

# FISH 'N' TIPS



July 2023



## *President's Report*

Hello Everyone, I sit here on this cold, miserable day with not a lot to do so an early report was asked for by Webmaster Alison to give her a bit of spare time to get everything set up for the newsletter. The bream and Pearl Perch Comps have been completed so now back to the normal monthly schedule with the additional largest Flathead in July. I have heard a bit of scuttlebutt that there are a few around but no large ones as yet, although my grandsons found some big frames at Pebble Beach this morning.

It was brought to my attention at the last couple of weighins at Maroochydore and Pebble Beach that some members have little or no knowledge of the legal requirements for measuring fish, so this will be addressed at the next meeting. This obligation is entirely your responsibility, for not only at club weighins, but with Qld Fisheries who will impose heavy on the spot fines in your boat or onshore. It is covered very well in the recent Qld Recreational Fishing guide which was available to all members at our General meeting and BBQ in February with simple diagrams to explain it in detail so there can be no excuse not to know the requirements. To give members a level playing field for the competitions, the committee is discussing a possible Minimum Weight/Size for legal club comps to be entered onto weigh sheets. This will be a work in progress from our weighmasters as a lot of due diligence will need to be done.

On a brighter note, Xmas in July will soon be on us, and we are still calling for member numbers so get your names in. Our Catering /Social Guru has submitted his upcoming report that will be in this newsletter.

Welcome to any new members reading this for the first time and we hope to see a lot more of you at either our General meetings, BBQs, or Soup Day in August, or of course on the water doing what we try to do best.

Spinnaker Sound Boat Comp and lunch are on Tuesday the 18 th July so please get your nominations in for Skippers and Deckies so that we can organise an early draw for positions. A flyer will be out shortly from the weighmasters.

Pebble Beach Vets Comp proved as in the past couple of years, that it doesn't matter how good a fisherperson you are, if the fish don't want to bite then it can be a hard couple of hours. Thanks again to all cooks and bottle washers and the complete rollout of members who still managed a great social morning. I have another short story to write on a mid-year trip to Evans Head so I wish any birthdays in July all the best, and to any of you who may be unwell a speedy recovery.

Stay Safe and all the best from the President's Desk.

**KK**



## Editor's Notes

Hi Everyone,

What a great month for events and competitions. The Bream and Pearl Perch comps saw many fish entered, although we only had one female weigh in, but it totally paid off for her. Congratulations to Carole Winnett for winning the Bream comp, with a 1.15kg fish.

Well done also to Greg Hannay for winning the Pebble Beach comp. Although it's not really that hard to win a comp when you're the only entrant!

The weighmaster's report covers the Bream and Pearl Perch comps, and then the report for Pebble Beach is after that. The photos from Pebble Beach are further into the newsletter.

Steve King has submitted a report on a few upcoming events. That's on page 6, so make sure you read that if you think you will be attending those events.

Keith has written another account on a recent trip to Evan's Head, which is on page 9, followed by some photos.

There are heaps of pictures from the Pebble Beach comp, and also some from the recent bowls afternoon at Solander Bowls Club.

The Flathead comp is still running, until the end of July, looking forward to receiving members' photos from that comp.

There is no BBQ this month, owing to Xmas in July, and the next meeting is on Monday 10th July at 7pm..

That's it from me, so til next month,

Cheers for now,

*Alison*

Send your contributions to me at

[bribierslfcwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:bribierslfcwebmaster@gmail.com)

### Front page photo

This month I am happy to show our first female fisho on page 1. Carole Winnett displays her winning Bream, weighing 1.15kg in the recent comp.





# Weighmaster's Report for June 2023

*Richard Holmes - Weighmaster*

**Total number of Bream weighed in - 93**

**Total No of Pearl Perch Weighed in - 5**

## Bream Competition

### Inshore

#### **Heaviest Fish**

Place	Name	kg
Winner	Carole Winnett	1.150
2nd	Richard Patterson	.900
3rd	John Casey	.690
4th	Ron Winnett	.680
5th	Rob Hinkley	.650
6th	Tony Maatouk	.640
7th	Bruce Carey	.615
8th	John Casey	.610
9th	Trevor Plant	.535
10th	John Davis	.435
11th	Richard Holmes	.340

#### **Heaviest Bag**

Place	Name	kg
Winner	Ron Winnett	10.970
2nd	John Casey	9.560
3rd	Richard Patterson	9.340

### **Current Record Remains—Bream**

Species	Scientific Name	Angler	Weight in kg	Year Captured
Bream Yellow Fin	<i>Acanthopagrus australis</i>	Richard Patterson	1.500	2017

### **Current Record Remains—Pearl Perch**

Species	Scientific Name	Angler	Weight in kg	Year Captured
Pearl Perch	<i>Glaucosoma scapulare</i>	Frank Oostenbroek	4.420	2007

## Pearl Perch Competition

### Offshore

#### **Heaviest Fish**

Place	Name	kg
Winner	Amrat Chauhan	1.850
2nd	Amrat Chauhan	1.700
3rd	John Wicks	1.160

#### **Heaviest Bag**

Place	Name	kg
Winner	Amrat Chauhan	3.550
2nd	John Wicks	2.350
3rd	No Third Place	



#### **Lucky Draw**

Name
Richard Holmes

# Pebble Beach competition

Monday 19th June

## Results

Heaviest Fish						
	Name	Weight (kg)	Species			
1st	Greg Hannay	0.346	Whiting			
2nd	Greg Hannay	0.234	Whiting			
3rd						
Heaviest Bag						
	Name	Weight (kg)				
1st	Greg Hannay	0.580				
2nd						
3rd						
Lucky Draw						
Richard Patterson						
Competitors						
	Name	Weight (kg)	Species	Fish Placing	Total Bag (kg)	Bag Placing
1	Greg Hannay	0.580	Whiting		0.580	
2	Trevor Bourke	0.000				
3	Coll Callander	0.000				
4	Bruce Carey	0.000				
5	John Casey	0.000				
6	John Davis	0.000				
7	Alison Herring	0.000				
8	Vic Herring	0.000				
9	Rob Hinkley	0.000				
10	Richard Holmes	0.000				
11	Tony Jericevich	0.000				
12	Brian Johnson	0.000				
13	Meg Johnson	0.000				
14	Chris Kneller	0.000				
15	Margaret Langley	0.000				
16	Peter Ledger	0.000				
17	Sue Ledger	0.000				
18	Richard Patterson	0.000				
19	Heatherbell Rogers	0.000				
20	Ray Rogers	0.000				
21	Barbara Wicks	0.000				
22	John Wicks	0.000				
23	Ron Winnett	0.000				

# Catering and Events Update

By Steve King — Events co-ordinator

## Christmas in July

Okay gang the date is set, Saturday 29 July at Bribe Is. Golf Club, Woorim.

Whilst the function will cost substantially more, our contribution has been set at \$20 / head for active members and \$50 / head for visitors. Please pay your \$20 to the Treasurer by Monday 24th July so we can finalise numbers for the Golf Club.

We will be looking at similar times as per last year, that is arrive 1730 – 1800, Bar open from 1800, Commencement of dinner serving at 1830, and stumps pulled at 2200. Music will again be provided by Craig Gibson as per last year.

## Monthly BBQ's

August – Soup Day, I am looking for a Co Ordinator for this afternoon. If you feel that you would like to manage this function, please let me know. At this stage we have volunteers for five soup dishes, but could probably use another couple. Again, please contact me if you can help out on the day.

The hole in the volunteer roster for September has been filled but we still are short of a couple for the October BBQ. If you can assist here please give me a call.

## Rainbow Beach 10 – 11 October

As previously advised, all bookings have now been made and confirmed for the above. All members who indicated attending have been advised of booking details and costs. The Club has paid an \$80 deposit on behalf of all active members and it is your responsibility to pay the balance. Any changes, additions, or cancellations are now your responsibility to manage with the park. Details of the park's Cancellation Policy, has also been provided to all members attending.

Cheers and Regards

Steve



# Pumicestone Boat Fishing Comp

Tuesday 18th July

This proved to be a popular comp last year, and we have 2 days planned for this year.



*Pumicestone Passage* *Fishing Competition*

Tue 18th July 2023

Launch at Spinaker Boat Ramp or Private Pontoon

**We would like boat owners to welcome a club member as both fishing partner and crew**

**Each Crew member will be drawn out of the hat at the next General Meeting in July**

Sausage Sizzle,  
Tea, Coffee and Cold Drinks

Comp Start Time 6.00AM  
Eligible - Any Nominated Members  
Spinaker Sound BBQ Area Behind Kiosk  
Weigh In - 12.00 Noon  
Sausage Sizzle 12.30 PM  
Presentations after BBQ

**This is a boat competition  
which is restricted to the "Inshore Boundaries"**

**Each member may catch a maximum of five fish per species**

**1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be allocated for the heaviest combined bag per boat  
As Well as A Lucky Draw Prize**

## Flathead Month-Long Competition

Friday 23rd June – Friday 28th July 2023

This Competition is in progress and weigh-ins will be accepted until 6pm on Friday 28th July.

Remember, the Dusky Flathead has the dark blotch on the tail, and must measure between 40 and 75cm. All other flathead must be at least 30cm.

All other fish are also accepted for weigh-in during this time.



## Photo Gallery

A few photos from members



Richard P with his .900kg bream, earning him 2nd place in the recent bream competition.



Ron W with a good sized flathead caught in the Passage during June.



John C with his 2nd Tailor in as many months. Caught during June and weighing 1.5kg.



# Evan's Head

June 2023

By Keith Kable July 2023

I recently wrote a short story about a fishing trip I made to Evan's Head with a close friend of our family and since then I have had the opportunity to revisit this special laidback township for another trip, hence this tale of an epic week's fishing adventure.

We have, for the last 10 years or more, travelled to this quaint northern rivers township to avail our club members of some great social activities and of course the fishing adventures.

Organised by Ron Winnett and John Casey as an offshoot to our August/ September trips due also to our long COVID shutdown, this trip is in early Winter when the big Snapper and Pearl Perch are Predominant. We travel down leisurely leaving around 9.00am to have an early lunch at the restful, riverside township of Chinderah, and then on to Evan's Head to book into our rental property for a weeklong adventure. This is all setup by our charter company Evan's Head Fishing Charters with their boat being a 42-foot Steber Craft with a Cummins Diesel motor. "Pirate", as it's named, is skippered by long-time friend Simon Gill (no pun intended) and on reflection I have crossed the bar over 30 times with him and I never give it a second thought.



Our accommodation

Ok, so we are in and have settled into our rooms, set up the kitchen, had a relaxing coldie, and are now talking about the Bowlo for dinner which is around the corner from our lodgings. Sunday is a relaxing day where we just hang around or fish the local areas including the rear of the boat when it arrives back if they have one booked. There are a couple of very large bream that live in the rocks which, having been caught a few times, many are far too wise and quick for us. This also gives us a rough idea of what's happening fish-wise, whether in

close, 10 km out, or out wide 40 km. We tend to always fish wide for the better class of fish although this is an additional hour's steam out to what we call Bribie Reef.

The skipper has set us up for a 5.45 am start, so that means we are up around 4.45am, I won't mention names but some people just can't stay in bed any longer than 4.00 am. A quick breakfast, pack the couple of cars, and down to the boat. Our Bribie Reef didn't produce as we have previously encountered but still managed 35 and 36 fish for the first two days. Wind was expected for the next day, so it was a unanimous decision to have that day off to give us time to recoup and to give the skipper a well-earned rest as this was his 3rd week straight.

# Evan's Head

June 2023

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Our last day out, and to our surprise the owner Mic McGilvary was to be our skipper and straight off, his decision to travel north to grounds he reckoned to be untouched due to recent weather conditions,



Cuttlefish 15kg. Up from 100 metres.

should pay dividends. Into our first couple of drops to 90 or more metres and the fish were leaping into the boat. No major large snapper but some great Pearl Perch up around 3.5 kg and a couple of Samson fish around 7.5 kg made the morning. It is never boring as I managed to hookup a large Cuttlefish the charter before weighing a guestimated 15kgs or more. We released this gigantor back to the deep alive but not before he sprayed his black ink over the back deck of the boat. Our day's tally was 66 to bring our total to around 137 fish keeping up our normal take home catch. Over the course of my charters to these excellent fishing grounds I have not noticed any significant change to fish stocks, possibly due to such a large reef area, and only now having 2

charter boats in opposition to each other here.

We later learned that I could have kept the cuttlefish as it is renowned as a delicacy, or of course a great bait.

All our catch is filleted and skinned at the local cleaning tables with the frames and a few give away fish distributed to the pelicans and a few local crabbers and older mates who hang around and offer to hose down when we finish.

Back to the Ponderosa to sort out the catch, clean and dry our own and to Cryovac set size packs for home.

Whilst the Owner's wife Katrina was sorting out the final payment with Ron, I thought it a good time to try and broker a sponsorship deal with her. She was more than happy to oblige so it was set in motion for a deal for our Xmas raffle prizes, and for us to advertise in our newsletter and Website. I hope we can support this even more when the time arises, as not only for friendships, but keeping a small business afloat during some rough times in the Northern Rivers area is important to our club members. At this point of time not only the fishermen from the Subbranch, Ron and John's week, and now 3 weeks in Aug/Sept support this area, and I hope anyone travelling through would stop off for a while.

Our final day is normally spent maybe packing up rooms, cars, cleaning, and an attack on the Bowlo or RSL to try for a win in their raffles. A convoy style drive home with a quick coffee at Coomera and looking forward to the next chance to visit.



Inked!! Over a litre of cuttlefish ink.

# Evan's Head

June 2023

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More photos from Evan's Head.



Keith & Samson Fish , 7.50kg



Steve Bruce & Samson fish 7.50kg



John C & Snapper 3.kg



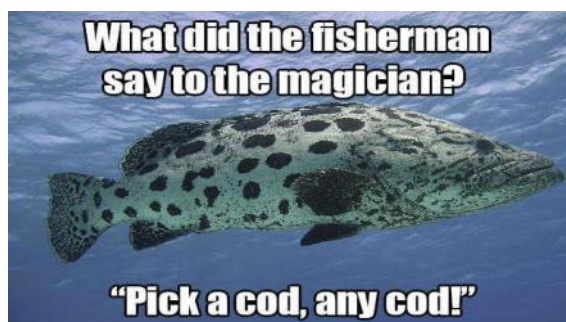
John C. & Pearl Perch



From left to right — Tim Horne, Keith, Neil ?,  
Barry Winnett, Ron Winnett, Steve Bruce,  
John C.



Keith & Pearl Perch around  
4kg





# Pebble Beach Veteran's Memorial Comp

## Photos



Richard P cooking our breakfast



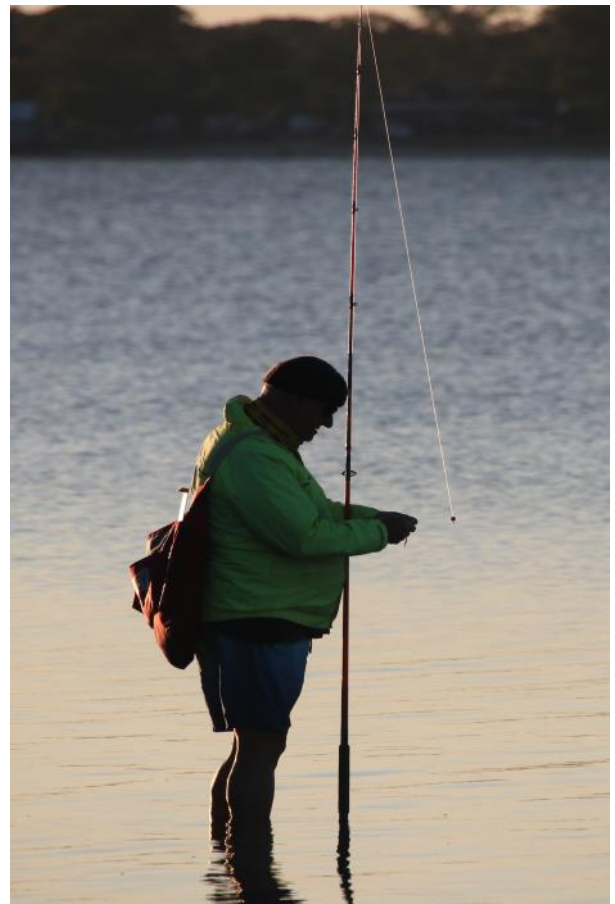
Greg & Tony J waded out with their little boat full of gear.



Richard H shows Coll how to pump yabbies. Or maybe Coll is telling Richard how to do it.



Barbara W has a more relaxing way of fishing.



Coll baits a hook in the early morning light

# Pebble Beach Veteran's Memorial Comp

## Photos

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Bruce Carey fully self-contained



Heatherbell pulls in another little whiting



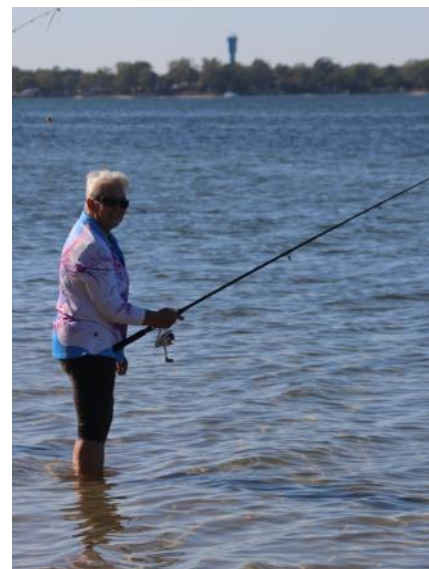
Ray would prefer not to get his feet wet.



A random kayaker is less than amused with all the fisherpeople on his beach



John D looking for a spot to fish from



Marg wades out to fish



# Pebble Beach Veteran's Memorial Comp

## Photos

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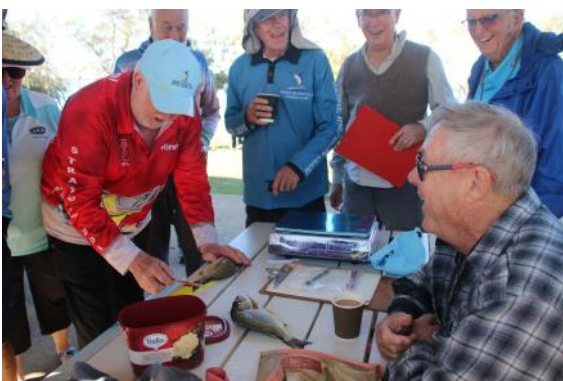
Meg enjoys the morning out



Greg & Tony J



Everyone, nearly



Weighing in the few fish



Greg receives his prize from the weighmasters



# Bowls Afternoon

June 2023

Photos



# Bowls Afternoon

## Photos

*continued*

## Winners



## 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 the draw will be just after 7pm in the Sports Bar.

### The roster for July and August is:

13th July - Robyn & Trevor Bourke and Barbara Wicks & Rob Hinkley

20th July - Patti Varga & Virginia Hannay and Tony Jericevich & Greg Hannay

27th July - Patti Varga & Virginia Hannay and Tony Jericevich & Greg Hannay

3rd August - Therese Lee & Viv King and Steve Bruce & Steve King

10th August - Therese Lee & Viv King and Steve Bruce & Steve King

17th August - Cheryl & Jim Kennedy and Chris Povey & Woody

24th August - Cheryl & Jim Kennedy and Chris Povey & Woody

## Weighstations

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

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

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*"Sorry. Casting when it's windy isn't one of my strong points."*



## BBQs at TOC-H



These are held on the last Sunday of each month. Your annual membership fee covers the cost of all BBQs

It is a BYO venue and if you have never been there before, you can find TOC H at 36 Banya St, Bongaree. (Go down the grassy slope).

A map is available on the website at [www.bribierslfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html](http://www.bribierslfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html) or just use Google maps on your phone.

Please note, there will be **no BBQ afternoon for June or July**, owing to other events.

The next BBQ will be held on **Sunday 27th August at 3pm**.. This will actually be our soup day .

### Closed Seasons

**All QLD tidal waters - From 15th July to 15th August - Snapper and Pearl Perch**

**All QLD tidal waters - From 1st November to 15th December - Spanner Crabs**

**All QLD tidal waters - From 1st June to 31st August - Australian Bass**

**QLD East Coast - From 1st November to 31st January - Barramundi**

**There are also two Southern Spanish mackerel closed seasons:-**

**From 1st to 21st February and again from 1st to 21st March**

These dates apply each year, and the east coast southern closure boundary is located south of latitude 22 degrees south.

# Our Sponsors

Thank you to all our sponsors for the continued support.

Many of our Raffle Prizes have been donated from these businesses so make sure you support them when you can.



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







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