

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

October Members Meeting

10th October 7:00pm

Weigh In

Saturday, 29th October 6pm

Tweed Heads Weekend

Competition

15th – 16th October

Fishing Club Web Site

www.bribierslfishingclub.com

OCTOBER 2016

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10th October Member's Meeting 7:00pm

15th – 16th October Tweed Heads Weekend Competition

Monthly BBQ Sports Club 30th October 2016 3:00pm



From the President's Desk...

Hello everyone. Well, September competition was whiting inshore and snapper offshore but the numbers were right down. I guess when you are having a busy life with all of its challenges including travelling and then the weather to get out where we think the snapper are, the opportunity to fish is restricted. Frank did really well with the snapper. Plenty of whiting were weighed in with Trevor Plant absolutely focused on getting his bag each time. Man – does this man fish. Our chances of pulling good sized summer whiting from Red Beach, Skirmish Point and Woorim were severely limited by the netters going through numerous times and cleaning them out. I sure would like to see the regulations changed there so that the people who enjoy the pastime of sitting on the beach early in the morning experiencing the rising sun and hoping for a feed of good size whiting and similarly in the late afternoon, can at least reliably catch a feed especially after they have paid \$15 for a half a dozen beach worms. Many people visit Bribie for short and long stays and travel a long way to go whiting fishing here. For the Bribie and Sandstone Point environment I would like to see the netters excluded from everywhere South of the beach vehicle access point at Woorim.

You may recall that in July, Ron Winnett organised a fishing morning out at the Bongaree Jetty for five elderly fellas from RSL Care in Caboolture. Ron, Keith and I helped the RSL carers out. Well, I was saddened to learn that one of the fellas – Roy Mears, passed away peacefully in his sleep about a week ago. Pastor Jim Baker looked after Roy's funeral. We hope you are looking for the big one up there somewhere Roy.

A big thank you to Richard Patterson who donated a couple of rods and reels to the Bribie Island State School for their enrichment days out going out fishing at the jetty and surrounding foreshores. These add to the tackle that other members and the Club gave earlier this year. It really is so good to see the kids out there having fun in a healthy environment. For those children who I have encountered (the last day that I helped out was on 30 August), I am most impressed by their behaviour. I give a big pat on the back to the teachers and other school staff and children's' parents. Richard – I did exercise a little Presidential licence with one rod and reel. Ron and Carole Winnett have a young fellow who is a neighbour and who has medical issues. He loves to fish but no longer has the rod and reel that Ron gave him. So I passed a rod and reel to Ron to give to this young fellow who incidentally attends Bribie State School.

In early September, I travelled to Evans Head with others of the Club and a ring-in (Keith and Julie Kable's prospective son-in-law) for the annual (my first time though) charter trips and hell bent fishing week. It was a thoroughly enjoyable week organised by Keith. We caught good fish with the highlight being a large jewie caught by Ken Soens and a bucket fish caught by said prospective son-in-law Jason. Must admit my blood pressure levels were elevated with the first trip out over the bar. Rob the skipper did a great job all round. Keith and John Casey stayed on for the second week with Team A (we were Team B) with the highlight being the monster jewie caught by Richard C. Overall, the stats indicated that Team B in the first week caught many more fish than Team A in the second week so – you guessed – Team B now assumes the revered mantle of Team A (this may be disputed but one must accept the stats). Unfortunately, despite all of his good work doing up the shirts, the stubby coolers etc, George wasn't able to go because of illness. Perhaps the stats may have been different if George had been able to go? Good to have all of the travellers back home safely. Gary H is good but Lyn is still recovering. To all of you who are having health challenges at the moment, I hope you get well quickly.

I hope all of your target fish are big and hungry.

Cheers!

Ron

Weighmaster's Report

There have been some amazing stories of people travelling for hundreds of kilometers, frantically fishing for Pearl Perch, only to find that it was snapper month. As a result there were some perfectly good snapper caught and not weighed in. Sometimes it pays to read the newsletter just to make sure.

Fifteen members of the club travelled to New South Wales to experience life in the cold country. Evan's Head may be just a few hundred kilometers south but all the boys made sure they rugged up for the cold trip to the snapper grounds. A few were seen visiting the local thrift shop in search of warmer clothes.

Tweed Heads is just a week away so don't forget to purchase your Fishing Licence for the weekend. Old age pensioners are exempt from this massive outlay of about \$6:00 so you will be able to buy another beer. Make sure you wear your life jacket if you are travelling in a boat less than 4.8 meters in length or you may need to contribute to the NSW Maritime fund.

At all times when:	WEAR A LIFEJACKET DON'T RISK YOUR LIFE
On all boats less than 4.8m (unless specified)	
Boating between sunset and sunrise	
Boating on alpine waters	
Boating alone (without an accompanying person 12 years of age or more).	

Although this month did not set any records, there were a few good fish weighed in. The results for the combined ladies' and men's snapper and whiting competition 2016 are as follows:

OFFSHORE:

Winner Biggest Bag:	Frank Oostenbroek	11.87kg
Winner Biggest Fish:	Frank Oostenbroek	4.82kg

INSHORE:

Winner Biggest Bag:	Trevor Plant	4.105kg
Runner-up Biggest Bag:	Ron Winnett	1.560kg
Winner Biggest Fish:	Ron Winnett	.466kg
Runner-up Biggest Fish:	Max West	.330kg

BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2016

OCTOBER

10th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
15th -16th **Tweed Heads (weekend away)**
Hacienda Holiday Park
25th Sep -29th Oct Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
30th **BBQ- 3:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in – Saturday 29th 6pm

NOVEMBER

12th **Somerset Fresh Water Fishing Comp**
14th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
30th Oct -19th Nov Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
27th **BBQ- 3:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in –Saturday 19th 6pm

DECEMBER

10th **Trophy night**
12th Members Meeting RSL 7:00pm *
19th Nov – 31st Dec Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
Weigh in –Saturday 31st 6pm

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





HOLIDAY PARK

TWEED HEADS

300/37 Chinderah Bay Drive

Chinderah

Ph 02 66741245

Friday 15th -16th October

Price 2 nights: Members \$130:00 2 Adults

Ensuite self-contained Cabins

Saturday night BBQ included

Please bring own linen



Evan's Head-Team "B"

It was about three years ago that I learned about a fishing trip where a few members of our fishing club had organised a fishing charter out of Evan's Head. The reports were raving about the number of great snapper and pearl perch that were caught by all who participated.

Richard Caldararo had been inducted into the team as chief coffee maker and he came back full of tall stories of the ones that got away. Any fishing story will get me interested but when it includes the members of our club, they have my undivided attention.

I started to ask a few questions and quickly found out that this trip had been an annual trip for a few mates for many years. While talking with Keith Kable he mentioned that he and John Casey lived there as young boys and actually went to school together. It was this friendship that prompted Keith and John to organise an annual trip back to Evan's Head. Although the trip has been attended for quite some years, it has only been in recent times that some of the members of Bribie RSL Fishing Club have been invited.

The trip has become quite popular to the point where Keith has needed to form two teams to go down on two successive weeks. The Charter boat is approximately 45' long and can comfortably accommodate eight fishermen on one side of the boat. I mention this because the skipper Rob drift fishes so he only uses one side of the boat to prevent tangles, so this is why there are two teams of eight fishermen.

I was pretty excited to be asked to join the first team this year and I must say that I was also quite honoured as not everyone would be able to withstand the rigors of fishing on this boat. There are a number of prerequisites that need to be passed before you can attend. Every member must possess a team attitude and be willing to participate in all aspects of the trip. That includes all the household chores, cooking, washing up and packing lunches.

Seasickness is a major issue as the wind is never less than twenty knots and the swell is always over two meters high and don't forget the treacherous bar that almost claimed the lives of two of our boys. I can tell you that the bar is very scary even in a big boat.

Ron Russell had also been invited to attend for the first time so he and I decided to drive down together in his new, third hand Nissan Banger, called "Son of Banger". Apparently Ron stole this gem from a "mate" for a song. What a classic car. Ron capably drove the car all the way to Evan's head without a hitch(almost) and landed us at the rental property safely and in one piece.

An old Queenslander or should I say an old New South Wales'r, grey in colour, with everything you could need. There were two bathrooms, two showers, two toilets and a massive hot water system with HOT fast flowing water. There were also at least ten beds which were soft but firm. Ron and I shared a room with three doors, two of which were left open to integrate with the others. The kitchen was well laid out and adjoined a large dining room and further entered into a lounge /TV room. The best part was that everything was clean and in good order.



We quickly settled into the house and drove into the town for some supplies (Whiskey). You really need a stiff drink and a few Kwells before heading out to sea. The night was quiet and everyone had gone to bed early in anticipation for the next day. It seems that I am not the only person who needs to visit the toilet in the middle of the night as I watched a constant procession of old buggers who needed to **“Take the Pressure Down”**.

It was still dark when I heard the clanging of dishes and the bubbling of the electric jugs. I looked at my phone and realised that John Casey had started to prepare breakfast at 5:00am. Pretty soon everyone was up and the kitchen was a hive of activity. I wasn't sure what the boys were taking but if the two big boxes were full of fishing tackle I needed to reassess my gear.

It wasn't long before everyone had left the house and had arrived at the boat. Not the most luxurious tub in the fleet but it looked safe enough.



A Tall slim figure was already in the boat and seemed to be tidying up the last few loose ends. As I climbed aboard he introduced himself as Rob the Skipper. He seemed a bit quiet but was very helpful in packing away the two large boxes that Keith Kable and John Casey had brought along. He also seemed very happy to see us and made us feel very welcome. I soon found out that Keith and John had formed a great relationship with both Rob the Skipper and

the owners.



When everyone was on board, Rob gave us a quick safety briefing and asked us to put on our life jackets for the bar crossing. I would have taken a photo of the wild waves on the bar but I was hanging on for dear life and I needed both hands to stop from shaking.

It took about 1.5 hours to reach the fishing grounds at about 8 knots. Rob had rigged all the lines and cut up all the bait so everything was ready for us to start fishing. Sixty meters is not a long way down to the bottom of the ocean but it does take a little while so everyone had to be a bit careful not to tangle the lines.

Well I could go on about the fishing but suffice to say it was enjoyable. It was also quite enjoyable to watch three whales repeatedly charge at the boat and submerge with just enough room to slip underneath. This kept happening all morning until three of the boys hooked one of the whales. Surprisingly they didn't bring it on board which upset Wally as he wanted to claim the biggest catch of the day.

A short time later Keith asked if anyone wanted a cup of coffee and a sandwich. Now I knew what was in the boxes. The first box contained about six thermoses with tea coffee and hot water as well as a couple of bags of fruit. The second box contained all the sandwiches, some of Sandy's famous cake and a few lollies. Wow!! These guys were organised.

We had been fishing for a few hours and had certainly caught enough for the day so we chugged on home for the day. Another scary bar crossing but we made it safely through. After we unloaded everything off the boat, Keith organised everyone to head for the public cleaning table. This was another educational tour. The facilities were fantastic and made easy work of the cleaning process.



Everything seemed to be unbelievably well organised; in fact, even dinner had been perfectly cooked and presented by 6:00pm.



The next day was a rest day, although Ron Russell doesn't know what rest means. We headed out to this tiny creek and made a few casts with a soft plastic. I couldn't believe my eyes when I pulled in an Australian Bass on the first cast while Ron stuck to the bream.



The next day was a repeat of the previous charter except that Ken Soens managed and great looking Mulloway and Ron caught a Pearl Perch around the two-kilogram mark.



There are many more stories to tell, like the one where Ron spent the afternoon talking to the locals about his banger and I could mention John Casey's yabby adventures. I could go on for another five or six pages but maybe I should just include a few more photos and leave the rest to your imagination.....



Ron talking to the Locals

I can see much further from up here!



EVANS HEAD 10 -17 SEPTEMBER 2016

Team "A" (Mike Phillips)

The "A" team arrived down at Evans Head after an uneventful trip from Bribie to meet the existing two members of the A team who had upgraded from being "B" team members the week before. Unfortunately, George Dragon had to stay back home due to health issues, so there were seven of us ready to do battle with the fish.

Last week's team had caught a good number on the offshore trips and we needed to catch more to keep our "A" team designation, as if they caught more than we did we would be relegated to be the "B" team and they would be up graded to the "A" team. That did not worry Keith or John as they were fishing both weeks.

Saturday afternoon saw a few of us go down and try our luck off the bridge and the wharf but the fish were not very co-operative at either place and this proved to be the case for the rest of the week as well, when we fished these spots.

After a nice BBQ dinner, the "hat" was in evidence and duly presented to Richard Caldararo. Why I cannot remember.

Sunday was not an offshore trip, so once again most of us had a try locally but without much success. It looked like the nice bream we had caught last year were not in evidence this year. The hat was presented to Barry Winnett (Ron's Brother), because he had not gone fishing but sat and watched the horse racing on TV.

We were up early on the Monday morning and after getting the coffee and food ready, we headed off to the charter boat. The bar was very easy but about half way through a rogue wave hit us and surprised us. It is easy to see why a small tinnie could come to grief on the bar.

We headed out to the northern grounds and on the way, put in the spanner crab traps. The fishing was regular but no real big fish. Generally, Snapper, Flathead, Parrot and the odd Trag Jew. We finished the day with 48 fish and a few spanner crabs which were cleaned, skinned and vacuum packed.

During the day we had seen numerous whales which had put on a show for us.

We went to the Bowls club for a lovely Chinese banquet and then home. I had a pretty good days fishing myself for keeper fish but had also caught a few Sergeant baker's so I finished up with the hat for catching vermin!

Tuesday morning, we were off again on the charter boat and headed out to the same area to fish. Fishing was a little slower but there were three lovely fish caught. Ron and Richard C both caught a kingfish around 8 or 9 kg and later Richard C had hooked a yakka, which he put on as live bait and it was taken by a 19kg Jewfish. Richard was stoked!



We finished the day with 36 fish and at this stage, we were well behind the B team score. We did not get any spanner crabs to keep.

Once again the whales put on a show for us.

Dinner that night was pasta prepared by "master chef" Richard C. We think he thought he was feeding 50 with the amount of pasta he made, which also provided the fillings for sandwiches later in the week. It did taste good though.

I had been watching out all day to see who would get the hat tonight. It was a close fought battle with almost everyone a contender, but the winner was John for not knowing how to tell the time. We had agreed to get up at 4.45 am but he had woken us all up half an hour before.

Wednesday and Thursday the weather was not conducive to going offshore, so we fished locally again with about as much luck as we had enjoyed earlier in the week. Wednesday evening Richard C was again the recipient of the hat for rolling his bate mate into the water off the jetty.

On the Thursday morning a few of us had been fishing on the jetty and Richard Patterson went back for a flask of coffee for us, leaving his rod jammed into the jetty and the bait out. While he was gone Barry caught a small rubbish fish and pulled in Richards line and put it on his hook and cast out again. A short while later I got a small Bream and did the same so by now, there were 2 fish both hooked on Richards hook.

Of course when Richard came back he pulled in his line to find the two fish and we convinced him we had nothing to do with it. He believed us so that evening he got the hat for being so gullible.

Friday we had a late start on the charter boat and again headed out to the same area. The fishing was regular if a little slow and again it was Snapper, Parrot and odds and ends and we finished up the day with about 42 fish. No real fish of any size.

We did not see so many whales today but instead were surrounded a couple of times by a pod of dolphins, which rode the wake and bow waves. Some of the largest dolphins we had ever seen.

We had a total for the week of 126 fish, which even allowing that we only had 7 fishermen as opposed to the B team who had 8, we were soundly beaten so that means next year the "A" team will be the "B" team and the "B" team the "A" team.

Friday evening saw us at the RSL club for dinner and then back to watch the Bronco's vs. Cowboys and the presentation of the hat. Keith was the proud recipient of the hat for splashing water over Richard Patterson on the Charter. That means that Keith will have to hold the hat for the next 12 months. Overall a great week and looking forward to the next year.





For Sale



*This brand new essential item is a must for any outboard motorist especially if you connect this to a **Mercury** outboard. This Item comes with a specially designed adaptor which will allow you to connect it to a **Tohatsu** motor and can be purchased for a mere \$30:00.*

Talk to Ron Winnett for all details.

New Record for Sheila



It is amazing how you can make this 2.2kg Gold Spot Wrasse look like a 27kg monster. Richard Caldararo was pretty excited when he heard the stories of a 27kg fish caught off Shallow Tempest. By extending your arms and using a wide angle lens, even a whiting can look like a monster.



This is what George looked like 26 April 2006. Notice the difference. He had more hair.

Joke of the Month

A DAMN FINE EXPLANATION: *The wife came home early and found her husband in their bedroom making love to a very attractive young woman. She was somewhat upset. "You are a disrespectful pig!" she cried. How dare you do this to me - a faithful wife, the mother of your children? I'm leaving you. I want a divorce straight away!"*

The husband replied, "Hang on just a minute, love, at least let me explain to you what happened."

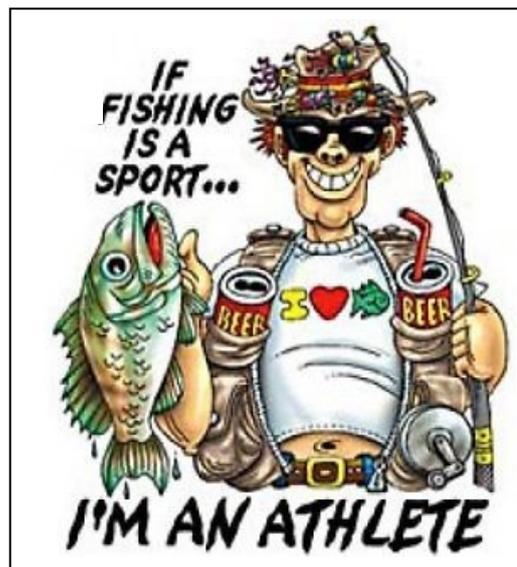
"Fine, go head," she sobbed, "but they'll be the last words you'll say to me!" And the husband began- "Well, I was getting into the car to drive home, and this young lady here asked me for a lift. She looked so down and out and defenceless that I took pity on her and let her into the car. I noticed that she was very thin, not well dressed and very dirty. She told me that she hadn't eaten for three days. So, in my compassion, I brought her home and warmed up the enchiladas I made for you last night, the ones you wouldn't eat because you're afraid you'll put on weight. The poor thing devoured them in moments. Since she needed a good clean-up, I suggested a shower, and while she was doing that, I noticed her clothes were dirty and full of holes, so I threw them away. Then, as she needed clothes, I gave her the designer jeans that you have had for a few years, but don't use because you say they are too tight. I also gave her the underwear that was your anniversary present, which you don't use because I don't have good taste. I found the sexy blouse my sister gave you for Christmas that you don't use just to annoy her, and I also donated those boots you bought at the expensive boutique and don't use because someone at work has a pair the same." The husband took a quick breath and continued - "She was so grateful for my understanding and help that as I walked her to the door, she turned to me with tears in her eyes and said, "Please..... Do you have anything else that your wife doesn't use?"

Did you know?

In Queensland, all registered recreational boats over 5 metres in length must carry firefighting equipment that can extinguish a fire quickly and effectively.

Ensure you buy your firefighting equipment from an authorized dealer who can advise on the best type for your needs.

Fire extinguishers must be serviced at specified intervals or replaced according to the manufacturer's advice before it expires.



Those who Support Our Club

The Bribie RSL Fishing Club provides a real service to the community by extending the hand of friendship not only to the fisher men 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 fisherpeople.



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 facilities at the Sports Club for our monthly presentation BBQ's, use of the ANZAC room for our monthly general meetings and very importantly, a \$20 voucher each month for our member's draw. Many thanks Bribie Island RSL Club – we really do appreciate your support.

There are also occasions where we have the ability to raffle other prizes that have been kindly donated by our local businesses. The prizes that have been donated are actually great prizes that provide a real benefit to the people lucky enough to win them.



Owners of Browns Mitre 10 on Bribie Island, Michael and Samantha Brown have very kindly agreed to support us by donating a \$20 gift card each month to be used as a raffle prize at our monthly general meeting. In addition, they have offered a 5% discount on all fishing, marine and bait goods when members show their Bribie Island RSL Fishing Club member identification at time of purchase. Browns Mitre 10 is a Wilsons fishing tackle distributor. If members provide a Wilsons product number for the item they wish to purchase and it is not in store, Michael will order it for you. This is a great service. In addition, Michael has offered to provide better pricing for group buys or for certain high turnover items. Thank you Browns Mitre 10 Bribie Island.



We have some fantastic support in our community and we really appreciate all the help that our local businesses have provided but there is one company who just keeps on giving. Danny Payne, who owns Outback Adventures in Morayfield, has provided us with countless gifts over the last few years and continues to offer on-going support on a daily basis by providing our members a discount on all fishing gear. We really do appreciate the friendly service that Danny, Ken and all staff give us. Many thanks Outback Adventures.

Some other recent prizes include:



Eyewear Plus has donated a fantastic pair of quality polaroid sunglasses that any fisherperson would have loved to own. They have also provided us with a couple of lens cleaning spray bottles and appropriate cloths.



Steve Kelly from Mr Minute is also a very keen fisherman who has supported the club for a number of years. Steve has generously donated a number of Led Lenser LED flashlights/Torches. Led Lenser is well known as of the best names in quality LED torches and they also command a high price.



A number of discount vouchers have been donated by MODE Hairdressing. It is nice to have a prize that can be utilised by the ladies.



PACIFIC HARBOUR
GOLF • RESTAURANT • BAR

Pacific Harbour Golf Club has donated quite a few gift vouchers for 18 holes of golf with a buggy for the last few years and although there are only a few members of the club who play golf, the prizes are greatly appreciated and are highly valued by the players.

BRIBIE PASSAGE KIOSK & BOAT HIRE



Kate and John McAuliffe have been sponsors of our club for many years and have donated many great prizes for our fishing competitions. The new owner's (Kathy and Darryl) support is ongoing and provide a valuable resource as our primary weigh in station.

BBQ Boat Hire Brbie Island



Ian and Bronwyn recently donated a voucher for an 8 person BBQ boat for a day as a prize for our raffle. Margie Gadd won it. Last year they did a similar thing and Tim Holt won it at the Trophy Presentation night. Many thanks BBQ Boat Hire. They are located at the Pacific Harbour Marina. Please consider them for your bbq boat hire needs.

We thank you all for your ongoing support.