

FISH 'N' TIPS

FEBRUARY 2021



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February 2021

Hello and welcome. Already a month has passed in 2021 and although a late start to our year, we are finally up and running. Thank you to all for your support not only in 2020 but also your vote in confidence in our recent committee elections.

Thank you to the last year's outgoing committee members for their years of service, not only to me, but to the club and its members. New ideas and thoughts are already coming from our new committee members although, after just one meeting they are probably thinking why did I do this.?

Our first meeting went well and although relaxed and informal, quite a bit was discussed and we are well on the way to finalising our year's calendar. Some old events are still in place, although dates may have changed from previous years. We will be trialling a few new ideas throughout the year. We still require a Catering Coordinator and an assistant, and I am sure we have a couple suited to these positions. TOC-H turned out to be a good venue for our barbecues and thank you again to Ony and Sue and the many helpers for another splendid afternoon.

We will need to make a few decisions at our upcoming general meeting 7:00 o'clock Monday the 8th of

February on a choice of BP dam and Boondooma Dam and of course Tweed Heads or Rainbow Beach. Each has its advantages and disadvantages so you will have to consider this vote yourself.

Both of these need to be booked as soon as possible as they are extremely busy and will become more so as Covid restrictions ease further. Our condolences go out to George and Val Franklin for their recent loss of a loved one, from not only myself and Julie, but the entire club. To George Dragon; it's good to see you back up and motivated to do our shirts and badges and hopefully, this is a sign of better times ahead for you and I. I won't rattle on. Stay well, good fishing and hope to see you all at our next meeting .

Keith Kable



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. Currently our club has approximately eighty members of whom only twenty to thirty are regular fisher people.

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 \$25 voucher each month for our member's draw. Many thanks Bribie Island RSL Club – we really do appreciate your support.

Fishing Report

January 2020

If the results for January are anything to go by, 2021 will be a great year for fishing. Both the inshore and Offshore results seem to indicate that there will be a lot of members fishing as well as a lot of fish to catch.

Tammy and Brett have set the benchmark pretty high when it comes to the Offshore department by achieving new Club Records . The Inshore competition also has a couple of rivals with Ron and Trevor fighting for the first spot. This will be a competition worth watching.

It was great to see the ladies winning the prizes but it was also very interesting to see that Julie won second prize with just one fish. C'mon ladies, you might just win a prize with two fish.

Pebble Beach Fishing Comp.

Although the 2021 Calendar has not yet been ratified, be prepared for the 20th February as this is the proposed date for the Pebble Beach Fishing Competition.

Monthly Comp January 2021

Total No of fish 123 Inshore 72 Offshore 51

Sub Junior Inshore

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| Winner | Nguyen Riley | Points | 35 | Fish 4 |
| R/up | Nguyen Aiden | Points | 29 | Fish 4 |

Ladies Inshore

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| Winner | Voss Eleanor | Points | 25 | Fish 3 |
| R/up | Winnett Carole | Points | 19 | Fish 2 |
| 3rd | Kable Julie | Points | 6 | Fish 1 |

Mens Inshore

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|--------|------------------|--------|-----|---------|
| Winner | Winnett Ron | Points | 105 | Fish 16 |
| R/up | Plant Trevor | Points | 103 | Fish 13 |
| 3rd | Casey John | Points | 71 | Fish 14 |
| 4th | Voss Gary | Points | 31 | Fish 7 |
| 5th | Phillips Michael | Points | 21 | Fish 8 |

Ladies Offshore

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| Winner | Oostenbroek Tammy | Points | 522.95 | Fish 2 |
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Mens Offshore

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| Winner | Waters Brett | Points | 516.05 | Fish 10 |
| R/up | Chauhan Amrat | Points | 405.9 | Fish 11 |
| 3rd | Phillips Michael | Points | 126.765 | Fish 13 |
| 4th | McGruddy Peter | Points | 97 | Fish 10 |
| 5 th | Oostenbroek Frank | Points | 78.7 | Fish 3 |
| 6th | Roubin Loris | Points | 23.925 | Fish 2 |

Lucky Draw

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| Name |
| Oostenbroek Frank |

New Club Records for January 2021

Waters Brett Sail Fish 21.28 Kg

Waters Brett Wahoo 19.95 Kg

Oostenbroek Tammy Marlin 96.16 Kg

A New Editor

I know that this is going to be a bit hard to believe but we have a couple of members who have decided to take on the the production of the newsletter. Zeny and David Francis wanted to take an active role in our Club and will be taking the reins as soon as they feel comfortable.

After spending a bit of time with them yesterday I feel confident that they will have a great deal to add. If there is one way to become known to the members, just volunteer as a committee member.

Given their relatively recent involvement in the club and perceived (by them), lack of knowledge and/or fishing expertise in the Bribie area, they have requested me to advise the members that they will be seeking the assistance and involvement of individual members from time to time who are willing to provide short articles for publication in the newsletter on various subjects which may be of interest to club members and which are relevant to the club's activities as a fishing club. David has suggested that those articles could for example, be related to particular fishing zones or hotspots within the areas fished by the club members, particular bait or tackle tips that may be of use to members, boat maintenance tips and so on if you get my drift. Be warned then, that individual members who are able to assist in such regard, will be approached by David from time to time for such purpose.

Inshore Adventures

Are you sick of just hearing about the Offshore fishing adventures. A couple of photos and a few words from our members will ensure that you will have all the latest news from the Inshore adventures. Send your stories and photos through to me and let our members know what is being caught in the passage.



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[The Offshore Challenge](#)

Summertime brings about a whole new challenge, when it comes to fishing offshore, as this is the time when we have the opportunity to capture fish that dreams are made of. These are the words that were written just a couple of weeks ago and for some these dreams have come true.

When it comes to Offshore Fishing most people think and dream of catching a Marlin. Well for three of our members the excitement of catching a Marlin will be deeply etched in their memories for a long time to come.

Tammy had previously caught two marlin but the thought of catching a 100kg monster was too much to resist. Although it is not always the case, the bigger fish tend to be a lot further out to sea, so we started looking out in water up to 200 meters deep. The day started just after 4:00am and although we did catch Dolphin Fish, Cobia and Striped Tuna, the real excitement didn't happen until 2:15pm.

I had been teaching Brett Waters as much as I knew about trolling for Marlin for a few months and although we did have a few chances on previous trolling episodes, none of the Marlin stayed on the hooks, so here it was; a chance for Brett to catch his first Black Marlin. The Marlin was dancing at the end of the line about two hundred meters behind the boat. I suggested that it was time for somebody to grab the rod when Brett said "Tammy, You take it, there will be other chances for me."

That was enough for Tammy to leap into action. The boat was still travelling forward when I left the controls and grabbed the camera while Brett tried frantically to clear all the other rods and continue to drive the boat. I wouldn't quite call it a well oiled team, but things did work out, even though there were a few raised voices in the boat.



Amrat Chauhan had also been dreaming of catching a Marlin ever since he and Carmel joined the Club and I had been promising to take him out for years but the list of members wanting to go Offshore seems to be continually growing. Finally, the weather allowed us a small window of opportunity so early one morning Amrat and I went out into the depths.

We had been trolling for hours when a dolphin fish took one of the Grubbsta lures. Amrat leapt into action and soon had the Dolphin onboard. This was not his first but he was excited all the same.



Brett and Trevor Bourke had been shadowing us throughout the day and although they did get a solid strike on one of the lures the fish didn't hook up.

We continued trolling for about an hour when Amrat spotted a splash about three hundred meters away. I turned the boat and started to close in. As we approached we noticed that the splashes seemed to be everywhere in front of us. We were now just one hundred meters away when we realised that it was a big pod of dolphins. I mentioned to Amrat that thirty or forty dolphins were there for a reason and that was soon confirmed when we noticed quite a few baitfish on the sounder.

We had only just started to circle around the bait when the Bubblegum went off. Bubblegum is one of the many colours of Grubbsta Lures. Amrat grabbed the rod which was bent hard over while I cleared the other rods and the teaser. I had only seen a glimpse of the fish and called it for a large Dolphin Fish or Mahi Mahi but when it continued to perform some spectacular aerobatics, we realised that this was the moment that Amrat had been waiting for.

Amazingly, Amrat remained very calm and slowly coaxed the Marlin closer and closer to the boat. As the fish swam alongside, I grabbed it by its bill and held on until the marlin had stopped thrashing about. Amrat then took over and kept the fish swimming beside the boat and allowed me to take a photo.



We lifted the fish into the boat for a quick photo and quickly dropped it back into the water making sure that we held onto its bill. It is Important to note that when you lift a marlin out of the water, you reduce its chances of survival , but when it is your first marlin, you just have to take the photo, just make sure that you have your camera ready and keep the fish out of the water for the absolute minimum time. Having said that, after we swam the fish for about teen minutes it swam away happy to once again swim free.



Amrat had been waiting for a long time and it was great to finally see his dream come true so I made him a small memento of his trip showing the actual Grubbsta Bubblegum lure that caught the fish.



It was just a few days later when Brett asked me to accompany him in his 6.2meter Signature. The plan was to try to catch a few school mackerel early in the morning and then head out to the artificial reef for a few bottom fish.

The forecast was for light winds but big swells so we weren't quite sure what we would encounter on the way through the wild banks. Amazingly, there didn't seem to be much swell at all so we continued until we reached the artificial reef. We tried hard to catch a few live baits but they just weren't willing to come into the boat. I mentioned that the weather was just perfect for trolling so we set up the rods and idled away.

We had only been going for an hour when one of the rods went off. As we looked behind the boat we could see a small marlin dancing on top of the water; in fact he was going ballistic. I cleared the rods while Brett started to slowly wind in the Marlin. The fish was not giving up easily as he continued to put on a massive display.

Finally he lay beside the boat for long enough to measure him. A second later he started protesting again and just went crazy. I have seen many photos of people being speared through the chest, arms, legs and head and even through the mouth. Just look at some of the images on the internet. I quickly decided that I was not going to become a statistic so we broke the line. He had definitely earned his freedom.

Soon after we had another strike but the hooks didn't stick. We kept trolling for about another hour when both lures went off. Brett and I grabbed a rod each but mine gave way so I quickly cleared the other lines while Brett fought the fish.

We had never intended to go trolling so I didn't pack the camera. I am still kicking myself because it would have been nice to get a few photos of the sailfish flying through the air. Brett had now become quite proficient at catching billfish after three months of solid training so everything went to plan.

The sailfish must have known that fighting such an accomplished fisherman would be in vein so he just lay beside the boat until I grabbed his bill and even then he didn't protest too much. A quick phot and away he swam.





Now, It appears that after catching a Black Marlin and a Record breaking Sailfish, that Brett no longer needed the expert advice from his teacher so the very next day he set off alone to see what he could catch. It was about 2:30pm when I received a call from Brett asking me if I could weigh in a Wahoo and a Mackerel Tuna so shortly after Brett drives up with another record breaker; A 19.95kg Wahoo.



Marine Assist Membership - Reciprocal Rights

As you are aware you receive a free tow up to 25Nm from your launching point. You have reciprocal rights with all Coast Guard flotillas within Queensland. We have now made an agreement with VMR Bribie, Coast Guard Mooloolaba & Caloundra to be part of these reciprocal rights.

Therefore, if you require assistance and are outside this flotillas area; you should in the first instance contact any nearby Coast Guard flotilla and then VMR Bribie requesting assistance, ensuring you have identified your vessel as a Mooloolaba Financial member.

Remember, if you are over 25Nm from Mooloolaba or launching point you will pay the assisting flotilla or VMR Bribie for any distance over 25Nm.

Warning Sign at Sandstone Point

This story starts when Ron Russell highlighted the fact that the warning sign for the old fish trap at the Sandstone Point has disappeared. I believe that this is also the area where Ron Winnett punctured a hole in the bottom of his boat.



It appears that there is no direct evidence that the fish traps were actually made by the local aboriginals and that they could have been made by South Sea Islanders who were working on the cane fields. Fish traps are quite common all over the world and have been made by many of the native people in the past and in some countries are still being made today.

There is however a man made structure at Sandstone point that is definitely a “Fish Trap” that is clearly visible at low tide. Apparently, the aboriginal people would burley the area inside the trap during the high tide to attract the fish and when the tide receded the wall of the fish trap would hold the water back and trap the fish inside. As the water leaked out of the trap the fish would be trapped inside. The wall at the Avon Wreck is also the remnants of an old fish trap and if you have fished it you can see that many of the fish can be caught in the deeper section behind the wall as the tide recedes.

There is one more interesting little bit of information before I leave you. Toorbul Point is not actually at Toorbul.

Sandstone Point, an urban area opposite Bribie Island, is positioned where Pumicestone Channel meets Deception Bay. It is 19 km east of Caboolture and 45 km north-east of central Brisbane. The area's easternmost part is Toorbul Point, once an assembly place for members of the Ningy Ningy Aboriginal clan. Toorbul, or 'Turrbal', was first learned by Nundah missionaries who were guided there by local Aborigines in 1841, the word apparently being a reference to the bora ground south of Bestman Road. There is also a stone fish trap near the shore line. Toorbul Point has also been known as Sandstone Point, and the physical Toorbul Point is easily recognised as the high headland south of the Bribie Island bridge. The locality known as Toorbul is a few kilometres up Pumicestone Channel, on the far side of Ningi Creek.

Now that you have been informed that the warning sign has gone, you may be interested in this very short video.

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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.

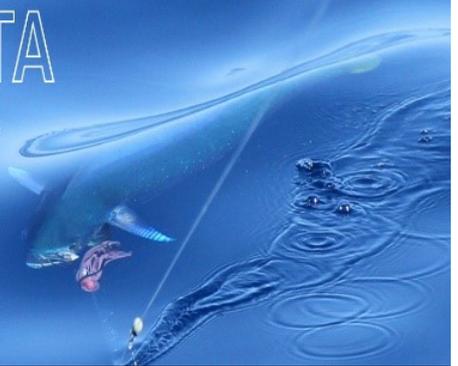
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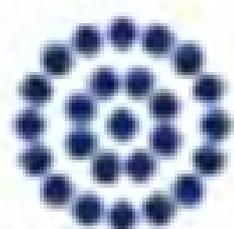
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