

Tin Can Bay Fishing Club News

January 2018

The Club welcomes 2018, a New Year that will provide our members with opportunities to participate in a range of social activities, fishing events, competitions and workshops. Fishing outings will include Rainbow Beach, Borumba Dam, River Heads, Deep Sea Fishing Charters as well as our hosting and visiting other clubs.

The Club will be holding its first Sunfish Junior Fishing Day for 2018 on the 14th January at Norman Point, an event that provides juniors from 7-15 years a training opportunity to learn about recreational fishing. Sunfish qualified instructors will teach the juniors how to tie knots, rig a rod, baiting and casting the line. Numbers are limited and to register, contact the secretary on M 0437 242 171.

The Tin Can Bay Fishing Club 2017 Annual Awards were presented at the Cooloola Cove Vets Hall on the 18th November 2017.

- Club Junior Champion is Josh Lucas.
- Ladies Outside and Inside Waters Champion is Debbie George
- Men's Outside and Inside Waters Champion is Ron Cox
- Ladies Freshwater Champion is Carol Slockee
- Men's Freshwater Champion is Marquis Chapman
- Crab Champion Natasha Lee
- Bugger Award to Mark Wotherspoon
- Most Improved Fisherman Award to Jim Subraminiam.
- Neil Finney Trophy for most outstanding Member was presented to Milton Richter.
- The Graham Leggett Junior Encouragement Award was presented to Thomas May

The Tin Can Bay Fishing Club Christmas Raffle was drawn at 6.30pm on Wednesday 6th December at the TCB Country Club. The winners are:

- First Prize. \$1,000.00. Ticket No 433 Mark Wotherspoon and Margie Moore of Tin Can Bay.
- Second Prize. \$150.00. Ticket No 421 John Pike of Cooloola Cove.
- Third Prize. \$50.00 Ticket No 754 Sheryl Gillies of Gundagai NSW

The Tin Can Bay Fishing Club congratulates all the winners and we thank all our sponsors and community members for their consistent support during 2017.

February 2018 *A member's insight of our club.*

What it's like being a Member of the Tin Can Bay Fishing Club

We are the owners of the Tin Can Bay Tourist and Caravan Park in Tin Can Bay. My husband Steve and I together with our 2 sons Thomas and Jackson are members of the Tin Can Bay Fishing Club. The club has assisted and passed on information to help us become much better fishers and I have found lots of new friends who enjoy recreational fishing just as much as we do.

Members of the club have shared their fishing techniques and skills and given us local information that I had been lacking. Communicating with members during the club workshop days and at weigh ins has helped my fishing improve quite quickly. The club also host guest speakers at their meetings. Occasionally, on some fishing outings, no one did very well but it was reassuring to know it was the fish off the bite and not something we had done wrong.

Club trips are planned months ahead and gives all members opportunities to visit areas such as Burrum Heads, Toogoom, River heads, Hervey Bay, Rainbow Beach, Borumba and Boondooma Dams. Our members enjoy a range of activities and have established good friendships with the members of all these clubs when we visit these locations.

The club has local fishing competitions each month and an annual inter club fishing competition during which all the clubs in our region participate. Club juniors are encouraged to participate in all events. The club also organise deep sea fishing charters for members in the waters East of Fraser Island.

The Tin Can Bay Tourist Park is our Base when hosting visitors from other clubs such as the Maroochy RSL Fishing Club and Wondai Fishing Club. There is a spacious Camp Kitchen and a great BBQ area to meet all visitor needs. The spacious park, its facilities and the amenities block are clean and well maintained and the area is kept very clean and tidy. We can strongly recommend the Tourist Park to any visitors, fishermen or families that intend visiting Tin Can Bay.

The TCB Fishing Club's objectives include teaching our juniors how to fish and to have fun and enjoy recreational fishing. We hold two Sunfish Junior Fishing Days each year and accommodate up to 25 juniors at each of these events. These are free and at no cost to the juniors and they are taught how to tie knots, rig a rod, casting and baiting and then fishing the beach areas. In addition to this, they are given a new Rod and Reel, a Tackle Box, and a Certificate for attending and free morning tea and a hearty BBQ lunch.

If you would like to learn more about the benefits of joining our club, come along to our General Meeting or contact the Secretary on (M) 0437 242 171 or email tcbfishingclub@bigpond.com

March 2018

The Club recently held a very successful Sunfish Junior Fishing Day at Norman Point with 26 juniors participating in this popular event. The juniors aged from 7-15 years were from Gympie and adjacent areas including Kin Kin, Tin Can Bay and Cooloola Cove. The qualified Sunfish Instructors taught juniors how to tie knots, rig a rod, casting, baiting and fishing. The event was free for all juniors who had a lot of fun, enjoyed the training and especially the morning tea and BBQ lunch.

We would like to thank all of our valued sponsors for supporting and assisting us to provide these Sunfish Junior Fishing Training Days. Sponsors include Sunfish Queensland, BCF Gympie, the Gympie Regional Council, Radio 4GY, Tin Can Bay News, Just Sheds Gympie, Cooloola Bay Bulletin, Rainbow Beach Cooloola Coast Community News, and the Lee Fishing Company of Tin Can Bay.

The Club has been successful in a funding grant application that was submitted to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for the new Storage Shed. The site fill and levelling has been completed and Just Sheds of Gympie will be erecting the new building within the next few months. We thank the Queensland Government and Mr Tony Perrett MP Member for Gympie, Mr Llew O'Brien MP Member for Wide Bay and Mayor Mick Curran from the Gympie Regional Council for their assistance and support.

Fishing has been difficult lately with the continuous bad weather but those who are putting in the effort when the small window of opportunity arises are being rewarded with a few quality fish. There have been good sized Cod and Slatey Bream, Trevally and a few Sweetlip being caught on the ledges and reefy areas in the Inskip and Bluff areas. There have been Mangrove Jack caught in the creeks using mullet strips, live bait and lures and Flathead for those who target them. There are always a few diver whiting to be found and a few squid have been caught in the usual areas but not big in numbers as it is a bit early for their usual run. The best catches outside were an 8.5 kg Red Emperor and a 20.5 kg Cobia as well as a variety of reef fish.

Members recently enjoyed a fishing charter on the Keely Rose and weather conditions were really good. Members caught a large number of Spotted and School Mackerel, a variety of Reef Fish, Nannygai and Scarlets and everyone had a great day out.

Congratulations to the winner of the February mini comp, Ron Cox who caught a 77 cm Slatey Bream weighing 5.555 kg. Congratulations also go to the March mini comp winner, Derek Andrews with the 93cm Trevally weighing 14.363 kg.

June 2018

The Tin Can Bay Fishing Club members extend a big invitation to our community members to attend a morning tea to meet ABC's gardening Guru, Costa Georgiadis at Cooloola Cove on Monday the 16th July 2018. Costa will be the Guest Speaker at the annual Sailability fundraiser and his visit is organised and hosted by the members of the Tin Can Bay Fishing Club. There will be prizes, raffles, a mini plant auction plus lots of laughter and fun.

Admission to see Costa is \$10.00 and includes the morning tea and \$5.00 worth of raffle prize tickets. Everyone is invited to come along, to meet and chat with Costa during the morning tea which commences at 10am at the Cooloola Cove Vet's Hall on Monday, 16th July. Bookings are essential and reservations may be made by phoning Debbie on M 0437 242 171.

All proceeds will be donated to Sailability to encourage and assist this great organisation with their very important community work. Sailability has served the Tin Can Bay community for 10 years and we congratulate and thank them for their excellent work.

Local fishing reports have shown that Bream, Flathead, a few good size Whiting and a Slatey Bream weighing 2.965 kg have been landed in the inlet and creeks.

Members recently enjoyed a fishing and kayaking day at Crab Creek and good size flathead were landed during the morning. Squid are now also starting to appear in greater numbers in the Tin Can Bay and Carlo Inlet and waterways and members are planning a squid day in the coming weeks.

There were 8 members who went offshore fishing on Keely Rose Fishing Charter recently and enjoyed a really good day out. Best catches included a 9.5 kg Cod, a number of good size 7-8 kg Snapper, Cobia and Moses Perch.

New members are always very welcome and for club membership enquiries, please contact the Secretary on M 0437 242 171.

July

The club has had an amazing couple of months with various activities. The weather has finally cleared enough to allow for better days of fishing. Members have been catching whiting, bream, flathead and numerous squid in the Tin Can Bay inlets and in and around the entrance to Carlo. Outside fishing has also seen some good quality reef fish landed. Marilyn Smith caught a 9.5kg Cod whilst out on a Keely Rose Fishing charter with other club members who also caught quite a number of reef fish which included Pearl Perch, Snapper, Cobia and Tusk Fish.

Best baits at the moment are squid, yabbies, pilchards, chicken breast, mullet and soft plastics. Squid fishing day saw a few members landing a few whiting and some squid.

Members have been very busy during the past few weeks assisting other community groups. These include assisting the Cooloola Dragon Boat Club during their recent Regatta at the Tin Can Bay Yacht Club. The TCB Fishing Club ran its now famous Sausage Sizzle thanks again to our willing volunteers.

In July we organised and hosted a very successful fundraiser for Sailability, held at the Cooloola Cove Vets Hall with over 170 community members attending. The guest speaker was ABC Gardening Australia Host, Costa Georgiadis who, whilst having everyone laughing at his entertaining and informative anecdotes and antics also delivered a very important message on the need for sustainability. We are very pleased that \$2,348.00 nett was raised for Sailability which will assist their volunteers to continue their great work and service to clients

Sailability is part of a world-wide non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. Their goal is to give people with disabilities an opportunity to make their dreams a reality by achieving freedom through sailing. They are dedicated to facilitating sailing for people with disabilities regardless of their age, gender or their level of disability. They are totally dependent on monetary donations, funding grants and sponsorship from supporters. We are very proud to support them. A thank you also to the other groups involved and our sponsors plus those who assisted before and on the day.

The Club's new storage shed has now been completed and members have commenced landscaping around the Club's buildings. The Club Executive Committee and members would like to thank the Gympie Regional Council, the QLD Govt., all local groups, organisations and community members for their support and assistance and to Just Sheds in Gympie for making our objective become a reality. We now have a designated Club House plus a new Storage Shed.

Coastguard Tin Can Bay will be holding a Boat Safety Course at 10am on the 9th September at the Coast Guard Base, Norman Point TCB. Phone 5486 4290 to book a place. This is a must do for anyone new to boating especially those who may not have a boat license or may wish to simply brush up on the basics.

Cash Raffle Winners:

Tin Can Bay Fishing Club \$1,000.00 Cash Raffle that was drawn on Tuesday the 7th August at the Tin Can Bay Country Club.

The Raffle Winners are:

- 1st Prize \$1,000.00: Amy Polzin of Langshaw QLD
- 2nd Prize \$150.00: Molly Leggett of Tin Can Bay QLD
- 3rd Prize \$50.00: Carol Slockee of Kia-Ora QLD

Photo: Our \$1,000.00 Cash Raffle Prize winner, Amy Polzin of Langshaw QLD. Amy had purchased a raffle ticket from the club during one of our Bunnings BBQs.



From Left: Debbie George, Club Fundraising Officer, Amy Polzin, Bunnings Store Co-Ordinator Ray.

October

Members participated in the recent Inter Club Fishing Competition and despite the windy conditions, a number of quality fish were weighed in at Hervey Bay. The club was well represented at the weigh-in and came fifth in the competition. We thank everyone for putting in the time and trying their best for the club. Congratulations to Derek Andrews on his Prize Winning Whiting at 0.424Kg

Fishing has been hit or miss lately but those who are putting in the effort are being rewarded with a few quality fish. There have been good sized and numbers of summer whiting caught in the shallows on squid, live worms and yabbies and there are good numbers of legal sized bream mixed amongst them.

Flathead are being caught with one at 78 cm which was caught and released recently with larger ones having been seen in the shallows. There are always a few diver whiting to be found but not easy to find quality ones. A few squid are been caught in the usual areas but not consistently in the big numbers seen through June to late August. There have been a few School Mackerel and one Spaniard at 13.5 kg caught in the Inskip Point area recently together with the occasional good sized Trevally plus Tailor have been caught in good numbers on Fraser Island.

The recent 20th Anniversary and Open Day of the club saw a great turnout with over 80 in attendance made up of Club Members and local Supporters together with our VIP Guests which included Mr Tony Perrett MP Member for Gympie and his wife Michelle and Cr Mark McDonald Councillor for Tin Can Bay.

The Club wishes to recognise the support and assistance received from the Gympie Regional Council and Mayor Mick Curran, Queensland Government MR Tony Perrett MP and Federal Member for Wide Bay Mr Llew O'Brien MP.

Life Members and outgoing President Jim George and Secretary Debbie George were also recognised for their total commitment to the club with a plaque placed in their honour. The Members and Supporters plus the local community owe them a huge vote of appreciation.

Membership enquiries to The Secretary 0437 242-171



