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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS

The monthly GENERAL MEETING is usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

DRYCASTING

Casting is usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is given to all new members and a competition is conducted to improve and maintain the standard of our members casting.

FIELD DAYS

These normally follow each general meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign-on and the weigh-in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign-on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign-on. However, only under very exceptional circumstances will failure to attend weigh-ins not be penalised with the loss of points acquired during that field day.

It is the Field Day Officer's duty to inform the committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh-in. It is the committee's duty to decide what action is to be taken.

Disputes may be taken to the committee.

Entries for Game Fish Badge, Club Records and Open Fishing Competitions must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please notify the Treasurer and Reel Talk Editor of any change of address or phone number.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

If you intend to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Please assist the Treasurer by paying your subscription with-in 28 days of the Annual General Meeting. Arrears of 3 consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank Bob Hardie and friends for their report on the condition of the Kalbarri House. Bob gave a very in-depth report on our property and the committee have acted on this report and have decided to purchase some new furniture as the old beds and robes are in need of replacement.

If you are intending to attend the State Rock and Beach Championships on the June long weekend we are trying to incorporate a working bee on the house on the Monday (LWE) after the competition. Some of the committee are trying to arrange to take the Tuesday off as well and will attempt to clear up any small items not completed on Monday. The things that require attention are not major and the more helpers we have will allow us to incorporate some fishing time.

To the sub-committee who had the task of selecting the fishing venues for 92-93, thanks for your efforts and I believe the venues are in line with what you the members have indicated you want, so please make the effort to attend the field days. The one to mark in your diary is the proposed week at Exmouth so start preparing for this now as this should be an excellent trip.

The State Drycasting is to be held on the 28th of June and is to be run by Peter Osborne, the State Drycasting Officer, and as no Club has come forward to run this competition, Peter has had to make a ruling that for any club to compete they must put forward helpers. If any of our club members can help Peter, you not only would be helping him but also helping our club to contest this event. Also any member who wishes to be a member of our club team let Malcolm Head know so he can consider you for the team.

As mentioned earlier the State Rock and Beach competition will be held on the June long weekend. Boundaries will be from Chinaman's at Kalbarri to Horrocks in the South. As we normally use this long weekend for our own field day we will hold our field day in conjunction with this A.A.A. event.

It's getting close to the end of our calendar year and we will be looking for new committee members. If you have the time and commitment please consider joining the committee and help your club grow.

The May field day will be held at Rottnest and is an excellent venue and should be No 1 on your list of field days to attend. Cookie will need numbers and money at the next general meeting. This is a cheap field day and costs will be approx \$35.00 for accommodation and bus hire and \$34.00 for the ferry. The ferry fare can be reduced if we get at least 20 people attending. Cookie and I hope to see you all there.

John Reeley
President

INSTRUCTION PERIOD FOR MAY

We are having a special visitor along at our May General Meeting in Gary Phillips to give a talk on Four-Wheel-Drives. Gary has about 30 years experience in their use and conducts special courses and instruction so he really knows his stuff. Make sure you come along and listen and learn and he will answer any questions you care to ask.

CLUB ACTIVITIESAPRIL GENERAL MEETING

- WHERE - Morley Glass Factory, 33 Rudloc Road, Morley
 WHEN - WEDNESDAY, 8th April, 8.00 pm.
 INSTRUCTION - There will be a talk arranged for this section of the meeting and it will be informative. May instruction will be a special one as notified elsewhere in this issue so make sure you come along.

APRIL FIELD DAY:

- WHERE - CAPE TO CAPE
 WHEN - 11th to 12th April
 SIGN ON - 1300 hrs Saturday. At the small Park as you come into the shopping area at Dunsborough. If you can smell the meat pies you are close enough.
 WEIGH IN - 1100 HRS Sunday at the same location.
 BOUNDARIES - Cape Leeuwin to Cape Naturaliste.

FOLLOWING FIELD DAY:

- WHERE - ROTTNEST ISLAND
 WHEN - 16th to 17th May
 SIGN ON - At the Caroline Thomson huts prior to going out to West End.
 WEIGH IN - At the same location on return from West End.
 BOUNDARIES - None.

APRIL DRYCASTING DAY

- WHERE - YOKINE RESERVE
 WHEN - SUNDAY 5th April 1992, 8.30 am
 EVENTS - 112 gram Level Line D/H Accuracy
 112 gram Artificial Bait S/H Accuracy
 There will also be the final Open Singlehanded Distance event conducted.

GENERAL MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

(SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH)

33 Rudloc Road, Morley

EDITORIAL

Just a small stir from me this month.

Firstly a couple of thank-you's to John Lee and Bob Hardie for their very informative and welcome write-ups, and brickbats for a couple which are "still coming"!! There's no field day report because I didn't get one....maybe next month!

To go with the trend we have a special report from our Social Organiser which can be related also to drycasting and field days, so maybe at the April meeting there should be a broader look at the club and a word...commitment (or is it involvement?).
Enough said.

George Holman

ROTTNEST FIELD DAY --- MAY

- 16th - 17th MAY -

This is one of our clubs most enjoyable field days and has a history of producing very good fish captures. The species caught are very varied and there is the chance of some large salmon and yellow tailed kingfish. Some of the fairer sex of the club have caught very good bags in the last few years. It is also a great trip for close camaraderie as we fish together and are able to socialise back at the settlement. The anticipation of looking down onto Radar Reef when we arrive at West End never fails to quicken the heart beat on the bus trip out. The heart beat is very quick after the climb back up heart attack hill. If the weather is good it is magical to watch the Dolphins surfing and see the first salmon leaping on the end of your line.

The format for this P. D. will be similar to the last year. E.T.D. Hillarys 0830 on the Saturday. E.T.A. Hillarys 1700 on the Sunday. Bus times will be advice at the MAY general meeting.

**** NOTE

A firm commitment as to the number of people who will be attending will be required at the APRIL general meeting. Payment will be required at the meeting for the accommodation and bus. If the numbers are insufficient then the field day will be cancelled. Cost will be in the range of \$35 for accommodation and transport. Ferry cost as at the current rate of \$34 /head return.

Proposed format will be similar to the last August field day.

E T A Rottnest	from Hillarys	Saturday 16th	MAY	0915
Transport	from ferry	to tent land		0930
"	"	tentland to West End		1200
"	"	West End to Tent Land		1900
"	"	Tent Land to West End	Sunday 17th	0600
"	"	West End to Tent Land		1200
"	"	Tent Land to Ferry		1500

HARDIES KALBARRI HOLIDAY

Hi Folks! This is the trip report of the holiday the Hardies had at the Kalbarri house. It was the first time for us as fishing club members and 20 years since our last visit to the area. I was involved in the 1960's with the investigation of the Gorges as a tourist potential and at that time was based in the Kalbarri Station shearing quarters, run by Fred Blood's family.

The weather treated us to fine mornings and a howling South Westerly, with enormous swells and heavy thunderstorms from the East. Quite spectacular at times, kept us awake most of the first night, but after the third night slept right through it. Not much fish to be caught because of the heavy swell... saw a few tailor (3 to the kg) caught, but most people went home hungry. It was a case of hide your gear up in the sand dunes, pelt down the beach, big heave ho!, pelt back up the beach to the dunes before the next wave smacked you up the backside. Anyhow the river came to the rescue and produced many morning catches and feeds of nice big fat Yellow-fin Whiting. Then home in time to catch the cricket with a few beers, afternoon nap, and then out to tea, game of mini-golf, a couple more drinks and into bed - what a boring life!! The down side of the holiday was the young chap getting washed off the rocks and losing his life - 8km South.

The trip home was just as eventful as North of Northampton, the road was partially flooded and they were repairing the washaways. The Undarra Creek was a roaring torrent, as were the Hutt River, Bowes River, and the Greenough was also running very strong. All these waterways were bone dry on the way up... looks like an early opening to the river mouths this coming winter season. Drizzled right to Geraldton, rained and hailed through Greenough, S bend was completely flooded and where the straight piece of road passes through the south to Dongara was a sea of water passable via the centre of the hump in the road only. By then I wished we had taken the 4WD. Many sheep had died in the deluge and littered the paddocks. The rain did not stop until we were miles down the Brand Highway, but the rest of the journey home was fine and plain sailing.

If you have never been up there before, why not give it a go and stay at the house? It has every conceivable item that you have in your own homes to make life extremely satisfying. Also shady trees and plenty of hot water (no chopping wood). Just see the club committee and they will put you on the right track. Don't leave it for as long as we did as it is a great house in an even greater area.

Well that's all, Bye for now.

Marg, Bob & Family.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That the notice of motion published in the March 1991 "Reel Talk" to accept the revised "Sportsman of the Year" Points be re-put at the April 1992 meeting.

Moved - George Holman

X FUN NIGHT X

This night was held on Saturday 21st March, upon request of the club members.

The night was very successful with twenty-seven in attendance and raised \$500.00. Thanks to everyone for their kind donations.

Those attending were Vanice and John Reeley and children, Erica and Graham Reeley, Diane and Derry Barber, Ian Cook, Eric Parker, Nella and Leigh Clifton, a total of 11 members - the rest in attendance were our friends and wives!!

I would like to thank our friends for helping run the night. Vicki for looking after the blackjack table and educating the players in the art of blackjack. Lynne, Steve and Ray for helping with the running of the roulette.

Due to the "overwhelming" attendance we find that if a fun night is to be held in future a more suitable premises (e.g. a Garden Shed or Small Garage) will be all that is required.

WELL DONE SURFCASTERS

Leigh

OPEN COMPETITION 1991/92

- 1) Most Meritorious Fish
- 2) Heaviest Shark (4.5kg min)
- 3) Heaviest Mulloway (3.0kg min) Leigh Clifton - 12.308kg
Bottom rig, 4oz sinker, strip snapper bait. Steep Point.
- 4) Heaviest Salmon (3.0kg Min)
- 5) Heaviest Dhufish
- 6) Heaviest Tailor (1.0kg min)
N. Macted (Baitcast, mulie, s/h rod) False Entrance 19/5/91 2.2kg
- 7) Heaviest Samson Fish
- 8) Heaviest Scale Fish - S/H Rod (4kg or 9lb line max)
N. Macted (Baitcast, mulie) False Entrance 21/5/91 2.15kg
- 9) Heaviest Pink Snapper
G. Holman (Mulie bait) False Entrance 20/5/91 3.2kg
- 10) Heaviest Tarwhine (Silver Bream)
Leigh Clifton (Whitebait) Steep Point 1.25kg
- 11) Heaviest Mackerel
D. Macted (Balloon rig, gardie) False Entrance 18/5/91 18.2kg
- 12) Heaviest Trevally (Southern 1.0kg min)
Mark Philpot (Bottom Rig Mulie) Reef Beach 3.66kg
- 13) Heaviest Trevally (Northern 1.0kg min)
- 14) Heaviest Snook/Pike
- 15) Heaviest Scale Fish Other Than Sections 2-14 (2.0kg min)

FIELD DAY SECTIONS ~ 1991-92

March.

SECTION.

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|--|-------------|--------|---------|
| 1. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1st 6mths) | I. Cook | Salmon | 5.01kg |
| 2. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2nd 6mths) | T. Dalonzo | Snook | 1.95kg |
| 3. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH | | | |
| 4. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5kg Min) | | | |
| 5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1kg Min) | T. D'Alonzo | | 3.30kg |
| 6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1kg Min) | T. D'alonzo | | 3.34kg |
| 7. HEAVIEST SALMON (3kg Min) | I. Cook | | 5.01kg |
| 8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (1kg Min) | M. Philpot | | 3.66kg |
| 9. HEAVIEST MACKERAL | | | |
| 10. HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH | T. D'alonzo | | 34.35kg |
| 11. HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY | T. D'Alonzo | | 5.60kg |
| 12. HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR | M. Kelly | | 10.27kg |
| 13. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ROD
4kg or 9lb b/s line (max) | G. Reeley | | 3.30kg |
| 14. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 3 - 9,13 (2kg Min) | | | |

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MARCH DRYCASTING

A very pleasant day and conditions for our casting morning with a very light easterly breeze blowing. Later the breeze changed to a light northerly giving George Holman some advantage in the 56 gram distance event, enabling him to set a new State Record distance of 148 metres. A good cast George.

Mark Philpot's head is a size bigger as he managed to score a Bull's-eye on the 76 metre target in the double handed accuracy event. He went on to score 95 out of a possible 200 and continues to improve.

There was a battle to find a winner in the single handed accuracy as there were four people on 21 out of the possible 40 with one cast to go. Yours truly did a classic and forgot to lift the ball arm and the three remaining saw George Holman become the winner by one point.

Jim Strong showed his prowess in the single handed accuracy also by scoring a direct hit on the target!!

Once again a special thanks to Ron Thompson for his help on the day.

April is the final cast for this competition year (91/92) so there will also be a single handed open event as well. Casting will start at 9.00am sharp. See you there.

Mal Head D.C.O.

MARCH DRYCASTING

DATE: 2/2/92	112 GRAM			56 GRAM			D/H	S/H	DAY
NAME	1	2	TOTAL	1	2	TOTAL	ACC	ACC	TOTAL
G Reeley	112	123	24	-	105	11	113	21	169
M Head	95	-	10	-	-	-	76	21	107
J Strong	96	99	20	82	87	17	83	21	141
R Thompson	-	-	-	-	93	9	41	8	63
M Philpot	98	-	10	90	-	9	95	12	126
E Parker	133	127	26	112	124	24	78	29	157
G Holman	147	150	30	124	148	27	112	30	199
J Reeley	109	-	11	95	108	10	90	23	134
<u>Mini-Junior</u>									
B. Reeley	89P	85P	15	83	88P	16	36	14	81

112 Gram Winner:	G. Holman	30 Pts
Artificial Bait Winner:		
56 Gram Winner:	G. Holman	27 Pts
D/H Accuracy Winner:	G. Reeley	113 Pts
S/H Accuracy Winner:	G. Holman	30 Pts
112 Gram Open Winner:		
S/H Open Distance Winner:		
Winner of the Day:	G. Holman	199 Pts
Junior Winner:		
Mini Junior Winner:	B. Reeley	81 Pts

AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (WA) INC
DELEGATES MEETING - 18th FEBRUARY 1992

- (1) Offshore boating State Comp - Easter - 18th April 1992 - at Geraldton.
- (2) Lancelin - Live firing - Mon 24th to 27th Feb - Naval warning.
- (3) Phil Stanley's Junior Fishing Clinic requires assistance - Knot tying - 9.30 / 12.30 Sunday 15th March 92 - Alan Park, Swanbourne - Bring a card table and chair.
- (4) Northampton Club - State Rock and Beach Competition - L.W.E. May/June 1992 - Boundaries set at :- South - Mouth of Hutt River. North :- Southern side of Murchison River (excluding estuary) - Weigh in area, Port Gregory Hall.
- (5) Esperance - Put forward a concept for 1993 State Rock and Beach Championships - comments required - (would have to be a long weekend).
- (6) A.G.M. - for A.A.A. at Port McQuarie - 4th & 5th July 1992 - Potential candidates Messrs Denham, Harbord, Osborne - two to be selected.
- (7) A notice of motion was up for discussion - For all future State and Open Competitions, as well as Fishing Clinics conducted by or under the auspices of the AAA (WA) fees for all pensioners be the same as that charged for Juniors. - For vote next period.

AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (WA) INC
DELEGATES MEETING - 17th MARCH 1992

- (1) State Boating Championships at Geraldton - Easter weekend - 18th April 1992.
- (2) State Rock and Beach - Port Gregory to Kalbarri - 30/31st May 1992.
- (3) State Drycasting - 28th June 1992 - Wordsworth Oval - A.A.A. to run (P T Osborne) - on basis of Club having 2 teams, provide 2 helpers - over 2 teams, 4 helpers.
- (4) For next year (start 1 August 1992) - proposed calendar -

Presentation night	29 August 92
Estuary Competition	28/29 November 92
Mandurah 500	11/12 January 93
Swanfish	21/22 February 93
Boating Competition	27 March 93
Rock and Beach Competition	24/25 April 93
Black Bream Competition	June 93
Drycasting Competition	27 June 93
National Titles	14 - 29 July 93

 Venues and host clubs to be decided.
- (5) Offshore will run the fishing clinic during the winter months.
- (6) Display board to be purchased by A.A.A., hopefully funded by Healthways.
- (7) A notice of motion was up for discussion - For all future State and Open Competitions, as well as Fishing Clinics conducted by or under the auspices of the AAA (WA) fees for all pensioners be the same as that charged for Juniors. - For vote - Motion carried.
- (8) A.A.A. request to have a stall at the next boat show - venue will be the Fremantle Terminal - volunteers will be required.

P.T. Osborne
 Delegate

WAGOE WALKABOUT

Hi once again fellow anglers, as promised here is my first article for the new year.

Two weeks before Christmas a workmate of mine informed me that she and her fiance' had booked four chalets at Wagoe for a group of friends and then received the news that two of them had reneged for one reason or another.

That meant that since the booking was firm, she and hubby to be were going to have to foot the bill for two unoccupied chalets.

She therefore asked me if Angela and I would care to take one of the chalets.

Seeing that the booking was over the New Year break and that the place would be crawling with holiday makers, I hummed and hahed at first.

However, with a little emotional blackmail and arm twisting from Angela ("my suntan is awful" and "you could fish ad infinitum if you wish") and with a chivalrous thought for the plight of my friend (and a selfish one for me) I consented to go.

And so on a cool and overcast day (New Year's eve) we packed the trailer and headed north.

It became obvious that my worst fears about the area being chockers with holiday revellers were about to be realised as on the way up, we were passed by all and sundry.

Mind you, anyone who has been on a fishing trip with me would get used to (or be infuriated by) always being in the slow lane because I just don't speed.

By about 4pm we'd arrived at the chalets to find all the other occupants at Wagoe making preparations for the evening's festivities.

Just about everyone I saw, even at that hour, had a tinny clamped to their hand.

I should mention that the owners of Wagoe Farm had agreed to put on a spit roast - so everyone was busy helping and getting in some drinking practise.

By about 6 we had finished stowing the gear in our chalet and since there was a strong southerly blowing, decided against fishing and headed into Kalbarri for sight seeing instead. Kalbarri's population is normally something like about 500 - 1000, but that evening every watering hole, house and grassed area capable of supporting humanity was filled to overflowing. It resembled the Royal Show grounds on children's day.

On arrival back at the chalets shortly after, we were so dog tired that we decided to forego the New Year's eve party and retire early.

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The chalets are well situated on the sandy escarpment adjacent to Bluff Point (the last of the cliffs which make up the coastal gorges in the Murchison area) and provide a magnificent view of the beaches and ocean from Lucky Bay to the Bluff.

At the appropriate time and with a good pair of binoculars it would be possible to see the feeding antics of migrating pelagics from the kitchen window of the unit in which we stayed.

The units are comparable in comfort to the Angling Club house in Kalbarri, most accommodating around five with one family unit able to take eight.

Their only short comings are that in season, freezer space is a little short (about five freezers between approx. eight units) and the price is quite high considering the standard of accommodation - we paid \$165.

As at the Kalbarri house they are not keen on anglers cleaning fish in the house but outside, anything goes - eg on the grass adjacent to our unit were the scales of many large fish caught probably in the last twelve months.

Consequently of course, flies are quite a problem.

A rather meandering bush track heads down from the chalets directly onto the beach at Wagoe giving easy access to the Lagoon, Bluff Point, Georgie Puls hole and various other spots south towards Sandalwood Bay.

I would have defied any vehicle at that time of the year to get back up the access track from the beach to the chalets without letting their tyres down, however before we left we saw a couple of "super modified" 4WDs do it - but only by being driven like they were in the Wynne's rally.

Would have been bad luck if a vehicle had been coming the other way.

I really can't see the point in not deflating tyres at this spot especially as the owners, Ted and Jenny, openly encourage anglers who intend going onto the hard stuff to inflate them with the compressor stationed in their machinery shed.

By the way, leaving tyres inflated at normal road pressure seems to be the new macho way of travelling on soft beaches these days - I saw very few people like me who deflate, travel slowly (usually in low range) and exercise caution.

We had the last laugh at Kalbarri though.

Whilst at Wittecarra one day, a motor gunning tyro in a new Maverick came down onto the beach and tried to turn on the sloping sand of the high water mark and bogged himself down to the floor pan.

Angela and I were just preparing to leave when this took place but out of interest stayed for what we knew must inevitably happen.

In defence of this bloke, I don't think he was just another hoon - it turned out that the poor fellow was just another of

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the legion of new chums who every year buy 4WDs and think that their vehicles will automatically match their ambitions.

Anyway, after a while with his confidence somewhat shaken he sent his mate over to ask us for help.

When I walked over and advised that he would have to let his tyres down, he just looked at me with an incredulous expression on his face as if to say "what for"?

I asked if he had a tyre gauge and a pump and got an even more vacant look.

Having deflated his tyres to 10 psi (he was stuck real good) I said to him "engage low low and try not to spin your wheels). His reply was "er - since you seem to know what you're doing, perhaps you could drive it out for me".

So I got to test the low end grunt of a Ford/Nissan in soft sand, even if only for about 30 metres or so.

Needless to say, with deflated tyres and horses to spare it freed itself like a piece of slippery soap.

The driver looked very sheepish and I think learned his lesson.

Well we chugged up and down beaches maybe a dozen or more times (along with about twenty other vehicles) and although I caught only Tailor, (not counting the numerous soapies I put back) they were good size - one about 5lbs.

Others however were more fortunate; I saw one angler taking a Mulloway of about 45lbs out of his vehicle one night and someone well known to us all also took his toll on the Mulloway population; his name?

Why - Tony Dalonzo of course!

We were putting along the beach one afternoon just looking for a place to fish and there at the Lagoon were Tony and Philomena.

I think Tony said he caught four.

Just digressing a little, on one of the many occasions that I fished at my favourite hole, (it seemed also to be everyone else's hole) I was just gently placing one of several soapies back in the water when an angler standing not far away asked "what did you do that for"!

It's a sad indictment of the integrity of angling as a pastime when a bloke (who seemed as if he new what he was doing) has to ask why an undersized fish is being put back.

On what was supposed to be our second last day there, (Monday) the weather changed from hot mornings and strong southerlies in the afternoons to stinking hot easterlies - which coincided with or brought about a change in the size of the Tailor - this was when I caught the 5 pounder.

Once the fish had gone off the bite that morning, we had a great time frolicking in the foam filled rock pools just off the back of the reef at Wago.

On arrival back at the chalets we learned that the temperature the next day was going to be in the mid forties - so rather than risk Death Valley (Eneabba) in century heat, we packed

up, bid adieu to Wago once again and headed into the fading sun and the cool of the evening.

For anyone desirous of camping right at Wago, I can recommend the Wago chalets - as long as you don't mind paying a little more and provided that you don't go in the middle of peak holiday times.

If you do go you'll find the owners, Ted and Jenny McIntock very hospitable.

Your angling bard
John Lee

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MEMBERS....Don't forget to save all your empty aluminium cans and bring them along to the club meetings and give them to MALCOLM HEAD. Mal knows what to do with them and through his efforts you (the members) receive the benefits come the annual dinner and dance.

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