

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

May Members Meeting

11th July 7:00pm

*Weigh In

Saturday, 30th July 6pm

15th – 16th October

Tweed Heads Weekend Competition

Fishing Club Web Site

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July 2016

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11th July Member's Meeting 7:00pm

Monthly BBQ Sports Club 31 July 2016 3:00pm

15th – 16th October Tweed Heads Weekend Competition



From the President's Desk...

Hello everyone. I still don't have a new photo however Marg and I have managed to get out and catch a few fish in the Passage as have many others. I haven't had a chance to get out past the Cape and for June that was largely the case for others because we didn't have a weigh in for Pearlies. June of course was a species month for pearl perch offshore and bream inshore. We did have lots of bream weighed in but not to the extent of this time last year. Congratulations to all of the winners. The bbq for end of month was a good time although it was a little cold. I really did want to win that rod and reel that John and Kate from Bribie Passage Kiosk and Boat Hire donated for the raffle and was hoping that Robyn might have selected something else and then I would have been in the running again. As it turned out I didn't win anything anyway so it was all academic. Please patronize the businesses that generously give prizes. If you are unsure who they are, have a look at their details at the end of this newsletter.

The reason we haven't seen Lily and Michael for a while is because Michael has not been well and has been undergoing pretty serious treatment. We hope you recover quickly Michael.

We were all saddened by the news that Joe Knight passed away after illness. Wendy and Joe's family held a ceremony on the foreshores of Bongaree and then spread some of Joe's ashes in the Passage. Joe's daughter-in-law presented the eulogy. Joe certainly lived an energetic and interesting life and given what he has done and achieved in that time, he will be missed by many. He was a real goer.

Frank went in for some surgery recently. The fang farrier that did the job could only get him to sleep after he called for a rod and reel that Frank could snuggle up to. They were glad that they had his mouth jacked open while he was asleep because he kept trying to talk about the fish that he has been catching. Fair dinkum.

I went out for an overnight trip a week ago with George and Keith in George's boat. What a great boat for trips like that. I just wish I had found the joke on the Joke of the Month page before that trip. Man can Keith snore. We should call him Chainsaw McGaw! He cut timber for quite some time. George seems to have recovered from his recent surgery and is his chirpy self.

One of the many things that I enjoy about being a part of this club is the willingness of members to help out when asked and more so without prompting. Thank you all but on this occasion I would like to thank Ron Winnett for stepping into the Weighmaster's job while Richard is away travelling the globe and catching big fish, and Frank for his tireless efforts with putting out this newsletter each month and helping new members settle in and go fishing. Many thanks.

Just a quick reminder that VMR is conducting a number of free workshops over coming months. The boating one has just gone but the fishing, navigation and engines/motors ones look really good.

Thank you to Ron and Carole, Sheila and Frank and Linda and Elvin for running the raffles at the RSL in June. It was a 5-week month so it was a mammoth effort. Trevor and Robyn, Gary and Lyn and Chris and Merle are on for July. Trevor really does have the voice for the microphone. Who knows, he could have made a career in calling the dogs or on talk back radio.

Best wishes to all of you who are celebrating or who have celebrated a birthday or some other milestone event.

I hope all of your target fish are big and hungry.

Cheers Ron

Weighmaster's Report

June is that time of year when the sun rises a little later but we are normally rewarded with a beautiful day. This year was a little different as nature decided that Bribie Island needed a little more rain with a great deal of wind thrown in for good luck. Maybe this was the reason that both the number and the size of bream this year were a little down on previous times. Nevertheless, it seems that there were a lot of people keen to wet a line. The offshore anglers faced an uphill battle as the weather was not conducive to fishing the deeper water.

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

The Bream Competition:

Total Number of Fish Weighed In

(of which most were released unharmed)

103 Fish 51kg

The Heaviest Bag:

9.88kg	19 Fish	Ron Winnett
8.46kg	20 Fish	Peter McGruddy
7.04kg	16 Fish	Richard Caldararo
4.83kg	8 Fish	Kerryn Cochrane
4.22kg	9 Fish	Pam McGruddy
4.105kg	10 Fish	John Casey
3.021kg	5 Fish	Ron Russell
2.76kg	5 Fish	Carole Winnett
1.745kg	4 Fish	Margie Gadd
1.6kg	3 Fish	Paul Foote
1.09kg	3 Fish	Trevor Plant
.57kg	1 Fish	Bryan Stenning (Congratulations Lightest Bag)

The Biggest Fish:

.873kg	Ron Russell
.840kg	Kerryn Cochrane
.830kg	Paul Foote
.820kg	Peter McGruddy

Lucky Draw: Ron Winnett



BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2016

JULY

11th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
26th June – 30th July Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
31th **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

12th **Somerset Fresh Water Fishing Comp**
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**





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

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The Editor's Notes

A New Beginning for a new Member

Can you imagine leaving your country of birth after seventy years and moving to a foreign country for the love of a woman? Amrat Chauhan has given up everything he loved to follow the love of his life to Australia.

This story begins almost forty years ago, when a lovely young Australian girl called Carmel decided to work for a London mining company in Zambia. Soon after settling in Zambia, Carmel met a young good looking Indian bloke called Amrat, who asked her out. There was something about Amrat that took her fancy so they continued to date for over two years until Carmel decided to head back to Australia in late 1979.



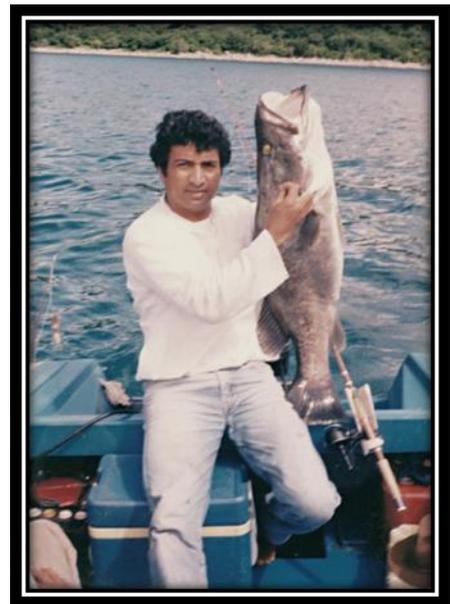
When Carmel arrived back in Australia she realised that the relationship with Amrat had come to an end and she had resigned herself to a life without him, until Carmel's mother informed her that Amrat had flown over and was very keen to see her; in fact he was so keen to see her that they were married within a couple of weeks in 1980.

Amrat might have been able to stay in Australia but they both decided that they would go back to Zambia for a couple of years so that Amrat could wind up his business before settling in Australia. It is funny how all the best made plans never seem to work out because although both Carmel and Amrat visited Australia many times they only decided to make the move to Bribie Island in December 2015.

Amrat has always loved fishing since the age of three but all of his fishing has been in fresh water where the the main species were Nile Perch, Catfish, Tigerfish and their version of Bream which grow to approximately three kilograms. All of the fishing was done using hard body lures so fishing in salt water was going to be a whole new experience.



Amrat with a great looking Tiger Fish.



The Nile Perch is closely related to our Barramundi.

A few days ago I invited Amrat out for a fish to Cape Moreton. We arrived at the boat ramp at five o'clock to find that Gary Hunter, Trevor Bourke, Ron Winnet, Geroge Dragon and Trevor Plant had also decided to head out for a fish. Amrat and I left in the dark and soon discovered that the weather predictions aren't always accurate.

It took us quite a while to finally reach Cape Moreton where the wind had settled down and the water had become quite flat and shiny. Not realising that Amrat had only ever fished with lures, I handed him a few pilchards which he carefully placed on his hook.

It didn't take long before Amrat had caught his very first Australian fish. It was not quite a monster but a 1kg Gold Spot Wrasse would be a great entre'. It appeared that we were parked right in the middle of the whale highway and although the whales were diving under our boat, we decided to move to Smith's Rock where Amrat caught a large Slatey Bream. He was really pleased with his catch but I could see that something was wrong. It appears that everything had started turning green and although a burley trail had not been laid, we decided to make a move to more sheltered waters.

Our fishing trip had come to an abrupt end even though Amrat insisted that he would prefer to stay out, I know only too well how debilitating seasickness can be, so we headed for home. I believe that the local chemist shop has a few fewer packets of Quells left on the shelf and that his first adventure on the ocean will definitely not be the last.

Winter on Bribie Island

Winter on Bribie Island is normally cold. Not only in the early mornings or in the evening whilst sitting at Cook's Rocks but throughout the day as well. July and August are noted for the cold winter westerlies that blow across the south east from the freezing outback.

Believe it or not, this is also the time that many of us used to head up to Fraser Island in search of the tailor. The westerly winds are the best time to head on out to the surf as the wind flattens the surf and helps you to cast the heavy pilchard into the ocean.

Well, we don't have to head up to Fraser Island because we have a few options here on Bribie that some of you may not know about. Here are just a few:

For just over \$100:00 you can purchase a beach permit that will allow you to drive on our Bribie Island Beach for a whole year; in fact you can drive around the whole island from White Patch heading north and end up at Woorim in just a few hours.

There are quite a few camping sites available on our northern beaches so you can stay the evening and fish for Mulloway/ Jew as well as tailor. It is so much cheaper than Fraser Island.

Winter is also the time when the snapper can be found at Cook's Rocks both in the early morning and the early evening and if you can coincide your fishing time with the high tide change you should stand an excellent chance of bagging a great fish. There are a few of us who have been very successful for at least the last thirteen years that I have been in the club, hey George.

As I mentioned previously, the westerly winds also flatten the surf but they also have quite an effect much further out. Even though the winds can be blowing almost twenty knots from the west, the ocean can be wonderfully flat for quite a few kilometres to the east so if you are game to venture forth, there are a few quality fish available close to shore.

When the wind is a little calmer, you can venture out a bit further and search for the Gannets who will be around this time of year. I have noticed that the gannets love feeding on the millions of slimy mackerel that seem to frequent our shores at this time. If you follow the Gannets you will find the bait and when you find the bait you will stand a good chance of finding the large variety of fish feeding on them.

This is exactly what I did last Friday morning. The wind was calm and the birds were everywhere. I headed out to the first available beacon (NW10) and jigged up about ten livies, which only took just over ten minutes. I then headed out a bit wider until I was in approximately forty meters of water and started searching for the Gannets.

In the distance I could see about thirty birds sitting on the water which meant that the bait schools had headed for the bottom. I quietly approached the birds and used the sounder to locate the bait schools. It didn't take long.

I grabbed a live bait and slowly opened my bail arm to let the live bait swim down. It had only just started on its way down when something grabbed my line and left me flabbergasted, wondering why my line had broken.

I tried again with a new rig but the same thing happened. I must be a slow learner so I tried it again but this time I left my bail arm open. My line started peeling off at a tremendous rate so I loosened my drag and closed the bail. Another hundred meters of line left the spool before I could finally take some back. I started the motor and cased him for about ten minutes until an 8.56kg mackerel tuna broke the surface.



This is one I caught some years back using the same method

I headed back to the bait school and repeated the procedure. I don't know why I expected a different outcome when everything else was the same but ten minutes later I landed another tuna. In an effort to try for a different fish I decided to take a fillet of one of the bait fish that had sadly passed away and almost instantly caught a 1.24kg snapper followed by another one about the same size.

A short while later I caught a yellow lipped butterfly bream which I quickly dispatched and used for bait. These little fish only grow to about 30cms and are beautiful to eat which is exactly the reason I sent it to the bottom of the ocean. I wanted something different but I had not contemplated the thought of a 27kg cobia waiting for an entre'.



Cobia don't know when to give up and their endless and massive runs to the bottom kept me on my toes for almost an hour. Finally, the fish lay on the surface but now came the task of pulling this monster on board without another fishing partner to help me. I now know why they build boats with a door on the back. Thank you to Ron for delaying his fishing trip so that he could give me the club scales to weigh the fish.

So when you wake up early on a winter's morning with a gentle breeze blowing from the west think about the many options open to you right here on Bribie Island.



This Cobia weighed in at 27.42kg



We caught this Cobia using the same method some years earlier weighing in at approximately 65kg

Joke of the Month

THE SNORER: *The guys were all on a fishing trip in northern Queensland, and slept two to a tent. No one wanted to share a tent with Bob, because he snored so loudly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.*

The first guy, Mike, slept with Bob and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot.

They asked him, "Mike, what happened to you?" He said, "Bob snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

The next night it was Larry's turn. In the morning, same thing, hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They asked, "Larry, what happened to you? You look awful!"

He said, 'Man, that Bob shakes the tent with his snoring. I stayed up and watched him all night.'

The third night was Sam's turn. Sam was a tanned, older cowboy, a man's man. The next morning, he came to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. "Good morning!" he said.

They couldn't believe it and asked. "What happened, Sam"?

He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Bob into bed, patted him on the butt, and kissed him good night.

"Bob sat up and watched me all night."

Guess who? (Can't? - Ask George!)



Those who Support Our Club

The Bribie RSL Fishing Club provides a real service to the community by extending the hand of friendship not only to the fisher men 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 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 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 \$20 voucher each month for our member's draw. Many thanks Bribie Island RSL Club – we really do appreciate your support.

There are also occasions where we have the ability to raffle other prizes that have been kindly donated by our local businesses. The prizes that have been donated are actually great prizes that provide a real benefit to the people lucky enough to win them.



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. If members provide a Wilsons product number for the item they wish to purchase and it is not in store, Michael will order it for you. This is a great service. In addition, Michael has offered to provide better pricing for group buys or for certain high turnover items. Thank you Browns Mitre 10 Bribie Island.

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 www.outbackadventures.net.au

We have some fantastic support in our community and we really appreciate all the help that our local businesses 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 really do appreciate the friendly service that Danny, Ken and all staff give us. Many thanks Outback Adventures.

Some other recent prizes include:



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Andrew Lehmann
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 www.eyecareplus.com.au/bribie

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.



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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.



HAIRDRESSING
MODE

"It's all about beautiful hair"

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.

BRIBIE PASSAGE KIOSK & BOAT HIRE



Kate and John McAuliffe have been sponsors of our club for many years and have donated many great prizes for our fishing competitions. Kate and John's support is ongoing and provide a valuable resource as our primary weigh in station.

BBQ Boat Hire Brinie Island



Ian and Bronwyn recently donated a voucher for an 8 person BBQ boat for a day as a prize for our raffle. Margie Gadd won it. Last year they did a similar thing and Tim Holt won it at the Trophy Presentation night. Many thanks BBQ Boat Hire. They are located at the Pacific Harbour Marina. Please consider them for your bbq boat hire needs.

We thank you all for your ongoing support.