

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

August Members Meeting

8th August 7:00pm

Weigh In

Saturday, 27th August 6pm

Tweed Heads Weekend

Competition
15th – 16th October

Fishing Club Web Site

www.bribiersfishingclub.com

August 2016

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

8th August Member's Meeting 7:00pm

Monthly BBQ Sports Club 28th August 2016 3:00pm

15th – 16th October Tweed Heads Weekend Competition

From the President's Desk...



Hello everyone. Well it has been an up and down month for fishing with the cold weather really coming in. However, some really big fish have been caught with Frank taking out the bragging rights with a monster cobia. Well done Frank because not only did you manage to boat it but it looks like it is a record. There are still plenty of fish being caught in the Passage with good size flathead on top of the list along with good size hungry bream. Richard Patterson caught a monster flattie which I think may be a

Club record. The snapper are in the Passage and late reports indicate that the jewies are here again too.

For those who are going for the weekend at the Tweed, we do ask that you pay your \$130.00 by the next meeting on the 8th of August. Speaking of our next meeting, we are lucky to have a couple of gentlemen from Fisheries to give a presentation. I am looking forward to what they have to say.

I thought the trivia event last meeting was enlightening and fun with some questions posing a challenge for some. Isn't it fun to find out what you should know but don't.

Sheila very kindly convinced Vicky at Be Trendy Unisex Hair Salon to donate a \$20 voucher for a haircut as a prize in the raffle. Well done Sheila. I didn't win the voucher but my flowing locks needed doing so I thought I would test Vicky's skills and patience. I have to say that I am very happy with the job that she did and I am now back to looking my best. Please give Vicky a try when your locks next need looking after.

Seems this is the year for my boat to experience little events. Last week I arose very early to catch the 7.00am low tide and the 1pm high tide out at the Cape thinking that this was the trip for me to knock Frank, Peter, and co off their perches. Everything went well until Stue and I arrived at Comboyuro Point and then the engine alarm went off. Try as we might we couldn't identify the issue and so we limped to a safe place to anchor and called VMR. In next to no time the cavalry was on its way. What a terrific, potentially lifesaving service provided by people who volunteer to help others. If you aren't a member, I would like to encourage you to join, even if you only mooch around the Passage. You never know what can go wrong. I had an interesting conversation a couple of weeks ago at the Spinnaker boat ramp with a fellow who broke down in his nice big boat at Bulwer. The boat had just had a major service. He wasn't a member of VMR. I understand the \$240 he paid to be towed also covered his new membership.

Good to see Richard and Dianne and Richard and Tina safely back home after their travels around the globe for so long.

At the time of writing, Marg and I are gearing up to go to Fraser Island for a week. The weather looks like it will be good so we hope to get amongst the tailor, bream, flathead, whiting, trevally, pipis and most of all the jewies. I will let you know how we go.

Last Thursday, Ron Winnett organised our help for a fishing day out on the jetty for five elderly gentlemen who reside at RSLCare in Caboolture. Ron, Keith and I helped RSLCare staff with what was a really good time fishing for the gents. The bream were on with the change of tide. See Ron's article about the day. Many thanks Ron for your compassion and organizing us.

Best wishes to all of you who are celebrating or who have celebrated a birthday or some other milestone event.

I hope all of your target fish are big and hungry.

Cheers Ron

Weighmaster's Report

August is here and the winter westerlies have almost gone. A few of our members will be experiencing some of the most beautiful sunsets while sitting back on the Great Barrier Reef, so I hope they all have a great time and catch plenty of fish. It won't be long now until we should experience some of the best weather of the year. September is the time when everything starts to heat up so I hope the fishing heats up for all those who will be going to Evan's Head.

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

OFFSHORE:

Ladies Winner: N/A

Ladies Runner-up: N/A

Men's Winner: Frank Oostenbroek 326.2 Points

Men's Runner-up: Peter McGruddy 67.55 Points

INSHORE:

Ladies Winner: Tina Patterson 30 Points

Ladies Runner-up: Pam McGruddy 28 Points

Men's Winners: Ron Winnett 96 Points

Men's Winners: Trevor Bourke 54 Points

Lucky Draw: TBA



BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2016

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

12th **Somerset Fresh Water Fishing Comp**
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**





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

Please bring own linen



Fishing on Bribie's Jetty

By Ron Winnett

My mother resides at the RSL Care Fernhill Retirement Community in Caboolture. While visiting there recently, I happened into a conversation with Jim Baker who is the Pastor for the village (Also he loves to fish and we always swap stories of the catches we get and the ones that get away).

He and the Diversionary Manager Julie Anne Wiemers wanted to give some of the elderly gentlemen who reside there, an outdoors activity that aligned with their interests and was fun and healthy. They had thought about fishing but needed help to get it off the ground.

After some discussion of the options and processes, I agreed to help organize it. This needed some assistance from other Club members because we really needed to ensure that we had a one on one level of attention for the five men who would go fishing. I assessed that we would need three of us. Keith Kable and Ron Russell put their hands up to help out.

The day was to start at 9am and finish around 11am with the party being transported to Bribie by minivan. Franko was going fishing in his green machine taking Richard C along but agreed to run past the jetty at 9am and take some strategic photos from his boat. Alas, plans changed and the time was put back to 10am start. That snookered Frank but he did agree to come past around lunch time just in case we were still there. In the end, Ron had brought his camera and so we did get some shots.

The fellas were settled in their chairs on the Bridge side pontoon of the jetty; the rods were loaded up and the bait was applied. The wait for fish was very short as a bream was caught and then came more.



Some of the bream were a good size. The turn of the tide really played its part and so plenty of bream, mooses perch and the odd tailor were caught. The fellas enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee and some enjoyed the ginger nut biscuits that I am sure Ron has had in this tackle bag for some time.



The fellas finished fishing at about 12am and moved over to the covered area on the foreshore to enjoy some hot chips and a drink for lunch and talk about their experience here at Bribie, fishing off the jetty.

One of the residents who came was Doug Nagle who is one of our life members who joined our fishing club way back in 1992 with his wife Joyce. Doug enjoyed his fishing when he was on the Island and he fished a lot with Tim Holt also one of our life members who lives in Canberra now.

Doug still holds the club record for a mangrove jack. Doug and Joyce have been living at Fernhill for the last couple of years.



It really was a beaut time with great weather and a unique outing in their situation and Jim commented on the trip home they were all talking of the great time they had and looking forward to the next.

I hope there are more outings for them and if there is, I would like to think that our members will help out again.



Doug Nagle, Roy Mears, Lindsay Ayton, Leslie(Pete) Peters, James (John) Woodroff

The Editor's Notes

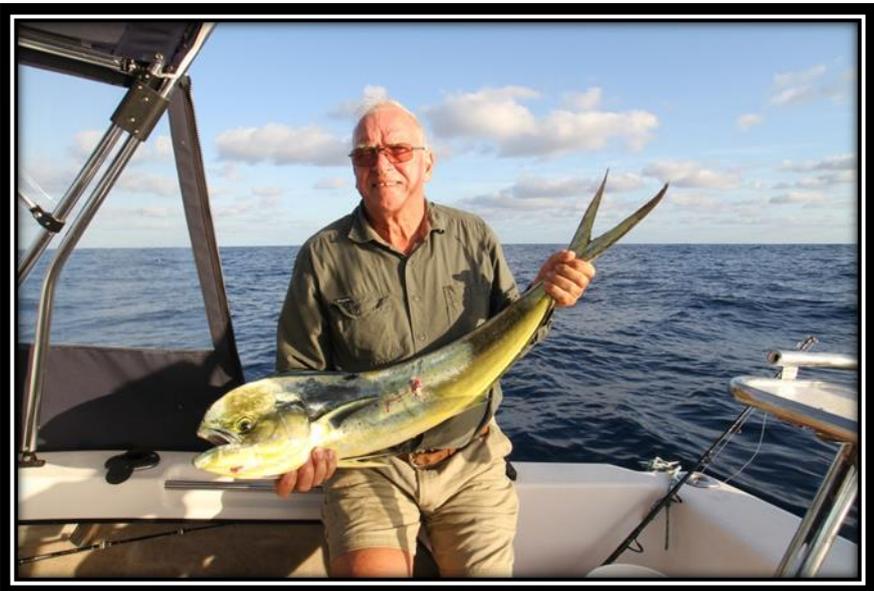
A Random Act of Kindness

I have been a member of the Bribie Island RSL Fishing Club for almost 14 years now and in that time I have witnessed some fantastic acts of kindness and compassion from a lot of our members. I normally do not like to sing the praises of one member over and above the others, but I have to say that Ron Winnett really is someone special. During my time in the club I have witnessed Ron provide countless acts of kindness from the many small welding jobs to rebuilding trailers, lopping trees and gardening as well as many other tasks. Ron has gained a tremendous amount of experience and expertise in his engineering life which has helped countless people. Ron and Carole were accepted as life members of the RSL Fishing Club last year for their dedication to the club and this last act of kindness by Ron and his helpers is just another example of why I am proud to be associated with this fantastic club.

Kingfish on Cotton

Anyone who has spoken to Peter McGruddy about fishing on Swain's Reef will have been witness to the ones that got away. Ever since Peter's first trip to the Great Barrier Reef, he has changed his fishing gear to a solid broomstick with at least 80lbs line, because nothing was ever going to get away again unless it was a massive shark.

Earlier this year Peter experienced a mackerel session whereby he had to cast aside his broomstick and select a light outfit that would give him the ability to cast a lighter line and wind his lure back quickly to entice the mackerel. Well this was a major step for Peter but the rewards were amazing. Using the lighter outfit allowed Peter to catch his bag limit of school mackerel in just a few hours.



It was only a short while later that Peter was out chasing dolphin fish with much lighter line that he would have liked and the results were amazing. In a few short hours Peter managed to capture some beautiful dolphin fish weighing almost ten kilograms.

In Peter's latest adventure, he made the decision to head out to Shallow Tempest in an effort to catch his very first yellow tail kingfish. These are known for their exceptional fighting abilities and are commonly known as hoodlums of the ocean. Richard Caldararo caught a 37kg yellow tail kingfish while on a fishing trip to New Zealand and although I take nothing away from Richard's abilities, his capture was in very deep water where the fight was extremely agonising for both the Richard and the fish but king fish of that size are almost never caught in shallow water. There are quite a few members of this club who have experienced firsthand the power of these fish in fifty meters of water and most of the fish weighed no more than ten kilograms.

It was Thursday evening and Peter had been loading all his fishing gear into the boat for an early start to the morning. The fuel tank was full, the wind had stopped and everything was ready for the big day ahead. Nine o'clock had been and gone when Peter's head finally hit the pillow. At twelve o'clock he woke to see if it was time to get up; then again at one, two, three, until finally at four o'clock he couldn't stand it anymore. I am not sure if Peter decided to get out of bed or if Pam had had enough and pushed him out. Either way Peter was up. A quick cup of coffee while he made a few sandwiches, followed by a final check of the fishing gear and the bait and Peter was gone.

The trip across the bay was not quite as calm as predicted but the weight of his heavy Caribbean boat made the trip across the bay fairly smooth. The sun was just peering over the horizon as Peter flashed past Cape Moreton on his way south towards Shallow Tempest. As his eyes glanced across in front of the boat, Peter saw what he thought was a dolphin but a few seconds later this tiny dolphin suddenly grew to become a massive whale.

The number of whales migrating north each year has grown into the thousands and have become a bit of a threat to the unsuspecting and inexperienced boatie. Not only are many of the whales heading north but now quite a few of them have started heading south with their calves.

It was about seven o'clock when Peter finished untangling his anchor rope and finally laid his Mooloolaba pick to rest among the kelp beds thirty meters below. An assortment of bait lay across the bait board but mullet strips were the favourite of the day. It seemed that there were hundreds of very hungry fish that would take the bait as soon as it reached the bottom.

Peter had caught a small baitfish which he had placed on a large hook connected to 80lbs line which was spooled onto a very large Fin-nor reel which was connected to his broomstick rod so everything was ready for that monster kingfish. It seemed strange that nothing seemed interested in his live bait.

Peter also had a much smaller Shimano fishing rod that had been fitted with a small Penn slammer on which he had threaded some 20lbs line. This was the rod that was catching all the smaller fish until that monster decided to take hold of the heavy gear.

Gold spot wrasse, red throat emperor, pearl perch and plenty of those annoying little lancers were coming aboard every time a new strip of mullet went down. There were a few great eating fish starting to fill the esky until the tide started to run and then everything went quiet.

Finally after almost four hours, Peter decided that the live bait was not working and that the heavy broomstick just kept getting in the way, so he released the live bait and stowed the rod in the bottom of the boat. It was a little disappointing to see that the King fish were not playing the game but it was quite enjoyable playing with his little Shimano.

The fish had almost stopped biting so it was time for something different. There was a small baitfish in the bucket so Peter decided to cut off a slab and place it on his small bream hook to see what he could catch.

A second after his bait hit the bottom, Peter's little Shimano with his little reel, his light line and small bream hook bent hard over. The line was coming off his reel at an alarming rate and there was nothing he could do about it. "This fish is just doing wherever it wants to" said Peter. The calm look of confidence had turned into a look of despair as Peter watched the end of his line drawing nearer and nearer.

With just meters to spare the fish stopped long enough to allow Peter to wind back some precious line which now looked like cotton. Trying to remain calm was becoming more and more difficult as the thought of losing this fish had filled Peter's heart with anxiety and fear. Never before had he been faced with a situation like this. Every time Peter wound back a meter of line the fish would take two.

The fish had taken a lot of line and had tried everything to free itself. Scraping along the bottom and diving amongst the kelp were just a couple of the many tactics, but it seemed that everything had failed and that there was a glimmer of hope that the fish would finally head towards the surface.

After almost twenty minutes Peter could see a flash of colour as he looked into the depths below but the fish had not given up yet. Peter had reached a point where he murmured to himself "I just want to see what type of fish it is" realising that his chances of actually landing this fish were slowly disappearing.

Apart from a few outbursts of frustration, Peter remained relatively calm and not once did he try to increase the drag on his reel. It seemed like forever when finally that glimmer of colour in the water below had become bigger until he could actually see a bright yellow tail on the end of this long silver shape. This was what he had come for and it was only just out of reach. If he could only raise it to the surface he might have a chance.

The next few minutes were agonising until finally he slipped the landing net under the fish. The feeling of relief was amazing to the point where the whole ordeal had become quite emotional. A seven kilogram kingfish was lying on the floor of the boat and Peter could hardly believe his eyes.

As Peter grabbed the line in an effort to pull the fish free of the net the hook fell out of the fish's mouth and on closer inspection he could see that the hook had almost straightened under the weight of the fish.



Peter had experienced what so many fishermen and women dream about. Once you feel the exhilaration and excitement that comes from catching big fish on light lines, it is hard to go back to skull dragging fish with a broomstick and unbreakable line. There are a few quite a few of our members heading out on the Kanimbla for a week of unbelievable fishing on Swain's Reef. I wonder what type of fishing gear Peter will prefer?

A Couple of Outstanding Fish



Richard Patterson with a 3.87kg Flathead



and



Trevor Foote with a 1.1kg Bream

Joke of the Month

THE HOSPITAL PATIENT: A male patient is lying in bed in the hospital, wearing an oxygen mask over his mouth and nose. A young student nurse appears and gives him a partial sponge bath.

"Nurse," he mumbles from behind the mask, "are my testicles black?"

Embarrassed, the young nurse replies, "I don't know, Sir. I'm only here to wash your upper body and feet." ...

He struggles to ask again, "Nurse, please check for me. Are my testicles black?"

Concerned that he might elevate his blood pressure and heart rate from worrying about his testicles, she overcomes her embarrassment and pulls back the covers. She raises his gown, holds his manhood in one hand and his testicles in the other.

She looks very closely and says, "There's nothing wrong with them, Sir. They look fine."

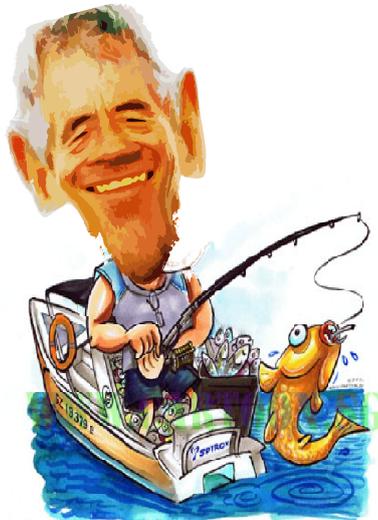
The man slowly pulls off his oxygen mask, smiles at her, and says very slowly, "Thank you very much. That was wonderful. Now listen very, very closely:

"Are – my – test – results – back?"

Guess who? (Can't? - Ask George!)

Did you know?

All vessels and PWCs (excluding tenders not requiring registration) operating beyond smooth water limits must carry orange smoke and red hand flares as part of their safety equipment. They have a lifespan of 3 years and must be replaced prior to the



Those who Support Our Club

The Bribie RSL Fishing Club provides a real service to the community by extending the hand of friendship not only to the fisher men 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. Currently our club has approximately eighty members of whom only twenty to thirty are regular fisherpeople.



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 meat tray raffles on a Thursday night from June until January of each year. In addition, the Bribie Island RSL Club supports us in very substantial and significant ways – use of facilities at the Sports Club for our monthly presentation BBQ's, use of the ANZAC room for our monthly general meetings and very importantly, a \$20 voucher each month for our member's draw. Many thanks Bribie Island RSL Club – we really do appreciate your support.

There are also occasions where we have the ability to raffle other prizes that have been kindly donated by our local businesses. The prizes that have been donated are actually great prizes that provide a real benefit to the people lucky enough to win them.



Owners of Browns Mitre 10 on Bribie Island, Michael and Samantha Brown have very kindly agreed to support us by donating a \$20 gift card each month to be used as a raffle prize at our monthly general meeting. In addition, they have offered a 5% discount on all fishing, marine and bait goods when members show their Bribie Island RSL Fishing Club member identification at time of purchase. Browns Mitre 10 is a Wilsons fishing tackle distributor. If members provide a Wilsons product number for the item they wish to purchase and it is not in store, Michael will order it for you. This is a great service. In addition, Michael has offered to provide better pricing for group buys or for certain high turnover items. Thank you Browns Mitre 10 Bribie Island.



We have some fantastic support in our community and we really appreciate all the help that our local businesses have provided but there is one company who just keeps on giving. Danny Payne, who owns Outback Adventures in Morayfield, has provided us with countless gifts over the last few years and continues to offer on-going support on a daily basis by providing our members a discount on all fishing gear. We really do appreciate the friendly service that Danny, Ken and all staff give us. Many thanks Outback Adventures.

Some other recent prizes include:



Eyewear Plus has donated a fantastic pair of quality polaroid sunglasses that any fisherperson would have loved to own. They have also provided us with a couple of lens cleaning spray bottles and appropriate cloths.



Steve Kelly from Mr Minute is also a very keen fisherman who has supported the club for a number of years. Steve has generously donated a number of Led Lenser LED flashlights/Torches. Led Lenser is well known as of the best names in quality LED torches and they also command a high price.



A number of discount vouchers have been donated by MODE Hairdressing. It is nice to have a prize that can be utilised by the ladies.



PACIFIC HARBOUR
GOLF • RESTAURANT • BAR

Pacific Harbour Golf Club has donated quite a few gift vouchers for 18 holes of golf with a buggy for the last few years and although there are only a few members of the club who play golf, the prizes are greatly appreciated and are highly valued by the players.

BRIBIE PASSAGE KIOSK & BOAT HIRE



Kate and John McAuliffe have been sponsors of our club for many years and have donated many great prizes for our fishing competitions. Kate and John's support is ongoing and provide a valuable resource as our primary weigh in station.

BBQ Boat Hire Brбие Island



Ian and Bronwyn recently donated a voucher for an 8 person BBQ boat for a day as a prize for our raffle. Margie Gadd won it. Last year they did a similar thing and Tim Holt won it at the Trophy Presentation night. Many thanks BBQ Boat Hire. They are located at the Pacific Harbour Marina. Please consider them for your bbq boat hire needs.

We thank you all for your ongoing support.