

# Tackle Box

**Redcliffe  
Peninsula  
Game & Sportfish  
Club Inc.**



**June 2014**



Denny Tanic's 4kg pearl perch taken in 130m of water on-board 'Hard Yakka'.



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## Chairman's Report

June 2014

Hi All

Last club weekend we held our Sportfishing Competition and I would like to congratulate the winners and thank all competitors for having a go. A stiff south easterly made it a bit cool and windy but good fishermen always manage to find the fish.

Ricki Ramsey won Champion Angler weighing in an esky full of Cod, Snapper, Bream, Tarwhine, Flathead and several others species. Runner up was Ben Steer, who fished with Ricki and had a similar catch. Cute little Claudia Skinner was Champion Junior Lady, and Sam King took out Champion Junior Male. Well done kids.

Thanks to Frank Downey who invited Sam and I to fish on his boat "Guinness" up at Somerset Dam. After a very slow start Sam boated a Yellowbelly on the troll late morning. We then decided to have a cast along some fishy looking banks. Sam tied on a spinner bait and caught a 44cm Bass first cast. A couple of casts later I landed a good size Yellowbelly on a Jackal lure. Earlier in the day little Claudia caught 2 nice Bass fishing on-board "Life's Great". Unfortunately Noel donated his downrigger to the Somerset lake monster later in the day. Going by the look on his face as we trolled Noel was not impressed.

Congratulations to Greg Hamilton, committee members and new directors elected at the recent AGM for the MBBC. I look forward to working with you over the next year.

June is the last month of the fishing year for points so keep fishing hard as there are several trophies still up for grabs. Make sure you get your capture sheet and tag cards in before the 31st July cut off.

All members are invited to the Trophy Presentation Night on Saturday 9th of August. Entry forms are on the next page. Please complete and get it back to John, Greg or myself as we need to know numbers. There will be no tickets sold at the door on the night.

Our AGM is also coming up in August. I encourage any members that would like to be involved in the committee side of the club to put your names forward and nominate for a position. Competitive elections make for a health club. We will also need a Tournament committee. At this moment I will probably nominate for Chairman again and next month hopefully I can advise you on the intentions of other committee members.

A group of 26 club members headed to the Cowan Huts on Moreton Island this long weekend—by all accounts a good time was had by all! Well done Mark for organising it.

Cheers

Mick King

Chairman





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Upcoming Events

June 2014



## 2014 Trophy Presentation Night

*I would like to invite all members, family and friends of the RPG&SC to attend the 2014 Trophy Presentation Night. It will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August at the Moreton Bay Boat Club.*

*It has been a great year for our fishing club. We have tagged or weighed plenty of fish and had plenty of laughs so please come along to celebrate and cheer the Trophy winners.*

*We will have a beautiful buffet dinner and drinks (selected beer and wine) and lucky door prizes.*

*Cost is \$50 adults, \$20 juniors (under 18yrs) and \$10 little kids (under 10yrs). Tickets must be purchased prior to the event by completing and returned to John, Greg or Big Mick.}*

Name.....

Number of adults.....x\$50= \$.....

Number of juniors.....x\$20= \$.....

Number of kids.....x\$10= \$.....

Total \$.....

*I wish to pay RPG&FC for Presentation with the following credit card:*

MASTERCARD..... VISA.....

Card Number...../...../...../..... Exp Date...../.....

Cardholder Name :( Please print).....

Cardholder Signature.....

Date.....

*John Schultze - 3203 7559 - jschultze393@gmail.com*

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*Mick King - 0409 750 677 - kingsfour@bigpond.com*



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Club Weekend

June 2014



- All Mechanical Repairs
- Wheel Alignments
- Safety Certificates (RWC)
- Log Book Servicing
- Brake Machining
- Diagnostic Scans
- Trailer servicing

**10% OFF FOR ALL MEMBERS  
OR  
1 FREE WHEEL ALIGNMENT**

To win the money for the monthly nominated fish inshore or offshore species, simply weigh in the heaviest fish (labelled with your name and line class). To receive double club points, the fish must be tagged or caught on the Club Weekend only and the cards correctly completed and handed in or fish weighed in at M.B.B.C. from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on the Sunday. Prizes will be awarded at the following club night.

Remember, club fishing weekend starts on midnight on Friday 13 June finishing on Sunday 15th June at the 3.30-4.30pm weigh-in and the species are Longtail Tuna and Bream.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JUNIOR ANGLERS IN JUNE:

JEFF FRANKS, SAM KING & MATILDA SKINNER





**Fish of the Month**

**June 2014**

<b>JUNE:</b>		<b>Longtail Tuna</b>		<b>Bream</b>
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>OFFSHORE SPECIES</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WINNER</b>	<b>INSHORE SPECIES</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WINNER</b>
<b>July</b>	Amberjack	No winner	Tailor	Karl Franks
<b>August</b>	Pearl Perch	Robbie Drysdale	Cod	No winner
<b>September</b>	Snapper	Noel Day	Bream	Janine Cole
<b>October</b>	Cobia	No winner	Flathead	Diana Drysdale
<b>November</b>	Mahi Mahi	Rob Ware	Bass	Sam King
<b>December</b>	Wahoo	Noel Day	Mangrove Jack	No winner
<b>January</b>	Yellowfin Tuna	Corey Ramsey	Whiting	Paul Higgins
<b>February</b>	Mackerel	No winner	Cod	No winner
<b>March</b>	Mackerel Tuna	Jason Comino	Bream	Noel Day
<b>April</b>	Pearl Perch	Trevor Singleton	Flathead	Trevor Singleton
<b>May</b>	Sweetlip	Brad Clayton	Bass	Sam King



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**Sportfish Competition**

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## 2014 Redcliffe Peninsula Game & Sportfish Club Inc. Sportfish Competition

### Winners:



1st Overall **Riki Ramsey**

Heaviest Snapper **Riki Ramsey**

Highest scoring Senior Male **Riki Ramsey**

Highest scoring Male Junior **Sam King**

Highest scoring Female Junior **Claudia Skinner**



There were a total 49 fish weighed in being:



Bass (Australian) x 3  
Bream (yellow fin) x 11  
Flathead (dusky) x 1  
Cod (estuary) x 5  
Morwong x 1  
Perch (mosses) x 2  
Perch (golden) x 2  
Snapper x 11  
Sweetlip (grassy) x 1  
Tarwhine x 11  
Whiting x 1







**Fish Tales**

**June 2014**

## **The Marlin at Moreton**

**Dan Smith and Tu Nguyen**

Early on Friday 23rd May 2014 at 4am two blokes with huge expectations went fishing, launching from Scarborough boat ramp on "Game Plan" a 5.3m Cruise Craft with a 115hp motor. The marine forecast was to expect 5-10 knot winds. However, as we headed out past Cape Moreton, the wind picked up to at least 15 knots and bordering on 20 knots with about a 1-2m swell. Ocean conditions were not ideal but who would turn back when the day looked beautiful as the sun came up.

Our main objective was to head out to Moreton Canyon trolling for blue marlin. Half way out we stopped to do some bottom fishing targeting snapper and pearl perch. There was plenty of activity on the sounder but the fish did not want to bite. We spent an hour and only got one legal snapper.

Enough time was spent on the bottom, so we headed towards Moreton Canyon. Our target was blue marlin, and the only gear to do the job was the most effective marlin lure on earth, the "Smithyslure lumo" running on the long rigger. This lure has been used many times and has never failed. If there is fish around the lure can tempt any species, and we would always catch something.

We started trolling at 9am and had our first strike at 9:30am. It was a blue marlin about 2m long. It jumped a couple of times up the line and unfortunately threw the hook out. We were disappointed, but it gave us hope that things were starting to happen. We then checked and reset the lines and continued to troll the area for the next few hours.

At about 12pm we hooked up again on the long rigger. This time the fish went straight down and travelling extremely fast. The reel was spooling very fast and within a minute 600m of line was gone. We quickly cleared the deck, winding in the other 2 lines. We attached the Black Magic harness and put the reel into full strike drag and the action was on! The power on the rod was strong and the drag was zipping. We had not seen the fish yet but anticipation was high!

For the next half an hour we manoeuvred the boat according to the movement of the fish and maintained firm tension on the line. We proceeded to gain most of the line back, and only had about 150m of line out straight down. Then the fish did another run for the depths and we started losing line again. There was nothing we could do but let the 18kg of drag do its job on the 80lb outfit, and chase it with the boat. At this stage we thought we were hooked to a very big yellowfin tuna.

After another 20 minutes of the fish fighting and changing directions, we gathered a bit of line back. We felt that we were winning the battle but all of a sudden we felt a dead weight on the line and the fish did not want to fight. There was tremendous weight on the rod, and we lost some more line, especially when the boat was vertical over the fish. The sinking weight of the fish was far too heavy for our 18kg drag. At that point we realised the fish must be a big blue marlin and had died, as they can do down at the depths.

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Over the next 3 hours we tested the 37kg line to the maximum. The drag was pushed all the way to sunset and we also used our hands with gloves on to jam and hold the spool to give more tension. We manoeuvred the boat to give a more lateral angle on the fish and minute by minute we slowly gained inches at a time.

The tale of the Old Man and the Sea was running fresh through our heads and we felt like we were acting out the famous tale. It was a relief after 3.5 hours to finally see the rubber band come back on to the spool. We were extremely excited as we knew that there was only 30m of line to bring in and the fish must be close.

Minutes later the fish burst to the surface 20m away from the boat. We could now identify the beast, it was a huge blue marlin! It was not dead weight anymore, and we quickly brought it in closer to the boat. We knew that the fish was too big to fit in the boat, but we had to get most of it into the boat to bring it back to shore. It was unfortunate that the fish had died, because we would normally catch tag and release. But after an enormous effort that lasted over 4 hours, we decided to bring the fish in for weighing.

We spent the next 20 minutes trying to pull and lift it into the boat. It was extremely heavy and difficult and we only manage to drag the head onto the back step of the boat. We secured a tail rope to the cleat and began the slow journey back. Once we reached the calmer waters of Moreton Bay we managed to travel at 21 knots, with most of the blue marlin skipping off the back.

We arrived back a Scarborough at 6:45pm. It weighed in at 245kg (540 pounds) and measured 2.9m (short length) and about 4m (full length). The fish gave us the hardest and toughest fight from any previous fishing experience. What a day it had been packed with 5 hours of intense excitement and pain. Next time it will be a Grander!



Tu Nguyen & Dan Smith with their 245kg blue marlin.



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Upcoming QGFA Events

June 2014



## Light Tackle Slam

Hosted By: Yorkeys Knob Sport Fishing Club

08/08/2014

Website: <http://www.ykbc.com.au>

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Contact Person:

10/08/2014

Contact Phone:

Status: Dates Approved | Sanctioning Pending



## Lucinda Light Tackle Tournament

Hosted By: Ingham Rod & Reel Club

16/08/2014

Contact Person: Paul Dametto

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Contact Phone: 0419 779 413

17/08/2014

Status: Dates Approved | Sanctioning Pending



## Cairns Bluewater Billfish Tournament 2014

Hosted By: Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club Inc

20/08/2014

Website: <http://www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au>



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Contact Person: Carolyn Martin



23/08/2014

Contact Phone: 0419 742 250

[Entry form](#)

Status: Dates Approved | QGFA Sanctioned



## 2014 Mike Carney Toyota Billfish Challenge

Hosted By: Townsville Game Fishing Club

05/09/2014

Website: <http://www.townsvillegamefishclub.com/>

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Contact Person: Donna M Gilbert

08/09/2014

Contact Phone: 0428688715

Status: Dates Approved | Sanctioning Pending



## Innisfail Billfish Tournament

Hosted By: Innisfail Game Fishing Club

19/09/2014

Website: <http://www.igfc.com.au/>

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Contact Person: Ben Heath

21/09/2014

Contact Phone: 0429 795 637

Status: Dates Approved | Sanctioning Pending

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Beau Rose caught his first bream!

Team Big Business cleaned up the prizes at the Mooloolaba competition last month.

Photos courtesy of Matt Thompson.



Carl Ladner recently caught some spotties on Scarborough Reef—going 5.5kgs and 93cm.



Next month I'm planning to have a 'boats/fishing gear for sale' page ...

Please send any contributions and photos for Tackle Box to Robbie Drysdale at: [aerosea@live.com](mailto:aerosea@live.com)

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