

FISH 'N' TIPS

November 2023





President's Report

November 2023

Hello members,

I don't have a lot to go on for this month as the wind again has been very annoying. Some hearty sailors have managed a few trips into the passage, but outside is still only for the foolhardy.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon was again a great day out, with the Rogers' "Tasman Syndicate" winning both first and second in the Calcutta which a few club members were able to buy into, and it proved to be a wise investment this year. Merle Cherry and Vic Herring were judged the best dressed of the day, but all looked splendid in their attire for the occasion. I am sure photos will appear in the newsletter and on the website.

Thank you to all who are sending in more and more photos to allow Alison to gather up a database of members' photos.

Thank you also to the volunteers for the chicken schnitzel day at Toc-H, and please remember we only have the November BBQ left for 2023.

Somerset two-day comp is this coming week and I'm looking forward to that as it is a good break away for fishing which is highly competitive but still socially interactive.

Trophy night arrangements are all but done, and I believe the secretary has put out an email about that and we will follow up with a flyer closer to the day.

Our last general meeting is on the 13th November, and as I am away, and I may not return for that meeting as I sometimes do, I'll find a suitable chairperson.

That about winds it up for me, but don't forget I'm only a phone call away if you need any assistance with a problem.

Bye for now,

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Editor's Notes

Hi Everyone,

We're starting to count down the days to Christmas now, hopefully the offshore fisher people will manage to get out a few times before then. Last month (October's weigh-in) there were no offshore fish weighed in. and no ladies at all either! Come on girls, the kids are doing better than us!

I didn't receive a lot of fishy photos this month, but many thanks to those who did send some in, Keith, and Trevor P and Bruce. Also, thanks to Richard H and Mike for the Melbourne Cup photos. Please don't forget to send me your pics, however simple, people are always interested to see what is being caught out there, and probably who's catching them too!

There is another interesting article from Frank Oostenbroek in this newsletter, accompanied by some beautiful photos of course. Thank you for that, Frank.

Melbourne Cup came and went again, with success for some, maybe not for all. There are some pics in this newsletter, and I'll get more put into the website as soon as I get a spare moment or day to work on it.

Somerset Dam comp is this week, please read your emails for full details, there is a link to the webpage included.

Steve King has resigned from the committee as events co-ordinator, so if you or anyone you know would like to take on this position for next year, please let Keith or Ray know. A list of the upcoming events is further into the newsletter.

The Pumicestone boat comp is in early December, get your names down at the meeting on Monday, if you want to participate. The draws will take place at the November BBQ on Sunday 26th.

That's it from me for this month, meeting Monday night, the last one for 2023.

Alison

Send your contributions to me at

bribierslfcwebmaster@gmail.com



Front page pic

This month on the front page are Riley (in red), and Aiden Nguyen, Keith's Grandsons, with their catch of Bream a couple of months ago.



**Richard Holmes -
Weighmaster**

Weighmaster's Report

Monthly Competition for October 2023

75 fish weighed in

Men's Inshore (69 fish weighed in)

| Place | Name | Points | No. of Fish |
|---------|-------------------|--------|-------------|
| Winner | Trevor PLANT | 85 | 20 |
| Second | Ron WINNETT | 58 | 13 |
| Third | John CASEY | 30 | 11 |
| Fourth | Richard PATTERSON | 27 | 4 |
| Fifth | Coll CALLANDER | 21 | 7 |
| Sixth | Keith KABLE | 15 | 4 |
| Seventh | Bruce CAREY | 11 | 4 |
| Eighth | Michael PHILLIPS | 9 | 6 |

Ladies Inshore – No fish were weighed in.

Men's Offshore - No fish were weighed in.

Lucky Draw

| Name |
|-------------------|
| Richard PATTERSON |

Junior Inshore (2 fish weighed in)

| Place | Name | Points | No. of Fish |
|--------|--------------|--------|-------------|
| Winner | Riley NGUYEN | 19 | 2 |

Sub Junior Inshore (4 fish weighed in)

| Place | Name | Points | No. of Fish |
|--------|--------------|--------|-------------|
| Winner | Aiden NGUYEN | 37 | 4 |



Upcoming Events

Somerset Fishing Competition

15 and 16 November. This comp is ready to go, some members are heading up there for the whole week. This is part 2 of the Jack Daley and Otto Scott trophy, so the points you win in this comp will be added to the points you won in the March Somerset comp. Please read your emails and see the web site for more details. You will need a permit to fish this dam, see website or emails for details.

<https://www.bribierslfishingclub.com/somerset-dam.html>

November BBQ

Sunday 26th November, Toc-H. This is the last BBQ for 2023. The draw for the boat comp in December will take place on this day.

Trophy Night

Sunday 10 December from 5.30pm. The theme this year is Masquerade. Spotlight and the Temu Website have numerous economical masks available. So, choose a mask and come along in your finery for another fun night. Tickets for the Monster Raffle are available from any of the Committee members and the raffle will be drawn on the night. The Band is a duo called Purple Martini. More information will be available closer to the night.

Pumicestone Passage Boat Comp

Wednesday 13th December. Launch at Spinnaker or private pontoon. 6am start , 11.00am weigh in. 12 noon sausage sizzle followed by presentations. Prizes will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for heaviest combined bag per boat, and there will be a lucky draw prize. Each member may catch a maximum of 5 fish per species.

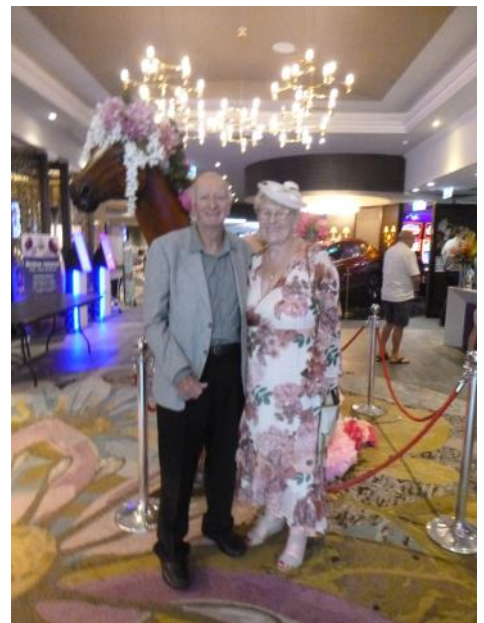
When it's your wedding day but the fish are biting.



Melbourne Cup Luncheon photos



Some of our members at the Calcutta Night

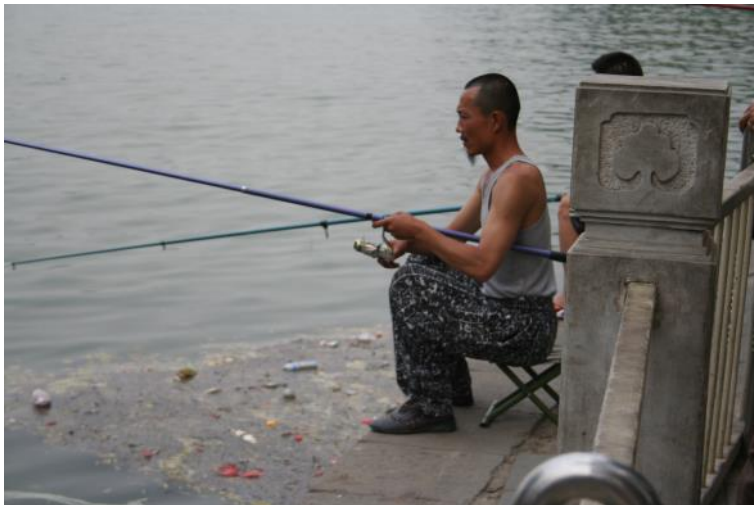


More photos from this event will be available on the website shortly.

Photo Gallery



Bruce Carey with an 80cm Cobia (aka Black Kingfish). Caught a few days ago.



This month's Overseas Fishing Photos

These two pictures on the left were taken by myself in 2007 in Beijing, China.

Lake Houhai (pronounced Ho-high), is one of Central Beijing's beautiful lakes, and is usually lined with groups of hopeful fishermen.

I was quite intrigued by, in the top picture, how this man was quite happy to fish amongst all that debris floating just in front of him.

Also in the second picture, it was interesting to see that most of the fishermen I saw would hold their rods, or poles, with the tips almost dipped into the water.



Fresh Water Fury

by Frank Oostenbroek

October 2023

Can you believe that six months has passed since we moved to the country and became farmers? You will be happy to know that your thoughtful farewell presents are both doing well. Citrus trees seem to love the soil and the climate, so I am hoping that the fruit will soon be ready for the picking.

Brian and Meg also gave us a fig tree and with Brian's amazing guidance, it too is doing well. For those who remember Adrienne and Max, they gave us two Grevillea which are both flowering, so life here is pretty good but one thing was missing.

I have a beautiful little boat which hasn't been used for a long time so we decided to try our luck in the fresh water. Our first trip was to Somerset Dam. It takes just 90 minutes from Gatton on a pretty good road. The weather was perfect but there we only managed four shrimp. The water was pretty cold at just 18 degrees and according to the Kirkleigh Girls, nothing was biting, but Tammy and I decided to try our luck anyway.

The bass were there but nothing we did could entice them to bite, so we motored across to "The Happy Campers" and dropped a shrimp next to an old dead tree. It only took a few minutes and Tammy's rod bent hard over. This looked like a good fish and the excitement was starting to show as Tammy yelled out "Get the Net".



Tammy caught this 2kg+ Yellowbelly on a live shrimp beside the tree

Fresh Water Fury

by Frank Oostenbroek

Continued

If this was the only fish we would catch, it would have been a great day, but a short time later my rod almost bent double. With just ten pound line (4.5kg) and a very light drag, I was sure that this fish was going to wrap me around the tree but no, this fish was stupid. It swam out into the open where we finally dragged it to the surface and into the waiting net.



Frank caught this 3kg+ Yellowbelly on the last live shrimp beside the tree

We thought that this trip was successful because everyone had told us that the water was too cold and you would just be wasting your time. Little did they know that we would be eating fresh Yellowbelly fillets cooked just the way that John Wicks had taught us. Yummy!

Well I told you that story to tell you this. With the excitement of fresh fillets, we decided to go and try our luck at Wivenhoe Dam. This dam was always closed to fishing from boats until, after many years they opened it to fishing from a canoe or at the most, a craft with an electric motor and even then they weren't sure about the batteries, because if they fell overboard they could pollute the water supply.

Well the good news is that you can now fish from a boat, provided that it is a low emission motor or an electric motor and that you do not exceed the maximum speed limit of 6 knots. If your boat is on the plane, you are going too fast. ABSOLUTELY NO JETSKIES!!!!

Well, can you believe that Wivenhoe is just 30 minutes away. With that in mind Sheila, Tammy and I set off at about 8:30 am, after a hearty breakfast. We headed for Logan Inlet as this is one of the two areas with a boat ramp. The other area is Billies Bay which is located on the other side of the dam.

Fresh Water Fury

by Frank Oostenbroek

Continued

Anyway, we set off at a troll and headed out to the main rivercourse which took ages. As we rounded the last bend before the main channel, I saw a rock wall with a few sticks poking out of the water very close to the bank. As we neared the bank the water depth dropped to over 10 meters and we were just a couple of meters from the shore.

We had only just checked the lures and dropped them over when Tammy's rod went off. It was not a massive bass but would have gone approximately 1.5kg. We didn't weigh it as we wanted to release it in good health. We set off once again and Tammy's rod went off again only this time it was just a small bass just over legal size. The wall was only about fifty metres long so once we had reached the end we turned around and headed back the other way. Sheila was now sitting on the side next to the wall about four meters away when she too enjoyed a fight that only a bass can give. They are one of the strongest fighting fish for their size. It was only a couple of minutes and sheila had caught her first bass for the season.



Sheila caught this Bass just four metres from the rock wall.

It was just after Sheila had released her bass that we heard a loud clap of thunder and noticed a storm heading our way. With our graphite rods safely tucked away, we headed back to the boat ramp at a massive speed of 5.9knots. I only know that because my GPS indicated it on the sounder.

I wanted to share this story because I know there are quite a few members that are keen on fresh water fishing and the fact that we had caught three bass in under an hour may open up another possible location for a keen fisho.

Fresh Water Fury

by Frank Oostenbroek

I don't think this will be a good location for the club competition because there are no cabins available. There are approximately six or seven Glamping tents and quite a few powered camp sites with clean toilets and showers which I will be using very soon.

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying life. I know Sheila is missing the companionship of our club members but Bribie is only just two hours away. It used to take me 2.5 hours to drive to work every day, so Gatton really isn't in another country. It is only just down the road.

Stay safe and we look forward to catching up during the fresh water competition in November.



Frank, Sheila and Tammy.

Raffles

Our Thursday night raffles at the RSL Club continue throughout the 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 November and December is:

16th November - Tina & Richard Patterson and Margaret & Mike Phillips

23rd November - Tina & Richard Patterson and Margaret & Mike Phillips

30th November - Carole & Ron Winnett, John & Jill Davis, and John & Sandy Casey

7th December - Carole & Ron Winnett, John & Jill Davis, and John & Sandy Casey

14th December - Carole & Ron Winnett, John & Jill Davis, and John & Sandy Casey

21st December - Carole & Ron Winnett, John & Jill Davis, and John & Sandy Casey

28th December - Marg Langley, Chris Kneller and Trevor Plant

This roster is correct at time of publication



Keith and Heatherbell Talk to Wendy from Avondale Meats Bribie Island.

The full video can be seen on the website at

<https://www.bribiersfishingclub.com/>

Closed Seasons

Please be aware of the following closed seasons

Queensland east coast: barramundi closed season – 1 November to 31 January

And if you happen to be planning a fishing holiday north: **Gulf of
Carpentaria: barramundi closed season – 7 October to 31 January**

BBQs at TOC-H



These are held on the last Sunday of each month. Your annual membership fee covers the cost of all BBQs. (Just bring some cash for raffles!)

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.bribiersfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html

or just use Google maps on your phone.

The next BBQ will be held on **Sunday 26th November at 4pm**, and will be manned by Peter & Sue Ledger, and Bruce & Lyn Carey. This will be the final BBQ for 2023, the next one will be at the end of January 2024.



Coll and Mike cook the chicken



Meg and Ony help to dish out the food

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Weighstations

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

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Ron and Carole - Bongaree 0418 881 419

John & Jillian - Bongaree 0417795584

Keith and Julie - Sandstone Point 0419 644 709

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. 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 raffles for meat and seafood vouchers on Thursday nights throughout the 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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