

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

March Members Meeting

11th April 7:00pm

*Weigh In

Saturday, 26th March 6pm

15th – 17th April

Bjelke-Petersen Dam
Freshwater Competition

Fishing Club Web Site

www.bribierslfishingclub.com

APRIL 2016

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11th April Member's Meeting 7:00pm

15th - 17th April Bjelke-Petersen Dam Freshwater Competition

13th – 15th May Maroochydore Weekend Competition

President's Report



From the President's Desk...

Hello everyone. The real diehards managed to get out on the water and catch some good fish despite the limited opportunities again this month for offshore. Inshore fishing was better for many and indeed some did take advantage of the prawns around the various creeks and sneaky places. The prawns are still on and some reports have them at a good size. Mike Phillips is really putting in a big effort both off and inshore so you will be interested to read Richard's report. You may have noticed that my photo is the same as the one in last month's newsletter. Well that is because I haven't caught a fish since that I can crow about.

Many thanks to all of you who supported the proposal at the last meeting for the Club to donate some fishing tackle to the Bribie Island State School. Our donation was three Daiwa Muscle Tip 7-foot light action rods and three Shimano Sienna 2500 reels. We managed to source them at the Caravanning, Camping, 4WD and Fishing Show at the RNA in Brisbane for a very good price. I handed them over to Stephen Nicholson a couple of weeks ago. I also handed over rods, reels, a tackle box and terminal gear donated by Trevor Plant, Gary Hunter and Bob Searle. Many thanks fellas, Stephen and the School are most appreciative.

You may be aware that Josie is not too well and is waiting for heart surgery. I spoke to her early last week and she is hopeful of a call in the next week or two. She is in good spirits. We all wish you well Josie.

Despite the BBQ being on Easter Sunday, we had a good crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thank you to Margaret, Margaret - no I don't stutter - and Dianne for your work in putting everything together for the BBQ. The burgers were very tasty. Thank you also to Mike for running the raffles. Trevor looks like the you know what hat was just made for him. I thought Richard C looked pretty good in it but Trevor has the lead. You can all help Trevor pass it on by keeping an eye out for a worthy embarrassing moment that someone may not want others to know about.

Thank you George for all of your very detailed work and skills in designing, sourcing and printing the new Club shirts. I think we will look very smart at our events. The price for the shirts is \$30. Sandy still has some of the old jade shirts in stock so if you still have a place in your heart for one of those, see Sandy for a \$15 special.

For those who are members of VMR, you will be aware of its VHF Radio Course through VMR's email. For those who are not members, the course is being held on the weekend of 21-22 May. If you are interested, give Peter McNamara a ring on 0413 083 184 or ring VMR direct.

A big thank you to Mark Grubb for his presentation last meeting on his Grubbsta lures and trolling for the pelagics. Thank you too to Franko for helping Mark put the presentation together. I found it really interesting. Frank employs many of Mark's techniques and lures and when you combine that with Frank's experience and knowledge, you understand why Frank is so successful at pulling the big ones in.

Your committee met on 23 March. I will brief you on the outcomes at the meeting. Results of the satisfaction survey were discussed and in particular, the suggestion that we have more social events. Perhaps someone may wish to put a hand up to be a social coordinator.

May all of your target fish be hungry and big. Happy birthday to all of you celebrating in April.

Weighmaster's Report



My weekends have been rather busy of late and my opportunities to go fishing have been very limited to say the least. I must admit that I have been very envious of the other members of our club who have been getting out amongst the fish.

If there were any inshore fishers wishing to take out the monthly prize, I think you have missed out because the Patterson's and Winnett's are back with a vengeance although Mike Phillips seems to be doing his best to take out all the prizes.



The results for the March Competition 2016 competition are as follows:

OFFSHORE:

Ladies Winner: Sheila Oostenbroek

Men's Winner: Mike Phillips

Ladies Runner-up: N/A

Men's Runner-up: Trevor Bourke

INSHORE:

Ladies Winner: Kerryn Cochrane

Men's Winner: Trevor Plant

Ladies Runner-up: Tina Patterson

Runner-up: Richard Patterson

Lucky Draw: Richard Caldararo



BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2016

APRIL

11th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
Freshwater Comp
Bjelke-Petersen Dam
15th Mar - 17th April Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
27th Mar - 23th April
24th **BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in- Saturday 23th 6pm

MAY

9th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
13th - 15th **Maroochydore (weekend away)**
Maroochy River Bungalows
24th April - 28th May Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
29th **BBQ- 3:00pm.Sports Club**
Weigh in -Saturday 28th 6pm

JUNE

2nd **Thursday night raffles RSL Club**
13th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
29th May - 25th June Inshore Monthly Comp- **Bream**
Offshore Monthly Comp-**Pearl Perch**
26th **Bowls afternoon (Pizza) Sports Club**
Weigh in - Saturday 25th 6pm

JULY

11th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
26th June - 30th July Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
26th **BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in - Saturday 30th 6pm

AUGUST

8th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
31st July - 27th Aug Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
28th **BBQ- 3:00pm.Sports Club**
Weigh in - Saturday 27th 6pm

SEPTEMBER

12th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm *
28th Aug - 24th Sep Inshore Monthly Comp - **Whiting**
Offshore Monthly Comp - **Snapper**
25th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in - Saturday 24th 6pm

OCTOBER

10th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
15th - 16th **Tweed Heads (weekend away)**
Hacienda Holiday Park
25th Sep - 29th Oct Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
30th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in - Saturday 29th 6pm

NOVEMBER

14th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
30th Oct - 19th Nov Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
27th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in -Saturday 19th 6pm

DECEMBER

10th **Trophy night**
12th Members Meeting RSL 7:00pm *
19th Nov - 31st Dec Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
Weigh in -Saturday 31st 6pm

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



BJELKE PETERSEN DAM

Ph 07 41684746

Friday 15th – Sunday 17th April

Price 2 nights: Members **\$120:00**

2 Adults

Ensuite self contained Cabins

Saturday night BBQ included

Please bring own linen

Final Numbers & Payment by

14th March (Meeting)

MAROOCHYDORE RIVER

BUNGALOWS

Ph 07 54484911

David Low Way Maroochydore

Friday 13th – Sunday 15th May

Price 2 nights: Members **\$125:00** 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 **\$100:00** must be received by

28th February (BBQ)

Final Payment 11th April (Meeting)

BAREFOOT BOWLS

SUNDAY

26TH 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 2nd June

(Meeting)

HACIENDA HOLIDAY PARK

TWEED HEADS

300/37 Chinderah Bay Drive

Chinderah

Ph 02 66741245

Friday 15th -16th October

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

Adults

Ensuite self contained Cabins

Saturday night BBQ included

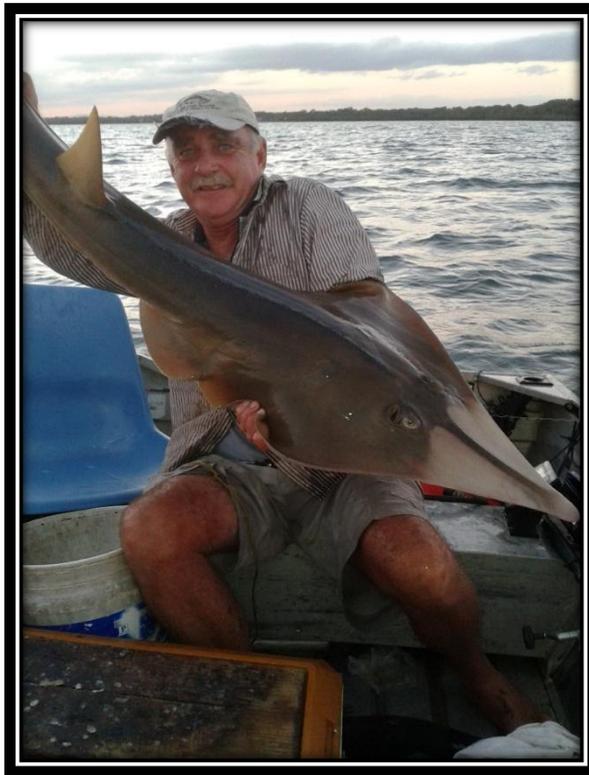
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The Editor's Notes

March has come and gone and so have all the pelagic species. The last two or three trips have been extremely difficult as I think most of our summer speedsters have continued south. The last time I went trolling, we started at 5:00am and finished at 2:30pm and didn't get a bite so I have put away the trolling gear and have started fishing the bottom.

A few of our members would like to give it one more go for the year so they have decided to head down to Evan's Head for the annual run of Spanish Mackerel. Can you imagine the noise at night as ten of our members sleep in one house after a couple of quiet drinks?

Our fearless financial friend has again been fishing for fantastic and frightening fish again as the photo shows. Trevor Plant is a bit of a legend when it comes to flathead fishing as the photo shows another magnificent capture of one of the biggest flathead I have seen. Well done Trevor. This flathead was well over the maximum length and had to be returned to fight another day.



Trevor struggles to hold this magnificent flathead

Mike Phillips has been the talk of the town lately as he continues to catch the species of fish that are a lot less common this far south. Green jobfish, coral trout, red emperor and now a great example of a coronation trout that people in Cairns would be proud to catch. Brennan's Shoal has caught some magnificent fish over the past ten years and although not in the same numbers, it continues to produce an amazing number of big fish.

I am not sure if it is Mike's competitive nature or that he just loves fishing, but since arriving o Bribie Island, he has certainly made his mark, not only in fishing but by leading our club as president for many years. As Mike would say "You only have one life on this earth and I intend to live it". Well done Mate.



Michael Phillips with another rare catch in these waters.



Mike holding a couple of Spangled Emperor

Richard and Tina Patterson have been tripping around the southern states for the past few weeks but now that they are back, I am sure that the fish will be trembling with fear. I am not sure if it is the secret bait, the secret spots or just the skill, but these two seem to constantly come up with the big ones.

If you ever wondered why Richard and Tina do so well in our competitions you will need to fish with them for a day to see the amount of effort they put in. I am sure they don't realize what lengths they go to because it is far from dropping the anchor any old where and chuck a line in.

Everything starts by positioning the boat in exactly the right spot, at the right time, at the right tide. Then all the rods are baited with Richard's specially prepared bait and cast into the perfect spot. This is the time when Tina slides on a soft plastic and starts to cast her lure to every possible spot around the boat. Whatever they do they are doing it right. Great effort in catching another couple of good fish.



The Patterson's show us how to catch the big ones

About eighteen months ago I bought a few metal jigs with the intension of trying them out when I went to the Swain's Reef but every time I tried them out, they would be eaten by a spanish mackerel or some other monster of the deep, so I never really gave them a thorough testing until last week.

I had fished the shallows for a few hours and finally moved out to a spot about 100 meters deep. On arriving out near Deep Tempest, I found that the current was running too fast for my soft plastics and even too fast for a pilchard so I decided to try one of the jigs. The jig I used was a metal slug, orange on one side with luminance paint on the other. Through the middle was a hole through which was tied a Kevlar cord, which in turn was tied to a small plastic skirt which resembled a small squid. There were also a couple of small hooks hidden in the skirt.

All I did was drop the jig over the side and waited until it hit the bottom. Although the jig weighed 100gms, it still took ages for it to hit the bottom. The instructions advised me to wind it in slowly but I had just let out 150 meters of line so the lure would stay near the bottom so I just placed the rod into the rod holder and made myself a cup of coffee.

I had no sooner had I sat back down, when my rod buckled hard over. I thought I must have snagged the bottom but when I picked the rod up I realised that a fish had actually swallowed the jig. It seemed to take ages to finally wind in the fish but it was worth the effort when I saw a two kilogram snapper break the surface.

We drifted over the area several times and each time we caught another snapper. We ended up catching over ten snapper some of which were really small. Last Saturday I thought I would try them again and I was amazed at how well they worked. I actually caught my first bar cod in 100 meters of water but also caught a wide variety of other fish including snapper, sergeant baker, painted sweetlip and pearl perch.

