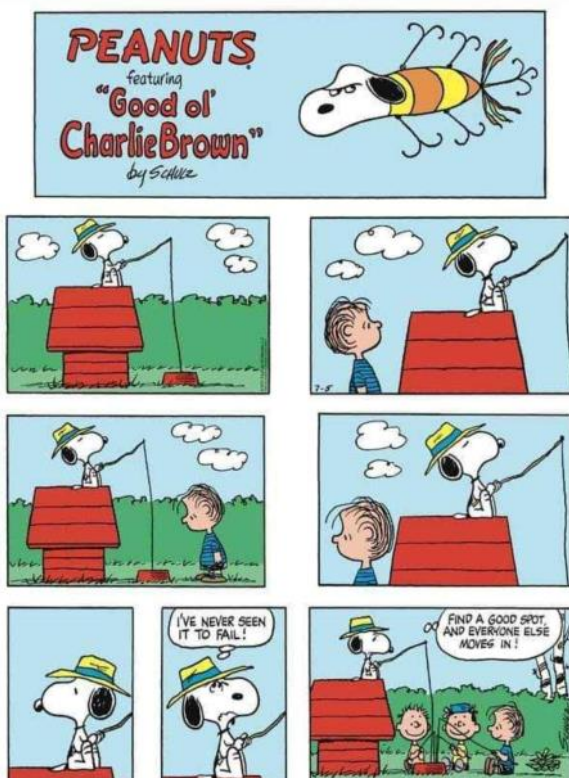


These are held on the last Sunday of each month. Your annual membership fee covers the cost of all BBQs. (Just bring some cash for raffles!)

It is a BYO venue and if you have never been there before, you can find TOC H at 36 Banya St, Bongaree. (Go down the grassy slope).

A map is available on the website at www.bribiersfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html or just use Google maps on your phone.

The next BBQ will be held on 28th January 2024. 4pm. it will be manned by Mike and Margaret Phillips and Ron and Carole Winnett, and will be the favoured chicken and chips.



Closed Seasons

Please be aware of the following closed seasons

Barramundi, along the QLD East Coast, and also in the Gulf of Carpentaria, are still in closed season until the **31st January**.

Spanish Mackerel: The Southern Spanish Mackerel closed seasons are 1st to 21st February and again from 1st to 21st March. These dates apply each year to the Southern east coast waters south of latitude 22°S (Slightly south of Mackay) down to the QLD/NSW border.

Our Sponsors

Thank you to all our sponsors for the continued support.

Many of our Raffle Prizes have been donated from these businesses so make sure you support them when you can.



The Bribie RSL Fishing Club provides a real service to the community by extending the hand of friendship not only to fishermen and women with a common interest, but also to the many residents of Bribie Island and the surrounding area who would otherwise lead a lonely existence. Without the ability to raise the necessary funds, our club would not be able to exist, so through the generosity of the Bribie RSL Club, members of our club are able to raise the finances required by conducting raffles for meat and seafood vouchers on Thursday nights throughout the year. In addition, the Bribie Island RSL Club supports us in very substantial and significant ways – use of the ANZAC room for our monthly general meetings and very importantly, a \$25 voucher each month for our member's draw. Many thanks Bribie Island RSL Club – we really do appreciate your support.





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