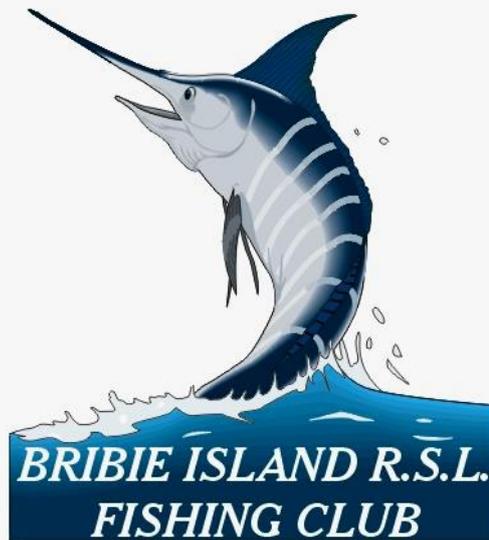


FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

April Members Meeting

13th April 7:00pm

*Weigh In

Saturday, 25th April 6pm

15th – 17th May

Maroochy River

Bungalows

Fishing Club Web Site

www.bribierslfishingclub.com

APRIL 2015

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

26th April 3:00pm BBQ Sportsman's Club

11th May Member's Meeting 7:00pm

15th- 17th May Maroochy River Bungalows Inshore Competition

President's Report

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a great Easter break.

As most of you know Michael and Margaret are away enjoying themselves overseas again and I am left to run the show for a while.

For all those who attended the Bjelke Peterson weekend, I think a great time was had by all. A few of us went out to dinner to the Irish Pub on the Friday night for a great meal which was a good start to the weekend and then up for an early start for the days fishing.

Frank Oostenbroek won the weekend with a good catch of Bass and one Golden Perch while I was runner up with a few Golden Perch but was unable to get any legal Bass.

There are no trips away this month but next month there is the Maroochydhore trip which is always good so I hope we have a good attendance. Good luck to those going fishing this month, I hope to see some good catches weighed in.

Best of Luck

Bryan Stenning
Vice-President

Weighmaster's Report

The trip to Bjelke-Petersen Dam was another fantastic outing enjoyed by all who attended. Quite a few of our members went to dinner at the Irish pub where the meals are always fantastic. With their bellies full, the happy campers retired to a few quiet sips of red wine around a cosy campfire. The competition was very close with some great catches of big Yellow Belly and Bass although Sandy Hose only caught a glimpse of her massive fish before it swam back to the depths. Pam McGruddy also enjoyed her introduction to bass fishing and although she caught numerous fish, not one was big enough to reach the legal mark. Here are the results of the Fresh Water Competition:

Frank Oostenbroek	Yellow Belly	.585Kg
	Yellow Belly	.560Kg
	Australian Bass	.950Kg
Bryan Stenning	Yellow Belly	2.650Kg
	Yellow Belly	.650Kg
Chris Roberts	Australian Bass	.695Kg
	Australian Bass	.485Kg
Kathy Foote	Australian Bass	1.070Kg
Pam McGruddy	Australian Bass	Many undersized fish.



It is nice to have our normal weather pattern back again although I think we have had enough rain for the time being. Pumicestone Passage has been quite dirty lately but we do need to clean the waterways out every year. The muddy water doesn't seem to have affected the fishing because Tina caught another massive 1Kg Bream on her first day back from her holidays to NSW.



The results for the March competition are as follows:

INSHORE: 48 Fish caught

Men's Winner: Trevor Plant
Men's Runner-up: Richard Patterson
Ladies Winner: Tina Patterson
Ladies Runner-up: Carole Winnett

OFFSHORE: 43 Fish Caught

Men's Winner: Michael Schuberg
Men's Runner-up: Frank Oostenbroek
Ladies Winner: Sheila Oostenbroek

BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2015



MAY

11th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
15th – 17th **Maroochydore (weekend away)**
Maroochy River Bungalows
26th April – 30th May Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
31st **BBQ- 3:00pm.Sports Club (chicken)**
Weigh inn – Saturday 30th 6pm

JUNE

4th **Thursday night raffles RSL Club**
8th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
31st May – 27th June Inshore Monthly Comp- **Bream**
Offshore Monthly Comp- **Pearl Perch**
28th **Bowls afternoon (Pizza) Sports Club**
Weigh inn – Saturday 27th 6pm

JULY

13th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
28th June – 25th July Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
26th **BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club (Meat Pies)**
Weigh inn – Saturday 25th 6pm

AUGUST

10th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
25th July – 29th Aug Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
29th **Social Dinner**
(Sandstone Point Hotel)
Weigh inn – Saturday 29th 6pm

SEPTEMBER

14th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm *
30th Aug – 26th Sep Inshore Monthly Comp - **Whiting**
Offshore Monthly Comp - **Snapper**
27th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh inn – Saturday 26th 6pm

OCTOBER

9th - 11th **Tweed Heads (weekend away)**
Hacienda Holiday Park
12th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
27th Sep – 24th Oct Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
25th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh inn – Saturday 24th 6pm
Mystery Fish & Weight / Month

NOVEMBER

9th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
14th **Somerset Dam**
Freshwater Comp
25th Oct – 21st Nov Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
29th 26th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club (Burgers)**
Weigh inn – Saturday 29th 6pm

DECEMBER

12th **Trophy night**
Toc H House Bongaree
14th Members Meeting RSL 7:00pm *
22nd Nov Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

***Members Meetings are held in the
Anzac room of the RSL Club**



MAROOCHYDORE RIVER

BUNGALOWS

Ph 07 54484911

David Low Way Maroochydore

Friday 15th – Sunday 17th May

Price 2 nights: Members \$150:00 2 Adults

With a late checkout on Sunday
Ensuite self contained Bungalows

Saturday night

BBQ Included



Hotel within walking distance

Please bring own Linen

Final Numbers and a

Non- Refundable deposit of **\$80:00**

must be received by

9th March (Meeting)

Final Payment 13th April (Meeting)

BAREFOOT BOWLS

SUNDAY

28TH JUNE 1:30PM



BONGAREE SPORTS CLUB

Price: Bowling **Members \$5:00**

Pizza after the bowls

(Members who have not nominated) **\$5:00**

Final numbers by 8th June (Meeting)

SOCIAL DINNER



Saturday 29th August

SANDSTONE POINT HOTEL

HACIENDA HOLIDAY PARK

TWEED HEADS

300/37 Chinderah Bay Drive

Chinderah

Ph 02 66741245

Friday 9th -11th October

Price 2 nights: Members \$130:00 2 Adults

Ensuite self contained Cabins

Saturday night BBQ included

Please bring own linen

SOMERSET DAM

Saturday 14th November

1 Day Comp



The Editor's Notes

There were only a small number of members that made the trip to Bjelke-Petersen Dam this year, but those that made the three hour journey to the peanut capital really enjoyed their stay. It is pretty obvious that the committee has really gained some invaluable experience over the years because everything was once again outstanding. Each cabin had been allocated so all you had to do was collect your key from the office. The cabins are getting old and although they could have been a little cleaner, they were in good order and provided a comfortable night's sleep.

The competition commenced at 06:00am on Saturday morning and most were keen to get out onto the water as the sun appeared over the rolling hills. A slight breeze formed the smallest of tiny ripples on the water which was a very pleasant change from the ocean waves.

The club has been going to Bjelke-Petersen Dam for many years now and some of the fisherpersons have their favourite spots where they know the fish are just going to jump into the boat, or so they thought. It is amazing how the mood of the fish change from one day to the next.

Rain had been predicted for the weekend which forced the barometric pressure to fall. I am sure that every fish has their own built in barometer because as soon as the pressure falls the fish refuse to bite. To say that the fishing was difficult would be an understatement but to their credit, everyone continued to fish until the end of the day.

Although the owners of the camping grounds have provided a beautiful boat ramp, you can launch your boat from almost anywhere along the shoreline which makes it very easy to retrieve all our boats at the same time. This also allows ample parking for each vehicle.



Bryan and Sandy with rods at the ready



The Carpark

Chris Roberts and Frank Oostenbroek quickly made their way to the trees at the back of the dam where they were sure to find some massive Yellow Belly but after three hours of casting every type of lure they only caught two small fish.

Bryan Stenning and Sandy Hose decided to save petrol so they stayed very close to home, in fact they started to fish just around the corner not twenty meters from the boat ramp. I am sure they must have received some inside information because it wasn't long before Sandy was hooked up on a one meter Yellow Belly. Sandy fought this monster for almost an hour before a slight mishap with the net caused the fish to make his escape. We knew that the fish was a meter long because both Bryan and Sandy held their arms outstretched when they told us the story.



It was only a very short time later that Bryan felt the power of a massive fish on his line. This fish was NOT AS BIG as Sandy's but certainly made a very respectable start to the competition at 2.65kg.

Paul and Kathy Foote have spent a long time searching for their perfect boat and were very excited with the recent delivery of their great looking "Starweld" from the USA. The quality of the American boats seems to be so much better than what we can build in Australia with the exception of a few.

Everything you could want in a boat had been included although it may have been the many years of experience of Paul and Kathy that provided the final result. The red and black paintwork on the boat certainly provided a spectacle as it flashed past. Apparently this boat is so well equipped it even allows you to read a book while you are waiting for the fish to bite.



Well it wasn't long before lunchtime came and Chris was keen to have something to eat. Apparently Frank doesn't eat much but he sacrificed his precious fishing time to allow Chris to satisfy his hunger pains. As they headed back to shore they noticed Bryan and Sandy still fishing close to the boat ramp and witnessed Bryan catch another Yellow Belly so after lunch this sneaky pair decided to troll their lines around the same area.

It wasn't long before Chris caught a legal Bass which was quickly followed by another. Frank took his time and waited for that big one to strike. His rod bent hard over as the fish darted to and fro in a frantic effort to escape but the hook was deeply lodged into the side of the fish's mouth. Hi fives all around as Frank's trusty net man calmly slid the net under the fish and captured a great looking Bass.

As they looked around they could see Pam and Peter McGruddy slowly idling along the shoreline and must to their disgust, Frank and Chris looked on in terror as Pam landed a Bass. You could see that Peter was really disappointed when they realised that the fish was too small but a few encouraging words from Chris and Frank made them feel a lot better. You could hear them say "The fish are much bigger way over there".

The afternoon just seemed to fly past and it wasn't long before we could see the familiar smiles of Ron Winnett and Keith Kable telling us that the competition was just about to end. It must have taken quite some effort to lift those massive fish into Ron's boat so they could be weighed but Chris and Frank made the task look easy.

As Ron and Keith waved goodbye it was a sign that the competition had ended for another year.



Have you noticed that the mornings are getting a little bit cooler? Maybe you have placed a light blanket on the bed and turned the fan off at night. Summer has gone and it won't be long before the tears stream out of your eyes as you head out through the morning mist in search of snapper.

It may be getting a little cooler in the south east but that doesn't mean that all the pelagic fish have gone. Late April and early May can be a fantastic time to target the bigger Spaniards especially around some of the local headlands. I have noticed many large schools of small mackerel tuna around the northern bay, Brennan shoal and Hutchison's reef and these tuna can be fantastic bait for the big mackerel.

About seventeen years ago I used to float a large live bait about six meters under a balloon waiting for the Spaniards to come through the four beacons and amazingly every May I would regularly catch Spanish mackerel up to 20kg using this method although ever since I moved to Bribie Island I prefer to target the Spaniards around Caloundra or Cape Moreton.

My methodology has also changed a bit as nowadays I troll the small mackerel tuna at idling speed using a medium sinker under the chin to hold the dead, but swimming bait, just under the surface. I can remember using a 2kg trevally as a live bait suspended under a balloon with the other guys in the boat laughing and making fun of the size of my bait until a 40kg Spanish mackerel smashed the unsuspecting trevally just moments after I dropped it into the water so don't be afraid to use a mackerel tuna in excess of 1kg. Spanish mackerel will not be the only fish around as the wahoo, yellowfin tuna and the odd marlin will also be looking for an easy meal.



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