

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Our next General Meeting will be held at the National Fitness Council Pavillion, 50 James Street, Perth on Wednesday the 9th June, 1962, and will commence at 8 p.m. SHARP.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD FOR JUNE.

As well known Club member Bert 'Panther' Payne has just completed a trip of several thousand miles North, and as we all know he certainly has the camera bug, as well as an angling one, and after much pressing, urging and cajoling by the Committee, Bert has consented to come along to our next meeting with a few of his colour slides of his adventuresome trip North, and give us a show for an hour or so.

To any member who has not been North, this should be an interesting evening, and with Bert's ready commentaries, very enjoyable. I think that Bert gets as much pleasure showing us as we do seeing and hearing him.

LAST COMMITTEE MEETING. (MAY)

The last Committee meeting was held at the residence of our Fish Recorder Bob Lilly and his good wife Margaret to whom we are indebted for their hospitality. Our many thanks to Bob and Mrs. Lilly and also to the other ladies who helped with the supper. The business of the evening was quite extensive and was not concluded until 11.30 p.m.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING (JUNE)

The next Committee Meeting will be held at the residence of Bob and Mrs. Tucker on the 20th June.

Address :-

26 Loma Street,
COTTESLOE.

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

Once again another year of our club activities has drawn to a close. Financially the year has been successful. Over the past twelve months 16 new members and 4 junior members have been elected to the club and these figures must help to prove our clubs popularity and progress. Now that provision has been made for junior members it is hoped to see many more juniors enrolled in the current season, for these lads are our future members.

Our Casting days were well attended with an average attendance of 22 members, though it would be pleasing to see more members attending these outings in the current season.

To Alan Bunnett and Norm Clarke my sincere thanks for the way they have carried out their duties as Dry Casting Organisers.

The club Field Days were also well patronised with an average attendance of 30 members.

During the twelve months 1,856 lbs. of scale fish was taken; this figure exceeding last years total by 200 lbs.

My congratulations and thanks go to Jim Strong for a job well done. His efforts and zealous attention to his field day duties must prove his keenness and willingness to serve the club and its members.

The open fishing competition resulted in the total of 3,778 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of scale fish being entered. However, this total could, I feel sure, be doubled if all members would enter their catches.

Of the fish that were entered several were state records, which now brings the clubs tally of state record captures to 17.

To all members who generously donated trophies for the open competition goes my sincere thanks and appreciation. Your donation of trophies helped make the competition the success it was.

The social outings arranged by our capable social organiser Ken Wiggins were not particularly well patronised and it is hoped that we will have better attendances in the current year. My thanks Ken for the effort you put into your job during the year. I am sure that all members who attended the social outings which you arranged enjoyed themselves.

To our Secretary Ian McLennan, and Treasurer Arther Backhouse, who have respectively, the task of recording our club meetings and handling club finances, goes my appreciation for the manner in which they have conducted their duties. We are all grateful for the efforts these two have put into their job. To Arthur who will join the ranks of the retired in July, I wish the very best of luck and success in his retirement.

To all members who were successful in the various club competitions goes my hearty congratulations. To those who missed out, my very best wishes for success in the current year.

To Bob Lilly, who has this year won the honour of being the clubs nominee for the Sportsmen of the Year Award, goes my sincere congratulations - a well deserved win, Bob.

Last but not least, I would like firstly to thank my Committee for their help and support during the year. They all did a fine job. Secondly, I wish to thank all members for their support, and for their conduct at general meetings, which made the meetings a pleasure to preside over.

BOB TUCKER

PRESIDENT

'SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR' AWARD

Once again our Club has been asked to nominate a Member of our Club to compete for this Award. An honour which we can indeed consider a privilege to share with the other sporting bodies of Western Australia, and on this occasion your Committee on an assimilation of points scored on Field Days and Casting Days etc., have determined that our very popular Club member Bob Lilly as the winner in our Club and to be the Club representative at the Royal Show Grounds in October.

To Bob goes the Committee's congratulations on winning the Field Day Fishing Event, second in the Dry Casting Event and his attendance at all of the mentioned Club activities, and I am sure that the rest of the members of the Club will readily endorse our congratulations, and I am further sure all of us hope that you will be as successful on the night of the presentation of the 'Sportsman of the Year' Trophy.

For the benefit of members who were runners up, and also ran (I'm definitely in the also ran category) below is a list of the place getters in this all important trophy :-

1. Bob LILLY	29pts.	8. Bill BRIDGER	7pts.
2. Norm CLARKE	19pts.	9. Bob TICHBORN	5pts.
3. Ron SHIRLEY	18pts.	10. N. GILES & Ron KILDHAL	4pts.
4. Bob TUCKER & John GRIFFITHS	16pts.	11. Hal NEIL	3pts.
5. Ron McQUEEN	14pts.	12. Alan BUNNETT & 'Snow' TATE	2pts.
6. Terry FULLER	12pts.	13. Noel WILKERSON	1pt.
7. Chas. Crouch & Noel KNIGHT	8pts.		

Even though Bob was a clear cut winner for this trophy by the above figures members can see that after Bob came quite a group of followers - any one of whom could have taken over.

DRY CASTING May 5th, 1962

24 members and 2 junior members attended the casting to get the new competition under way and it certainly started off with a rush as 2 members scored over 100 points for the day, and the Bait Distance record was broken. Four members did not take an active part in the casting but they made the morning that little bit more sociable, as I saw them moving among members either giving or getting the good oil on the latest fishing spots. Needless to say there was one member who didn't need any information and he brought along the proof - a whacking big $21\frac{1}{2}$ lb. snapper - congratulations Doug but I did notice that you don't trust us as you brought along your Dad to guard it, not that I blame you as I saw plenty of envious eyes on it.

The Bait L.L. Distance event was won by N. Cross with a score of 288 - 210 - 498. Norrie has certainly made his handicap look sick. Then came Bob Tucker with 289 - 180 - 469 and Bob Jensen with 268 - 197 - 465. There was some good scoring in this event and nine members will have their handicaps reduced. Some outstanding efforts were Bob Lilly's 320 - 326 - 321, John Bellman's 351 - 369 - the 369 ft. broke Noel Knight's record established in October 1960, by six feet; congratulations John for a mighty effort, Bill Bridger 330 - 348 and Doug Savage 331 - 315.

There was some very good scoring in the Double Handed Accuracy with Ron Flood topping the list with an excellent score of 59/80. Next came Bill Bridger and Noel Wilkerson each with 49/80 followed by Bob Tucker and Ian McLennan with 42/80. Ron Flood, Noel Wilkerson, Bob Tucker and Noel Knight scored with all four casts, there were no bulls scored and Ian McLennan had the honour of getting the closest with a near miss 19.

The Single Handed Weight Accuracy finished with Bob Lilly top scorer with 23/40, Ron Kildahl second 18/40 and Ron Flood 17/40. The scoring in this event was not good although everyone managed to score with at least one cast - there were only two members scored with all four casts, Bob Tucker and Norm Clark - I never thought I would see the day when I would be bracketed with

Bob Tucker in a single hander event, just goes to show what a bit of practice, or luck, will do for you.

Bob Tucker finished off a good day on the accuracy as he scored with all 8 casts.

There were 2 juniors present and they did very well. Don Bridger scored an excellent 230 - 210 - 440 in the distance and Rick Jensen scored 21/40 in the single hander which was second only to Bob Lilley's 23/40 - good going lads and I hope there will be a few more junior members come along and take up the challenge.

The points score are as they are printed on the score sheet in the middle of the book with Bob Tucker out in front with 105 and Ron Flood right on his heels with 104.

There are nine members who broke their handicap and it has now been reduced accordingly :-

N. CROSS	210 - 162	J. STRONG	210 - 199
R. JENSEN	197 - 177	N. KNIGHT	174 - 164
R. TUCKER	180 - 161	K. MULVAY	189 - 180
R. LILLY	136 - 128	T. TATE	196 - 193
H. NEIL		210 - 204	

Events for the next casting day June 10th - PLEASE
NOTE CHANGE OF CASTING DAY - will be as follows :-

Spinner L.L. Distance
Spinner D.H. Accuracy
Spinner S.H. Accuracy

Juniors will cast with the adult members.

See you then on June 10th.

NORM CLARK

A.D.C.O.

FIELD DAY GOLDEN BAY 12TH & 13TH MAY

Weather conditions :- Westerly, banking Easterly in the evening, though Westerly again in the morning. Patches of weed along the beach. Heavy showers during the night. However, most of the lads were in their vehicles etc., when the worst of it came - fortunately.

29 Members, one visitor (Mrs. Tickle), plus 3 juniors made up quite a good attendance at this Field Day, considering that the weather looked most inclement. Pleased to see you along again Arch, it is quite a while since we have seen you. I did think that possibly Glad might have shown the boys up. Still never mind there is always another day.

Ron Shirley was one of the first on the job and once again Ron had himself a field day, with a nice bag of 14 Tailor, and I'm sure that he must have had some good oil re the 'hot spot'. Even though he had the company of several other lads, Bob Tucker, etc. Ron had a monopoly on the spot.

Nick Crouch was as busy as a bee, and his 10lb. Salmon certainly kept the lads on their toes, in an endeavour to get one also. Under those conditions, weed etc., that was quite good angling to catch and land a 10lb. Salmon on 12lb. line. Good work Nick. Incidentally Nick finished up with two Salmon and weighed in an excellent bag of fish.

Ted Savage, Doug and Bob Lilly went walkabout further North, where they found themselves a little spot. The results weren't great but they consider it a place for future reference and investigation. Bob got one Tailor and Ted got a 8lb. Salmon which lit up his face with pleasure.

Ernie White and Tom Robinson were the last to arrive and I believe that Ernie stopped on the way down to cut himself a load of firewood. I think that Ernie has been on plenty of these jaunts before. At anyrate what with gear, wood etc., in the back of Ernie's car, I wouldn't have been surprised if he had of pulled out a slow combustion stove. Hell! he had darn near everything else. Eventually both Ern and Tom headed for the beach and got stuck into the serious business of angling. Whereupon, Tom, and Ern got tangled together, and after Tom had freed

the lines he mentioned to Ern that he thought he had a Salmon on, which of course Ern denied and remarked 'Only so & so weed'. Picking his rod up and giving a jerk to free loose weed - what a surprise he received, for with a whine his star drag worked and he was in business. Ern darn near fell over backwards in surprise, though he stood his ground, and it wasn't long before he had a nice Salmon at his feet. To which Tom drily remarked '*** weed, aye!'

In the meantime Hal Neil, George Greenham and Terry De Jussing were battling on without results. However, they kept at it and I'm sure that one of the qualities of an angler is patience and our members have plenty of that.

Allan Livesey and Snow Tate were observed looking out to sea and shaking their heads, they probably were justifiably surprised at the amount of fish at the 'weigh in'. For under the conditions I must admit I was too.

Ian McLennan continued his run of fortune by landing a nice Salmon and four Tailor, while Terry Fuller fishing alongside him never got a bite. Though I believe that Ian didn't sleep too snugly, for during the night he accidentally knocked th tent fly which was holding about 10 gallons of rain water and which joined him in bed. Helps you to get an early morning start for fishing though, doesn't it Ian.

Alf Rutland was observed wandering aroend shaking his head wondering where the fish were, though I guess that he never heard Ron Shirley calling to join him. John Griffith, Doug Newton and the boys reported in with empty bags, and remarked that the South end was very badly weeded up.

A delightful aroma led me to Harrie Muirson's van, where I found Harrie busily engaged in cooking the breakfast. Second to fishing I think that some of our lads enjoy outdoor cooking. Whether they really do enjoy it I really don't know, but some of these characters certainly build up healthy appetites. If they aren't fishin', they're eatin'. Not wishing to appear personal I think that Alf Rutland really is the best though,

for it appears debatable whether ^{he} goes to fish or to eat. Still he has a good time and enjoys himself and that is the main thing with any pastime.

Bob Kline and Ron Kildahl put in quite a few hours of effort, but their effort did not receive the merit they deserved, though Ron did catch quite a nice Whaler Shark. Charlie Crouch was observed wading out to sea and for a while he disappeared. Trying to make those extra few yards Charlie waded out and went into a hole, as he was about to cast, the jar of stepping into the hole and cast broke the bail-arm of his reel - so with much muttering Charlie retrieved his steps and spent the rest of the evening cursing his bad luck. That could happen to anyone.

Pushing that bait out into what little channel was left there, took some ability against the Westerly breeze, and I am sure that we all appreciated our Drycasting, for if you were unable to get the distance with your bait, you might as well as sit on the sand with the seagulls. The short distance cast is alright at times, but that was not one of them.

Our next Field Day is at Garden Island and I hope that I will see you all again there. The boat timetable being 9.30 a.m. and 2.0 o'clock (as printed elsewhere in this edition). I will most probably be taking the early boat and Norm Clark will be in charge of the afternoon boat. Try to have the correct change; 2/- for the sweep, 5/- for anyone desiring a bed, 8/- for Return boat fee. Don't forget your wet weather gear chaps, for in June who knows - it might rain!

My congratulations to the Award winners, for they certainly in this instance, well and truly earned them. Nevertheless I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves and if this Field Day is any indication of those to come during the year, it looks like being most eventful, for some of these chaps are certainly keen, and are prepared to go to any means to ~~obtain~~ obtain a result.

So until next Field Day chaps - tight lines

JIM STRONG

F.D.O.

FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY - 12TH & 13TH MAY, 1962

N. Crouch	2 Salmon ($8\frac{1}{4}$ & 10lb)	2 Tailer ($2\frac{1}{2}$ lb)	$20\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
R. Shirley	14 Tailer		$15\frac{1}{2}$ "
I. McLennan	1 Salmon ($7\frac{1}{2}$ lb)	4 Tailer ($4\frac{1}{2}$ lb)	12 "
E. White	1 Salmon (8 lb)	1 Tailer ($1\frac{1}{2}$ lb) 1 Herring ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb)	10 "
R. Kildahl	Blue Whaler Shark ($10\frac{1}{2}$ lb)	2 Tailer ($2\frac{3}{4}$ lb)	$12\frac{3}{4}$ "
T. Savage	1 Salmon (8lb)	1 Silver Bream ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb)	$8\frac{1}{2}$ "
B. Lilly	4 Tailer		$5\frac{1}{4}$ "
N. Clark	2 Tailer		$2\frac{1}{4}$ "
J. Strong	1 Tailer		2 "
R. Tichborn	1 Tailer		$1\frac{1}{4}$ "
R. Hensen	1 Tailer		$1\frac{1}{2}$ "
G. Greenham	1 Tailer		$\frac{1}{4}$ "

Total Weight of Scale Fish 85 lb.

One Shark $10\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

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Members who attended Field Day, Golden Bay, 12th & 13th May, 1962

H. Neil	A. Livesey	R. Kildahl
B. Lilly	T. Savage	B. Klein
N. Clark	D. Savage	G. Greenham
I. McLennan	H. Muirson	B. Tucker
T. Fuller	R. Hansen	A. Tickle
J. Strong	T. De Jussing	T. Robinson
R. Shirley	D. Newton	E. White
C. Crouch	J. Griffiths	N. Giles
N. Crouch	C. Houghton	A. Rutland
L. Tate	R. Tichbon	P. Evans

JUNIORS

R. Newton	W. Newton	R. Jensen
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VISITOR

Mrs. Tickle

AWARD WINNERS

Heaviest Scale Fish N. Crouch 10lb. Salmon

Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish

R. Shirley 14 Tailer - weight 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

Heaviest Shark or Ray

R. Kildahl Blue Whaler Shark - weight 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

JUNIOR SECTION

No Entry

MUGS AT THE MURCHISON

On Sunday the 1st April our party consisting of Bob Lilly, his wife Margaret, my wife Elaine and myself departed from Perth at 10a.m. and set out for the Murchison River which is about 430 miles north of Perth.

The trip up was long and uneventful and we were glad when we reached our destination at 8.30p.m. Upon arrival we were met by 'Snow' Tate, Mike Doscas, Doug Newton, Ken Wiggins and four other members of our club. We gladly accepted their offer of a cuppa and whilst having same, naturally the talk got around to fishing.

Ron Shirley and his wife were ^{on} holiday at the Murchison and Ron informed us that he had landed a 16lb. Spanish Mackerel that morning.

After our cuppa and whilst the women were unpacking, Bob and myself rigged up for the morrow's fishing. We were both using Sportex Rods (model 607), Ocean Mitchell Reels. Our lines differed as Bob had 27lb. on one spool, and 23lb. on the other. I was using 18lb. Our rigs were the same, that is 3 6/0 limericks with a 2/0 galvanised jagg on the bottom, on an 18" wire trace. When all was in readiness we hit the sack.

I did not need any rocking and was soon asleep. It seemed that I had only just closed my eyes when there was a knock on the door at 6a.m. In came Bob with a cuppa and biscuits. He informed us that he had been unable to sleep. I then arose and naturally we discussed where we would fish. Being new to the area, we decided to fish the Bluffs, so after a large breakfast we jumped into the car and set off for the Bluffs which were approximately 3 miles south of the Murchison.

There was a good road down and we were able to drive the car straight onto the rocks. It was a perfect day for the rocks, for the sea was flat and they could be fished in safety. We fished from an outcrop of rock which had a sunken reef in front of it.

Occasionally Spanish Mackerel could be seen jumping through schools of small fish. After fishing for about half an hour I had a strike. Bob also had one almost simultaneously.

My fish headed for the bottom as did Bob's, and we wondered what we had hooked. When we first hooked them we thought that we had Mackerel strikes, but if so, where was the fast long run that these fish were supposed to give. However after a couple of minutes my fish broke free so I would in and grabbed the gaff and waited for Bob to bring his fish in. He also was unlucky for after about 10 minutes he lost his. We continued fishing and were joined by Ron Shirley, his wife and our wives.

Not long after we both had another strike. My fish bit off the hooks almost immediately. This time Bob's fish made a long fast run and soon had a couple of hundred yards of line out. He played him for about 20 to 25 minutes before he managed to bring him into the edge of the reef, where I had the pleasure of gaffing him. It was a Spanish Mackerel and he tipped the scales at 27lb. Considering he was taken off the rocks Bob was well pleased with his catch.

Whilst we had been fishing the Bluffs, Ron Shirley had gone across to Oyster Reef. Ron's gear consisted of a Dam glass rod, Ocean Mitchell reloaded with 320 yards of $19\frac{1}{4}$ lb. line, and scabies for bait. He had a mighty strike and the fish raced off. He thought he had a Mackerel on, though this fish stayed very deep. At one stage Ron had 4 turns of line left on his spool and to make matters worse a cray boat was coming down the channel. Well this is it thought Ron. Here goes everything. However, the skipper of the cray boat saw Ron on the reef and he must have seen the trouble he was in for he very sportingly headed his boat for the open sea and did a large circle to enable Ron to go on playing his fish. After a battle of 45 minutes Ron managed to bring the fish in. As he had moved a considerable distance down the reef he was without a gaff. He managed, however to manouver his fish into a gap in the reef where he scooped it out after getting wet up to his waist. What a surprise he got for his fish turned out to be a northern Bluefin Tuna, length $45\frac{1}{2}$ ins., girth 27 ins., weight $38\frac{1}{2}$ lb. A mighty effort off the reef.

We returned to the hut for lunch, also to photograph the mornings catch. We decided we would fish the beach adjoining the Bluff that night. This we did but our efforts were rewarded by a few small Tailer which averaged $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., very small for the Murchison.

Tuesday morning we again set off for the Bluffs, this time accompanied by Ron Shirley. Bob was first to have a strike. His fish was very heavy and took off approximately 300 yards of line. At one stage Bob was down to the knot on the spool and had to go right to the edge of the reef to gain a little line to continue playing the fish. Half an hour passed and the fish showed no sign of tiring. After another 20 minutes Bob began to move his fish in. He succeeded in bringing it to the edge of the reef, but unfortunately it must have found a crevice in the reef or succeeded in getting under a ledge, for although Bob could still feel movement on the line he was unable to shift the fish from this spot. Eventually the line went slack. What a disappointment for Bob as he had that fish on for $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours. During the time he was playing the fish Ron and I stood by, backing him up when a heavy swell came over the reef and giving him a drink occasionally. We were as disappointed as he. To this day we do not know what it was, but we nicknamed it 'The Murchison Monster'. Bob was using a 27lb. leader and upon examination it was apparent that the fish had swallowed the hooks and the continual chafing of the fish's jaws against the line had eventually frayed it through. There was no indication of a bite off.

Undeterred by the loss Bob re-rigged his line and tying a balloon about 6' from his bait he made a short cast and let the breeze take the bait out (this method is very useful as it relieves the fisherman from continuously casting a scalie, and also by using the balloon you can float a bait out 200 yards or more and cover more water). After the bait had been out for 20 minutes Bob started to retrieve it to examine it and see if there was any bait left (the blowies were bad and played havoc with our baits). When the balloon was about 30' from the reef Bob got another strike and after 10 - 15 minutes he said the fish was coming in, but it didn't feel like a Mackerel as it was practically dead weight. Bob brought it in and I gaffed it. It was a Spanish Mackerel, or I should say what was left of it, for it had been bitten off about 8" behind the gills. Not long after I had a strike and the fish peeled 250 yards of 18lb. line off my spool but unfortunately the backing gave way and I lost the lot. I refilled the spool with 23lb. line, cast out and was again into a fish. This time

I was successful and after a half hour battle I landed my fish. It was a Spanish Mackerel of $30\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., length 4' 3", girth 21".

During playing the fish I had my drag practically right off. After the fish made his first run I used my thumb on the spool to control him, thus having no fear of the fish making a sudden run and breaking the line. It seemed to me that the lighter the drag the less distance the fish would run. When using the 18lb. line I had the drag set tighter, and was stripped of line, but when using the 23lb. line and little drag he made the first run of about 180 - 200 yards and then only short bursts as I was pumping him in. After photographing the fish and celebrating the capture with a tin of Fosters, Bob and I decided we would try Chinamen's Rock for Tailer. This we did but soon gave it a way for the blowies were too bad and stripped the scalie to the backbone in a matter of seconds.

Being tired out we did not fish on the Tuesday night. Wednesday morning we borrowed Doug's dinghy and went across to Oyster Reef. Upon beaching the boat on the sand bank behind the reef we observed fish splashing and we could see the tails of fish sticking out of the water. We thought at first glance that they were big mullet, but one jumped and conveniently identified himself for us. It was a Tailer. We wasted no time in baiting up and Bob's first cast resulted in a fish of 4lb. My first cast produced one of $5\frac{1}{2}$ lb. but unfortunately for me when I knelt down to remove the hooks he jumped and pulled a 5/0 Limerick hook into my thigh. What a predicament, the bottom hook of my rig in my leg and a $5\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Tailer swinging on the end of the rig. I managed to get a firm hold of the fish and Bob helped me to get him off the hooks. This done it was only left me to get the hook out of my leg. I very smartly declined Bob's offer to remove the hook and told him to go on fishing. As the hook was embedded above the barb and onto the bend of the hook, I had to force the point out approximately $\frac{5}{8}$ " from the point of entry. I managed to get the point out but was unable to pull the barb through. However taking out my fishing knife (not exactly the best or cleanest of surgical instruments) I made a nick in my leg which enabled me to pull the hook through. I then held the point and barb whilst Bob cut the eye off the hook with a pair of pliers. It was easy then to pull the hook through and out.

After making it bleed I washed it in salt water and recommenced fishing. The Tailer were very cagey and did not bite well, though we did manage a few. Bob got 10 weighing $29\frac{1}{4}$ lb., whilst I caught 7 weighing 25lb. These were more like the Tailer which we had heard the Murchison was famous for. We informed the other lads that the Tailer were there and they went across that night and got a few.

Whilst we were on Oyster Reef after the Tailer, Ron Shirley had journeyed to the Bluffs. As the morning was windy Ron floated a scalie out on a balloon. He saw a school of porpoise heading straight for the balloon and as they surfaced on both sides of his balloon it busted and his drag started to run. Struth! he thought, I foul hooked a porpoise. However, after a few minutes he found he could turn the fish (?) and then thought perhaps it was a baby porpoise. Well he eventually got the fish - for fish it was - in gaffing range. What a shock he got for it turned out to be a Snapper of 13lb. weight. As he was on his own he had to gaff it himself. He must have looked a sight holding his gaff under his chin while he brought the fish in.

He called in to see us on his way home for lunch and showed us his fish. We told him of the Tailer, and then hastily grabbed rods and set sail for the Bluffs for I had always wanted to land a Snapper on rod and reel and this looked like an opportunity. Arriving at the Bluff we saw the Mackerel jumping in close so I cast out a scalie. It had only sunk a few feet when bang!, I had a fish on. This bloke dived straight for the bottom and I yelled to Bob that it could be a Snapper. I played him in close but unfortunately he reefed me and I lost him. Bob put on two 6/0 Limericks linked together, and using a spoon sinker, he cast out and was soon into a fish. He gave it no quarter and soon had it over the reef. It was a Snapper of $10\frac{1}{2}$ lb. weight.

I then switched to 27lb. line and Seascope reel and was soon into another fish. He was heavy and I was soon bitten off. I had another bite but missed him.

Bob also had two other bites, but lost both fish. The fish were no longer operative after that so we went home and had fresh Snapper for tea.

We fished the beach alongside Chinaman's Rock that night for Kingies, but the only fish caught was a small Tailer hooked by myself.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday we fished consistently at the Bluffs both on the bottom for Snapper and on the top for Mackerel, but we had no further fish from that area. We did manage a couple more trips across to Oyster and succeeded in getting some nice Tailer from 2 - 5lb. On the Sunday we endeavoured to have a last fling at the Tailer but a strong Nor-Wester sprang up and we had to get back to the mainland before the storm broke.

We packed up our gear on Sunday night and prepared for an early start for our return trip to Perth early on Monday morning.

I must say it was with regrets that we left the Murchison and we all agreed that we would return. Next time we go back we will be better equipped and Bob is looking forward to another encounter with the 'Murchison Monster'.

We departed from the Murchison at 7.25 a.m. Monday morning and arrived home at 6.0 that night. The trip home was again uneventful except for a few roos and wild goats which we passed.

We thoroughly enjoyed our holiday, the hospitality of our host Hec. Mainwaring and the acquaintances we made of other holiday makers at the Murchison.

In closing I would like to say that Snow Tate caught three Spanish Mackerel off Oyster Reef - 12, $13\frac{1}{2}$ & 31 lbs. Doug Newton got one of $30\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and I have since then been informed that after we left Ken Wiggins lost one and Mick Doscas lost two.

BOB TUCKER.

OPEN FISHING COMPETITION - 1ST MAY, 1961 to 30TH APRIL, 1962

As all the figures are now finished for the last Open Fishing competition, the final results of the various sections are set out hereunder :-

SECTION 1. MOST MERITORIOUS CATCH. (Fish to be nominated by Committee at end of Current Fishing Competition.)
(Donated by John Bellman.)

G. CLOHESSY 53lb. Mulloway. Caught at City Beach on
15lb. line.

SECTION 2. HEAVIEST SHARK. (Wobby's, Carpet, Port Jackson
and Fiddle Sharks etc. excepted.)

F. HOLYWELL 176lb. Grey Nurse. Caught at Albany on
35lb. line. Length 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
Girth 37ins.

SECTION 3. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (Donated by Bermuda Boats Supply)

J. BELLMAN 60 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Mulloway. Caught at Murchison.

SECTION 4. HEAVIEST SALMON (Donated by Ernie White)

N. WILKERSON 10lb. 12oz. Salmon. Caught at Yallingup.

SECTION 5. HEAVIEST TAILER. (Donated by Charlie & Nick
Crouch & Kevin Hawker.)

M. CLEMAN 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Tailer. Caught at Murchison

SECTION 6. HEAVIEST JEW/FISH (Donated by Ernie White)

V. DAVIES 33lb Jewfish. Caught at Rottnest.
44lb. line. Length 36ins.
Girth 27ins.

SECTION 7. HEAVIEST YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH (Donated by Alan Bunnett.)

M. Britten 44lb. Yellowtail Kingfish caught at Augusta,
49lb. line.

SECTION 8 POINTS PER POUND

One point per pound of Scale Fish. Half a point for sharks. (Minimum size three fish per pound.)

1. N. Cross 82½lbs. 2. R. Porter. 639lbs. 3. R. Tucker 549lb

SECTION 9 HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE. (Donated by R. Flood)

R. SHIRLEY 38½lb. Blue Fin Tuna. Murchison River. 19lb.line

SECTION 10 HEAVIEST FISH ON ARTIFICIAL LURE . Double or Single handed Rods. (Donated by Ken Wiggins & George Hampton)

V. DAVIES 15lb. 9oz. Tailor.

SECTION 10a HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT ON SINGLE HANDED ROD - USING BAIT. (Donated by Bert Payne)

N. WILKERSON 9lb. Salmon. Caught at Rottnest. Bait, Mulie.

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SECTION 11. HEAVIEST SHARK. (Restrictions as per Section 2.) (Donated by Stepen Knezy.)

No Entry

SECTION 12. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH. (Donated by Bob Jensen)

J. Holywell 9lb. 11oz. Salmon. Sand Patch, Albany
Bait, Squid.

FIELD DAY FISHING COMPETITION - May, 1962 - April, 1963

SECTION 1. BOANS TROPHY

Ten Points for Attendance. One point per pound of Scale Fish. Minimum size three fish per pound. Half a point per lb. for all eligible Sharks. The following are members with high points at present :-

N. Crouch	31	T. Savage	19	N. Clark	13
R. Shirley	26	R. Kildahl	18	R. Hansen	12
I. McLeman	22	R. Lilly	16	R. Tichborn	12
E. White	20	J. Strong	13	G. Greenham	11

SECTION 2. Ken Matthews Trophy. Heaviest Scale Fish.

No Entry

SECTION 3. Most Meritorious Catch. (To be nominated by Committee at end of Current Fishing Competition)

No Entry.

SECTION 4. Heaviest Shark. (Exclusive of Wobbys, Carpet Port Jackson, Fiddle Sharks etc. Field Day Officer to decide. Minimum Weight 15 lbs.)

No Entry.

SECTION 5. Heaviest Mulloway (Minimum Weight 5 lbs.)

No Entry

SECTION 6. Heaviest Tailor (Minimum Weight 4 lbs.)

No Entry

SECTION 7. Heaviest Salmon (Minimum Weight 7 lbs.)

N. Crouch. 10lb. Salmon - May Field Day

SECTION 8. Heaviest Scale Fish other than above.

No Entry

SECTION 9. Heaviest Catch of Scale Fish on a Field Day
(Over 20lb. and Minimum Weight three to the lb.)

No Entry.

SECTION 10. Heaviest Scale Fish caught on Spinner. (Single or
Double handed Rod. Minimum Weight 2lb.)

JUNIOR SECTION FIELD DAYS

SECTION 1. Ten points for attendance. One point per pound of
Scale Fish. Three fish per pound. Half point per
pound for Sharks

W. Newton 10 R. Newton 10 R. Jensen 10

SECTION 2. Heaviest Scale Fish

No Entry

SECTION 3. Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish on a Field Day.
(All fish must weight at least three to a lb.)

No Entry.

SECTION 4. Heaviest Tailor.

No Entry.

OPEN FISHING COMPETITION FOR 1962 - 1963

The following are the proposed sections for the new Fishing Competition and as members will see, quite a few additional Sections have been added, five in all, which we hope will give members a much wider scope. Some Sections have been grouped, this also is to allow for a wider scope in regard to the possibility of an angler catching either one or the other species and winning that Section.

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| <p>SECTION 1. Most Meritorious
 2. Heaviest Shark
 3. Heaviest Mulloway
 4. Heaviest Salmon
 5. Heaviest Tailor
 6. Heaviest Jewfish or Groper
 7. Heaviest Yellowtail Kingfish
 8. Points per pound</p> | <p>SECTION 9. Heaviest Scale fish other than Sections 1 - 7 & 10 - 15
 10. Heaviest Fish S.H. Rod
 11. Heaviest Snapper
 12. Heaviest Bream (Tarwhine or Black Bream)
 13. Heaviest Spanish Mackerel or Tuna
 14. Heaviest Skipjack
 15. Heaviest Pike</p> |
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JUNIOR SECTIONS

- SECTION 1. Heaviest Shark
 2. Heaviest Scale Fish

Lets make this our most successful year of fish captures and we would request all members to fill in their Fish Capture Forms correctly with complete details. Last years captures totalled nearly 4,000 lbs., and I feel sure that if all fish were entered we could total nearer to 12,000 or even 16,000 lbs., for only a fraction of the fish caught by members are entered, especially in 'Points Per Pound' Section.

A MATTER OF 'LUCK'

As will be seen by the article 'Mugs at the Murchison' by our President, Bob Tucker, that certain members of our Club had a most fortunate time as regards to luck in fishing and weather etc., whilst they were at the Mecca of anglers. As they left apparently they carried their luck away with them for one of our Club members who arrived as they departed records an altogether different version of luck and the following is an extract from his letter to another member of the Club:-

'We arrived back at Bullsbrook at 1.30 this morning after a tedious 17 hours trip nursing a chewed out big-end bearing. My trip to the Murchison was marred by a heavy swell and high tides which made Oyster Reef and all of the coast unfishable for about a week. It was just settling down when we left. Apart from doing a big-end, other tribulations included reversing the car over my back and jobbing a Salt Water Mitchell, a Penn Squidder and a No. 4 Trotter Reel. Marge slipped off the inner edge of Oyster Reef and dropped my twin Reflex Camera in the salt water, Hugh Gregory's new \$9 tripod which I borrowed to try out was bowled off Oyster Reef by huge waves - eventually recovered three days later rather battered in the Inner Lagoon. My Trailer ball hitch had vibrated off when I came to hook up to come home and I lost my three biggest Kingies, one right at gaff-point!

After reading the mishaps of that unfortunate club member I now know why he is named Cross. But undaunted Norrie goes on to add :-

'I wouldn't hesitate to go back for another try next year, but I would be a wiser angler next time - and I pass on this tip for what it is worth - to choose the second quarter of the moon to start a holiday to ensure low tides on Oyster Reef in the mornings and incoming tide in the evening, for fishing the corner at Chinaman's Rock'.

I might mention in conclusion that at the time of writing this Norrie is at Yallingup getting a start for this years competition. From North to South, one extreme to another. I hope your luck holds ~~better~~ down there, Norrie.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR COMMITTEE FOR 1962 - 1963

To enable our 1962 - 1963 year to be as good, if not better than the previous year, or the years gone by, this can only be done by the members themselves, and their Committee. So give this most important question your undivided attention and consideration. A serious thought now on this matter may save a lot of thoughts in the future.

Your present Committee wish to do the best by you, the members of our Club, so you the members of the Club must give serious thought to forming your new committee. It is better to have too many nominees than not enough.

REMEMBER : JULY MEETING IS ELECTION NIGHT

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RE DOUG EDWARDS

As most members know, Doug has been in and out of hospital these last few months more times than most would in a lifetime. Darn sight more than I would like to at anyrate. But lets hope Doug that htis will be your last trip and that you are now on the road to recovery. I know you and your good wife, Dot, both wish to attend our Annual Presentation of trophies, so, lets hope that you are well enough to make it, and that you can also make our Annual General Meeting for the Election of Officers.

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RE ALAN BUNNETT

Though I have not been to see Doug I have been to see Alan, who is at present living in the lap of luxury at Hollywood Hospital, getting as fat as the proverbial lamb. If he gets any fatter he will have to walk out through the door sideways. Though as I well know a little of that treatment goes a long way, and I know that Alan must be well and truly 'fed up' with it all by now, and only too anxious to get out. Which I am sure we all hope that he will do mighty soon. Lets hope that we can see both you, Alan, and Isa at our Trophy Night, also Alan at our Annual General Meeting.

LIBRARY BOOKS

The following library books are missing :-

ANGLERS OMNIBUS
GAME FISH OF THE WORLD

As one of these books is a valuable book and would be costly for the Club to replace would members please check their Library Books and if they have one of the above, please let me know at our next General Meeting so our Club Records may be corrected

TED SAVAGE, Librarian

BOAT TO GARDEN ISLAND

Any member who was not at our last General Meeting and who intends to make an off week-end trip to the Island is advised that the Winter Timetable now applies to the boat travelling over there and that is :- 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., Saturdays, and departing from the Island at 10.0 a.m., Sunday mornings.

LUCKY NUMBER JACKPOT

This is as hard to knock off as is a Fishing Section. But still unlike fishing sections this has to be won. So be in it next month - it is getting to be worthwhile winning, and it could be you. You have to be in it to win it.

SAVAGE SNAPPER or SNAPPER SAVAGE

I don't know whether the Snapper was savage or not but I do know that Savage snaffled the Snapper and that is the most important fact. Yup, a beauty of 21½ lbs., and as pink as the faces of some of the members (my own included) who saw it that Sunday morning at Drycasting, a pleasure to behold any morn and an envy to the beholder but not the holder. It was a nice fish taken from the beach Doug and congratulations to a flying start in our New Open Fishing Competition. It will take some beating. I only hope it tasted as good as it looked.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.

The following applications for membership to our Club have been received. If any member or members have any reason or reasons why the nominees should not be accepted as members of the Club they should contact the Secretary or any member of the Committee immediately.

The nominees are :-

Robin A. ELLISS
25 Vera Street,
MORLEY PARK

Kevin R. CLUGSTON
9 Sydenham Street
DOUBLE VIEW

Robin MOORE
Napier Street
COTTESLOE

Robert NEWTON
193 Hensman Road,
SUBIACO

William D. NEWTON
193 Hensman Road,
SUBIACO

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NEW MEMBERS ACCEPTED

The following applications for membership to the Club have been received and accepted :-

Donald W. BRIDGER
59 Tweedale Road,
APPLECROSS

Richard M. JENSEN
84 Paramatta Road
DOUBLE VIEW

Terrence G. DE JUSSING
173 Canning Highway,
EAST FREMANTLE.

Ken W. HUNT
128 Aberdeen Road
SHENTON PARK

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Name	BAIT L. L. DISTANCE							D. H. BAIT ACCURACY					S. H. WEIGHT ACCURACY					Tot. Pts.	Att.		
	Pty.	1.	2.	3.	Tot.	Ave.	Hcp.	Tot.	Pts.	1.	2.	1.	2.	Tot.	1.	2.	Pts.				
R. Tucker	-	295	272	299	866	289	180	469	38	16	7	5	14	42	3	5	1	6	15	95	105
R. Flood	-	225	220	226	671	224	207	431	18	14	15	13	17	59	-	9	8	-	17	94	104
N. Cross	-	290	287	286	863	288	210	498	40	-	16	12	4	32	-	-	5	8	13	85	95
N. Knight	-	300	271	287	858	286	174	460	32	11	1	11	12	35	8	4	-	3	15	82	92
N. Wilkerson	15	255	257	126	623	208	209	417	12	15	10	11	13	49	-	2	-	8	10	71	81
I. McLennan	-	225	210	209	644	214	210	424	14	-	19	10	13	42	-	8	-	2	10	66	76
H. Neil	30	238	240	261	709	236	210	446	22	-	8	14	15	37	-	-	-	6	6	65	75
R. Jensen	15	268	269	282	804	268	197	465	36	-	2	-	15	17	-	4	6	-	10	63	73
K. Mulvay	-	282	260	267	809	270	189	459	30	-	16	-	9	25	2	6	-	-	8	63	73
W. Bridger	15	330	70	348	733	244	84	328	2	18	14	-	17	49	-	1	9	-	10	61	71
R. Lilly	-	320	326	321	967	322	136	458	28	1	8	-	-	9	-	9	5	9	23	60	70
L. Tate	-	241	260	270	771	257	196	453	26	-	13	2	4	19	-	8	3	1	12	57	67
J. Strong	-	231	252	270	753	251	210	461	34	5	-	-	6	11	-	1	8	2	11	56	66
D. Savage	30	162	331	315	778	259	140	399	10	6	-	17	12	35	-	-	4	6	10	55	65
R. Kildahl	15	233	260	252	730	243	185	428	16	7	5	-	5	17	6	-	5	7	18	51	61
N. Clark	15	242	253	226	706	235	210	445	20	-	9	1	9	19	2	1	6	1	10	49	59
G. Greenham	-	238	231	249	718	239	210	449	24	2	8	3	-	13	-	5	-	3	8	45	55
R. Tichbon	15	-	295	288	568	189	177	366	8	-	8	6	5	19	8	3	-	3	14	41	51
J. Bellman	15	351	369	-	705	235	127	362	6	-	-	1	17	18	-	5	3	6	14	38	48
H. Muirson	15	186	-	212	383	128	210	338	4	-	5	-	10	15	-	-	-	7	7	26	36
M. Doscas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
H. Cook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10

JUNIORS

R. Jensen	-	40	183	40	263	88	210	298	18	-	10	-	18	28	8	4	-	9	21	67	77
D. Bridger	30	255	204	261	690	230	210	440	20	16	-	8	7	31	-	7	-	-	7	58	68