

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

February Members Meeting

8th February 7:00pm

*Weigh In

Saturday, 27th February 6pm

15th - 17th April

Bjelke-Petersen Dam Freshwater Competition

Fishing Club Web Site

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February 2016

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

14th March Member's Meeting 7:00pm

28th February 4:00pm BBQ Sportsman's Club

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

President's Report

Hello everyone. Thank you for placing your confidence in me to carry out the role of President. As I indicated on the night of the AGM, I nominated for this position to contribute to the Club in the best way that I feel I can. I have enjoyed what the Club has given to me since being here. I now hope to give back by building on what the Club has offered to date.

I also mentioned my goals for this role are to work with the Committee to promote and encourage friendship, goodwill and social interaction between all members through our club's social activities; to promote healthy and good-natured competition between all who have a passion for fishing through an active competition calendar; and, to promote and encourage the continued development and improvement of the fishing skills and knowledge of all members by newsletters and guest speaker spots and anything else we can get our hands on. Nothing really new in these as they are largely the objects of the Club listed in the Constitution. I hope we can all embrace them. In relation to the last goal, Frank is going to do a presentation on fishing with plastics. He will use a slide show and other training aids. The presentation is planned for 20 minutes. We will not go past 8pm. Frank is an ace of the plastics fishing and so I commend the presentation to you.

It seems the Dolphin fish, Wahoo and Marlin are giving some of the off shore hardheads a good time. That is really good news although I understand one black marlin went manic and decided to wreak some havoc before giving the hopefuls the bird. No doubt Frank will have some good photography in this newsletter. Equally, the Passage is fishing well for many with good bream, flathead and even grunter being taken and of course for those in the know, Cooks Rocks are rockin. It was really interesting to read in the recent Bribie Islander of the Bowmouth Guitar Fish caught in the Passage. Until now, I didn't even know that species existed.

The Committee held its first meeting of the year on night of the Wednesday the 20th at my place. I enjoyed the meeting and we certainly covered some ground. I will brief you all on the outcomes of interest at our general meeting on the 8th of February. The new calendar has been fleshed out for as far as we can see at this point.

Cheers

Ron

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 Ron Winnett and Richard Patterson for organising the competitions for 2015. I am glad to have Ron beside me for some expert guidance and I hope that you enjoy this year's competitions as much as I have over the last few years.

The monthly competitions commenced on 1st January 2016 and all the results will accrue through the year until 19th November 2016 to allow us to tally all the points and organise the trophies before the Trophy night in early December. Although the tally for the annual competition will formally end on 19th November 2016, the monthly competition will continue as a combined competition from 6pm 19th November until 6pm 31 December 2016.

Because the December competition will be held during both November and December period, the committee have decided that there will be a third prize for the period instead of the usual two prizes.

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

OFFSHORE:

Ladies Winner: Tammy Oostenbroek ***Men's Winner:*** Ron Winnett

Ladies Runner-up: Sheila Oostenbroek ***Men's Runner-up:*** Frank Oostenbroek

INSHORE:

Ladies Winner: Tina Patterson ***Men's Winner:*** Trevor Plant

Ladies Runner-up: Carole Winnett ***Runner-up:*** Max West

Lucky Draw: Richard Patterson



BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2016

FEBRUARY

8th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
31th Jan – 27th Feb Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
28th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in – Saturday 27th 6pm

MARCH

14th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
28nd Feb - 26th Mar Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
27th **BBQ- 4pm Sports Club**
Weigh in – Saturday 26th 6pm

APRIL

11th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
Freshwater Comp
15th Mar - 17th April **Bjelke-Petersen Dam**
27th Mar - 23th April Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
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

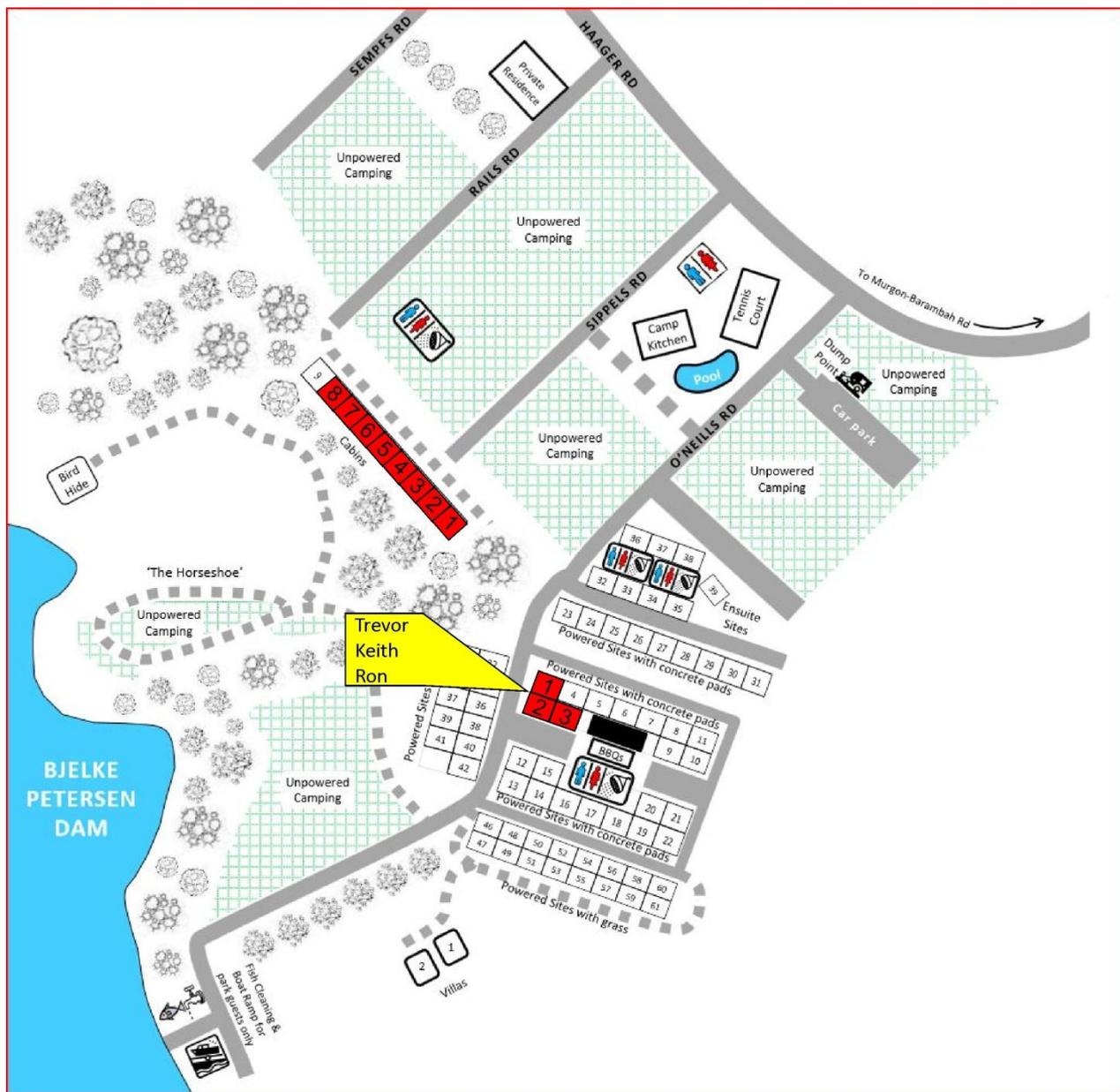
Adults

Ensuite self contained Cabins

Saturday night BBQ included

Please bring own linen

Bjelke-Petersen Map



The Editor's Notes

January has really been an exciting month for both the inshore and offshore species. Max West is one of our newest members but it hasn't taken him long to get into the swing of things. It may well be that Max has already broken two of our records for both Swallow Tail Dart and Sole. Max also seems to be targeting bream and flathead so all the inshore boys had better beware.



Max West shows off a couple of possible record breakers

Our new Treasurer is also a bit of an expert when it comes to catching flathead. Trevor Plant has been known to wade out on the muddy flats in water up to his chest in search of that massive flathead, regardless of the risks. Most of us love our fishing but walking out amongst the stingrays, sharks and stonefish is not my favourite past-time. Trevor is pictured holding a couple of nice flathead which he caught in a more civilised manner.



Trevor plants his posterior in his boat for a change

Our new Weigh-Master is a bit of a multi-talented worker, specialising in horse shoes, wrought iron masterpieces, and SavWinches. When Richard Caldararo does have some time off, he loves to fish. Whether it is sitting on the bank, on the local jetty or in his boat, Richard just loves fishing. There does seem to be some confusion whether he fishes in work time or "Business Time". Richard, Ron and John can be seen calmly discussing why they just lost a big black marlin.

The second photo is of a bull dolphin fish that Richard caught. Apparently Richard took out the owner and the chief salesman of SavWinch for a spot of fishing. When the rod went off, the other two boys were far too slow to pick up the rod, so Richard showed them how it is done.



Richard shows that he comes up with a lot of "Bull" in "Business Time"

Sheila Oostenbroek has been a member of our club for almost thirteen years and has been a pretty keen participant in the offshore category, but hasn't put in the same amount of effort in the last few years. It seems that sheila only likes to head out in the ocean when the water is calm. There was a small amount of doubt in Sheila's mind when the alarm clock sounded at 3:00am but decided to brave the waves for what turned out to be a magnificent day.



This wahoo buster was well and truly slimed

Chris Roberts is just a poor old broken down old pensioner who should know better that to pull in big fish with a broken shoulder. Chris comes from a life on the sea and has been a very keen sailor in his day competing in many of the prestigious sailing events but in the past ten or twelve years he has shifted his focus to fishing in deep water. Chris has caught all types of fish with marlin, dolphin fish, wahoo, amberjack, tuna, snapper, sweetlip and yellowtail kingfish just to name a few. Lately, this poor old pensioner has been suffering with a rather sore shoulder which has affected his golf game severely so you have to ask the question why he continues to put the extra strain on his body. Well Chris will tell you that as long as he continues to take those pain killers everything will be ok.



Chris stretched his arms just north of "Robert's"

It was just another one of those days when "Seabreeze" promised some fantastic weather. With the wind predicted to be under ten knots, Sandy Hose, Ron Winnett trusted Frank Oostenbroek with their lives as they set off towards Cape Moreton in search of marlin, wahoo and dolphin fish. Everything started off well as Comboyuro Point met them with small waves and gentle breezes.

As our fearless threesome neared Flinder's Reef they noticed that the waves were getting a little bigger and that the wind seemed to be a little stronger but their fearless captain reassured them that the wind would settle down soon so just put out the lures and get ready for the onslaught.

Sandy noticed a few birds over on the right so they headed out to a point east of Hutchison's Shoal. The fish were everywhere and the birds were diving but the fish were not interested in anything they had to offer, so our fearless threesome headed north east of Hutchies until the water depth became just over sixty meters. The waves had certainly become bigger and the wind seemed to be howling, so the decision was made to head for cover. The trouble was that there was no cover. They couldn't drive any faster without bashing their bodies to pieces so our fishermen decided to head for cover at Cape Moreton but they kept the lures in the water.

The boat was now heading into a twenty-five knot wind and the waves were breaking over the front of the boat. Sandy decided to play it safe and struggled to open a brand new life jacket and place it on her back. The life jacket had only just come out of the packet so it took a while to readjust all the straps but finally Sandy was ready for the worst.

The waves were at their peak and everyone was drenched. It may have been drier in the ocean. Suddenly, one of the rods went off and Ron lept up in the already unstable conditions and silenced the ratchet. No sooner had Ron grabbed his rod when the other one went off. Sandy was at the back holding on for dear life so Frank set the autopilot to straight forward and grabbed the second rod.

As you looked backwards through the salt spray you could see two large dolphin fish showing their acrobatic skills about eighty meters back. As the boys started to reel the fish in they realised that their lines were twisted together. Both the boys were straining to see which way the lines were twisted when Sandy came to the rescue with a set of good eyes.

The boat was pitching side to side as well as front to back and the constant salt spray over everyone made it extremely difficult to see, so the boys just trusted Sandy's observations and slowly but surely they managed to untangle the lines. Ron's fish came in first and it didn't take long to very gently place a seven kilogram dolphin fish into the esky.

In the panic Frank's line became entangled on one of the rear cleats so Frank calmly spoke a few kind words in the general direction of Sandy. Eventually Sandy managed to free the line and a second dolphin fish lay in the esky. Can you believe that in the middle of a cyclone and after that momentous episode, the two boys decided to let the lures out again.

Frank asked Ron if he would like to use one of the other life jackets but Ron calmly stated that he was ok and that he would reassess the situation if the conditions became worse. Needless to say, the boat didn't sink and the weather finally calmed down enough to allow our cold trio to return to the safety of Pumicestone passage. What a great day!!!



Ron and Frank with their two dolphin fish. Note the angle of the boat.

I was never smart enough to make a son and it may have been nice to have one around, but I have been extremely lucky to have two beautiful girls. Both Tammy and Tania have experienced the outdoors life since they were old enough to walk but Tammy has always had a passion for fishing.

At age 18 Tammy joined the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) as a Communications Operator and travelled all over the Australia as part of a tactical team providing communication links for our armed services as well as strategic government operations and in disaster situations. Tammy life has been far from boring. Both Tammy and Tania spent many years competing in trampolining until Tammy broke her neck in two places at age fifteen. Somehow she recovered, although the fused bones in her neck do prevent her from competing in athletic events.

After joining the RAAF, she discovered that she had a cancerous growth in her brain which was promptly removed by splitting her skull and gluing it back together again. Two weeks later she came out with me fishing for tuna and wondered why she didn't have the stamina to catch the third long tail tuna.

All was well for a few years until we discovered that the brain tumour was back and had become substantially larger. The second operation was not as kind, as Tammy lost all hearing on her right ear which has also affected her balance. You may notice that she has a tendency to speak rather loudly at time although I think that it comes from her mother. The scars have all healed but the RAAF could no longer keep her with her current state of fitness, so after spending six months in Bagdad with rockets and mortars, she was medically discharged after fifteen years of service.

Tammy is now in her final year of study and will soon be working as a Registered Nurse in a hospital near you, but when she has a few spare minutes, she will still take the time to show me how to fish.



Father and Daughter team up for Dorado Deluge

There are often times when the weather is not good enough to go out in the boat, but you will often see me casting a soft plastic on Banksia Beach just down from Wright's Creek. It is quite common to catch a couple of flathead but this 73cm fish gave me the best fight I have had in a long time. The flathead weighed 2.44kg and was caught on 6lbs line.



You don't need a big lure to catch a big flathead



Size does matter at almost 16Kg

Raffle Prizes

The Bribie RSL Fishing Club provides a real service to the community by extending the hand of friendship not only to the fishermen 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 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, members of our club are able to raise the finances required by selling raffles. There are also occasions where we have the ability to raffle other prizes that have been kindly donated by our local business.

The prizes that have been donated are actually great prizes that have a substantial value which not only add to the clubs wealth, but also provide a real benefit to the people lucky enough to win the prize.

Some of the latest 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

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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.

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We have some fantastic support in our community and we really appreciate all the help that our local business 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 thank you all for your ongoing support.