

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

November Members Meeting

9th November 7:00pm

14th November Somerset

28th November Dinner Dance

*Weigh In

Saturday, 29th November 6pm

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NOVEMBER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

14th November Somerset Freshwater Fishing Competition

28th November Dinner & Dance at Woorim Golf Club

12TH December Trophy Night TOC-House

President's Report

Well the year is rapidly drawing to a close and we are all another year older.

As I advised at the last meeting Josie Scott had suffered a stroke but I am pleased to say that she does not appear to have any lasting effects from it. I am sure we all wish her well and look forward to welcoming her back when she is given the all clear by her doctors.

The BBQ in October at the Sports club was well supported and even though there was another function on at the same time, we were able to have our own area and a good afternoon. My thanks to the ladies for organising everything and to the men who cooked the BBQ.

We have organised an evening out on 28 November to the Woorim Golf club commencing at 6.00 p.m. and have nearly 50 members going. There is a 3 course meal, comedian and music, I believe. It is also the golf clubs presentation evening, so I ask all members to be polite and keep quiet during the presentation part of the evening.

Our presentation night is at the Toc H hall in Banya St on 12 December and if you have not yet booked and paid your money please do that urgently so we know how many to cater for. The club will be providing some wine, beer and soft drinks on the night as well as the meal.

Our final freshwater fishing competition will be held on 14 November at Somerset dam and I know a few people are going up early to find the spots. Those of you just going up for the day, may need to curry favours with the early birds, if you want to get the inside info.

Please don't forget the November competition closes on 21 November to give the weighmasters enough time to finalise everything for the presentation night. I think November is going to be a tough competition to win because I know there are a lot of bream around and already bream have been caught and weighed in at around 1 kg as well as flathead, whiting, and sole. It is nice to see so many people having a go at the competitions.

We have a list going around to manage and organise the raffles in December and January so please put your name down. Don't forget it is the profit from these raffles that pay for the subsidies like the presentation night. It only needs 4 people per night so it is not a big ask to volunteer for 1 week!

A happy birthday to all those with birthdays in November.

Tight Lines,

Mike Phillips

Weighmaster's Report

The competition this month is a "MYSTERY FISH" competition. This means that all the fish have been weighed in as normal. The presentation will take place during the meeting on the 9th November where a ticket will be drawn to indicate the species and a second ticket will be drawn to indicate the desired/ winning weight. The winner will be the person who has caught the species with a weight that is closest to the desired weight. This mystery competition adds a bit of fun to the competition but also gives everyone a better chance of winning a prize.

There have been a few unexpected developments since the decision to run the mystery fish competition. The main reason is, that there have been a very large number of big bream weighed in with many of the bream being of similar size, so it will be very interesting to see how we deal with the fact that two or three fishermen/ fishergirls have weighed in fish with exactly the same weight.

Whatever happens it should be a good laugh.

BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB
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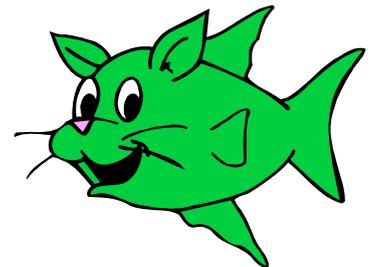
NOVEMBER

9th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
14th **Somerset Dam Freshwater Comp**
25th Oct -21st Nov Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
28th Nov **Dinner & Dance at Woorim Golf Club**
Weigh inn –Saturday 29th 6pm

DECEMBER

12th Trophy Night TOC H House Bongaree
14th Member's Meeting RSL 7:00pm
22nd Nov – 26th Dec Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

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



DINNER AT THE WOORIM GOLF CLUB

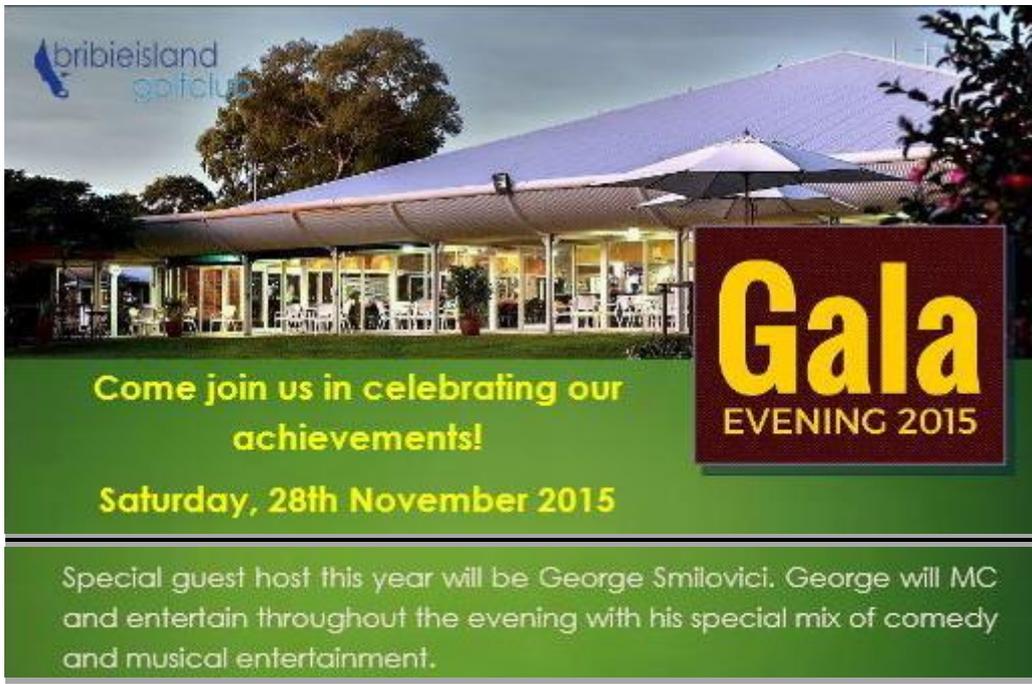
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2015

We are having a Dinner at the Woorim Golf Club on Saturday night 28th November 2015 instead of the Sunday BBQ in November.

Members \$10:00 per head
Visitors \$20:00 per head

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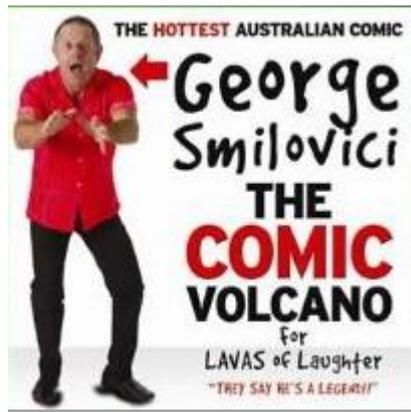
We need the money to be paid to Carole Winnett or Lyn Hunter **before** the night for catering purposes. If the money isn't paid; sorry but we can't count you in.



Come join us in celebrating our achievements!

Saturday, 28th November 2015

Special guest host this year will be George Smilovici. George will MC and entertain throughout the evening with his special mix of comedy and musical entertainment.



THE HOTTEST AUSTRALIAN COMIC

← George Smilovici

THE COMIC VOLCANO

For LAVAS of Laughter

"THEY SAY HE'S A LEGEND!!"

SOMERSET DAM

Saturday 14th November

1 Day Competition

Most of us will be driving up early on Saturday morning and will return home late that afternoon but I am sure that there will be a few that will be staying for a few days.

There are a few advantages for staying a few days these are:

Fishing prior to the competition may help you find where the fish are hiding.

It will allow you to catch enough freshwater shrimp (Best Bait) for the competition.

If the weather is good you can enjoy a few refreshments after the competition instead of rushing home.

The Policing President

We all know that our dear President can become extremely competitive but one of our members noticed that Mike has been checking us out on a number of occasions. Since our Fishing Club decided to upgrade the new minimum sizes for whiting and bream to 27 centimetres some of our members have been finding it quite difficult to catch the bigger fish. The main reason for upgrading the sizes was because most of the point scoring fish were well over the 25 centimetres mark so a fish of just 25 centimetres would not even score a point in our monthly competition.

Well Mike has been informing us that he was policing the size of the fish and suggested that he would sit closely beside one of our members, to ensure that he was there, only to check the size of the fish being caught. Mike can be seen policing the catch below.



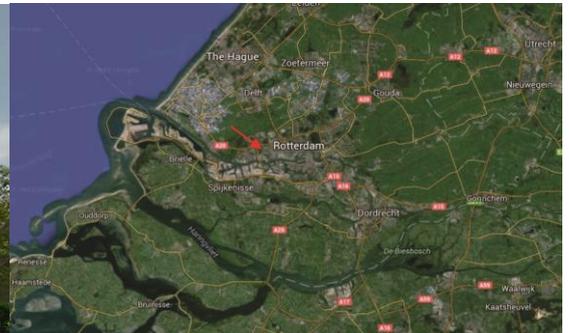
The Editor's Notes

Although I have lived for almost 65 years I still have very vivid memories of my first fish. I was fishing in one of the many canals in Holland when I hooked and caught the biggest fish of my life. My brother Jim had fashioned a fishing rod made from a piece of bamboo. There were only three or four ceramic runners/guides tied onto the rod and the reel was made out of two buttons which would accommodate the fishing line by winding it around the two buttons in a figure eight.



It was way back in 1955 and I was just four years old when a massive European Carp attacked my bait with such ferocity that it almost pulled me into the water. I fought it with all my might understanding that there were no fancy fishing reels at that stage so the only way you could bring it ashore was to walk backwards and drag it up the bank.

I remember picking it up holding this massive fish up against my chest and wrapping both my arms around it. I took it back to our home which was actually a rented flat on the third floor of a housing commission building and placing it into the bath where I watched it for hours.



Since then I have always had a fascination for fish. In 1957 we migrated to Brisbane where I was first introduced to river fishing in Fernvale. Spangled Perch, Eel Tailed Catfish and Garfish were always on the menu. A few years later I finally learnt to catch Mullet but my method of firing a .303 calibre bullet into a school of fish may not be readily accepted today. It wasn't long before the crystal clear waters of the upper Brisbane River became my regular fishing spot until the introduction of the Wivenhoe Dam. The beautiful rock pools and shallow rapids quickly disappeared as the river was transformed into a slow brown sludgy trickle. Wivenhoe Dam had all but dried up the river and it was only after the dam had been filled that the upper Brisbane River started to flow but the pristine waters and old ratty wooden bridges were gone forever.

As I grew older my focus changed to salt water and I can remember fishing around the old Southport pier and the Jumpinpin. We would spend the whole night trying to catch that illusive Bream and we would be exstastic if we were lucky enough to catch ten fish over nine inches. Since moving to Bribie Island my main focus has been offshore fishing with soft plastic lures. I wouldn't be so bold as to suggest that I introduced this type of fishing into South East Queensland but I do remember purchasing over \$300.00 worth of Berkly Powerbaits and Jig heads from Complete Angler in Melbourne after I was introduced to this new style of fishing in Frankston.

Amazing how quickly fifteen years flies past. The very first cast I made with a soft plastic was on Brennan's Shoal and the lure hadn't even reached the bottom before it was swallowed by a large snapper. Almost every cast resulted in another snapper, so I posted my success onto a brand new website called "AUSFISH". I was plagued with questions requesting information on soft plastics because it appears that no one in South East Queensland had ever heard of them. I remember ordering hundreds of packets of soft plastics and jig heads from Melbourne and teaching people the art of fishing with these brand new lures.

It was around this time that I joined the Bribie Island RSL Fishing Club where I met quite a few fanitcal fishermen who were also very keen to learn more about soft plastics. It wasn't long before my boat became the main means of transport to Cape Moreton where I introduced many of our club members (some of who are no longer with us today) to soft plastics. Ron Winnett, and George Dragon were very regular participants although George soon developed his own style. He would cast his soft plastic out about thirty meters and place his rod into the rod holder whilst using his second rod to fish with pilchards.

As I sit here now, it brings back great memories as I look over all the photos of magnificent fish that were caught over the years. Ron Winnett even caught an 80Kg Black Marlin on a 7" Berkley Gulp Pink Shine.



There was however one standout fisherman who seemed to do everything wrong but still managed to produce the big fish. Richard Patterson was and still is fanatical about his fishing. The very first time I took Richard out to Cape Moreton he brought along an old fibreglass fishing rod with about 12lbs nylon fishing line that must have been ten years old. We were fishing just north of Cape Moreton and Richard had tied on a very light jig head with a granny knot. He wasn't sure what type of soft plastic to thread onto his hook so he used a tiny 3" Gulp Chartruese soft plastic and cast his line out somewhere.

You can imagine my total disgust when his rod bent hard over and his delapidated reel started screaming as a massive fish started swimming off to Tasmania. I knew that there was an abundance of fish around but surely none of them would be fooled by Richard's poor attempt to imitate a fish. Well the fish kept on fighting and Richard's rod continued to bend until I was sure that either it would break or until that decrepid old line would snap.

Sometimes things never work out the way you expect them to and I must admit that I was amazed when I saw this magnificent Spangled Emperor break the surface. I quickly placed the net under the fish and struggled to lift it on board. Now, Richard still maintains that he holds the record for the biggest Spangled Emperor for our club but when you take a close look at the photo and inspect the crinkly nylon line and arkayic fishing rod, you can't possibly expect to be nominated for a record so for that reason Richard's fish was never accepted even though it was most probably bigger, fatter and stronger than any of the others that have been weighed in since.



Well since that time Richard has caught hundreds of fish and at one stage he even upgraded his fishing rod to a beautiful Loomis GL2 which lasted for a few days until another massive fish broke it in half.



Yes, Richard really became heavily involved in offshore fishing. He even convinced Tina to let him buy a beautiful Allison fibreglass boat but the constant costs of broken rods meant that he finally had to resign himself to the fact that his retirement would only allow him to fish the Pumicestone Passage.



It was a sad day when Richard realised he was getting old. Nowadays you can see him sitting in his little black tinny using his \$50:00 fishing rod and \$5:00 nylon line that he purchased on the internet. Poor old Richard....

He must have been hard up the other day because he rang me at about 6:00am and asked me to come fishing with him. It was only then that I realised that poor old Richard was actually a lot smarter than many of us in the club. We anchored the boat in a very secret spot (that everyone knows about) and pulled out his internet rods and internet line and to top it all off his internet hooks that are cheaper than the K-Mart specials and threaded on a chicken heart.

I finally realised that Richard enjoys catching really big fish on the cheapest equipment possible. I mentioned to Richard that the biggest bream I catch, normally weigh in at a mere .350g or maybe a really big one weighs .4Kg. Amazingly, Richard continued to catch almost twenty bream between .5Kg and 1.03Kg. I then realised that Richard was catching bigger and better fish than most people in the club on the cheapest possible equipment and only spending \$2:00 on petrol. So, if there is anyone interested in buying a 6 meter very green boat that has hardly ever been used, please give me a call. You can find me on the internet looking for cheap rods, reels and nylon fishing line.



What's Around at the Moment



You may be interested to know that the quite a few school mackerel have been caught in the shipping channel. If you are interested in catching these fish, here are a couple of tips.

- Locate the bait schools. These can be found around most of the channel markers but be careful to approach these markers from the down current side or you may find yourself up against the marker. Make sure you also keep an eye out for the very large ships that use the channel.. They will often reach speeds of 20knots and find it extremely difficult to manoeuvre around you so please stay clear.
- When you find the bait schools check your sounder closely and look for the bigger fish around the main bait school.
- Select a Spanyol or Raider lure or any silver slug that is approximately eight centimetres long. It is advisable to just attach the lure to your leader without a steel trace. Mackerel tend to snip off the tails of the fish and come back for the body afterwards so you will find that you will not lose many lures.
- Drop the lure to the bottom but do not cast it. These fish prefer a small bait fish that is heading for the surface vertically. You may catch fish if you cast the lure some distance but your hook up rate will be substantially less. Once the lure has reached the bottom, proceed to wind it back as fast as you can but be careful not to wind it all the way to the tip of your rod as you may damage the rod tip.



Big bream seem to be everywhere at the moment. Richard and Tina Patterson know more about catching big bream than most of us so ask nicely and they may share some of their secrets. I was amazed to see how big the mouth of a 1Kg bream is so don't be afraid to use a much larger hook. Don't forget that a fish of this size is almost twenty years old so if you decide not to eat the fish it is better to simply cut the hook off rather than ripping it out from deep in their throat. This will ensure that you have done everything possible for his /her survival. We did find that the shallow weedy banks produced many large bream as well as the occasional flathead.

Large flathead are supposed to be around at the moment although they have been a bit difficult to catch. Remember that flathead are an ambush predator and many of them can be found around the shallow drop offs. There are always small fish that forage for food in the very shallow sandbanks or near the edges of the passage. As the tide drops the small fish are forced to move back into the deeper water. It is at that time that the flathead sits patiently where the bank falls away into the deeper water until a smaller fish comes within reach. When using soft plastics, don't be afraid to use a heavier jig head eg; 3/8oz a with a 4" or 5" soft plastic as these fish have a large mouth and will attack large whiting or mullet.

Whiting are definitely on the bite with many fish over 30cms being caught on a regular basis. The trouble is that these fish are being caught up towards Caloundra. Whether the netting has had an impact on our area is unknown but it is definitely quite difficult to catch a good feed of whiting at the moment.



THURSDAY NIGHT RSL CLUB RAFFLE ROSTER



NOVEMBER

PETER & PAM McGRUDDY

ELVIN & LINDA LOCK

RICHARD & TINA PATTERSON

JOHN & SANDRA CASEY

DECEMBER & JANUARY 2016



We are looking for volunteers to manage and organize the raffles for December and January. We understand that many of you will have other commitments so we ask that you place your name on the list even if you can only help for just one day.

MEMBERS IN THEIR TEAMS PLEASE MAKE YOUR SELF AVAILABLE FOR THE FULL MONTH.

TEAM LEADERS FOR EACH MONTH TO BE AT THE RSL CLUB TO SET UP FOR THE RAFFLES 5:30PM

RAFFLES ARE DRAWN 7:15PM

IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST AND YOU WOULD TO HELP PLEASE LET A COMMITTEE MEMBER KNOW.