

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

October Members Meeting

12th October 7:00pm

*Weigh In

Saturday, 24th October 6pm

25th October

BBQ

Sports Club

Fishing Club Web Site:

www.bribierslfishingclub.com

OCTOBER

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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

By the time you read this, our weekend trip to the Tweed will be over and the next trip away will be the Somerset Dam freshwater competition in November.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we were investigating having another Saturday evening out before the end of the year.

We have now booked the last Saturday evening in November for a three course meal at the Woorim Golf Club for those members who may be interested in a night out. Our outing will coincide with the golf clubs presentation night, so we will have to sit through that first, but there is then a comedian and music. We have bulk booked and will need to confirm numbers early in November. If you want to go please put your name on the list and pay a \$10 deposit.

Please don't forget our presentation night is coming up in early December and we have live music and dancing again and I believe some members may want to show their musical talent or lack of it.

The BBQ is at the sports club at 4.00 pm on Sunday October 25 so please put your names on the list if you want to go.

A happy birthday to all those with birthdays in October.

Tight Lines,

Mike Phillips

A Tribute to Josie Scott

If you have ever been to the Bribie Island RSL you may have noticed the tireless efforts of Josie Scott. Josie and her husband Otto were instrumental in the establishment of the Bribie Island RSL Fishing Club and although Otto passed away some years back, Josie has continued to support and work in our club in numerous ways to ensure its ongoing success.

Josie can be seen in the RSL foyer behind a table of raffle tickets; not only for our club but also for the RSL Golf Club. As if that wasn't enough, Josie also works as a committee member of the RSL Ladies Auxiliary and helps to organise the RSL Bingo evenings.

Josie recently reached a major milestone in her life when she reached the ripe young age of 80 years of age but that doesn't seem to have slowed her down. Not only is Josie a very special person of our club but she is a very special member of our community so it was only fitting that she was recently honoured as a finalist for the "Longman Awards".

Congratulations Josie, You are a Treasure.



Weighmaster's Report

September was all about targeting a specific fish to show how skilful you were. Well the inshore fishergirls and fishermen certainly appeared to know how to catch whiting but the same can't be said for those who were fishing offshore.

I understand that the weather was not as nice as it could have been but there must have been at least one hour of calm water. Well in any case there were no prizes for the offshore fisherpeople.

There were 38 magnificent whiting weighed in during the competition which would have made a nice meal for a few of us..

The winners for the month of August are as follows:

Inshore:

Winner: *Michael Phillips*

Biggest Fish: *Michael Phillips*

Heaviest Bag: *Michael Phillips*

Lucky Draw: *Ron Winnett*

Note: The competition this month is a "MYSTERY FISH" competition. This means that you should weigh in your fish as normal but during the presentation a ticket will be drawn to indicate the species and a second ticket will be drawn to indicate the desired weight. The winner will be the person who has caught the species with a weight that is closest to the desired weight. An interesting concept but it gives everyone a better chance of winning a prize.

BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB
CALENDAR 2015



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 Oct **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
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

Please Note:

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.



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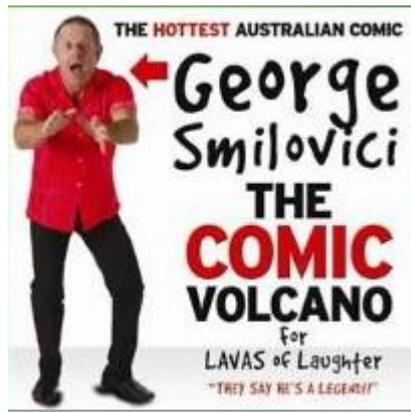
Gala

EVENING 2015

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 Editor's Notes

The long weekend has been and gone and what a fantastic weekend it was for some of us. I say some of us because we were once again plagued with another ten thousand visitors who all seem to disappear during the evenings but reappear every morning. If you haven't seen these visitors and would like the opportunity to witness their activities there are a few places you can find them in action.

Every in the morning about six o'clock they congregate around all of the boat ramps, especially the Spinnaker Sound Public Ramp. Make sure you are there early so you can witness all the mishaps and short tempered fishermen as they all race around in an effort to launch their boat before anyone else so that they can find their special little spot where the fish obviously live. Some of the latecomers wait until everyone has found their spot so that they can race over the area that has the most fishermen. If they see three or four fishermen all anchored very close together, it obviously means that all the fish have been attracted to that spot. The latecomer then races over and stops just short of the other boats and announces his arrival with the sound of ten meters of anchor chain that rattles over the side of the tinny.

It seems that the only people that go to the boat ramps on weekends are the visitors because most of the locals stay well clear until a perfect day comes along during the week. Many of the other visitors can be found aimlessly driving up and down the beach in search of a quiet spot which can be extremely difficult to find. At about two o'clock on the last day they form an endless procession from Woorim beach to the Caltex service station or the BP where they can be seen pumping up their tyres and refuelling before forming one continuous line of cars that stretches over the bridge until they reach the other side of Ningi. These visitors also totally block all the local traffic who may hope to travel from Bellara to Banksia Beach.

I just mentioned that so I can tell you this. On Tuesday morning I woke up at about 1:30am because a few of us had planned to go fishing offshore. I needed to get up early because I had organised to pick up Ron Winnett at 4:15am and I didn't want to be late. The boat had already been connected to the car the night before so there wasn't much to do except make a lunch while enjoying a cup of coffee.

Finally at 3:45am I started the car and headed over to Ron's place. I arrived there at 4:00am to find Ron ready willing and able so we quickly loaded the gear into the boat and headed for the ramp. We were a fraction early so there was no need to rush. Just as well that we drove over the bridge at 57kms in a very sober state, because ahead in the distance we could see a dark figure who was waving a red light at us indicating that he would like us to pull over to the side of the road.

I am pretty sure that I have now met every police officer on Bribie Island and I am sure that they have all had the pleasure of placing a little plastic straw into my mouth to see how long I could continue to blow before I had completely run out of breath. Every one of the Police officers have also taken a course in speed talking and they practice to see how fast they can recite their little speech and still be understood although this particular Policeman had to check because he said "did you get all that?". I wanted to stay and chat for a bit longer but I could see that Ron was keen to get to the boat ramp.

I had also organised to meet Richard and Richard and George at the ramp so we could head out in two boats. Now, Richard Caldararo is not known for his willingness to leave his soft, warm and cosy bed so it was unlikely that the other boys would be there yet. If Richard Patterson would have driven to the ramp I am sure he would have been there at 3:30am to find George waiting for him but nothing could have prepared me for I saw next.

The boat ramp was empty and the car park deserted with the exception of one boat. Off in the distance I could read the name "Business Time" in big letters on the side of Richard's boat. Not only was he early but they were all ready to go.

Now if you know a little bit about fishing, you will know that all pelagic fish (Fish that live in the middle to top areas of the water column) always follow the bait. Early summer when the water heats up to about 24 -27 degrees our waters are teeming with all forms of pelagic fish like Marlin, Mackerel, Dolphin Fish, all forms of Tuna and..... Wahoo. Richard had received an exciting bit of inside information that suggested that the bait schools were thick in the Trench. Now that was exciting especially when Richard heard that a two meter Wahoo had been caught there yesterday. There was only one problem. Richard didn't know where the trench was.

I showed Richard where the trench was situated on a map and mentioned that it was also the place where a couple of our members had almost perished early one morning when they headed out in the dark to find that they had mistakenly driven their boat into a massive washing machine that had been set on **HEAVY WASH!!!**

We launched the boats and headed off into the bay where the water had turned into a mill pond. As we looked eastward we could see the amber glow of the rising sun reflecting on the glassy water. I felt like pushing the throttle all the way forward but I knew Richard would not be happy so I selected the autopilot and sat back to enjoy another cup of freshly made coffee. I could see Ron smiling because he knew that there was little chance of getting wet.

Thirty minutes seemed to go quickly and it wasn't long until we had connected the lures to our rods and we found ourselves trolling along at about 10kph at 4 liters per hour. There was nothing else to do so I made another cup of coffee that we enjoyed with a slice of the now very famous "Casey Fruit Cake".

The bait really was everywhere and you could see the small fish splashing on the surface, but sadly there were no Wahoo to be found. We eventually found ourselves in approximately 70 meters of water so we pulled in the lures and started fishing for Snapper. No sooner had we cast our first line when we saw another boat approaching. I thought it must have been another weekend visitor looking for a fishing spot because he headed straight for us. I must admit I was pretty happy when it turned out to be Kim Wratten who had come over to say hello.

We had only been fishing for a few minutes when Ron and I heard a big splash beside the boat. A few seconds later we saw another splash when something big was obviously chasing some smaller fish which were now jumping clear out of the water. We quickly set the lures for trolling mode and it wasn't long before Ron's rod bent hard over. The ratchet was screaming as the fish tried to make his escape but Ron was far too quick.

Ron has become quite experienced in the art of trolling and I can remember him just a little while ago in a bit of a predicament when four Wahoo hit all four lures at one time.



In a flash Ron had grabbed the rod and soon pulled in a 5kg Mackerel Tuna. Not quite the Wahoo we had been hoping for but a good fish all the same.



I looked across to see Richard C struggling at the end of his rod as another Tuna had taken his lure. Richard C has certainly trained his crew well. When the Tuna took the lure Richard C grabbed the rod, George assumed the Captain's position and Richard Patterson was busy supervising.



After that everything went quiet so we headed north to find some bigger fish while "Business Time" headed across to Hutchison's Shoal in search of anything that was bigger that we could catch. Well I feel certain that "Business Time" had won the competition because they really did find some really big fish. There was only one small problem. Every time they hooked one of these big fish the weight and power of the fish kept breaking the line. Ron and I only caught more Tuna, Snapper, Venus Tusk Fish, Moses Perch, Slatey Bream, Yellow Lipped Butterfly Fish and some of the biggest Slimy Mackerel you have ever seen.

Congratulations "Business Time".



Hacienda Caravan Park

Tweed Heads

If you were to measure the success of a club committee on the amount of fun the members have during the year you will have to admit that our committee seems to have all of our entertainment and functions well under control. Although many of us have first-hand experience as committee members, we often forget the amount of time and effort that goes into the organization of a function or trip away.

The trip to Tweed Heads was just another example of how well organized our committee has become. Everything seemed to go like clockwork and from the time our members arrived until our departure. There was one slight difficulty when at the last minute; we learned that Linda and Elvin **Lock** were not able to participate, so their cabin would not be used.

Although the cabins are very clean, there is only just enough room for one couple, but Frank and Sheila had invited their daughter Tammy to stay in their cabin. It was too late to cancel Linda and Elvin's cabin so our committee decided to let Tammy use the spare cabin, so Tammy went to reception to collect the key. To her surprise she found that the key had already been collected.

Tammy asked all our members to see if they may have collected the key but everyone denied any knowledge. Finally Lyn Hunter discovered after quite some investigation that the key had been collected by Mr. Lock. Well that really confused the issue so after a long and thorough third degree questioning session, Lyn discovered that another couple by the name of Lock had also booked a cabin for the weekend and reception had innocently handed the keys for Mr. and Mrs. Lock's cabin to Mr. and Mrs. Lock.

It was too late to request a cancellation fee but the caravan park was obliged to offer our club the accommodation as promised, so reception offered the club a luxury apartment on the water's edge with a large verandah overlooking the Tweed River.

Frank and Sheila finally came to the rescue by offering their cabin to Tammy and volunteered to undertake the major upheaval and move all their belongings into the luxury apartment. All the rest of the members appreciated this unselfish act and offered some major compensation by sharing the verandah every night whilst consuming many bottles of wine until late in the evening.

It was all just another example of the many problems faced by our wonderful committee.

Ladies Winner: **Tammy Oostenbroek**

Ladies Runner-up ***Toni O'Neil***

Men's Winner: **Gary Hunter**

Men's Runner-up ***RonWinnett***



This is what 65 looks like Happy Birthday Carole

THURSDAY NIGHT RSL CLUB RAFFLE ROSTER



TO BE ADVISED

OCTOBER

MICHAEL & MARGARET PHILLIPS

JOHN & VALENTINA CRUMP

TREVOR PLANT

HENRI PEIRO

NOVEMBER

PETER & PAM McGRUDDY

ELVIN & LINDA LOCK

RICHARD & TINA PATTERSON

JOHN & SANDRA CASEY

DECEMBER & JANUARY 2016



**MEMBERS IN THEIR TEAMS PLEASE
MONTH.**

MAKE YOUR SELF AVAILABLE FOR THE FULL

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.**