

# NEWSLETTER

Oct/Nov/Dec



## NOVEMBER OFFSHORE



# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020**

The year is quickly drawing to a close, it was a difficult one at that with the interruption from Covid. We started well but came to a full stop in March.

We managed to fish 9 of the competitions out of 11 in the calendar, so not too bad of a result. There was a pretty good attendance at them too.

Our interclub comps were both fished against the RSL club and we managed to win both. Brian has promised to do better next year so we had better get some practice in for that. We were grateful for the use of the Southport RSL to conduct the weigh-ins at both comps and supply the lunch as our clubhouse was not useable because of Covid.

The winter comps were trialled, with the earlier start and the weigh-in at 10pm instead of midnight. Everyone seems to have accepted that change so it will continue on for next season.

The Feature Comp was held in September at Dux's camp on South Stradbroke Island. Some members camped from Friday night to Sunday when they were joined by the rest of us for the weigh-in and a BBQ lunch afterwards.

The Shore Comp was mainly fished at Phillip Park in the surf with a minimal catch, but Col fished elsewhere and won the day. We enjoyed a sausage sizzle afterwards.

The last comp, No 9, was a tester with a thunderstorm and hail just as the comp was about to start. Some members braved the weather and weighed in a catch.

The Kids Fishing Day that was scheduled to happen had to be shelved because of Covid and fundraising was also non existent. However we do have a Sausage Sizzle booked at Bunnings Oxenford for the 17th January so some help will be needed on the day.

The Club's end of Financial year has been changed from September to December so the AGM will be held in January. Notice will be sent to members to inform them of the date.

The Club social side of things has been operating at the Anglers Arms Hotel who have been sponsoring us before Covid. It is a good venue for members, wives, partners and their friends to meet and greet, to sit down and have a drink and a meal at affordable prices.



**Our next meeting on Wednesday the 16<sup>h</sup> of December, which we usually have at the Anglers Arms, will now be held at the Clubhouse. This will also be our Christmas Breakup and we would like everyone to bring a plate of finger food to share. Just a small amount that you would consume yourselves, drinks will be provided.**

**Our Patron Dawn Crichlow was unable to attend our Presentation Night as she is upset with the passing of her best mate, her dog Princess Pookie. I am sure she will continue to be our patron. She did not contest the last election and instead has gone into retirement.**

**The Club numbers are holding well, we have 37 at the moment with 5 new ones this year; Paul Fullagar, Alan Townsend, Paul Millist, Carlos Dutra, and Cody Crockett-Smith the son of Col as a sub junior. Col has been teaching him to fish and he has excelled, we welcome them all.**

**In case you don't know, this year the club turned 89, so next year it will be 90 consecutive years that the club has been going. That is a great accomplishment in anyone's language so I suggest we have a party to celebrate. We might put extra effort into attracting new members. It would be nice to have some more junior ones as well, but I think it gets harder for parents to deal with as both have to work to survive.**

**Just recently we took some disabled adults on an excursion to help them fish. Laurie, Anne, Garry and myself helped them to rig and bait their lines. They caught 3 small bream, however the conditions were not ideal as the wind was blowing a gale, about 40 knots. They enjoyed their time and we have another one happening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.**

**I would like to thank the members and especially the Committee for their support throughout the past year and wish everybody a wonderful Christmas.**

**Bernie**









# CAPTAINS



# REPORT

**Comp 8 Shore/Day: 14 members fished and caught 39 fish with a total weight of 13 kg.**

**A grade Winner Col Smith: 8 fish 2.81 kg  
A Grade Runner Up Laurie Stone: 7 fish 2.14 kg  
B Grade Winner Gary Edwards: 2 fish 0.65 kg  
B Grade Runner Up Kelly Blount: 1 fish 0.46 kg  
Ladies Winner Anne Stone: 6 fish 2.22kg  
Ladies Runner UP Lesley Skipp: 1 fish 0.22kg**

**Comp 9 GAYP: 10 members fished and caught 38 fish total weight of 10.93 kg.  
Weather was a bit stormy but not a bad turn out.**

**A Grade Winner Col Smith: 10 fish 3.40kg  
A Grade Runner Up Bernie Gaven: 6 fish 1.88kg  
B Grade Winner Steve Merritt: 4 fish 1.40kg  
Ladies Winner Anne Stone: 6 fish 1.55kg  
Ladies Runner Up Lesley Skipp: 2 fish 0.55kg  
Col Smith caught a Mangrove Jack at 0.79kg**

**Offshore Comp: 3 members fish caught 4 fish 2 Snapper 2 Tailor.  
Not a big catch but a good day was had. With one winner and two runners up.**

**The club held 9 comps this year with two comps against the RSL club, as well as the feature weekend at Dux /TSS a good time was had by all. But we also managed to get in one Offshore Comp.**

**The Grand total of fish caught this year was 644 with a total weight of 238.4kg.**

**386 Bream  
98 Dart  
5 Flathead  
2 Flounder  
1 Grunter  
1 Mangrove Jack  
10 Tahwine  
33 Tailor  
1 Teragin Jew  
107 Whiting.**

**Thanks for a good year,  
Kevin Burns.**