

FISH 'N' TIPS

Important Reminders

May Members Meeting

11th May 7:00pm

*Weigh In

Saturday, 30th May 6pm

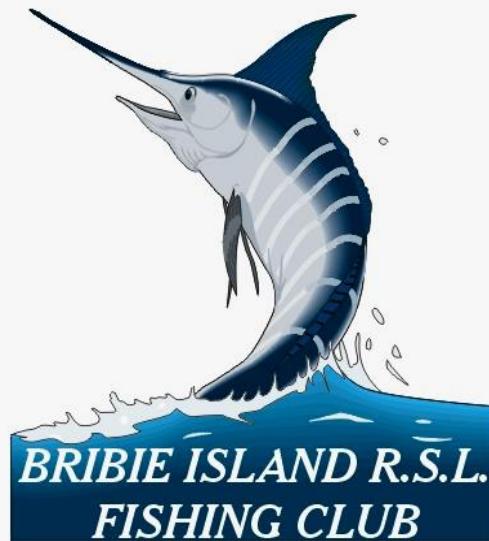
15th – 17th May

Maroochy River

Bungalows

Fishing Club Web Site

www.bribierslfishingclub.com



MAY 2015

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11th May Member's Meeting 7:00pm

15th- 17th May Maroochy River Bungalows Inshore Competition

BBQ- 3:00pm.Sports Club (Chicken)

President's Report

Well we are back from our exciting trip to South America and my thanks to Bryan for standing in for me while I was away.

This next weekend is the Maroochydore weekend and I think we have more members going this year than we have ever had. Let's hope that the weather is good and we do not get a repeat of last weekend!

If you are going then don't forget it can be pretty cool out on the water early in the morning so take some warm clothes. We learnt in South America that it is best to layer up so as the day gets warmer you can just take another layer off.

The Thursday night raffles start again in June and this newsletter has a roster. If you cannot make a particular week then just arrange to swap with someone. Also i think you will find that 3 or 4 is the maximum you need at any time to do the raffles so just sort it out amongst yourselves who is going to do what week in your rostered month.

Hopefully we will have an increase on takings with the RSL restarting the bingo on Thursday evenings. Don't forget it is the money we make from the raffles that allows the subsidised weekends away as well as reduced costs for BBQ's and other functions .

I was going to put a claim in for the largest Piranha in our record books but was told by the Weigh master that it is ineligible because I had to leave from Bribie in a boat to claim! You imagine they are huge man eaters but actually I got a big one at about 200mm and the crewman with me took it home to cook for his tea. He said they taste very nice, but oh what sharp teeth and nearly every crew member had a scar from where the teeth had raked them.

Don't forget that the sports club have confirmed that the bowling afternoon is OK for our June BBQ so please put that date in your calendar.

A Happy Birthday to all those with birthdays in May.

Tight Lines,

Mike Phillips

Weighmaster's Report

April 2015 has been and gone, and so we look forward to another glorious month of fishing and fun in the sunshine state. Next weekend will see many of us drive to Maroochy River Bungalows for a fun-filled and exciting weekend of competition. Many of us have been before but each year brings a few new competitors whose skills have not been tested so it will be interesting to see the results of the competition.

The competition normally starts at 6:00am which means that some of us will be up at 5:00am for breakfast. Boats may be moored in the lagoon but be sure to allow enough room between boats so they do not collide as the tide changes. There are also many methods of anchoring your boat for the evening and watching the afternoon anchoring antics can be a lot of fun for the spectators.

I have attached a map of the venue for all the newcomers although it is pretty easy to find and don't forget to take some warm clothes both for the evening and very cold mornings.

The results for the April competition are as follows:

INSHORE: 51 Fish caught

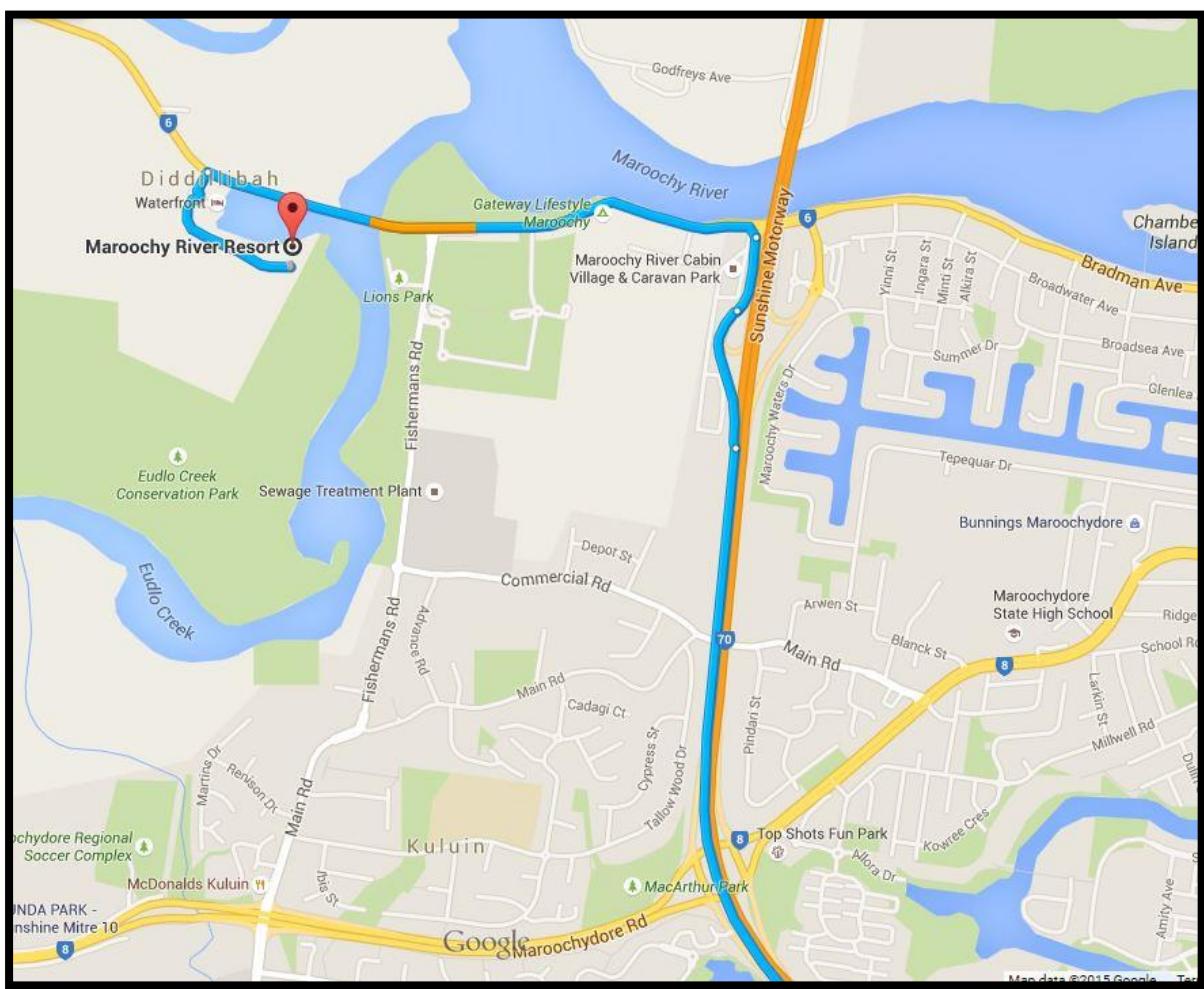
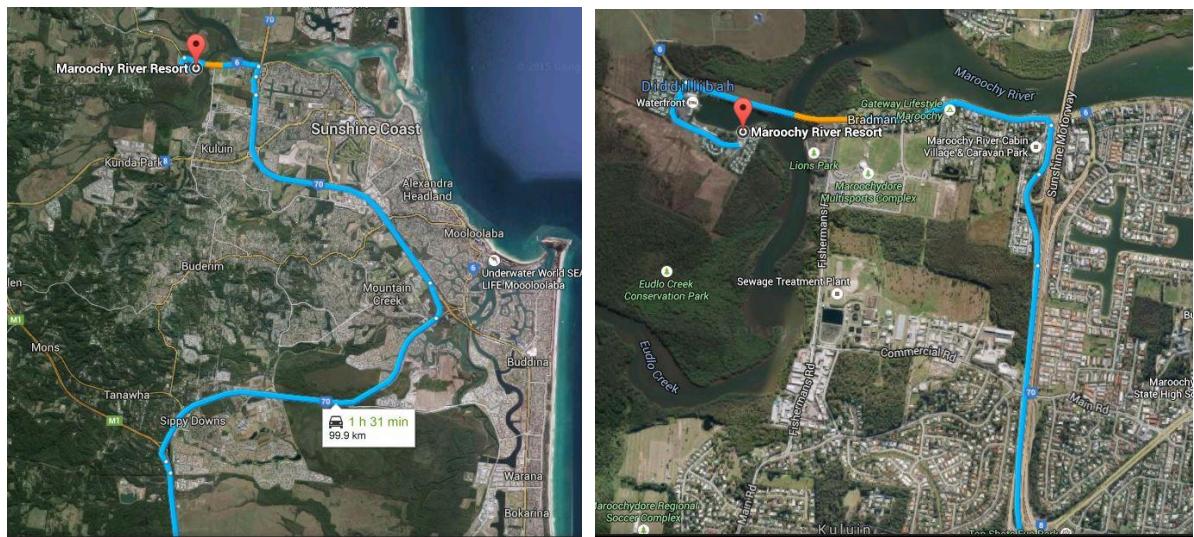
<i>Men's Winner:</i>	Ron Winnett
<i>Men's Runner-up:</i>	Trevor Plant
<i>Ladies Winner:</i>	Tina Patterson
<i>Ladies Runner-up:</i>	Julie Kable

OFFSHORE: 18 Fish Caught

<i>Men's Winner:</i>	Frank Oostenbroek
<i>Men's Runner-up:</i>	Richard Caldararo
<i>Ladies Winner:</i>	Sheila Oostenbroek
<i>Lucky Draw:</i>	Richard Patterson

STAND OUT FISH

Richard Caldararo:	4.91 kg Mackerel
George Dragon:	5.21 kg Cobia
Frank Oostenbroek	4.38 kg Spangled Emperor
Julie Kable:	.605 kg Bream
Ron Winnett:	.88 kg Snapper
Trevor Plant:	1.68 kg Flathead and 1.5 kg Mackerel (Inshore)



BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2015



MAY

11th
15th – 17th
26th April -30th May
31st

Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
Maroochydore (weekend away)
Maroochy River Bungalows
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
BBQ- 3:00pm Sports Club (chicken)
Weigh inn – Saturday 30th 6pm

JUNE

4th
8th
31st May -27th June

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

JULY

13th
28th June -25th July
26th

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

AUGUST

10th
25th July -29th Aug
29th

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

SEPTEMBER

14th
30th Aug - 26th Sep
27th

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

OCTOBER

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

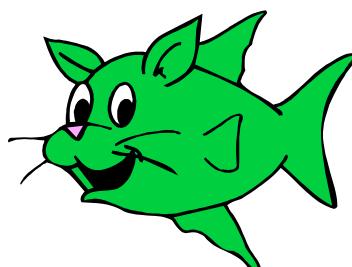
NOVEMBER

9th
14th
25th Oct -21st Nov
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club (Burgers)
Weigh inn – Saturday 29th 6pm

DECEMBER

12th
14th
22nd Nov - 26th Dec
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

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



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

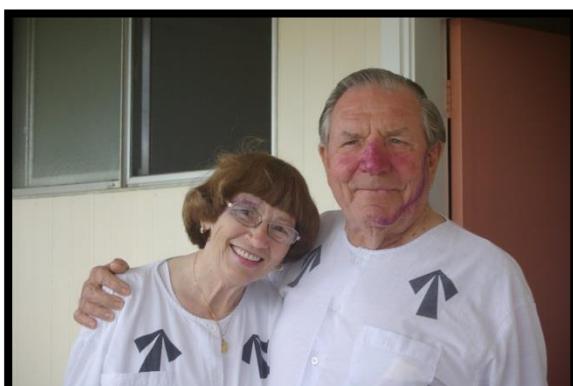


The Editor's Notes

We have been in the Bribie RSL Fishing Club for over ten years and during that time we have met and formed great friendships with some amazing people. If it hadn't been for the Fishing Club, life on Bribie Island would have been pretty lonely. One of the main reasons we attend all of the Club's outings and trips away is for the comradery. I do enjoy the fishing competitions and I do become fiercely competitive but the best part of any trip is the afternoon drinks and the evening meal and sometimes the evening drinks which can often lead to the night time drinks.

I have heard a few people say that they don't come along because they don't have a boat or that they don't have anyone to fish with. Well, you will find that most of the boat owners will squeeze you in somewhere but you don't have to fish to enjoy the trip away in fact, many of the ladies who don't fish soon find other ways to entertain themselves like shopping or wine tours, so the next time the committee organise a trip, take a chance, you might just have a ball.

While I am on the subject of fishing trips, I thought I would show you a few photos that I have taken over the years. If nothing else, they may bring back some great memories. I have taken thousands of photos and although some of them are of friends who are no longer with us, most of the photos are of current members.





The weather has been very kind to us lately so there have been quite a few opportunities to wet line. I know that Richard Calderaro has been getting the best out of his beautiful Grady White, especially now that everything has been fixed. "Business Time" is a big and heavy fibreglass American boat but the ride is beautiful and smooth. It is not a wonder that Richard smiles every day. Last Monday I was invited to fish on "Business Time" and I must admit it was a great experience.

We caught a massive variety of fish that morning. Snapper, Slatey Bream, Moses Perch, Estuary Cod, whiptails and loads of slimy mackerel. It was just a shame that Richard didn't catch any of them. I must admit that I did see Richard in action for over half an hour when a long tail tuna grabbed his line. Richard managed to hold onto that 20kg tuna longer than most people given that he was using an ancient fibreglass rod and an old reel with outdated nylon line that should have been thrown in the bin many years ago.

When the tuna took off, the rod creaked and the reel was screaming until it almost ran out of line. Slowly and very gently Richard managed to persuade this monster to swim back to the boat but again the tuna turned and swam away with tremendous power until the strength and skill of the angler managed to turn the fish back towards the boat.

The fight had lasted for almost fifteen minutes and you could see the beads of perspiration forming on Richard's brow. Time and time again the massive tuna darted back and forth until finally it looked like the fight was nearly over.

The tuna was now slowly swimming around in circles under the boat barely missing the sharp edges of the propeller but each time Richard managed to plunge the tip of the rod into the water to stop the fish from cutting the line.



Thirty minutes had passed and Richard's arms were burning. The excitement and possibility of catching his first Long-Tail Tuna had Richard's heart pumping. You could hear Richard panting with every wind of the reel until you could see the tuna clearly as he swam along-side the boat. Everyone was ready for the moment when we could finally bring this tuna on board when it managed just one last massive run in an effort of escape. I could hear Richard mumble something under his breath. I think it was something complimentary about the strength and tenacity of his adversary. The tuna went deep and around to the left. With every last bit of strength, Richard managed to turn the fish with just a few meters of line left on his reel, but now the fish was quickly heading forward against the current.

As I looked across to Richard I could see the fear in his face as he said "He's heading for the anchor rope". Frustration had now set in as he quickly passed the rod to me. Like a flash I ripped the rod to the other side of the boat where Richard again took control of the rod. I could now see a small tear in Richard's eyes as he realized that the tuna had somehow managed to tie the line around the anchor rope. It only took a few seconds and the tuna was gone.

Richard was devastated. He sat quietly with his head in his hands and then realised, that there would another day, when he again would have the opportunity but next time he would pull up the anchor.

