

FISH 'N' TIPS

March 2023



President's Report

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Hello Everyone,

Yes, we are into March already and it is still hot and muggy.

This newsletter may be out a little late due to quite a busy time for our team with travel and a couple of events all around the same time.

First off was our end of month BBQ which went off really well, and again a thank you to all involved.

We then went on to our participation in Clean up Australia Day. Around 18 members turned up to collect rubbish from our area at the mainland side of the bridge to the mouth of the Ningi Creek, from Turners Camp Road. If you can imagine from foreshore to road, this is an extensive area to walk for a small group and collect a mountain of rubbish. And as you'll see by the photos there was a multitude of articles to be picked up.

Thank you to all involved and I hope you enjoyed the breakfast after the cleanup.

No rest for the wicked, as it was empty out the work ute of some rubbish, wash up the BBQ gear, load up the van and cruiser and off to Somerset, along with another group of members for our 1st of 2 Freshwater Competitions for the year. Unfortunately, due to poor timing on travel and other commitments, we were down on numbers. But 19 of us went up to try to catch those elusive freshwater fish. Congrats to all fisherpersons who managed to weigh in a total of 23 fish at around 21 kgs.

Socially a great success as we had quite a few newer members who literally threw themselves into all aspects of an away trip.

Members, please remember that punctuality is essential when times are given to ensure the smooth running of these events, as they are designed for all attendees, so as not to miss out on all events planned.

The entertainment that was planned for the evening has now been moved to our 2nd freshwater trip in November.

I apologise for some of our photos as the lighting at the camp kitchen is poor and our normal photographer had to leave prior for a further knee evaluation on the Gold Coast. Good luck with it this time, Tammy.

I also would like to mention the Ferryman lunch cruise with around 35 members going, which really went well with good weather, fine food and great company. Thank you to Steve and Heatherbell for that adventure which gives a little more knowledge to the members about our fabulous Passage area.

Well, I have a few more reports to do, so I'll close off now and in closing, I pass on the club's sincere condolences to Richard and Tina Patterson on the loss of Richard's mother last month.

Tight Lines (HaHa!)

KK

Editor's Notes

Hi Everyone,

My apologies for such a belated newsletter, as Keith said in his report, too many things going on over the end of February and beginning of March.

Somerset trip away seemed to go off really well. Don't forget that this was just part one of the Jack Daley and Otto Scott Memorial Trophy, part two will be held in November. The totals combine for the trophy which will be presented at the trophy night in December.

Frank has written a great story around the trip, which I have added some photos to. I'm a little disappointed that there are no actual fishy photos from the dam though, surely someone has some hiding on their phones. The results tables follow on after the weighmaster's report.

There's not much on the planned calendar for April, so it's probably a good time to get in some fishing practice for Maroochydhore in May.

Please note, regarding the April meeting, due to a lecture from Bribie Is Local Ambulance Committee at 7.00 pm on Monday April 17 the meeting will now commence at 6.00 pm.

Front Page Photo

This month's front page pic is of Trevor Bourke with a 71cm Flathead. Caught during February in the Pumicestone Passage on an early morning run-out tide. Using mullet for bait, he weighed in at 2.075kg.

New Members

Welcome to our newest members Roley and Sharon Cook, who joined in February.

Also to Katie Jackson who joined recently.

Hope you're all getting in some good fishing days.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed photos or articles for this month's newsletter. If you don't see your photo this month, all the more reason to look out for next month's edition.

You can send your photos etc to me at

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Til next month,

Alison



Richard Holmes—Weighmaster

Weighmaster's Report

Monthly Comp February 2023

**Total No of fish
Weighed In - 89**

Men's inshore (75 fish weighed in)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Plant Trevor	139
2 nd	Casey John	60
3 rd	Winnett Ron	59
4 th	Patterson Richard	36
5 th	Carey Bruce	19
6 th	Bourke Trevor	16
7 th	Kable Keith	4
8 th	King Steven	2

Ladies Inshore (2 fish weighed in)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Tina Patterson	19

Lucky Draw

Name
Trevor Bourke

Men's Offshore (12 fish weighed in)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Bruce Stephan	89.75
2 nd	Burns Steve	29.75
3 rd	Rouben Loris	20

Day	Date	Location		Notes
1	08/03/2023	Somerset Dam		Logged – Trevor B Checked – Keith K

	Name	Fish	Fish (Kg)	Bag (Kg)	Day 1 Notes
1	Greg H	Bass	0 . 9 6 5		
2		Bass	0 . 9 1 5	1 . 8 8 0	3 rd bag
3	Tony J	Bass	0 . 8 0 0		
4		Bass	1 . 0 1 5		3 rd fish
5		Catfish	1 . 0 0 7	2 . 8 2 2	1 st bag
6	Frank O	Bass	1 . 2 5 5		1 st fish
7		Bass	0 . 9 2 0	2 . 1 7 5	2 nd bag
8	John W	Catfish	1 . 0 0 5	1 . 0 0 5	
9	Keith K	Catfish	1 . 1 2 5	1 . 1 2 5	2 nd fish

Day	Date	Location		Notes
2	09/03/2023	Somerset Dam		Logged – Trevor B Checked – Keith K

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1	Tony J	Bass	1 . 0 0 0		
2		Bass	0 . 9 5 0	1 . 9 5 0	3 rd bag
3	Greg H	Bass	1 . 0 2 5		
4		Bass	0 . 9 4 5	1 . 9 7 0	2 nd bag
5	Tony M	Bass	0 . 7 5 5	0 . 7 5 5	
6	Frank O	Bass	0 . 7 8 5		
7		Bass	1 . 1 3 5		1 st fish
8		Catfish	0 . 9 6 0	2 . 8 8 0	1 st bag
9	Alan W	Catfish	1 . 0 3 0		3 rd fish
10		Catfish	0 . 7 9 0	1 . 8 2 0	
11	John W	Catfish	1 . 0 7 0	1 . 0 7 0	2 nd fish
12	Trevor B	Bass	0 . 7 5 0		
13		Catfish	0 . 7 5 5	1 . 5 0 5	
14	Keith K	Bass	0 . 8 3 5	0 . 8 3 5	

	RESULTS	Location		Notes
	2 day totals	Somerset Dam		Logged – Trevor B Checked – Keith K

	HEAVIEST BAG			Bag (Kg)	Win-ners
1	Frank O			5 . 0 5 5	FIRST
2	Tony J			4 . 7 7 2	SECOND
3	Greg H			3 . 8 5 0	THIRD
4	John W			2 . 0 7 0	
5	Keith K			1 . 9 6 0	
6	Alan W			1 . 8 2 0	
7	Trevor B			1 . 5 0 5	

Barbara Wicks indulging in a bit of a fish pedicure, while hubby John and skipper Woody fish on.



Trevor B with a fabulous catch of a rusty stinking landing net. Would have been a good catch on Clean up Australia Day. Sorry Trev, no prizes for that one.



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17	Keith K	Bass	0 . 8 3 5	.	
18	Tony J	Bass	0 . 8 0 0	.	
19	Alan W	Catfish	0 . 7 9 0	.	
20	Frank O	Bass	0 . 7 8 5	.	
21	Trevor B	Catfish	0 . 7 5 5	.	Tied
21	Tony M	Bass	0 . 7 5 5	.	Tied
23	Trevor B	Bass	0 . 7 5 0	.	
	Lucky Draw				
	John W				

Somerset Success

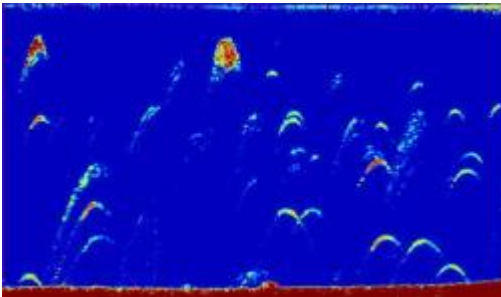
By Frank Oostenbroek (March 2023)

The Venue

A new year and a new start for the Jack Daley and Otto Scott Memorial Competition. The weather talk was all about doom and gloom for both days of competition. The wind was expected to reach thirty knots and the by Friday the heavens were going to open up with an almighty downpour.

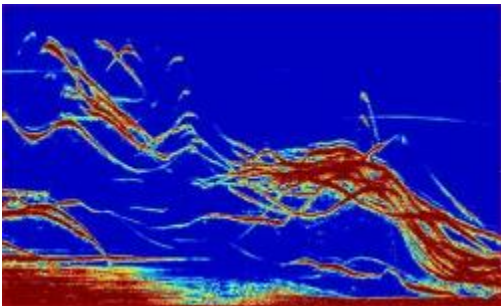
Our weather forecasters were sort of right. There was a slight breeze and there were a couple of drops of water on the windscreen but that was about it. Even though the predictions were not the best, everyone was looking forward to another great trip to Somerset.

The Fishing



If you want to catch Bass, then you really need to catch some freshwater shrimp first. These tiny crustaceans are a deadly bait for just about any fish in the dam and if you know where to find them you actually stand a chance of catching a fish.

Now that you have gathered your shrimp, you also need to be able to find the fish which may be a bit more difficult than first thought. Many of our members had been to Somerset Dam before so they knew all the spots, but somebody forgot to tell the fish that they were coming. Sure there were plenty of fish on the sounder, but they definitely were not in feeding mode.



Individual fish and schools of baitfish were clearly visible but they were not interested in anything that was slowly sinking towards the bottom. Fish that are actively feeding can be seen moving up and down in search of food and are often seen as long trails varying in depth as shown in the above photo.

Well everyone knew what they were looking for, but only two boats managed to find them.

Tony and Greg had all the technology. A great looking Quintrex fitted with an Minn Kota electric motor that would keep them positioned over the fish. The other boat belonged to Frank and Tammy. A small but stable little Stacer with a very noisy anchor chain that would scare every fish for miles.

There were some other good-looking boats out there like Trevor and Keiths Stessl as well as John White's three metre plastic, but the other boats found it very hard to locate the fish. There are obviously millions of fish in the dam, so if you have the right type of bait and you happen to be in the right spot, you will most probably hook up on a fish.

The Competition

It was just five in the morning when Keith and Trevor launched their boat despite the competition starting at six sharp, but there is always a lot of work to be done before the fishing starts. Fifteen minutes after leaving the boat ramp, Keith and Trevor slowly and carefully drifted onto the first of their shrimp pots. They have to be careful because you can hit a submerged log at anytime. This is the type of country where the shrimp live. Dead trees or sticks, underwater obstacles and sharp rocks are just lying in wait for that unsuspecting propellor.

It can take quite some time to gather all the shrimp out of all your pots, so there is no time to waste. Finally, with forty or fifty shrimp in the bucket, the boys headed out to where they hope the fish are.

With just fifteen minutes left before the competition starts, our fishers slowly scanned the bottom for any sign of fish but no luck. They knew where the fish were last year and the year before, so with no time left, they cast their lines in the hope that there may be a stray fish searching for a tasty morsel.

Tony and Greg and Frank and Tammy knew where the fish were and they too headed out in the early dawn to gather their shrimp but wait, “ where are all the shrimp?”

I am not sure which is more frustrating; having all the shrimp and not finding the fish or knowing where the fish are and not having any shrimp. There is also the other scenario where the others have no shrimp and don't know where the fish are. I am not sure where you would go from here, except for taking a swim in the beautiful cool water; in fact that is exactly what Steve and Therese did.

Frank and Tammy had about fifteen very small shrimp and carefully dropped their unweighted lines over the fish and sure enough, they were immediately rewarded with three Australian bass, but their luck soon dried up as the last shrimp hit the water.

Tony and Greg had a more active approach. They too had a very limited supply of shrimp but when they ran out, they decided to do a little bit of trolling with their favourite lures. This obviously worked because the esky was soon full of bass.

How time flies! Four o'clock had come and everyone had gathered at the weigh-in station. Lots of ooh's and aaah's as each fish was weighed in but the competition hadn't finished yet. Day two was only one sleep away.



It seemed a lot darker the next morning in fact Frank had a lot of trouble backing down the ramp because he couldn't see the boat ramp until Tony Maatouk provided some extra light. Tony joined Frank for day two as Tammy was scheduled for another knee operation.

With a heart full of hope and a new location for the shrimp, Frank and Tony set out over the glassy water to collect their bait, but there were only about ten shrimp to be found. Amazing how you can come down from a massive high to a exceptional low in such a short time.

As the disillusioned pair looked across the misty water, they could see a flash of white racing across the water. Could this be their saviours? Frank opened the throttle and set the course for an intercept. As they drew closer they could see Keith and Trevor heading over to their shrimp pots.

Keith must have seen the look of disappointment and kindly offered about thirty shrimp. This is what the club is all about. This was a competition and the competition was fierce, but by the same token, it is also about true sportsmanship. This was not the first time that Keith and Trevor had offered to help other members of the club to their own detriment.

I have to add that all the help and information has always been shared openly, to ensure that everyone has an equal chance of catching fish.

It was another beautiful but overcast and cool morning when Tony Maatouk caught his first Somerset bass. As soon as the shrimp neared the bottom, it was snapped up by another bass. At least fifteen bass came into the boat, but not all were big enough to upgrade to a heavier fish.

Tony and Greg seemed very quiet and stayed in the one spot for quite a long time, which seemed to indicate that they too were onto some good fish but when the shrimp ran out, it was back to trolling for them.

Allan Woodward had teamed up with John and Barbara Wicks and had been moving around a bit, but they did manage a couple of Eel-tailed catfish. It was good to see a few of the other members in their boats. Peter and Sue certainly spent a bit of time on the water, although Peter needed to seek a little bit of medical attention for a few scrapes and bruises. Not sure what that was all about but it was good to see that the doctor gave him a clean bill of health. Steve and Therese enjoyed their swims and John White managed to get his boat wet a few times.

The Dinner

The club normally pays for the presentation dinner which is held at the camp kitchen. The kitchen is well equipped with a large fridge, Boiling water, a couple of sinks and about six electric BBQs. Plenty of table and chairs and lighting that automatically turns on at about 6:15pm. Once again Julie Kable organised the rations with help from Robin Bourke and Vera Sipovac. The girls quietly slipped away and organised everything so that everything magically appears for the evening meal. Everyone enjoyed their hamburgers, sausages and lovely salads expertly cooked by Allan Woodward.



The Results

This is normally a very close competition with only a few points between competitors and the results may have been a little different was it not for the gracious donation of a few extra shrimp however;

Heaviest Fish: Frank Oostenbroek

Heaviest Fish Runner-up: Frank Oostenbroek

?????????????????: Tony Jericevich

Heaviest Bag: Frank Oostenbroek

Although there were a couple of new members who had attended, there were a few missing participants who had other engagements. A smaller crowd this year but everyone still had a great time.



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

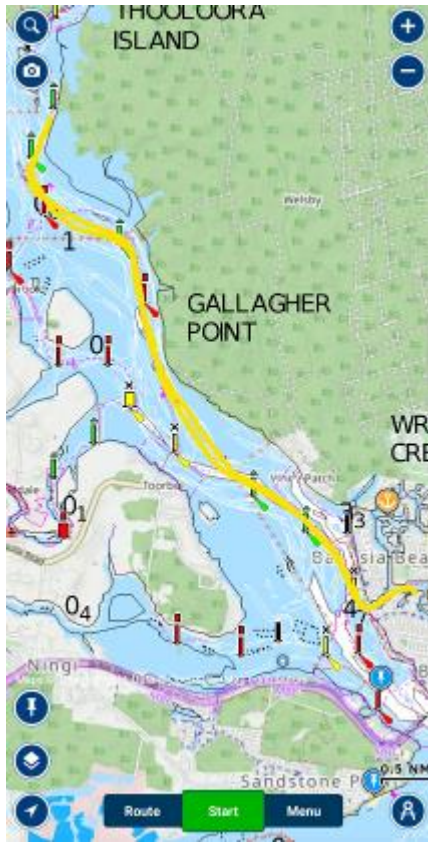
Keith and Julie - Sandstone Point 0419 644 709

Frank and Sheila - Banksia Beach 0401 694 111

Ferryman Cruise

February 2023

Some very happy people and the route taken



Clean up Australia Day

March 2023



The workers and their spoils





Above - Carole and Ron Winnett, happy with their catch of flathead. Caught at Toorbul last month and both weighing in at over 1.5kg



Ron Winnett with a 1+kg Bream, caught in Ningi Creek recently

“Man and Dog Fishing” sent in by Trevor Plant.

Sadly though, for Trevor, the Dog out-fished the Man.

BBQs at TOC H



These are held on the last Sunday of each month. The next BBQ will be on Sunday 26th March at 4pm, and will take the form of a sausage sizzle. It will be manned by **Therese Lee and Steve Bruce, and John and Barb Wicks**

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 <https://www.bribiersfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html>
or just use Google maps on your phone.

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 March and April is:

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

30th March— Margaret & Mike Phillips and Richard Holmes and Rob Hin kley

6th April— Meg & Brian Johnson and Chris Povey & Coll Callander

13th April— Ony & Loris and Richard Holmes & Coll Callander

20th April— Lynn Carey and Barbara Wicks and Bruce Carey

27th April— Ali and Vic Herring and John and Sandy Casey

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 Club – we really do appreciate your support.






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