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**October 2013**



**Tony Clarke with the season's first billfish!**



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## Chairman's Report

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Hi All

How good has the fishing been lately? Half decent weather and plenty of fish of all shapes swimming around and grabbing baits and lures makes for happy fishos. Well done to Tony Clarke for tagging the first Billfish of the new fishing year, a beautiful Sailfish, just beating Noel Day who was also hooked up to a Sailfish at the same time. Then Noel followed it up with two more Sails the following week. So he has a healthy lead on the points table, which by the way can be viewed on the website: <http://www.rpgsc.com.au>

Thanks to the efforts of Dave Trask and the MBBC, we have a sparkly new pontoon to tie up to for our club weekends. It looks great.

If you are into freshwater fishing, Somerset Dam is fishing well at the moment. I was up there recently and there were plenty of Bass in the regular spots in the main basin and plenty of Yellowbelly up near the timber. Trolling 3 metre drivers did the trick. We also caught some Red Claw but their numbers will be better as it warms up. For bait we used mandarin or rock melon.

Recently I received an email from QGFA regarding a new trophy up for grabs. Four clubs in SE QLD (Sunshine, Gold Coast, Little Ships and Moreton Bay) decided on the concept of allocating points to boats for fishing four particular tournaments in SE Qld, and the club with the most points wins the title of SE QLD Champion Club. This was a total surprise to me as I knew nothing about it and nor had our QGFA delegate Dougie Hall. As it turned out the only people who knew anything were the four clubs involved. I was not happy! After several emails and phone calls I got some information and some detail. The crux of the new format was that the clubs would commit to sending a minimum of two boats to each of the listed tournaments. Now I think any concept that encourages patronage to tournaments is a good idea and I'll always back an idea that will promote our sport, but when our club is not included or consulted I will have something to say about. It was not QGFA's idea but they will support it.

Apparently we were not considered (along with other clubs) because they wanted to get it off the ground first before opening it up to others. Either way we are now invited to participate in this competition. In the interests of gamefishing I will not be pursuing anyone further about this issue, so I will leave it up to individual members to decide if they what to be involved. There are plenty of tournaments you can consider fishing. Next year we may be involved at an organisational level and therefore I would be in more of a position to promote this extra event. I'll tell you more at our meeting on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - we have a guest speaker, the QLD ASNA Secretary, Stefan Sawynok coming to present that night - it should be really interesting.

Our Redcliffe Australia Day Billfish Tournament is coming together nicely. Tell your friends about it. We will have a NEW CAR and a NEW BOAT PACKAGE along with heaps of other stuff as prizes.

Hope to see you at the Club day weigh-in. Tight lines.

**Mick King**  
**RPG&SC Chairman**





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**Club Weekend**

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The snapper prize on Club Weekend was taken out by Noel Day with a whopping snapper... it was great to see so many fish weighed. Janine Cole won the bream jackpot.

**Next Club Day is  
Sunday 13th October!**



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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.

## SPECIAL NOTE:

**We have a special speaker coming along to our next club night on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The new QLD ASNA secretary, Stefan Sawynok, will be wearing two hats - ASNA and Sunfish – and will be talking about catches in the Moreton Bay area, tagging trends etc. so it should be a great informative night.**

Remember, club fishing weekend starts on midnight on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October till Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm and the species are **Cobia and Flathead**.





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Club Weekend Species

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OCTOBER:		Cobia	Flathead	
MONTH	OFFSHORE SPECIES	WINNER 2012-13	INSHORE SPECIES	WINNER 2012-13
<b>November</b>	Mahi Mahi	No winner	Bass	Sam King
<b>December</b>	Wahoo	Dave Trask	Mangrove Jack	No winner
<b>January</b>	Yellowfin Tuna	No winner	Whiting	Paul Higgins
<b>February</b>	Mackerel	No winner	Cod	No winner
<b>March</b>	Mackerel Tuna	Ross Drysdale	Bream	Paul Higgins
<b>April</b>	Pearl Perch	No winner	Flathead	Mick King
<b>May</b>	Sweetlip	No winner	Bass	No winner
<b>June</b>	Longtail Tuna	No winner	Bream	Paul Higgins
<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

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**Points Scores for RGSFC 2013-14  
to 30 September**

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SENIOR ANGLERS	CLUB DAY POINTS	SPORTS POINTS	GAME POINTS
Noel Day	6231	356	7621
Michael King	424	424	
Janine Cole	138	138	
Robbie Drysdale	136		
Karl Franks	132	132	
John Schultze	89	89	
Mark Rose	60	60	
Doug Hall	50		
Troy Barron	42		
Carl Ladner	39	39	
Greg Skinner	38	95	
Peter Davies	18		
Tony Clarke			1500
Lynnie Day		53	
Troy Barron	21	21	

TAGGING SENIOR ANGLER	TAG SPORTS POINTS	TAG GAME POINTS
Noel Day	141	7500
Mark Rose	60	
Lynnie Day	15	
Tony Clarke		1500



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JUNIOR ANGLERS	CLUB DAY POINTS	SPORTS POINTS	TAG GAME POINTS
<b>Samuel King</b>	746	746	
<b>Owen Skinner</b>		26	
<b>Owen Franks</b>		46	46

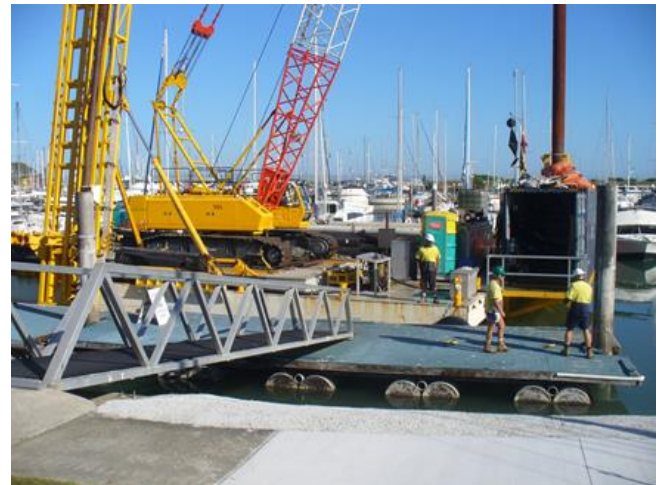
VESSELS	BOATS UNDER 7 METRES	BOATS OVER 7 METRES
<b>Life's Great</b>	9583	
<b>Kingfisher</b>	1170	
<b>Hard Yakka</b>	148	
<b>Seaya</b>	103	
<b>Poppy G</b>	60	
<b>Andiamo</b>		126



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**New Pontoon in Pictures**

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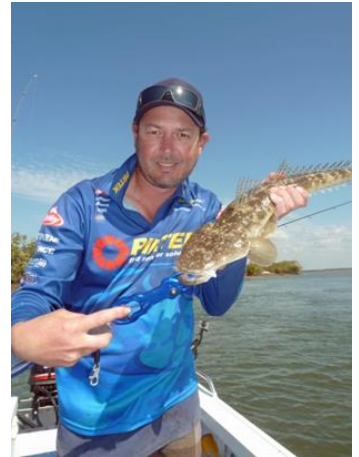
## Fish Tales

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GREAT SANDY STRAITS FISHING – August 13  
Carl Ladner

Recently two mates from Sydney and I arranged an eight day fishing trip in the Great Sandy Straits. We hired a houseboat from Rainbow Beach Houseboats and used my 4.4m Stacer as the main fishing vessel.

We commenced the trip with an overnight stay in Teebar Creek anchoring up at Bird Rock. The barbie was fired up, the beers were ice cold and the weather was pretty much perfect.



The second day was an early start, where we up anchored and started the trip to the week long fishing base of Garry's Anchorage. Running with the tide the trip only took three and a half hours. Once we arrived the main agenda was to get out for a fish. Rods, reels and a great range of every lure you could think about were placed into the tinnie and off we went.

With a large range of water to explore and huge array of fish to target we agreed on the humble flathead so we could all fish at the same time. Our first fishing location was on the outside of Garry's Anchor fishing along the drop-offs into the deeper water. Everyone was using a different lure from Soft Plastics, Vibes and Minnows.

The flatties started to come on the bite as the tide ran out at its lowest and some great fish were landed around the 55-65cm range. One style of lure started to out-fish the others and before long all three of us were fishing the same lure.

Over the next few days the weather was forecast to blow 15-20 knots, so we ended up exploring some of the many mangrove-lined creeks and T-junctions where these creeks meet.

There were a lot of fish caught ranging from flathead, grunter bream, little GTs and some species that I had no idea what they were. The best flattie was a good fat 72cm and a lot of fish were around the 65cm mark. There were also large numbers of muddies about but unfortunately the majority were undersize, though we still had a great feed over a few nights with a few thumpers caught.

What a beautiful part of our country the Great Sandy Straits are and I will definitely be arranging another trip to explore the area into the near future. Special mention to Rainbow Beach Houseboats with their great service and well maintained houseboats.



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Noel Day recently took Tony Clarke and 'Life's Great' up to Mooloolaba and secured the club's first billfish for the season – here is his story.

We caught 2 Sailfish on the Mooloolaba 18 Mile at the same time, with a double hook-up, which kept us rather busy for a while.

Tony managed to get a tag into his fish first after about 20 minutes, without any help from me as I was still fighting my fish.

As soon as he had tagged his fish he simply put the rod in the rod holder and left his fish to swim happily alongside while I finished fighting my fish and got a tag into it.

Once the tag was in mine we got it on board and took photos and released it, then finally got around to releasing Tony's fish which was still just swimming along side the boat.

I also caught a 6.47kg mack tuna.





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On their recent annual trip to Stanage Bay, Peter Distel, John Schultze, Rob Ware and Graham Costin encountered the best weather they've ever scored, with seven days straight out to the reef and outer islands. There were plenty of hard pulling fish to keep the boys occupied, and Pete scored a 23.5kg cod. There were a few late nights at the filleting table...





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The Stanage trip boys even got to enjoy a 'Stanage Bay Devonshire Tea'... you'd think they hadn't seen a mud crab before!

Jeff Ahchay recently had an excellent fishing session with his mates Craig and Allan at Wide Caloundra. The catch included a gold spot cod of 15kg, snapper of 6.5, 6.5 and 4.5kg, plus they also lost 5 good fish to sharks at Hutchison's Shoals.

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Thanks!  
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