

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

February Members Meeting

9th February 7:00pm

*Weigh In

Saturday, 21st February 6pm

20th – 22nd March

Bjelke-Petersen Dam Freshwater Competition

Fishing Club Web Site

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February 2015

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

22nd February 4:00pm BBQ Sportsman's Club

9th March Member's Meeting 7:00pm

20th-22nd March Bjelke-Petersen Dam Freshwater Competition

President's Report

The first month of the new year gone already. Each year seems to go quicker than the last.

At the January AGM the committee for the new year was elected and the only real changes from last year to this year is that Bryan Stenning became vice president in lieu of Richard Caldararo and Ron Winnett became Weigh Master in lieu of Richard Patterson.

The committee has met and organised the calendar for the year. We have two saltwater weekends away at Maroochydore in May and the Tweed in October. There is a freshwater competition at Bjelke-Petersen Dam in March and it is intend there will be a one day competion at Somerset in November.

Also this year we are going to combine the pig night with presentation night and that will be held at the Toch H hall where we had Christmas in July last year and again it is intended to have live music.

There will be a bowls afternoon and we are trying to organise that for June but it is not yet finalised as I have not heard back from the bowls people.

Another change is that since we have more members going away on our subsidised weekends, our funds are going to be a little more stretched so we are only going to have a members draw at the BBQ 's and not at the Monday monthly meeting

Our raffles at the RSL on a Thursday night are now finished until June. My thanks to everyone who participated both as ticket sellers and purchasers?

It seems like there are some fish in the passage and I have managed a few bream and moses perch. Also the crabbing has been very quiet this year compared to past years. The winds have been too much to get out offshore very often. When I have it has not been very productive for me. 4.5 hours trolling produced nothing and I know other members have had the same experience and poor Frank must be wondering what he has done to hook numerous Marlin he hooked but land none of them.

Our next BBQ for the year is on Sunday 22 February at the Sports Club at 4 pm. IF you have not put down your name on the list that has already gone around then please add it to the list or ring Margaret Phillips or Margaret Steptoe to advise if you are coming. We only cater for the number of names on the list so if you just turn up then be prepared to have nothing to eat.

A Happy birthday to all those with birthdays in February.

Tight Lines,

Mike Phillips

Weighmaster's Report

Welcome to all of our members and thank you for your vote of confidence in placing me in this unenviable position of Weigh Master for the forthcoming year. I would also like to thank Richard Patterson for organising the competitions for 2014.

The last competition was held over the last few weeks of November, December and January. This is done to allow us to tally all the results, assess the winners and arrange trophies for the end of year function.

Because the competition had been organised over the three month period the committee decided that they would add a third prize for the period instead of the usual two prizes. The results for the last three months of competition are as follows:

OFFSHORE:

Winner: Frank Oostenbroek

Runner-up: Ron Winnett

Third Prize: Richard Caldararo

INSHORE:

Winner: Richard Patterson

Runner-up: Ron Winnett

Third Prize: Michael Phillips



Richard Caldararo mentioned that he had never caught a Spanish Mackerel before, so he and Frank left Spinnaker Sound Marina early one morning and headed up to Caloundra. Live bait was difficult to find so they decided to use a couple of hard body lures. It wasn't long before Richard landed two Spaniards at about 8Kg each. You can tell by the smile on his face that he was very happy with the result.

BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2015



FEBRUARY

9th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
25th Jan – 21st Feb Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
22nd **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club (Burgers)**
Weigh inn – Saturday 21st 6pm.
Mystery Fish & Weight / Month

MARCH

9th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
20th -22nd **Bjelke-Petersen Dam**
Freshwater Comp
22nd Feb - 28th Mar Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
29th **BBQ- 4pm Sports Club (Burgers)**
Weigh inn – Saturday 28th 6pm

APRIL

13th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
29th Mar - 25th April Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
26th **BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club (Burgers)**
Weigh inn- Saturday 25th 6pm

MAY

11th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
15th – 17th **Maroochydoore (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 **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 -26th Dec Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

26th
*Members Meetings are held in the
Anzac room of the RSL Club



BJELKE PETERSEN DAM

Ph 07 41684746

Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd March

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

Final Payment 22nd February (BBQ)

Ensuite self contained Cabins

Saturday night BBQ included

Please bring own linen

Final numbers & Payment

10th March (Meeting)

MAROOCHYDRE 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

The last few weeks have been extremely windy making the offshore fishing trips a non event. A few of the fanatical fishermen have been trying their luck in the Pumicestone Passage with some success. Michael Phillips has managed a few small Bream and Moses Perch although at just twenty five centimeters they hardly seem worthwhile. This is when catch and release works well because you can weigh in your fish and release it to continue to grow and multiply. The experts tell us that a 1kg bream is approximately twenty one years old, so if everyone kept every bream they caught, there may not be many left for the future.

I also had a bit of luck in the passage when he caught a 2.7kg Snapper in the late afternoon.



Marlin have been the focus of many of the offshore fishermen as these fish are the dream of many; in fact I have hooked nineteen Marlin but have not caught one this year. I mention this because although many anglers have caught marlin this year, there are a lot who have missed out so you have to ask why.

In a previous edition of this newsletter, I mentioned that if you want to find the fish, you have to find the bait. Well that is only a small portion of the whole story. It is true that if you find the bait, you have an excellent opportunity of finding the bigger fish below them just waiting for the chance to find an easy meal.

If you have found the bait and the bigger fish how do you attract them to your hook? I have seen a lot of really big fish on the sounder, but when it comes to getting them to bite it is another story.

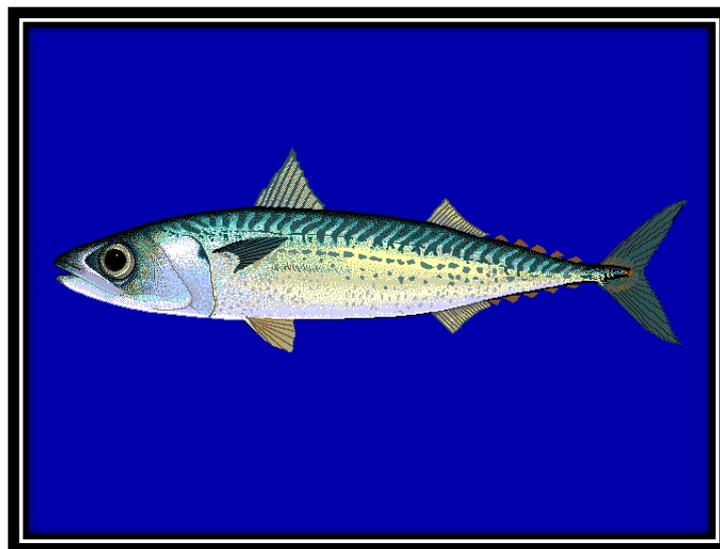
Many of the successful marlin catches in South East Queensland have been by the use of live bait. The first step in catching these fish is to find the bait as mentioned previously but there is a bit more to it than just finding the bait. Although not impossible, it is highly

unlikely that you will catch a marlin in Pumicestone Passage even though you have found a massive bait school.

It might be a bit obvious but you will normally only find the marlin offshore in clear blue water. I have previously caught marlin in six meters of water but that was directly in front of Cape Moreton so the depth of water is not a major factor although I would suggest that fifty or sixty meters may be a better depth. If you combine this depth of water together with a large bait school during the summer months, when the water temperature is approximately twenty seven degrees Celsius you could be almost there.



The next step is to lower a bait jig and catch some live bait. Live bait is normally easy to catch and may consist of slimy mackerel which are small fish approximately twenty centimeters in length but can grow to a length of fifty centimeters. These slimy mackerel (Blue Mackerel) spawn in late winter and gather around the waters of South East Queensland by the millions each summer.



After catching one of these slimy mackerel with your bait jig, pass a circle hook through the front of its nose, or shoulder and lower it back down to the same depth as the school of bait and hang on. This method will catch marlin and sailfish of all sizes as well as any other fish that happens to be around. It seems as though every fish in the ocean loves eating slimy mackerel so if you lower the fish too close to the bottom you could end up with a snapper or a host of other bottom dwelling species.



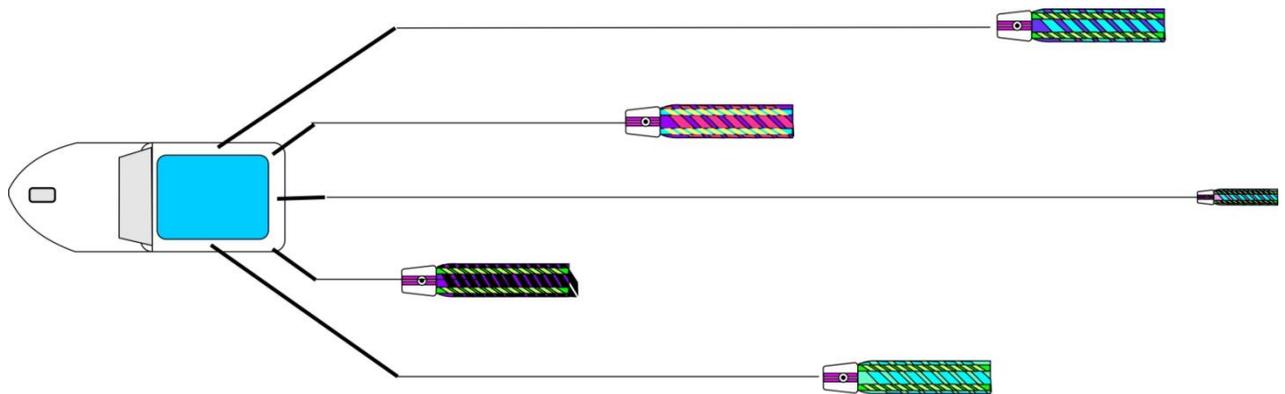
There is another more popular method of fishing which involves dragging (trolling) four or five skirted lures behind the boat at different distances to avoid tangling the lures when the boat makes a tight turn.

The theory states that the turbulence or white water that is formed when the boat moves forward, together with the sound of the engine, sounds like and resembles a school of bait fish that is being attacked by a host of predators. The skirted lures are designed to look like a swimming bait fish when they are trolled behind the boat at approximately six knots or thirteen kilometres per hour. The lures are also specially designed to push and compress the water in front of the lure which forms a long bubble trail behind the lure. If the lures are correctly positioned beside the white water, and if you are lucky, and if the fish are hungry, and if they like the colour and shape of the lure, a fish may attack the lure and hopefully hook up.





The skirted lures (skirts) should be placed just outside the white water. When looking from under the water it should appear as a single bait fish which has strayed from the bait ball. The lures should be placed in staggered positions starting at a point just ten or fifteen meters from the back of the boat.



Some boats use long poles or “outriggers” to separate the lures to prevent the tangles but also to allow more rods to be used. Towing or trolling skirts is a very successful and proven method which is extensively used in most areas throughout the world.

Now that you have all the information you can venture out in your boat and chase the dreaded marlin, but just before you do, you may wish to consider what type of reel you are going to use. Reel selection is also an important factor when chasing marlin. Most modern reels will certainly have the strength to catch marlin but the most important consideration is line capacity. Game reels have been designed simply to hold over a kilometer of line to stop from being spooled. I can remember losing almost 800meters of 24kg line to a blue marlin while trolling in a depth of 350 meters, before I even had the opportunity to grab the rod. Some experts suggest that a marlin can take a kilometre of line in less than thirty seconds.



Whatever reel you decide to use, make sure that you attach a very strong lanyard to prevent the rod and reel being pulled overboard.

Marlin, Sailfish, Wahoo, Mackerel, Dolphin Fish and Tuna should be around until the end of March so if you are interested in catching any of these species, now is the time to talk to me if you would like any more information.

Please Note: Marlin are not an eligible species and may not be weighed into the monthly competitions.