

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

March Members Meeting

9^h March 7:00pm

*Weigh In

Saturday, 28th March 6pm

20th – 22nd March

Bjelke-Petersen Dam

Freshwater Competition

Fishing Club Web Site

www.bribiersfishingclub.com

MARCH 2015

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

29th March 4:00pm BBQ Sportsman's Club

9th March Member's Meeting 7:00pm

20th-22nd March Bjelke-Petersen Dam Freshwater Competition

President's Report

The revised February BBQ on March 1 was well attended and whilst we could have held it on the original date, we had to make a call the previous day when we were getting the tail end of the cyclone. Thanks to all those who helped out on the day.

Well, the weather seems to have cleared since the cyclone and it has been possible to get offshore a little more. Last Wednesday I think we had more club boats (5) outside than I can remember, at one time. People were fishing from the Caloundra 12 mile to Deep Tempest and the sand hills off Moreton. I think everyone got a feed and there were some nice fish weighed in. For anyone chasing the winter whiting, I can tell you they were at the sand hills because all of us who were there, bagged out. Generally not big fish but they taste good and the frames make great crab pot bait.

Talking of crabs, they finally appear to be improving. Just after the cyclone I was lucky enough to get both male muddies and sand crabs in my regular sand crab spot. Perhaps it will be a good Easter for them. They certainly taste good!

Margaret and I will be going away shortly and will not be back until early May. In the meantime, Bryan will stand in for me. Bryan also volunteered to take the catering boxes while we were away so they will be available for the BBQ. However, Bryan has now realised that he will be away for the April BBQ so we need someone else to volunteer to take the catering boxes for April. We will take them back as soon as we get return so it will only be for a couple of weeks or so. Please see Bryan if you can take them. If no-one does then I don't know what you will do for the BBQ in April!

Someone will also need to volunteer to do the raffles at the BBQ and meetings while we are away.

We will be back for the May meeting and the Maroochydore weekend. If you are going please don't forget to pay Lyn.

The sports club has confirmed that the bowling afternoon is OK for our June BBQ so please put that date in your calendar.

Margaret Steptoe will be looking after the catering whilst we are away so if you have not put your name down on the list or have to change anything please give her a call. We only cater for the number of names on the list so if you just turn up then be prepared to have nothing to eat.

The weekend away to Bjelke-Petersen is in March and I wish all those going the best of luck and I hope the fish are co-operative.

A Happy birthday to all those with birthdays in March.

Tight Lines,

Mike Phillips

Weighmaster's Report

The format for the February competition differed from the normal to ensure that everyone who weighed fish in was entered into a lucky draw, as suggested by Gary Hunter.

There were 54 fish weighed in inshore and 9 offshore with a couple of stand-out catches by Michael Schuberg who weighed in a 5.72kg Jew which was caught under the Bribie Bridge and a 1.27kg Morwong.

Richard Patterson also weighed in a 1.06kg Flathead, Trevor Plant caught a .835kg Bream and Frank Oostenbroek landed a 2.7kg snapper on 10lbs line.

The results for the last three months of competition are as follows:

OFFSHORE LUCKY DRAW:

1st Prize: Peter McGruddy (Venus Tusk Fish)

2nd Prize: Keith Kable (Snapper)

3rd Prize: Trevor Bourke (Venus Tusk Fish)

INSHORE LUCKY DRAW:

1st Prize: Trevor Plant (Flathead)

2nd Prize: Michael Phillips (Trevally)

3rd Prize: Ron Winnett (Snapper)



BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2015



MARCH

9th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
20th -22nd **Bjelke-Petersen Dam**
Freshwater Comp
22nd Feb - 28th Mar
29th Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
BBQ- 4pm Sports Club (Burgers)
Weigh inn – Saturday 28th 6pm

APRIL

13th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
29th Mar - 25th April
26th Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club (Burgers)
Weigh inn- Saturday 25th 6pm

MAY

11th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
15th – 17th **Maroochydoore (weekend away)**
Maroochy River Bungalows
26th April -30th May
31st Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
BBQ- 3:00pm.Sports Club (chicken)
Weigh inn –Saturday 30th 6pm

JUNE

4th **Thursday night raffles RSL Club**
8th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
31st May -27th June
28th Inshore Monthly Comp- **Bream**
Offshore Monthly Comp-**Pearl Perch**
Bowls afternoon (Pizza) Sports Club
Weigh inn – Saturday 27th 6pm

JULY

13th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
28th June -25th July
26th Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club (Meat Pies)
Weigh inn – Saturday 25th 6pm

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

9th -11th **Tweed Heads (weekend away)**
Hacienda Holiday Park
12th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
27th Sep -24th Oct Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
25th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh inn – Saturday 24th 6pm
Mystery Fish & Weight / Month

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

12th **Trophy night**
26th **Toc H House Bongaree**
14th Members Meeting RSL 7:00pm*
22nd Nov -26th Dec
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

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



BJELKE PETERSEN DAM

Ph 07 41684746

Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd March

Price 2 nights: Members \$120:00 2 Adults

Ensuite self contained Cabins

Saturday night BBQ included

Please bring own linen

Final numbers & Payment

9th March (Meeting)

MAROOCHYDORE RIVER

BUNGALOWS

Ph 07 54484911

David Low Way Maroochydore

Friday 15th – Sunday 17th May

Price 2 nights: Members \$150:00 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 **\$80:00**

must be received by

9th March (Meeting)

Final Payment 13th April (Meeting)

BAREFOOT BOWLS

SUNDAY

28TH 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 8th June (Meeting)



SOCIAL DINNER

Saturday 29th August

SANDSTONE POINT HOTEL

HACIENDA HOLIDAY PARK

TWEED HEADS

300/37 Chinderah Bay Drive

Chinderah

Ph 02 66741245

Friday 9th -11th October

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

Ensuite self contained Cabins

Saturday night BBQ included

Please bring own linen

SOMERSET DAM

Saturday 14th November

1 Day Comp

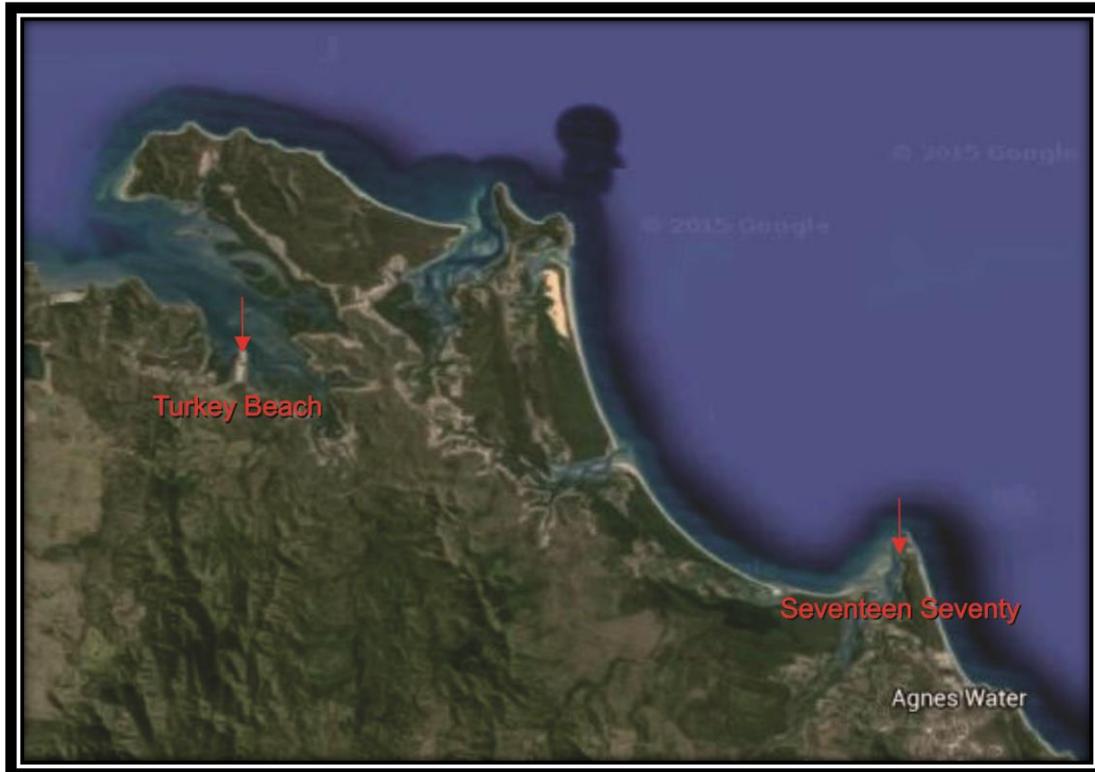


The Editor's Notes

I am sure that I am not the only one who has had to change their plans over the last few weeks. I had been planning a trip to Turkey Beach for quite a few weeks and everything prepared for a fantastic week of fishing until Marcia decided to provide a few extra millilitres of rain over the top of our destination. We have been to 1770 a number of times but the coastal bar can be a bit daunting for the uninitiated so Turkey Beach was a great option.

The road to Turkey Beach has now been sealed and although there are no camping or caravanning facilities available, there are a host of holiday houses at an average rate of \$130 per night for four people.





Turkey Beach is a small coastal fishing village just 60 kilometers south of Gladstone with a population of around 130. Turkey Beach is geographically closer to the Great Barrier Reef than any other town and the name Turkey relates directly back to the bush turkeys shot by Captain Cook's crew back in 1770.

The area features large areas of mangrove inlets, creeks and estuaries that provide excellent fishing and some of the best mud crabbing areas in Queensland. Pancake Creek is a wilderness park located in the lee of Bustard Head providing a popular anchorage and is just 25kms away by boat.

Turkey beach also has a small tidal swimming enclosure near the boat ramp and an extensive network of sandy beaches outside Rodds Harbour offers beachgoers plenty of choice. Hopefully I will be able to organise my trip in the next few weeks.

It was amazing to see the contrast between the dirty brown water of Pumicestone Passage and the crystal clean waters just east of Cape Moreton immediately after the cyclone had passed. Since then our local waters have almost returned back to normal and the fishing seems to have improved as well. The sand crabs have certainly made Michael excited when he noticed ten good crabs in just one of his pots.

The offshore fishing has also improved offering good catches of spottie and spanish mackerel near Caloundra 12 mile. Reef fish are also on the improve with many of the fish too big to handle for the lighter lines. I have recently upgraded my trace to 20lbs after losing in excess of ten big fish on the reef although we were lucky enough to land a few smaller ones.

Mike, Trevor, Ron and Gary recently took a trip to the sand hills just south of Tangalooma and filled their bags to capacity with plenty of whiting. These small and tasty morsels can often be caught two at a time in just here or four meters of water.



Frank with a 4.6kg snapper



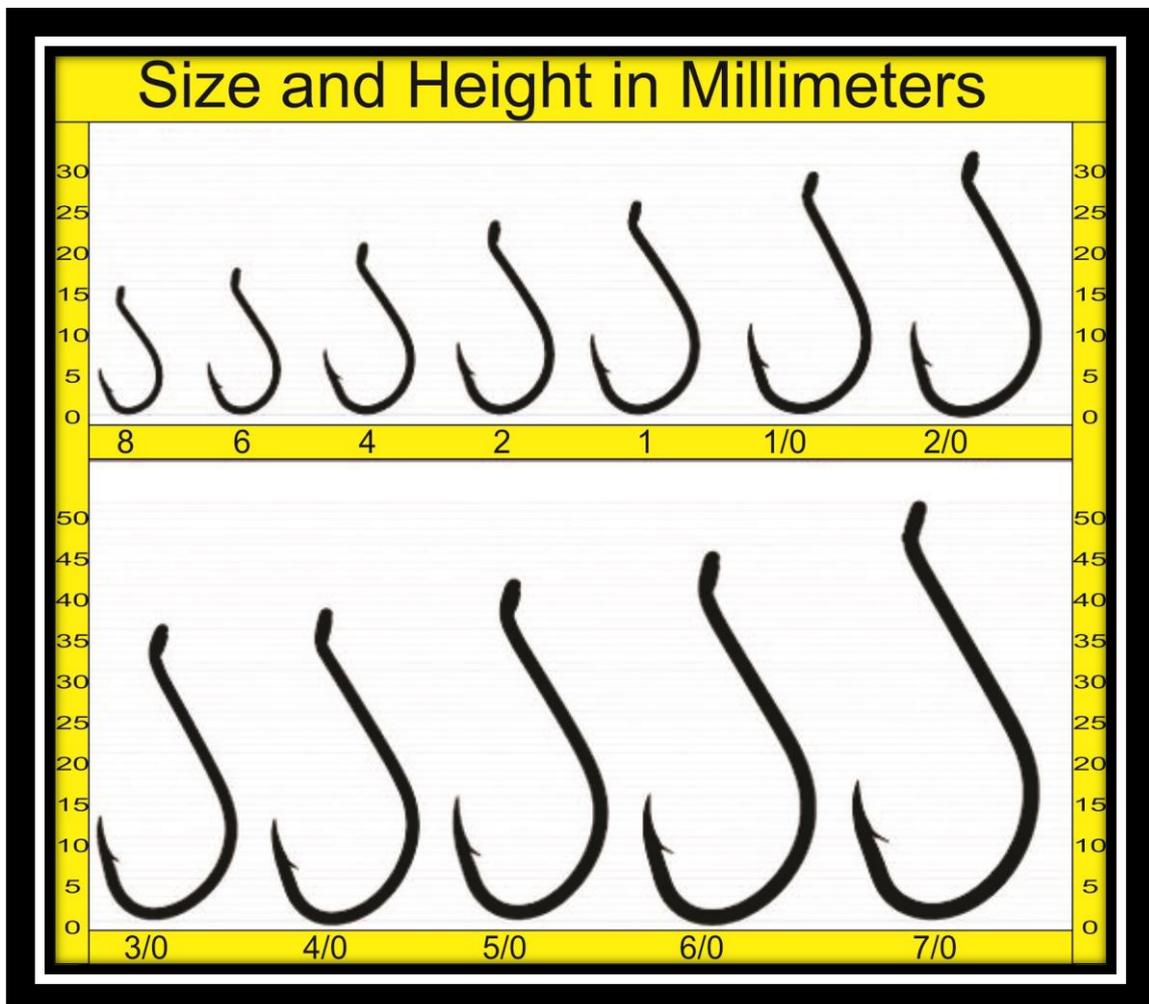
Ben (Not a Member) with a 7.2kg spangled emperor

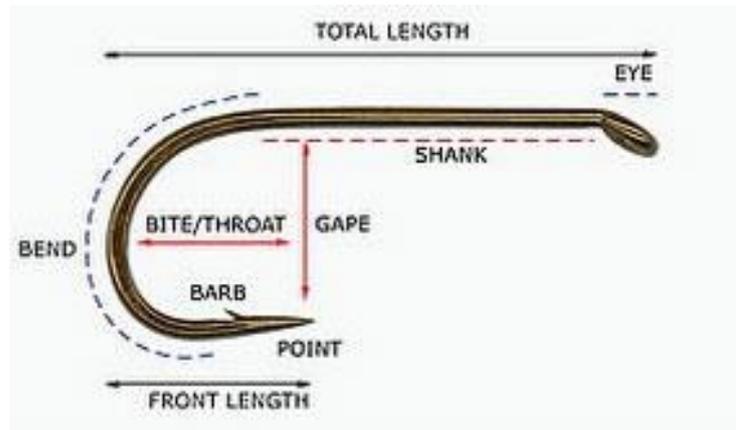


Tammy with a smaller spangled emperor.

Hook Sizes

Have you ever heard fishermen talking about the size of their hooks. “I use a 5/0 for snapper and he uses a 2/0 for bream”. Well here is a little chart that may help you to understand what they are all talking about:





Hook Sizes

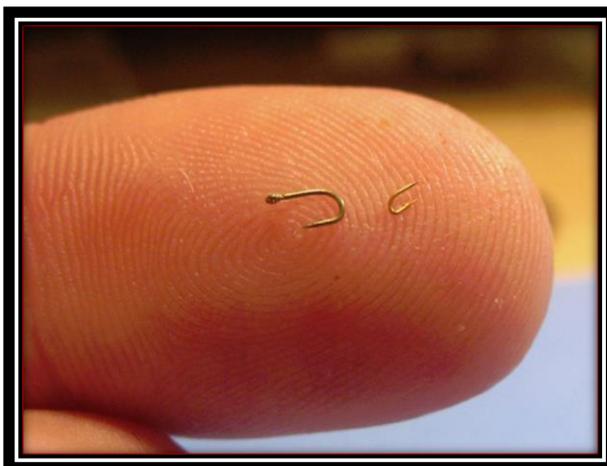
Hook sizes with a number followed by a zero **increase** in size as the number goes up. For instance a 4/0, ("four oh"), hook is one size up from a 3/0, which is one size up from a 2/0. Hook sizes not followed by a zero, **decrease** in size as the number increases. For example a size 3 hook is smaller than a size 2 hook, which is smaller than a size 1 hook.

While nearly all hook manufacturers follow this basic numbering system to indicate the increase or decrease in size of each hook within an individual pattern, there is unfortunately little standardisation in overall sizes. For instance what may be a size 4/0 in a Mustad hook may not necessarily be the same as a 4/0 in a Gamakatsu hook.

Treble and double hooks follow this sizing convention, that is, a treble or double hook is described by the size of any one of the hooks. For example a size 4/0 treble hook is made up of three 4/0 hooks.

What size hook should you use?

Many people are often amazed at the large size of trout that can be caught on seemingly tiny hooks. Trout of 2 or 3kg (4 - 6lb) and over are routinely caught on barely-visible size 18 hooks and smaller.



I have also caught 5kg or 6kg snapper on a 2/0 circle hook however I normally always use a 9/0 on marlin, so how important is hook size?

I normally select the size of the hook to suit the size of the bait rather than selecting the hook to suit the size of the fish and it is the size of the fish that determines the size of the bait.

It is a really interesting test to tie some strong line to a small hook, place the hook point into a piece of wood and then try to straighten the hook. The amount of force you will need to straighten the hook will be far more than you will ever exert on the rod and reel you are using. You will find that the suitability of a hook size is also largely determined by the drag setting on your reel. If a hook straightens during a fight it is not usually a function of the hook size. You are most probably not using a quality hook.

Should I sharpen my hooks before I use them?

Many of the quality hooks have been chemically sharpened and will be sharper than we can make them. In most cases trying to sharpen chemically sharpened hooks out of the packet will actually make them blunt.

The barb on the hook was originally designed to stop the bait coming off, not to hold the fish. There are a couple of reasons why you may use barbless hooks:

- It is easier to remove the hook from the fish.
- It is easier to remove residual bait, therefore you can get another bait back into the water much more quickly.
- It is easier to remove the hook from your body. I have personally had to remove at least five hooks from my body as well as in excess of twenty from other people. The last hook was removed by making a slice into the side of a foot to pull a 9/0 hook after it was dislodged from an angry cobia.