

FISH 'N' TIPS

**February
2023**





President's Report February 2023

Hi Everyone.

I hope this short note finds you all well and recovered from Xmas and New Year celebrations.

My first welcome of the year is to our newly appointed weighmaster Mr Richard Holmes, who, after initial I.T. problems, and a little help from John and Ron, he seems to have it under control.

We also have a new format for our newsletter done by Alison Herring, so thank you for undertaking this responsibility. As a reminder to the members, if you have questions on upcoming trips or events, you should please check out our website first before making calls, as Alison goes to extreme care to make sure it is all there for your convenience.

We have a few new members that have joined recently so as I haven't spent much time with them yet I welcome you, and I have noticed you fitting in quite well with our social calendar and events. The calendars for 2023 are formulated and will be on the website.

And of course, our next general meeting is on at the RSL Monday 13th February at 7pm in the Garden Room.

Our condolences to Ray and Heath-erbell on their recent family loss, on behalf of the club members and Julie and myself.

Not a lot of fishing news as of late but as the weather starts to cool and the winds drop (maybe), then I expect reports to be better.

Well done to all those who fished last month for a reward, and let's keep on fishing.

Happy Birthday to all those in February and Bye for now.

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Editor's Notes

Hi everyone,

You are probably all aware that Frank has presented his final newsletter with the January edition.

My name is Alison and I have taken over the reins as newsletter editor, so before I go too much further, I would like to thank Frank for his many years of interesting and entertaining articles and photos. I hope I can do at least as good a job as Frank has.

I will try to keep my newsletters in a similar vein to what you are used to, however, as many of you may know, it is often a challenge to get pictures, articles and info to put into them.

So, with that in mind, I would like to ask for your help.

Please send me photos of your latest catch, no matter how big, or small for that matter, if you would like to see it in the newsletter or on the front page, I would love to get them. Just let me know the 4 W's – WHO is the photo of, WHAT is the fish? WHERE was the fish caught (roughly) and WHEN was it taken.

That also applies to events you may attend; if you like putting pen to paper feel free to send me short articles on anything from events, as I will not necessarily be at every club event. For starters I won't be on the Ferryman Cruise, as I am flying to South America the next day to pick up a cruise to Antarctica. I also won't be at Somerset in March, so any photos and stories from anyone, and any snippets from your lunch cruise and stay at Somerset will be very welcome.

Many thanks to Frank, Loris & Mike for your contributions for this month's newsletter.

You can send your photos and articles to me at BribieRSLFCWebmaster@gmail.com

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Til next month,

Alison

Front Page Photo

Our first front page photo for this year is of a very happy Loris Roubin with a Dolphinfish (Mahi-Mahi) he caught recently off one of the FADs in Moreton Bay. Caught on a live yakka and weighed in at 4.2kg.

Weighmaster's Report

Monthly Comp for January 2023



Total No of fish 129

Sub Junior Inshore (3 fish caught)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Phillips Jai	29

Junior Inshore (4 fish caught)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Dagleish Ethan	37

Ladies Inshore (5 fish caught)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Patterson Tina	28
2 nd	Voss Eleanor	16



Men's inshore (104 fish caught)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Winnett Ron	106
2nd	Plant Trevor	85
3rd	Patterson Richard	64
4th	Phillips Michael	52
5th	Casey John	37
6th	Voss Gary	28
7 th	Hannay Greg	20
8 th	Carey Bruce	11
9 th	Holmes Richard	7
10 th	Jericevich Tony	5

Men's Offshore (13 fish caught)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Bruce Stephen	81.9
2nd	Rouben Loris	76.5
3 rd	Oostenbroek Frank	67.675

Lucky Draw

Name
Voss Gary

New Members

A very big welcome to our newest members – Greg and Virginia Hannay, who joined back in November. If you bump into them in the club, introduce yourselves and include them in your group or conversation. We were all new once and it's no fun to stand on the outside not knowing anyone.



Left

Mike Phillips with “A Good Bream”, caught in Pummicestone Passage January 2023

Ferryman Cruises

—bribie island—

Join us for Lunch

Grab your friends and join us for a great day out on the water. Your adventure begins with a smooth water cruise into the heart of the Pumicestone Passage.

Enjoy a delicious Captain's Lunch as we meander up stream following the historical trails taken by Mathew Flinders. The Skipper will keep you entertained with his live commentary and if your lucky you will even get to see some of our local wild life!



*RSL Fishing Club Captain's Lunch
2 hour Private Charter Wednesday 22nd February 2023*

*Boarding at: 11.15am
Departing: Pacific Harbour Marina at 41 Harbour
Promenade Banksia Beach.*

Returning: 1.30pm

*Please bring: hat, sunscreen, jacket as it can get cool
on the water, a smile and sense of humour.
You will have a great day out.*

If anyone would like to go on this trip , and hasn't yet put their name on the list, please contact Steve King ASAP

You need to have paid Heatherbell by 8am on Tuesday 14th Feb, or you will not be on the boat! \$25.00pp

Raffles

Our Thursday night raffles at the RSL Club are continuing throughout this year, so get yourselves down there anytime from 5pm. Have dinner and a drink with friends and buy some tickets to support your fellow club members and your fishing club. Then go through to the sports bar for the draw just after 7pm.

The roster for February and into March is:

16th Feb – Carmel & Amrat Chauhan and Vera Sipovac & Tony Maatouk

23rd Feb – Heatherbell & Ray Rogers and Therese Lee & Steve Bruce

2nd March – Ony & Loris Roubin and Angie Stenning & Steve Burns

9th March – Heatherbell & Ray Rogers and Viv & Steve King

16th March—Virginia & Greg Hannay and Patti Varga & Tony Jericevich

23rd March— Sue & Peter Ledger and Woody & Chris Povey

Weighstations

The following people have agreed to be “weigh-in-stations” for club members wishing to weigh and measure their latest catch.

Please call before turning up on their front door step with a bucket of smelly fish.

Richard Holmes (weighmaster) - Bongaree 0419 668 751

Ron and Carole - Bongaree 0418 881 419

John & Jillian - Bongaree 0417795584

Keith and Julie - Sandstone Point 0419 644 709

Frank and Sheila - Banksia Beach 0401 694 111

Peter and Pam - Banksia Beach 0428 107 486

BBQs at TOC H

These are held on the last Sunday of each month. The next BBQ will be on Sunday 26th February at 4pm, and will be manned by Ron & Carole Winnett, John & Sandra Casey and John & Jill Davis.

It is a BYO venue and if you have never been there before, you can find TOC H at 36 Banyan St, Bongaree.

Your annual membership fee covers the cost of all BBQs

A map is available on the website at <https://www.bribierslfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html>

or just use Google maps on your phone.



Somerset Dam

NRMA Lake Somerset Holiday Park
78 Kirkleagh Rd, Hazeldean
(Just past Kilcoy)

Freshwater 2-day comp

Tuesday 7th—Friday 10th March 2023

This event and accommodation arrangements are complete. Deposits have been paid at \$50 per head for members to hold the cabins, and the balance payable by the occupying member on arrival. The cancellation policy is that if you cancel after 20 February the deposit is forfeited. In the event of a forfeited deposit the club will look for you to reimburse the club any subsidy lost!

Competition fishing starts 6am Wednesday and Thursday, and finishes at 4pm both days. Weigh-in will be at 4pm on both days.

Cater for your own meals, there may be group BBQs for the evening meals.

Don't forget you need a permit to fish QLD's dams. You can purchase one at

<https://dafqld.forms.decipha.auspost/sip>

Previous photos from Somerset Dam



Somerset Dam Redclaw

Are you going to Somerset Dam in March? Have you been to the dam before or will this be your first visit? As well as catching the fish that are in our well-stocked dams, have you considered trying for Redclaw?



Even if this will not be your first time there, there is always the thrill of pulling up the pots and finding lots of those lovely creatures crawling around in the bottom.

They are not part of our fishing competition, but there is no harm in dropping a few pots over the side. Redclaw are usually more active

overnight, so put your pots out at the end of your day, and pick them up in the morning.

The best pot to use is the Opera House Pot – it is suited for use in all freshwater dams and waterways.

Your pot will need a float, correctly labelled as per the instructions at QLD Fisheries.

Redclaw are primarily vegetarian, so personally, we have found the best bait to use is fruit and vegetables. Many people we have met and chatted with at the dams swear by dog biscuits or even tinned dog food. But we stuck with the fruit and veg option. (Not having a dog helped sway us in that direction). Particularly rockmelon, pumpkin and the trimmings

from the evening veges. We did OK, not hundreds, but certainly enough for a feed with a beer or wine.



As we live outside the natural range for redclaw, (which is Northern QLD), they are considered an invasive species here, and must not be returned to the water.

When you empty your pots, put your redclaw into very chilled water to subdue them. Then just treat them much the same way as you would crabs or lobsters. Drop them into boiling water to cook them. And after peeling them, I found frying them lightly in garlic butter a simple and tasty option. But there are many other ways, and I'm sure the internet will help you there.

Paying The Taxman

By Frank Oostenbroek (January 2023)

It had been a while since I had been able to head out to deeper water, but the weather had been predicted to be almost perfect. Scott had been good enough to invite me out on his six meter boat to try and catch a wahoo or two. If you are not sure what a wahoo is then you could be missing out on a treat. They are long and thin and can measure up to about two meters long with a weight of over thirty kilograms. There are some distinct differences between a Spanish mackerel but the main difference is the taste.

Wahoo can be eaten raw as sashimi, sliced very thin and deep fried so it tastes like a fishy potato crisp, deep fried in the normal manner or shallow fried, but however you decide to prepare it, the taste is beautiful and is nothing like mackerel.

It was just after five in the morning when we arrived at the Spinnaker Sound boat ramp. There was a very light breeze coming from the south east and Richard Patterson coming from the south. Believe it or not, the day looked perfect and we were the only two parties at the ramp.

We quickly slid the boat into the water and idled out of the marina and as I looked back I could see Ron



Winnett guiding the boat waiting for Richard to park the car.

Not a cloud in the sky and no one on the water. It make sense to us at the time so we kept heading out of the passage. It doesn't matter where you are, the Bribie bridge seems to have that special appeal and with the early morning sun shining on it, the bridge just seemed to shine.



We rounded Skirmish Point and noticed a bit of a swell coming in from the north east but that may have just been the tide roaring in, after all it was a king tide. Moreton Bay did seem a little rough as well but with the amount of water that had to enter the bay on a king tide, what else could you expect.

After about an hour we crossed Comboyuro Point which was as flat as a tack and the ocean looked great as well. A few swells but nothing Scotty's boat couldn't handle.

It took about ninety minutes to arrive at Hutchisons' Reef and I must say it wasn't anywhere as nice as we expected. A one meter chop on top of a one and half meter swell was not quite the outing we had planned, but we were here now so out with the lures and away we did troll.

And we trolled, and we trolled and then we trolled. Suddenly one of the reels went off and with a tiny bit of excitement I reached over and grabbed the rod. Well there was no way that Scotty was going to get the only fish in the sea. As I was reeling the fish in I felt a sudden jerk but the fish was still on so I just kept on winding until we saw a three kilogram striped tuna lying motionless beside the boat.

We pulled the fish in and noticed a large gash on the top of his head together with a line of teeth marks but we weren't sure what may have attacked him. Well maybe we knew but we weren't game to admit it to each other. Scotty shrugged his shoulders and let the lure out again.

The time was nine thirty and the tide had stopped when one of the reels started screaming. Hoorah!! Finally a fish. It was Scotty's turn and he didn't take long to skull drag the fish in beside the boat. There was no way that anything was going to have this wahoo for breakfast. I gaffed the fish and then realised that this wahoo was far from tired out. A quick tap on the head and it was all over.

We placed the fish into the fish bag and filled it with ice. These bags are the best invention. They take up no room at all but when you need them they fold out to a two meter long insulated soft esky that keeps your catch in pristine condition. Depending on the size, you can easily keep four or five wahoo in the one bag and because it is insulated the ice stays frozen for hours.



It wasn't long before the second wahoo hit but this one decided it wanted to run. Massive splashes on the surface and blistering runs made this fish a little harder to pull in. Did I mention that these fish are called wahoo because that is what you yell out as it screams away at almost one hundred kilometres per hour. You do need to have a fair bit of line on your reels to catch this species.



We knew that the tide change would bring on the fish but we didn't realize that they would go completely crazy. It was Scotty's turn and once again the fish made a massive splash on the surface followed by another blistering run.. I mention that it was blistering because if you tried to place your thumb on the line in an attempt to slow it down, you would instantly experience an immense amount of pain.

Scotty was doing so well until breakfast was served to the sharks. To top it off the sharks decided they wanted that fifty dollar lure as well. Again we set out and again the lures were hit only this time there were two at once, and again breakfast was served to the sharks. Oh! Did I forget to tell you that we lost another lure.

This was no time to give up so we headed out again with two new lures. No sooner had we set out when another two reels went off. We both grabbed a rod and started to bring the fish in. I felt a lump in my throat when I saw the massive splash on the surface and realised that my fish was gone. As I looked across, I noticed that Scotty had cranked the drag up hard and pulled out all stops before the sharks got to his fish. That was three in the fish bag and the tide was starting to run again.

We tried for a while longer but when the current starts to run, the fish seem to go off the bite. We decided to call it a day and head home. The swell was still pumping and the waves had not subsided either so we knew that Comboyuro Point was not going to be nice.

As we drew closer to the bar, all we could see was white water but thanks to years on the water Scotty managed to cross the washing machine without a hitch; that was until I saw the colour of his face when we entered the bay.. It was only then that he decided to tell me that he may have to change his underwear.

So if you decide to head on up to Hutchies in search of wahoo, just be aware that you may be allowed to take a few fish but you may have to pay the "Taxman".



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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 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.





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