

# FISH 'N' TIPS



## Important Reminders

### July Members Meeting

13th July 7:00pm

### \*Weigh In

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 6pm

### 26th July

BBQ Sports Club

### Soup

3:00pm

### Fishing Club Web Site

[www.bribierslfishingclub.com](http://www.bribierslfishingclub.com)

## JULY 2015

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2015

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BBO - 26<sup>th</sup> July 3:00pm Sports Club

29<sup>th</sup> August Social Dinner (Bribie Hotel ??????)

9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> October Tweed Heads

## President's Report

First of all my apologies for not being at the July meeting but Margaret and I have had to rush down to Melbourne as her father is very sick and unlikely to recover.

Margaret would also like to thank the club for the card and flowers when she had her recent knee operation. I am pleased to say she has recovered well.

The Thursday night raffles have been going Ok with a couple of good nights while the school holidays were on. Please check when you are on the roster and remember that we still have to sort the roster out for December and January,

The end of month BBQ for June was also our bowling afternoon and fortunately the weather held off. I think all those that attended had a nice afternoon. Please remember to advise either of the two Margaret's if you have put your name down and then can't come or vice versa - Preferably a couple of days before the Sunday. July is soup month and we still need at least one more volunteer to make a soup.

We had planned on having the August month end on the Saturday at the new Sandstone Point hotel. However they would not take a booking for so many in the restaurant and we would have needed to book a function room. The cost of this was excessive so we have cancelled and it is up to the members whether you would like to reschedule at the Saturday evening to the Bribie Hotel (which would be happy to have us in their dining room) or just have a BBQ on the Sunday at the Sports Club.

I do not think I have ever seen so many bream weighed in as there were for the June competition. It was closely contested and most of the fish were put back to grow bigger. It was a pity we could not get as many Pearl Perch, which were very hard to find on the odd day you could get offshore.

I am not sure if we have any spaces left for the October weekend at Tweed Heads so if you have not already put your name down and do want to go please check with Carole or Lynn.

A happy birthday to all those with birthdays in July.

Tight Lines,

Mike Phillips

## Weighmaster's Report

I am not sure if I have ever seen such a successful and well attended Bream Competition in all the years I have been associated with the club. The size and quantity of the Bream have been astounding to say the least.

The competition was certainly well contested with Richard Caldararo weighing in at least ten times. John Casey and Mike Phillips were not far behind with each of them weighing in at least six times.

The competition was made even more difficult with the constant winds and extremely cold weather. Congratulations to all who participated.

The offshore Pearl Perch competition was restricted to just one or two weigh-ins because the weather was not conducive to offshore fishing and any attempt to head out in those conditions would have been dangerous.

There were 190 Bream and 3 Pearl Perch weighed in during the competition.

**Biggest Bream:** .98Kg Richard Caldararo

**Heaviest Bag Bream:** 11.73Kg (20 Fish) Richard Caldararo

**Best Bream Catches (20 Fish):**

11.73Kg	Richard Caldararo
11.15Kg	Michael Phillips
9.66Kg	Ron Winnett
9.42Kg	John Casey
9.29Kg	Paul Foote

**Heaviest Pearl Perch:** 1.1Kg Frank Oostenbroek

**Heaviest Bag Pearl Perch:** 2.11Kg Frank Oostenbroek

**Lucky Draw Bream:** Michael Phillips

*Special Thanks to Outback Adventures for providing the generous prizes for the competition.*

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**BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB**  
**CALENDAR 2015**



**JULY**

13<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm\*  
28<sup>th</sup> June – 25<sup>th</sup> July Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps  
26<sup>th</sup> **BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club**  
**(Soup)**  
Weigh inn – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**OCTOBER**

26<sup>th</sup>  
9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> **Tweed Heads (weekend away)**  
**Hacienda Holiday Park**  
Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm\*  
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps  
12<sup>th</sup> **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**  
27<sup>th</sup> Sep -24<sup>th</sup> Oct Weigh inn – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm  
**Mystery Fish & Weight / Month**

**AUGUST**

10<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm\*  
25<sup>th</sup> July – 29<sup>th</sup> Aug Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps  
29<sup>th</sup> **Social Dinner**  
**(Sandstone Point Hotel)**  
Weigh inn – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**NOVEMBER**

9<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm\*  
14<sup>th</sup> **Somerset Dam Freshwater Comp**  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct -21<sup>st</sup> Nov  
29<sup>th</sup> Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps  
**BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club (Burgers)**  
Weigh inn – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm

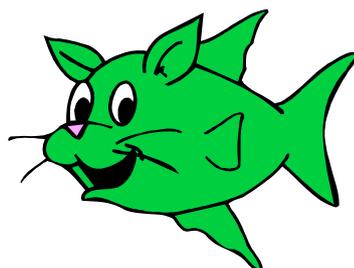
**SEPTEMBER**

14<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm \*  
30<sup>th</sup> Aug - 26<sup>th</sup> Sep Inshore Monthly Comp - **Whiting**  
Offshore Monthly Comp - **Snapper**  
27<sup>th</sup> **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**  
Weigh inn – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**DECEMBER**

12<sup>th</sup> **Trophy Night**  
14<sup>th</sup> **TOC H House Bongaree**  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – 26<sup>th</sup> Dec **Member's Meeting RSL 7:00pm**  
**Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps**

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



**SOCIAL DINNER**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August

**BRIBIE HOTEL ????????**

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**HACIENDA HOLIDAY PARK**

**TWEED HEADS**

300/37 Chinderah Bay Drive

Chinderah

Ph 02 66741245

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> October

Price 2 nights: Members \$130:00 2 Adults

Non Refundable Deposit

\$60:00 13<sup>th</sup> July (Meeting)Final Payment 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Ensuite self contained Cabins

Saturday night BBQ included

Please bring own linen

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**SOMERSET DAM**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November

1 Day Comp



## *The Editor's Notes*

To say that Richard Caldararo is a very active member of the club would be an understatement. Richard volunteered and was elected as Vice- President of the club on the same night as he joined. That alone is unheard of in our history. Little did he know that he would be responsible as President for a vast majority of the year in Michael Phillips' absence but Richard always made time for his favourite past time-Fishing. Since that time I have not seen a week go by that he hasn't been fishing at least once every week.

Sometimes an opportunity comes along whereby you have to travel further afield in search of a few different species, which was the case a few weeks ago. Richard had the opportunity to travel to Vancouver Island Canada to fish some of the local waters. Here are just a couple of photos to show a few different species.





# FISHING WITH BRAID

(Inspired by Ron Russell)



Many of our club members were born just a few years before the year 2000 so we may not have heard the term braid used for fishing and have only ever seen it in the ladies hair styles.

It may surprise you to learn that braided fishing lines have been in use for centuries but the early versions were made of horse hair, cotton or silk.

Life used to be so simple when we first started fishing with a bamboo rod and a piece of string. It seems that as we progress through our lives, even the simplest things are becoming more and more complicated. A piece of string tied to a hook seemed to work quite well when I was young but the fish I caught were not as smart, not as rare and certainly not as big as they are today.

String was then and still is quite a successful means of securing your baited hook to the fish. You can cast your piece of string tied to a baited hook with a granny knot and catch a variety of fish in a calm pond or dam but when you try the same method in a stream you will find that the resistance of the string through the water currents will not allow you to fish in the same way.

When Dupont invented the monofilament or nylon line in 1939 it revolutionised fishing lines because they were far better in every respect. They provided less drag, provided better camouflage or less visibility and far greater strength than string of the same diameter. Monofilament however, did have a few drawbacks. The line tended to twist and kink which made fishing frustrating for both the novice as well as the "expert". The line was also a lot more slippery so special knots had to be designed to provide the greatest strength while keeping the knot size to the absolute minimum.

Just when you thought that you had the best set of tools in the house somebody changed the rules. Braid has been around for a long time, in fact marlin fishermen used braid in the 50's but in those days it was called Dacron. Dacron was first introduced in 1951 when polyester suits went on sale in New York City. Polyester fabrics made from polyethylene terephthalate (Dacron) commonly abbreviated as **PET**, **PETE**, were extensively used for its non-wrinkle properties. The same material was called terylene here and in Britain.

It is enough to say that Dacron was made from a number of polyester fibres that were woven together for superior strength and its low stretch in a similar fashion as the more modern forms of braided line, except that modern braid is much thinner and stronger and is measured by its PE (polyethylene) factor. The PE measurement was adopted from the early Japanese system of the Gunze thread weight system. The first number of the Gunze Count standard indicates the thread size. The larger the number, the finer the thread (a 50/2 will be thinner than a 30/2). The second number indicates the number of strands, or plies, twisted together. Obviously, a 50/3 is heavier than a 50/2 because it has three strands of a size 50 thread twisted together and the 50/2 has only two.

In a similar method this PE rating is a constant measurement and refers to the diameter of the braided line so a braided line with PE of 3 will always be close to 0.285mm thick. This does not refer to the breaking strain of the line as the breaking strain of two lines with the same PE can vary drastically especially when you compare two lines of different quality. The higher quality braided lines which are usually far more expensive normally contain any more strands, making it much smoother, rounder and stronger than lines made from less strands which can often be pressed flat with pressure.

You may well ask why you would purchase a 20lbs braid for \$160 rather than a 20lbs line for just \$30. Normally the more expensive line is smoother and softer than the less expensive. This will allow you to cast further with less knots and will normally be a lot stronger. It is also worth noting that many of the less expensive lines are fused rather than braided.

Almost all braided / fused lines are made from the same material manufactured by either Dyneema (Holland) or Spectra(USA) however, the major difference between the fishing lines is the way that they are produced by each brand. Braided lines are produced by braiding or weaving the strands together but some are produced by fusing the fibres by heating or welding the fibres together. In most cases you can feel the difference as the fused braid feels very stiff where the braided lines are soft and supple.

In the past few years braided lines have converted all but a few fishermen with the exception of those whose types of fishing does require monofilament or fly lines. Having said that, there are times when monofilament lines are still the preferred option especially when fishing in areas of reef or sharp rocks as one of the many disadvantages of braid is its susceptibility to abrasion.

Braided lines do not present as much resistance through the water as monofilament and its low stretch characteristics allow the angler to feel the slightest bite, but its susceptibility to abrasion and high visibility means that it is not feasible to tie your braid directly to the hook. This seemingly insignificant little glitch creates a whole new set of problems.

The solution is relatively simple if you are proficient with just a few knots. To achieve the best result when using braid, it is strongly suggested that you tie a shock leader between your braid and your hook. This requires you to tie two knots. One knot is used to join your braid to your shock leader and the other to tie your monofilament / fluorocarbon shock leader to your hook. Simple.....