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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS

The monthly GENERAL MEETING is usually held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 8 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting to keep up with all the club matters.

DRYCASTING:

Drycasting competitions 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 for 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 Officers duty to inform the Committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh - in. It is the Committees duty to decide what action is to be taken. **Disputes may be taken to the Committee.** Entries for Game Fish Badges, Club Records and Open Fishing Competition must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

GENERAL ETIQUETTE:

If any member intends to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Please assist the Treasurer by paying your annual subscription within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting. **Arrears of three consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.**

LIFE MEMBERS:

V.DAVIS, J.STRONG, D.EDWARDS, B.KLEIN
L.DUNN, G.HOLMAN, E.PARKER

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GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 14/5/97



The meeting was opened at 8-05 p.m. by Vice President Daryl Halton with 36 members present.

Apologies were received from:- Alan Brayne, Ian Pilton, Morris Kolman, Ron Thompson, Trevor Stam, the Scibilia family and Mal. Head. (who is currently catching Tuna out from Port Lincoln S.A.)

Visitors:- Devin Simpson and Alice Skjold.

Minutes of the last general meeting were read and accepted. Moved, Derry Barber, 2nd Jim Strong.

Business arising from the last general meeting:- Nil.

Minutes of the last committee meeting were read and accepted.

Business arising from the last committee meeting:- Nil.

Inward correspondence:- A.A.A. meeting minutes including the State Beach and Rock Championships entry form and rules of the competition.

Outward correspondence:- 20 letters were sent out to various businesses asking for donations towards our presentation night. Get well card to be sent to Trevor Stam, wishing him a speedy recovery after his hernia operation.

Treasurer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.

Business arising from the Treasurer's report:- Nil.

Property officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.

Dry casting officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.

Field-day officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk. Reef Beach is our June field-day, over the long week-end.

Directions on how to get there to be published in the Reel Talk. B.B.Q. at noon on Sunday, weather permitting.

State Beach and Rock championships are to be held on the 24 and 25th May. Venue--- Cape to Cape.

Interested in forming a team? Contact Ian Cook A.S.A.P.P.

Reel Talk Report:- Nil.

A.A.A. Report:- Refer to the Reel Talk. George Holman reported on the closure of some of the fishing areas for Pink Snapper around Shark Bay. Write up in the West Australian dated 17-5-97. Census forms coming out shortly. Make sure you fill one out.

Notice of Motion:- Nil.

Recorder:- Nil.

Social Report:- Phil. Brayne advised the members present that we were about 25% down on the previous mouse racing night. Tickets to the Annual Dinner dance and Trophy Presentation night will be available at the next general meeting. Cost of the tickets, have yet to be finalised.

Instruction:- Mark Philpot gave the members an informative run down on the points to look for if you are thinking purchasing an overhead reel. Mark pointed out some of the pitfalls you can encounter in using one of these types of reels. Well done Mark, considering the short notice. **NEXT MEETING, JOE'S TACKLE.**

General business:- Hans Wytenburg asked the members present for help in running the phone book deliveries. If no help is forth-coming, Hans will not carry on with his offer. If you can help out, give Hans a call?

The meeting closed at 9-38 pm.

Phone Books:- A decision is to be made at the June meeting whether to deliver the books. Think about it.



THE BIG 75!



Last month, one our club stalwarts of many years, (35-40). Jim Strong had his 75th birthday. Jim lives for fishing, and the Surfcasting & Angling Club. Your efforts are appreciated immensely Jim.

Congratulations Jim on your most recent achievement, from the Surfcasters.



JUNE GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: M.Y.A.S.G. Club Room at Ingelwood Aquatic Centre
Alexander Drive
WHEN: Wednesday 11th June 1997 at 2000 hrs
INSTRUCTION: Joe From Joe's Tackle On Custom Rod Building And Lures





JUNE DRYCASTING

WHERE: Yokine Reserve corner of Alexander Drive and Wordsworth Avenue
WHEN: 8th June 1997
EVENTS: 112gm Artificial Bait , S/H Open , 56gm D/H Accuracy & S/H Accuracy

JUNE FIELD DAY

BEST SOLUNAR DATES

WHERE: Reef Beach 
WHEN : 31st May - 2nd June 1997
SIGN ON: Saturday 1300 hrs at the camp site.
LINES UP: Sunday 1200 hrs for barbeque
LINES DOWN: Sunday 1400 hrs.
WEIGH IN: Monday 1000 hrs at the camp site. 
BOUNDARIES: As far as you wish to go east or west along the beach or on the track behind the sand dunes.


LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR JUNE

BEST SOLUNAR DATES

WHEN : 31st May - 2nd June 1997
SIGN ON: Phone in sign on to A. F.D.O. by 2000 hrs on the Thursday night.
LINES DOWN: Saturday 1300 HRS
WEIGH IN: **MONDAY 1000 HRS** G.Holmans house. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by a adult. **F D Money to be left with the scales in an envelope with name. NO MONEY, NO POINTS.** Results to be phoned into the F.D officer by 2000 hrs that night.
BOUNDARIES: NORTH MOLE TO OCEAN REEF

JULY FIELD DAY

BEST SOLUNAR DATES

WHERE: Open 
WHEN : 12th - 13th July 1997
SIGN ON: Phone in sign on by 2000 hrs on the Thursday night.
LINES DOWN: Saturday 0800 hrs
WEIGH IN: At the FDO's home at 1200 hrs. (See front page for address.)
There will be a barbaque immediately after the weigh in. The Club barbaque will be there. **B.Y.O. FOOD.** The Club will be selling drinks as per General Meeting Prices.
BOUNDARIES: Anywhere on the Western Australian coastline.

Please Note: June General Meeting Joe From **JOE'S TACKLE** will be Holding an Instruction on **CUSTOM ROD BUILDING AND LURES.....**



VENUE:
ATTENDANCE:



EMU SPRINGS

VENUE: SENIORS: 17
LOCAL: SENIORS: 8

JUNIORS: 1
JUNIORS: 1



TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 27
SENIORS:

TOTAL FISH WEIGHT:

16.70 Kg

NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT	NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT
Darren Batchelor	160	5.00Kg	Kevin Hooper	40	0.00Kg
John Bennett	100	2.00Kg	Shaun Hooper	40	0.00Kg
Don Batchelor	99	1.90Kg	Trevor Hooper	40	0.00Kg
George Holman	91	2.10Kg	Eddie Hewett	40	0.00Kg
Eleanor Bennett	89	1.90Kg	Lorriane Hewett	40	0.00Kg
Tony Holland	85	1.50Kg	Eric Parker	20	0.00Kg
Trudie Holland	78	0.80Kg	Hans Wytenburg	20	0.00Kg
Ian Mascarenhas	77	0.70Kg	Ian Taggart	20	0.00Kg
Derry Barber	50	0.00Kg	Morris Kolman	20	0.00Kg
Ian Cook	50	0.00Kg	Roy Killick	20	0.00Kg
Wayne Morris	50	0.00Kg	Dave Maxted	20	0.00Kg
Rhonda Morris	40	0.00Kg	Brett Taggart	10	0.00Kg
			Anne Hooper	0	0.30Kg

JUNIORS & MINI JUNIORS

NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT
Melissa Hooper	75	0.50Kg
Grant Taggart	10	0.00Kg



FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	Darren Batchelor	1.40Kg	Flathead
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	George Holman	2.10Kg	Mixed
MYSTERY PRIZE	Nil		
JUNIORS PRIZE	Melissa Hooper	0.50Kg	Mixed

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	Darren Batchelor	1.40Kg	Flathead
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	Darren Batchelor	5.00Kg	Mixed

SENIOR TOP TEN

Darren Batchelor	1982
Don Batchelor	1129
Morris Kolman	1081
John Bennett	950
George Holman	912
Ian Mascarenhas	869
Roy Killick	673
Tony D'Alonzo	660
Ian Cook	644
Hans Wytenburg	626

JUNIOR TOP FIVE

Melissa Hooper	210
Grant Taggart	177
Darren Whiting	57

M/JUNIOR TOP FIVE



FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1996 - 1997

- HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)
- HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)
- MOST MERITORIOUS FISH
- HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)
- HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1.0 Kg MIN)
- HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)
- HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)
- HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)
- HEAVIEST MACKEREL
- HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH
- HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY
- HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR
- HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg h/s line max)
- HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 3-9, 13 (2 Kg min)

NOVEMBER 1996

Tony D'Alonzo	Sweetlip 5.00 Kg
Murrey Shaw	Mulloway 2.55Kg
Ian Mascarenhas	5.50 Kg
Murrey Shaw	2.55Kg
Darryl Halton	2.90 Kg
Ian Taggart	1.75Kg
Darren Batchelor	13.00 Kg
Alan Brayne	2.80 Kg
Ian Cook	8.70 Kg
Bob Henderson	Tarwine 0.65 Kg
Tony D'Alonzo	Sweetlip 5.00 Kg



VENUE:
ATTENDANCE:



ROTTNEST

VENUE: SENIORS: 18 JUNIORS: 1
LOCAL: SENIORS: 2 JUNIORS: 0



TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 21 **TOTAL FISH WEIGHT:** 93.25 Kg

SENIORS:

NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT	NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT
Mark Farney	248	15.80Kg	Peter Stoeckel	105	3.50Kg
Darren Batchelor	215	10.50Kg	Brett Taggart	102	3.20Kg
Bob Henderson	177	6.70Kg	Morris Kolman	93	1.30Kg
Hans Whytenburg	176	10.60Kg	Ian Mascarenhas	90	2.00Kg
Eric Pirker	157	8.70Kg	Derry Barber	83	1.3Kg
Peter Booth	157	8.65Kg	John Agnello	81	1.10Kg
John Bennett	122	4.20Kg	Paul Terpkos (V)	74	4.40Kg
Roy Killick	119	2.90Kg	Ian Cook	71	1.10Kg
Ian Taggart	114	2.40Kg	Matt Henderson (V)	40	0.00Kg
George Holman (L)	113	4.30Kg	Dave Maxted (L)	20	0.00Kg

JUNIORS & MINI JUNIORS

NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT
Grant Taggart	56	0.60Kg

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	Mark Farney	9.90Kg	Yellowtail
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	Darren Batchelor	10.50Kg	Mixed
MYSTERY PRIZE	Nil		
JUNIORS PRIZE	Grant Taggart	0.60Kg	Mixed

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	Mark Farney	9.90Kg	Yellowtail
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	Mark Farney	15.80Kg	Mixed

SENIOR TOP TEN

Mark Farney	248
Darren Batchelor	215
Bob Henderson	177
Hans Whytenburg	176
Eric Pirker	157
Peter Booth	157
John Bennet	122
Roy Killick	119
Ian Taggart	114
George Holman	113

JUNIOR TOP FIVE

Grant Taggart	56
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M/JUNIOR TOP FIVE

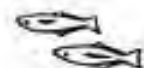


FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1996 - 1997


		NOVEMBER 1996	
1.	HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)	Mark Farney	Yellowtail King 9.90Kg
2.	HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)		
3.	MOST MERITORIOUS FISH		
4.	HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)		
5.	HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1.0 Kg MIN)		
6.	HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)	Peter Booth	1.40Kg
7.	HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)		
8.	HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)		
9.	HEAVIEST MACKERAL		
10.	HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	Mark Farney	15.80Kg
11.	HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY		
12.	HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	Hans Whytenburg	7.60Kg
13.	HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s line max)		
14.	HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 3-9, 13 (2 Kg min)	Mark Farney	Yellowtail King 9.90Kg

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SOCIAL REPORT

Hi everybody,... I cant believe how fast this year is racing by..... It seems like only yesterday when I was going down to the Wembley Lodge, to check out the menus for the 1996 dinner/dance, and here I am already, ..checking it out for 1997. You will find the menu, for this night, in this edition of Reel Talk. I have also collected the tickets for the Dinner Dance/ Trophy Night, Please contact me to arrange your tables.....we have only got 1 month to organise this so don't delay

The 28th June is the night.

WE DESPERATLY NEED TROPHY DONORS FOR THIS
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!EVENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



I spoke to Eric Parker at the last general meeting and asked him how the trophy donations were going,... he replied that not one member had offered to donate a trophy at that time. Now I know, that a lot of us will donate a trophy but, Eric needs them NOW, as he has to get the engraving done. A decent trophy will cost about \$20.00., if you can help out, please donate a trophy/ or a prize. I went and ordered a trophy the other day... different sizes, different prices, but all fairly cheap. At the time of typing this report,.. the 16th May.... it is still 2 weeks away from being printed in the Reel Talk, which means that the Dinner/Dance will only be 2 or 3 weeks away from happening, at the time of your reading this..... not a lot of time, so please, if you intend on going to the Dinner,... Contact me now to arrange your table and meals. My home phone is 94476669....or my mobile 0418920307.

OK..... For the benefit of those that were not at the last general meeting. The 2nd mouse night we held on the 9th May was a great success again. Although, a few more members would have made it more of a success. I guess running around on a cold wet weekend, delivering phone books is more appealing. I think not. When Hans Wytenburg was away working up the North West, earlier this year, I filled in for him as A.A.A. delegate for 4 months. I went to the AAA meetings and listened to different clubs complaining that " funds were low"... the Government were " cutting their handouts," and "what can we do"... I sent Free tickets, and a letter of invitation, to a number of these clubs, asking them to come along to the mouse night, (because I know how much can be raised if the support is there) just for a look, see how it works.. see how much fun they are, I even offered to help organise one of these nights for any club interested.. You know what?..... Not one club, or representative, from any club, attended. I guess their funds are not that important after all. That's o.k., The Surfcasters put another \$1457.00 into their social account... Not bad for one nights entertainment.

OK. I have had my little whinge, Please see a letter of thanks, to all that helped me regarding the mouse night, elsewhere in the Reel Talk.

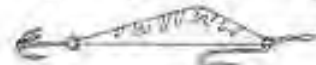
Thanks for reading
Phil Brayne



1997 Moon Phases

June: Date	5	13	21	27
	●	◐	○	◑

July: Date	5	13	20	27
Phase	●	◐	○	◑



A.A.A. OF W.A. REPORT

There were 22 delegates present at the May meeting of the above. Hans Wytenburg and George Holman, were our delegates. A new club was accepted into the association, and is called, The Two Rocks Tightlines, who submitted their constitution and nomination. They are a boat club. A record was accepted for a salmon of 7.42 kg, and was caught by Brian James Ferguson, A South Suburban Club member, at Bremer Bay. The recent State Boat Championships which were hosted by the Hillarys Boat Club, saw an attendance of 189 competitors, not a bad roll up. Some good fish captures were rewarded by equally good trophies, and a very efficient presentation, capped off a great event. Congratulations must go to Hillarys Boat club for their efforts.

Fisheries are organising a special tagging programme of a number of species through the A.N.S.A. clubs and association. Anyone interested may apply, but they must go through a special course which takes only an hour or two.

The State Rock And Beach and estuary sub-committee tabled a five year plan for all their events for the delegates to look at, and plan ahead for. Peter Osborne, submitted budget costs for the team going away to the Nationals to be held at Rainbow Beach in Queensland in July this year. The estimated cost is \$7080.00. of which individual members of the team will be contributing a fair amount out of their own pockets. Our request for \$5500.00 from the M.S.R. saw only \$1500.00. received, which is a substantial short fall. The raffle has contributed \$2000.00. There are 14 competitors going over of which 10 will compete in all events. Our club has 9 members going to represent our club, this is a great effort. They are as follows.....Peter Osborn... Mal Head... Jimmy Strong... Trevor Stam... Bob Henderson... Don and Darren Batchelor... Wendy Thompson... and last, but not least... George Holman. Peter Osborn has taken on the job as State Captain as his good wife had to step down due to work commitments.

Discussion was raised regarding Public Liability Insurance as the were looking at club and association insurance. A figure of \$420.00 for a cover of \$10,000,000 was the best on offer, through Insurance Exchange Australia. The space at the forthcoming Boat Show to be held from the 21st to the 25th of August is now fully booked.

A detailed letter from the Fisheries Minister was tabled regarding the take of Snapper at Shark Bay. The back bone of the letter was that a total ban on Snapper now applies as from 1st May 1997, in the eastern gulf because the stock is a separate variety to all the other Snapper and will be wiped out within 4 years totally at the present rate. Snapper may be taken in the Western Gulf, (the normal Snapper), but a limit of 4 now applies, 2 only over 70 cm and 2 only with a minimum size of 45cm.

Chief Executive Officer for Fisheries, Peter Rogers, expressed immediate concern and pointed out that the recreational fisher was the main offender. Also, that we have the best managed fishing in the world, and we have a responsibility for the future. This area is also a world heritage area. Using the first amount of community money allocated to recreational fishing, an amount was paid to buy the Salmon and Herring professional license at Bremer Bay. This move was instigated by the Minister for Fisheries, and is the first of a move to shift these licenses over from the professional, to recreational fishing. We hope this trend continues and must be some of the best news we have had for a while.

✓ The Rock and Beach Postal Competition will be held over the month of July and will be run on the State A.A.A. rules. The best 10 bags to be nominated from each club.

The Recfish agreement was officially signed on Thursday 15 May 1997, and the first cheque passed over by the minister. They will be advertising for a new Chairman publicly as is required as soon as possible. The new body that we have been talking about (Recfish West) is now operating

VALE BOB FREDERICKS

During the Month of April, the Surfcasters lost one of its members of 28 years standing in Bob Fredericks.

Of recent years Bob has had a constant battle with his health, losing part of a lung, a heart by-pass, and if that wasn't enough, he was told in February that he had cancer. Through all of this, Bob, in his usual casual style, kept on working and providing for his family, and never complained. He lived for his family, and his fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Jenny, and eight children, (two marriages). He also went through the pain of losing one of his sons, Robby, eight years ago.

To Jenny, and all the children, go the condolences of the Surfcasting & Angling Club, for their sad loss.

Bobs fishing exploits were many, but he is remembered for his vehicles he used to go fishing in over the years. When he first joined the Surfcasters, he built a red beach buggy, and would be seen travelling down the beach with past members...Hew Hoy Yew and Reg Noble aboard with him.

Later, he acquired a long - wheel based yellow landrover with a holden motor powering it. This vehicle saw him in good stead for many years to come.

He then graduated to a Range Rover, the vehicle he always wanted, and still owned when he passed away.

Of recent years, he would join Dennis Green and George Holmans fishing excursions at Steep Point in his beloved Range rover, as this was his favourite spot to fish, along with Wagoe.

Bob would give you the shirt off his back or his last dollar if you needed it, such was the mans nature.

If Bob had a problem, his favourite saying was "What the heck?" and he would carry on.

Good fishin, Bob!
The Surfcasters





S.C.A.C. Recorders Report

For June 1997

Greetings and welcome to the closing report of the Open Competition for the Season 96/97 . It has been a good year and I am pleased to report that the initiative taken by Sue Brennan in the Single Handed section was continued and we have had another entry . The addition to the Open Section on the last field day " EMU SPRINGS " was a ripper **MULLOWAY** by John Bennette . Well done John and the club joins me in Hearty Congratulations . To start the new Open Competition year 97/98 we have another Classic entry from Mark Farnay with his big **YELLOW TAIL KINGIE** captured on the Rotnest Field Day which enters for his Game Fish Badge , good on ya Mark .



Final Entries for the last competition year are as entered below . Congratulations and well done to all the participants and the winners .

OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES



- | | | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|------------|---------------|
| 1. | Most Meritorious Fish | | | | | |
| 2. | Heaviest Shark | 4.5kg Min | G.Holman | 27.1 kg | 20 kg line | Steep Point |
| 3. | Heaviest Mulloway | 3.5kg Min | J.Bennette | 21.5 kg | 15kg line | Emu Springs |
| 4. | Heaviest Salmon | | Darren Batcelor | 6.3 kg | 2 kg line | Warren Beach |
| | 3kg Min | | | | | |
| 5. | Heaviest Dhufish | | | | | |
| 6. | Heaviest Tailor | | Sid Whitting | 2.65 kg | 6 kg line | Kalbarri |
| 7. | Heaviest Samson | | | | | |
| 8. | Heaviest Fish S/H Rod | | Darren Batchelor | 6.3kg | 2kg line | Warren Beach |
| | (4 kg L.class) | | | | | |
| 9. | Heaviest Pink Snapper | | G.Holman | 4.1 kg | 20 kg line | Steep Point |
| 10. | Heaviest Tarwhine | | Rom Niciejewski | 0.6 kg | 3 kg line | Warren Bh |
| 11. | Heaviest Mackerel | | G.Holmam | 15.3 k | 20kg line | Steep Point |
| 12. | Heaviest Trevally (S) | 1kg Min | | | | |
| 13. | Heaviest Trevally (N) | 1kg Min | Rom.Niciejewski | 7.0 kg | 6 kg line | Cape Leveque. |
| 14. | Heaviest Snook/Pike | | | | | |
| 15. | Heaviest Scale Fish | 2kg Min | N.Anticich | 5.1 kg | 7 kg line | Cape Leveque. |

Once again Thank you for your participation and look forward to another competitive year .

 
 Ian " MACCA " Mascarenhas .



REEFBEACH FIELD DAY
31 st May 2 nd JUNE



Heavy Duty Fishing

The FDO recommends this venue



Reef Beach is well known to older members for its promise of something exciting. We have had fish of record size caught at R.B. These include Salmon, Skippy, Shark etc. Mark Philpot caught a Skippy of over 3 kg and I have had gilled and gutted salmon of over 5 kg. The bay is made up of a number of small crescent beaches. These have an offshore reef chain about a100 metres out from the beach. The water is very deep right up to the beach with channels running out through the reef. The area has you thinking large fish country. The inside of the reefs is still fishable in quite strong winds. The beach is only about 5 -8 kilometres long so we all fish in a relatively small area.

The camp site is just in of the beach front and is not well protected so bring a strong tent and plenty of tent pegs and guys. Access is by 4 WD and you can get a trailer or camper in fairly easily.

I personally really enjoy fishing at R. B. as much as the Bluff Creek venue. There will be a none fishing period between 1200 and 1400 hrs on the Saturday with a barbecue at camp. I will be going down early on the Thursday afternoon if anyone is interested in travelling in convoy

REEF BEACH



INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO GET TO REEF BEACH



There are two alternative routes to get to Reef Beach. Firstly follow the instructions on how to get Bluff Creek. Continue along South Coast Hwy past Warriup Rd to Boxhill(58Km). Turn along the Boxhill / Bremer Bay Rd for 29 Km and turn south for 9 Km at the sign to Reef beach.

The other route is turn of Albany Hwy at Kojanup and go through Broomehill, Gnowangerup, Ongerup to Jerramungup. Turn south onto the south Coast Hwy and go 31 Km. Continue south on Gairdiner South Rd(22Km). Turn east onto the Boxhill / Bremer Bay Rd for 10Km. You will come to a wooden strip sign reading OFFSHORE South Coast, Reef Beach. Turn south and go about 9 Km till you hit the beach.

There is a shorter route that is good gravel so ask the FDO or The Secretary if you are interested in directions.



A SPECIAL WISH!

We haven't seen a lot of Fred Neil, and family of late, however, Fred and his son were at the last general meeting. It was learnt that Sandra, (Fred's wife), has had a serious operation and a few problems associated with it. Which has meant that the Neil Family has understandably been tied up. Fred has worn a track to and from the hospital. Fred informed that Sandra is now back at home and things are looking a lot better.

From the Surfcasters, to the Neil Family, We extend our best wishes, and hope that Sandra is up and running again ASAP.



A FANTASTIC FISHING TRIP OR A POOR FIELD DAY!! TWO VIEWS

The Emu Springs field day occurred in the school holidays for the first time in a long while. The result of this was the unusual choice of travelling leisurely down the day before and this is what Eleanor and I did, giving ourselves plenty of time. We had arranged to meet Ian Mascarenhas at the new service station at the south end of the freeway at 11.30am on Thursday. It was good we had plenty of time as Murphy visited Ian, delaying him a little. After a pleasant drive down we arrived at the gate about 4.30pm. At the campsite Derry and Ian C. were well established. Early weather forecasts did not look good so we put the tent up and sorted our gear A.S.A.P. while it was still fine.

With about half an hour of daylight left Ian M. and I set out on reconnaissance. We were advised "keep off the beach itself - it is too soft". Derry said the track is a bit rough to the east so we went west behind the dunes. At each track branch we slipped up and looked at the beach. The tide was well down and the reefs looked hungry for gear with rather small gaps suitable for fishing. At about the same time as we ran out of track we also ran out of daylight. This was just a little beyond the puddle to the left of the track that turned out to be "the" Emu Springs. This turned out to be the most promising gap in the reef and we made a note to try this out on Friday.

The promised bad weather did not happen and Friday dawned nice and clear with a very gentle north easterly wind. No rush!! After breakfast Ian M., Eleanor and I set out about 8.45 am to continue reconnaissance to the east this time. About a kilometre or so down the track we found two fairly good gaps in the reef. One was occupied by another group who had been there since dawn without catching much and soon left. We tried the eastern most gap first. These seemed the best spots we had seen so far and with time to waste thought we might as well have a go. With the offshore component to the wind, I was baitcasting a mulie, and Ian was fishing light because herring and whiting were what the other group had caught. About 10 minutes to ten it all happened. I had something sizeable on. The gaff was back in the car so Ian went back for it. Up and down the beach a bit with a couple of runs out to sea, I was not winning too much line trying to pump with the rod so I kept the rod well flexed and walked slowly backwards. I then ran forwards taking up the line and was able to win line this way till I tired the fish somewhat. A shark maybe, then we could see the wide silver side in a wave and its identity was established.



The fish was brought in with a surf and the gaff man moved in, so did another wave and over he went losing his thongs. Next try was successful and the fish was pulled up the beach. Wow! A fish like this only happens for me every 15-20 years.

A gleaming spotted mulloway of 21.5kg, 135cm long. Some time was taken to absorb the full pleasure of the moment and to take some photos. Ian reconsidered his light gear option and set about rigging a bigger rod. I put on another mulie and was about to cast when the mulie fell on the sand. This was a bit strange as I was sure I had put it on properly. The brass swivel had broken in the middle, one end still tied to the main line the other tied to the trace. For once Murphy must have been visiting someone else.

Another swivel, a nice new black one, and another baitcast later I was almost immediately hooked up again. This was definitely not as big. Maybe a big tailor or a salmon. No! when the fish was visible in the surf it was another mulloway. This one only about 750mm long and about 5kg or so. Working on a straight face, as casual as I could, I said to Ian who was still setting up "I caught another one". The response was: "Oh yeah!" Then he looked. His setting up speed then increased markedly and we were both back on the beach. Ian had a star on and I suggested he was casting too far as I had hooked them in close. Next cast, close in and Ian had



The Fish!!!



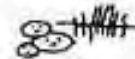
a big one on too. We fished another hour without result and then returned to camp to sign on. Three nice mulloway - our weekend was made regardless of what happened from now on.

Weighing and measuring was interesting with the large fish slipping all over the place and not wanting to rest in the weighing pan. Darren Batchelor said you should not fish just before a competition because if you catch something then you usually do poorly in the competition. He was right, as I only caught 12 small fish in the competition itself. Do you think I cared? This is the best away trip I have had with Surfcasters, to a spot I could not have otherwise visited. The grin remains a week later and will probably last a little longer. Things I have learned with the Club contributed to my good fortune. Baitcasting just beyond the first shore break at 10.00am in bright sunlight was the recipe this time. This seems to be at variance with accepted lore but I guess its a bit like winning a raffle, when your turn comes, it happens, regardless of the number or colour of the ticket.

MOUSE NIGHT THANK YOU



John Bennett



I would like to start, by thanking all the people that helped me to, once again make this evening a possibility. Firstly, The sponsors of the races for the program. Dempseys flooring, Accent Lighting, Dataplan, Morris Engineering, One way Technology, J.D.'s Precision Finishing, Northside Mowing, and Davies Pearson. Your generosity was, and is, greatly appreciated. Dave Anticich, for giving me a hand setting up the hall on Friday afternoon. Also, thanks to Dave, for volunteering to wear the mouse suit for the evening... you looked bloody ridiculous Dave, but thanks anyway. Thanks also, to Dave's wife, Lisa, and her friend Jenny, for running the kitchen, making hot dogs and tea and coffee, you did a great job girls. Bernard Price, gets a mention for helping sell raffle tickets on the night... a great effort Bernard. (noticed you sold yourself 2 of the winning tickets). My wife Leanne, and Jenny Stoekle, for working the bar. Another job done well. Thanks girls. Young Stephen Pilton, once again lent his services as the mouse handler,. Thanks Steve. The old, (and I use the term loosely) faithful crew, Bob Henderson, Peter Stoekle, Ian Mascarenhas, Murray Shaw, you were there again, as you always are. Special thanks to Darryl Halton, for giving his time helping out in the bookies room. I mustn't forget to thank the most important people though, YOU. If you hadn't come, and brought as many people with you, as you did, then the night couldn't have been a success. We had roughly 130 people attend, which was a great turnout again. We even got to put a couple of dollars in the poor box, which is what is was all about, FUNDraising. Hope you had an enjoyable evening, and to all of YOU... The Surfcasting and Angling Club. Thanks You greatly.



THE COD

IT ALL STARTED ONE AFTERNOON BACK IN 1985 SITTING ON HIGH ROCK JUST SOUTH OF THE QUOBBA HOMESTEAD NORTH OF CARNARVON. IT WAS THE LAST AFTERNOON OF WHAT WAS A VERY POOR WEEK OF FISHING AND WEATHER. THIS PARTICULAR AFTERNOON THERE WERE JUST THE THREE OF US INTERESTED IN DOING ANY FISHING SINCE WE HAD ONLY CAUGHT ABOUT A DOZEN OR SO FISH BETWEEN THE WHOLE GROUP, WHICH WAS SIXTEEN PEOPLE. THE WEATHER WAS THE BEST IT HAD BEEN ALL WEEK WITH A LIGHT EASTERLY BLOWING. THE BALLOONS WERE SET OUT AT VARIOUS DISTANCES FROM THE ROCK AND THE THREE OF US HAD SWAM EVERY LURE IN THE TACKLE BOX IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO ATTRACT SOME ACTION, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED. IT WAS ABOUT 4PM WHEN WE HAD GIVEN UP HOPE AND MY FISHING COMPANIONS STARTED A STEADY STREAM OF FISH SCRAPS AND LEFT OVER BAIT, WHICH WE HAD PLENTY OF, SAILING INTO THE DEPTHS IN A LAST DITCH EFFORT OF RAISING SOMETHING OUT OF THE WATERY DESERT THAT LAY BEFORE US. THERE WAS NO SIGNS OF ANY LIFE FOR ALMOST AN HOUR AND THEN THE COD APPEARED, SLOWLY VACCUMING UP EVERYTHING WE DROPPED IN, THEN THE CALL WAS MADE "HEY DARREN, YOUR LINE IS IN THE CLOSEST, PULL IT IN AND SEE IF YOU CAN HOOK HIM". I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, HE WILL PROBABLY PULL YOU IN IF YOU DO HOOK HIM, BUT NOTHING ELSE WAS HAPPENING SO I PROCEEDED TO WIND MY BALLOONS INTO THE BASE OF THE ROCK, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW THIS ROCK IT IS APPROXIMATELY THIRTY FEET STRAIGHT DOWN TO WHAT LOOKS LIKE A GIANT WASHING MACHINE ON A GOOD DAY, IT WAS ABOUT 5 MINUTES BEFORE THE COD MADE HIS FIRST APPROACH AT THE BAIT HE SWAM UP TURNED AND SWAM OFF DISAPPEARING INTO THE DEPTHS. "WELL THAT WAS A WASTE OF TIME" I SAID AS I TURNED TOWARDS MY MATE AND RELAXED MY GRIP AND STANCE A LITTLE AND IN DOING SO WAS ALMOST PULLED OF THE ROCK BY WHAT FELT LIKE A SUBMARINE PASSING THE ROCK AT FULL THROTTLE, AFTER THE INITIAL SHOCK THE STRIKE WAS MADE BUT FAILED TO HOOK UP, DAM PROBABLY WON'T GET ANOTHER SHOT I THOUGHT.



IT WAS NOW ABOUT 5:20 PM AND WE HAD ABOUT ONE HOUR UNTIL DARK SO THE BURLEY STREAM STARTED AGAIN AFTER ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES THE COD REAPPEARED AND THE LINE WAS DROPPED DOWN TO HIM WITH A WHOLE TAILOR FOR BAIT, THIS TIME HE CIRCLED THE BAIT SEVERAL TIMES AS THE THREE OF US LOOKED ON WAITING FOR THE STRIKE AND THEN IT HAPPENED, I HIT HIM HARD AND "YES" I CALLED, A SOLID HOOK UP, WELL HE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE BOTTOM AND THE TUG OF WAR STARTED AND MUCH TO OUR SUPRIZE I STAYED CONNECT LONG ENOUGH TO TIRE HIM OUT AND GET HIM BACK TO THE SURFACE AND THE GAFF WAS CALLED FOR, NOW THIS IS WHERE THE PROBLEMS REALLY BEGUN AS THE POLE GAFFS WERE BACK AT CAMP AND ALL WE HAD WAS A MEDIUM SIZE FLYING GAFF, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE HAD NO CHOICE SO DOWN IT WENT AND WE GOT HIM WITH ONE HOOK UNDER THE CHIN, THE LINE WAS CUT AND I DROPPED MY ROD TO AID IN THE LONG HALL UP THE ROCK FACE. ALL WAS WELL UNTIL RIGHT AT THE TOP OF THE ROCK THERE IS A LIP THAT FISH NEED TO BE LIFTED OVER UP ONTO THE ROCK ITSELF AND AT THIS POINT WE COULD SEE THAT THE GAFF HOOK HAD STRAIGHTEN SLIGHTLY UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE FISH AND THE COD PROCEEDED TO SLIP SILENTLY OFF THE GAFF AND TO ITS FREEDOM, OR SO WE THOUGHT.



AS IT TURNED OUT AT THAT MOMENT WE WERE BETWEEN SWELLS AND BANG THE COD HAD LANDED ON AN EXPOSED PIECE OF LEDGE AT WATER LEVEL KILLING IT OUTRIGHT WITH THE NEXT WAVE LIFTING IT OFF AND BACK INTO THE WATER. AS WE STOOD THERE WATCHING WE SOON REALIZED THAT THE COD DIDN'T SEEM TO BE SINKING SO AS MY PARTNERS STOOD AND WATCHED AS IT WAS FLOATING GUTS UP IN THE SWELL WITH THE CURRENT PULLING IT OUT TO SEA I QUICKLY CHANGED LURES ON MY OTHER ROD TO A LARGE BIBLESS MINNOW. BY THE TIME I HAD DONE THIS THEY HAD LOST SIGHT OF THE COD AS THE SUN WAS NOW ON THE HORIZON AND DISAPPEARING QUICKLY I CAST OUT TOWARDS WHERE THE COD WAS LAST SPOTTED AND JUST HOPED TO HOOK IT UP AND ON THE THIRD CAST I DID. AS I PULLED THE COD BACK AGAINST THE CURRENT TOWARDS THE BASE OF THE ROCK ONE OF MY MATES HEADED BACK TO CAMP TO GET REINFORCEMENTS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE POLE GAFFS.



WELL AS WE WATCHED THE TAIL LIGHTS DISSAPPEAR TOWARDS THE CAMP WE PREPARED OURSELVES FOR THERE RETURN, AS WE KNEW THE LONGEST GAFF WAS ABOUT FIVE FEET SHORT OF THE WATER MY MATE TIED HIM SELF TO THE SAFTY ROPE AND CLIMBED DOWN TO A LEDGE ABOUT SIX FEET DOWN FROM WHERE I WAS STANDING. THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES SEEMED TO TAKE FOREVER AS I WATCHED, LOOKING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CAMP SITE, WAITING FOR ANY SIGN OF MOVEMENT AND THEN I SAW FOUR SETS OF HEAD LIGHTS HEADING OUR WAY. BY THE TIME THEY ARRIVE BACK TO THE ROCK WITH THE GAFFS WE HAD JUST ENOUGH LIGHT TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON, THE LONG GAFF WAS PASSED DOWN AND I GUIDED THE COD TOWARDS HIM, THE SHOT WAS GOOD, HE STRUGGLED TO LIFT THE COD UP ENOUGH TO PASS THE GAFF UP TO THE GROUP STANDING ABOVE HIM THE SECOND GAFF WAS SUNK AND THE COD WAS PULLED SAFELY UP ON TOP OF THE ROCK AND SO WAS MY MATE.



AFTER MANY HAND SHAKES AND PATS ON THE BACK WE PACKED UP AND HEADED FOR CAMP, THE BETS FOR THE WEIGHT OF THE COD WERE VERY WILD AND VARIED AND AS THE SCALES WERE NOT BIG ENOUGH, WE WEIGHED IT PIECE BY PIECE IN A BUCKET, THE HEAD ALONE WEIGHED 23.5KG AND AS WE FILLETED IT DOWN THE TOTAL OF THE REMAINING PIECES WAS 35.3KG THATS A TOTAL OF 58.8KG WHICH IS MY BIGGEST FISH OFF THE ROCKS AND IT WAS ALSO THE ONLY FISH I HAVE EVER HAD TO LAND TWICE.



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SICK AND TYRED OF EXPERTS ???



We all know the importance of maintaining correct pressures in our 4WD rubber, but what is the correct tyre pressure for different situations? A little background into tyre behaviour might help. Your 4WD tyres are critical parts of your suspension system, as well as being the things that stop you flying off into the shrubbery. If you think of an inflated tyre as an air spring, you'll see what I mean.

When you hit a bump, the sidewall flexes until the pressure build-up inside the tyre prevents it flexing any more; then the bump action passes via the wheel to the hub and the suspension. This flexing action builds up heat in the tyre- too much flexing equals too much heat, which equals tyre destruction.

If you give the tyres their maximum inflation pressure- around 50 psi (344 kPa)- you cut down this flexing because the pressure is so high the sidewalls can hardly flex at all. This solves the heat problem, but ride quality is poor and damaging shock absorbers are transmitted to the hubs and the suspension. The tyres also wear out in the centre of the tread, to about one-third their potential mileage.

Discovering the happy medium is simple enough. The first thing to do is forget the maker's recommended pressures:

They're too broad for 4WDs which carry widely different loads and operate on widely different surfaces. The next step is to put, say 28 psi (193 kPa) in all four tyres and go for an hour's run on 100 km/ roads. Measure the pressure in all four tyres while they're hot. If all four have increased pressure by 4 psi (28 kPa), then your original pressure was spot on- for the road, the load and the speed. If the fronts or the rears are more than 4 psi over, then your starting pressure was too low. Likewise, if the pressure rise when hot is less than 4 psi, then your starting pressure was too high.

Of course, being air springs, your tyres will flex more if you increase the weight they're carrying. You can compensate by increasing the pressure- usually in the rears- when you load 'er up. You can judge the ideal loaded pressures the same way.

Cold measuring of tyres, followed by an hour's run to warm them up, look for the 4 psi pressure change.

This procedure will soon have your pressure questions sorted out. You'll find that two-up driving will require more cold pressure in the fronts than the rears. With a load of people on board, fronts and rears will be pretty equal, but for the Great Trip, with all your gear on board, the rears will probably be a bit higher.

Okay, so much for your commuting and normal highway pressures -what about off-bitumen driving?

4WDs can get up to very high speeds on dirt roads, so you'll need the same tyre pressures you'd use on fast bitumen. Rough dirt and corrugated surfaces may make your speed drop, but because tyre flex increases, you shouldn't be tempted to reduce pressures to ease the ride.

Trail work is best done with high pressures- your optimum highway levels for the load you're carrying, or even higher. Although your speed may be low- even down to walking pace- you need to prevent too much sidewall distortion.

A flattened out sidewall can be pinched between the rim and a rock, or can be staked by a sharp tree root. The same high pressures are needed for mud driving. Your best chance for traction in muddy conditions is to cut through the 'soap' on top of the ground and get down to what hard base there is. Also, you don't want bulging sidewalls spinning around in a pile of goo that may be hiding sharp, tyre puncturing objects.

Sand driving is different, because there's no hard base. A 4WD moves over sandy surfaces by compacting the grains underneath. The last thing you want to do is cut through the surface because you'll just dig yourself into the four holes. That's why most 4WDs will need to have their tyres deflated when taken over sand. Different tyre/rim widths in the soft stuff have concluded that there's no fixed formula. Fitting very fat rubber may obviate the need to adjust tyre pressures, but causes trouble on all other surfaces. Fat tyres on loaded, mid-size 4WDs can push more of a 'bow wave' in front of the tyre than the machine can overpower. A narrower section tyre with lowered pressure can achieve the same contact patch size, but with less bow wave. The safest path is to select tyres which suit the bulk of your four-wheeling, then drop pressures when you encounter soft sand. It's amazing how much difference a few psi or kPa can make. Testing has showed that narrow and wide tyres all performed much the same in very soft sand at 16 psi (110 kPa), but had vast differences in ability above thin level. So don't muck around with 20 or 22 psi (138-152 kPa) - get down to 16 psi.

Credit to Allan Whiting



LOAVES AND FISHES.....

by John Agnello.

With the weather forecast predicting rain and gale - force winds , I was having second thoughts about making the trip over to Rottnest Island for the previous Field Day , but I'm glad I did.... Not because I caught lots of fish and scored lots of points (I caught 4 fish) but because it showed me an aspect of fishing which was unfamiliar to me .(I'll mention that later.)

The group of blokes I was with, all shared their fishing knowledge and I benefited from the free advice , tips and also encouragement. Being a relatively new member of the S.C.A.C. I needed all the help and advice I could get and will definitely put it towards planning for the next Rotto outing. things like the right clothing and footwear needed to help endure a fishing session on Radar Reef to simple suggestions like not be afraid to ask questions if I wanted to know something.. But one incident which I will remember for a long time to come was at the Weigh - in where I was standing there with my 4 fish..

Hidden in a flour sack one of the blokes offered me his prize fish to take home . At first I thought he was joking but quickly realised he was dinkum. I walked over to collect this beauty (a yellow tail kingfish about 8-10 kg.) and as I was thanking him , he told me to take it home and show the wife and kids .

Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

19th May Ian Pilton .
29th May Jenny Pilton.
29th May Jessie Anticich.



Best Wishes go out to all.

This truly noble gesture really brightened up my day and made the trip back home easier. My kids got very excited when I showed them the kingy , with shrieks of "Wow it's huge ." The impact from that fish continued all the way to the dinner plate with comments like .. This is delicious !!!!.

As the saying goes ' there's plenty of fish in the sea' and one day I hope to experience the adrenaline rush which can only come from hooking and landing a prized beauty like that one.

But thanks Eric for allowing me to participate in the rest of the experience right down to the dinner plate. **My congratulations to Mark** for his magnificent catch of a 1.2m yellow tail kingfish. **The smile was memorable.**

John. A **Bang Up Fishing**

The game warden heard through the grapevine that a certain scofflaw had been bringing home a tubfull of fish every time he went fishing. So, he made a date to go fishing with the suspect. After they arrived in a nice, little cove the warden said, "Now, show me how you've been getting a tubfull of fish every time you go, Johnboy."

So Johnboy reached into his rucksack pulled out a stick of dynamite, lit it, and handed it to the warden.

The warden looked at the sputtering fuse, gasped and said

"Don't you know this is against the law?"

Johnboy said, "You gonna sit there and talk or you gonna fish."



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Filleting fish, like catching them, seems easy in ideal conditions, nearly impossible otherwise.

So start with a firm cutting board, a sharp knife with a comfortable grip and a blade of just the right length. Add a firm, fresh fish, wiped dry. Always cut against bone, or if you prefer skinless fillets, the skin, and two tidy fillets almost magically appear. **Waste is minimal.**

Try to fillet fish with a dull heavy blade and your result may look more like lace curtains.

50,000 FILLETS LATER perhaps?



Nobody fillets fish faster than commercial fishermen and the deck hands on head boats. The former fillet tons of fish in a season. The latter might fillet fifteen fish each for twenty to thirty anglers on the hour run back to the dock six days a week. **"Quick and dirty" does the deed here.** So most pros use whatever blade with decent steel is at hand. On big fish, commercial-grade butcher knives do the job; after a few years grinding, they refine to a shape much like butcher's boning or classic fillet knives.

Fish cleaning methods vary—we'll discuss several later—but one thing is certain, thick or thin, stiff or soft, pro's blades are razor sharp. In most cases, pros prepare several blades as it's easier to "switch than sharpen."

Your fillet "style" influences blade selection too. Filleting systems that crunch ribs off the backbone, and then slice ribs off the fillet, need a knife with more backbone — this means stiffer too. As an alternative, you can slice through ribs with a heavy chef's knife or an electric fillet knife; then use a smaller, more flexible blade to lift ribs. I dislike the time lost switching blades.

Fillet blade shapes seem pretty uniform. A long thin, flexible blade suits just about everyone. Very thin bladed knives, like the Normarks, do break if you try to use them to open paint cans or where a Chinese cleaver better suits heavy rib crunching. Thick bladed knives good for chopping ribs off big fish, simply won't slice efficiently over the flexible ribs on fish like trout. So thickness, like blade shape, remains a compromise.



Other design compromises abound. Knives that hold their edges a long time take a long time to sharpen.

What's important is that you enjoy a secure grip on a comfortable material which wears well and is compulsively attached to your knife blade. As a rule fixed blade fillet knife grips are more comfortable and more durable than folders.

BLADE SELECTION



Your selection should start with a blade length that suits the fish, for if you buy a fillet knife from a "name" manufacturer such as Buck, Normark or Schrade you know the steel selection suits. Oversized "Rambo" blades don't cut it with the size fish I catch; they might be handy in case of shark attack. Shorter blades suit, if they are at least the length of the top to bottom measurement of the fish plus an inch or two.

Longer blades are both awkward and, like dull knives, may cause injury.

Short knives merely take a bit longer. So I do keep a tiny Buck folder handy to trim out the most succulent morsels and lift out the delicious cheeks on medium to large-size fish. We steam these and serve them with cocktail sauce. Italian fishermen, and Chinese, think the cheeks the best part of the fish! We agree!

SHARP SOLUTIONS.



Even the best knives fall if they aren't sharp. Years ago sharpening knives was an esoteric skill that required the ability to hold the blade at a very shallow angle to the stone. Today, Lasky Sharpeners, ceramic wands, diamond bones and a flotilla of other sharpening devices eliminate the need for major effort, or manual dexterity. Simply follow the directions and you can enjoy decent fillet results with most anything with an edge — at least for a bit!

TIP: Buy a small stone and glue it to the back of a knife sheath and it won't get lost. I also favour diamond hones attached with a string to my fishing vest—it's tough to lose a fishing vest, especially when your missus threatens to replace the next loss with a bright orange model.

RIB LIFT FILLETS

This starts with the basic diagonal cut near the head, but then cuts back toward the tail by pressing the side of the knife against the backbone and dorsal fin as the knife tip bounces down the ribs without cutting them. This last depends more on feel than sight. You can get the feel by lightly running a knife point (not the sharp side!) over a closed zipper. A light knife with a more flexible blade does the job with the finesse needed.

FLIP-FLOP FILLETING



Our favorite method diverges from the rib lift method when you finish running your knife point down the ribs. At the aft end of the ribs, the knife is allowed to punch down and through the skin so it comes out just aft of the vent. The knife is pressed against the backbone and the cut down to the ribs is swept to, but not through, the tail skin. Then the knife is removed and used to "peel" the flesh off the ribs. When the fillet is freed, except where attached at the tail, it's flipped over onto the board. The knife is reversed, and using the unfileted fish as a handle, the fillet sawed off as the flexible blade puts lateral pressure on the skin. **Tip: when trimming off skin move the fillet to the edge of the board so the knife stays nicely flat to minimise waste.** The process is repeated on the other side of the fish. The result should be two skinless filets and a body, innards intact, with the cut-off skin attached. Don't worry if you accidentally cut off a fillet, it's easy to simply cut the fillet off the skin, skin side down, as in the previous method.

BEWARE THE Y-BONE



Filets of fish with the infamous "Y" bone which lurks just above the ribs ready to choke the unwary in fish like carp or pike, take a couple of more cuts after the fillet is free on your cutting board. The first cut slices off the thin strip of meat above the Y bone, using the Y bone as a guide. The second cut slices off the larger lower section of meat from over the ribs. What's left is the triangular Y bone and a small amount of meat within the Y that's good for stock or grinding.

CUTTING UP CATFISH

"Look ugly, clean tough, eat good" describes these scaleless whiskerfish. The traditional catfish cleaning method involved messy skinning with pliers and various "cat contraptions" such as nails through heads, or tail clips. Given a very sharp knife, or my favorite single edge razor blade, to cut the skin through along both sides of dorsal fins, either the rib lift or flip-flop methods work with small catfish. The basic three-cut method works well with an electric fillet knife. Then it's easy to pare ribs off the fillet and, with the fillet skin-side down, saw off the meat without much waste. Big catfish should be steaked.



LIFTING LATERAL LINES

Lateral lines vary in width and thickness. I really like the strong, fishy tastes of fresh fish, but these dark bands collect any strong tastes and contaminants. Carp, if you handle the Y bones, seem quite edible from decently cool water, when poached after you remove the lateral line. The taste of most bass, pike and a number of marine species like tuna improve if the lateral line is carefully removed with an extremely sharp knife.



It's tough to beat salmon steaks, so we steak our salmon and many other large fish. Then we fillet the tails with the flip-flop or rib lift methods. On very large fish it's sometimes necessary to cut filets up into "half steaks" for even cooking. If filets vary more than 50 percent in thickness, trim! If you don't, uneven cooking is assured.

LEFTOVERS

Leftover heads and backbones sans innards boil up into a lovely fish stock - see any decent cookbook - that can be reduced, strained, frozen in ice cube trays and saved until used in sauces or soups. I grind fish bones and bury them deep under tomato plants too.

FINAL CUTS



"Catch it, cut it" remains the rule of our house. Any fisherman owes careful preparation to both his catch and his cook. Filleting skillfully, like the care paid to the catch, marks the skilled fisherman who respects both the catch and palate. To do less deprives both of due respect.

FREEZING AND REFRIGERATING

Fillet and ice down fish as soon as possible after they are caught. Smart fishermen do this on boat or bank between bites, seal filets in plastic bags and dump them in a cooler filled with ice. Fresh filets eat best. Filets covered with water and quickly frozen keep best, but usually not more than a few months. They are edible longer, but they just don't taste as good.



Whats New Overseas.....

No Knots! Fish Hooks

We couldn't resist excerpts from this press release:

"(7/3/95) Whistlin' Wire, Inc., a manufacturer of terminal tackle, today announced the introduction of the *No Knots!* fish hook, the first knotless fish hook ever manufactured. 1-800-KNOTLESS.

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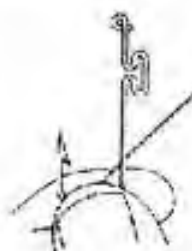
"Can you imagine the endless possibilities for the many anglers who quit fishing because age prevented them from tying a knot, or the young child who cannot tie a knot?.... Or the young mother who takes the kids fishing for the day, but doesn't know how to tie a knot, or doesn't have the time to tie all the hooks on and still enjoy fishing herself?"

"The No Knots! fish hook is a high-quality hook that utilizes a wrap technique to attach a hook to the line easily and quickly. This technique preserves, and even increases, line strength beyond 100%!"

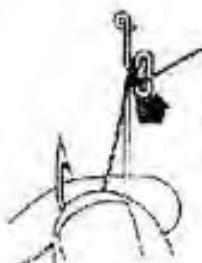


The editors wonder if tying two No Knots! hooks on the line will increase the line strength beyond 200%?

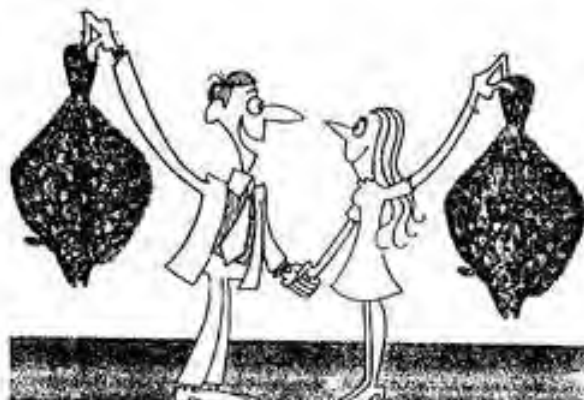
1. Hold the No Knots! hook and line in one hand as shown.



2. Wrap line around the "T" projection at the back of the hook about 8 times.



3. Wrap line around upper shaft 4 times and pull it through the eye loop.



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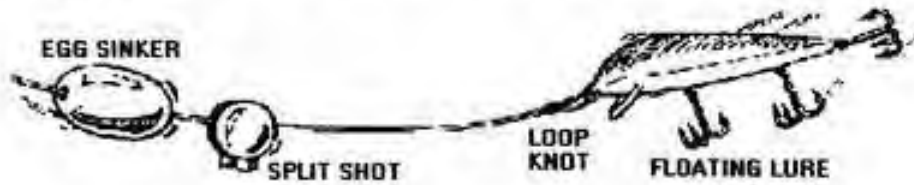


Writing new monthly columns is just like fishing.... You throw your fingers onto the keyboard and hope like hell you catch a stringer full of words. ButAlas , sometimes the words are'nt biting !!
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American River Rig.....

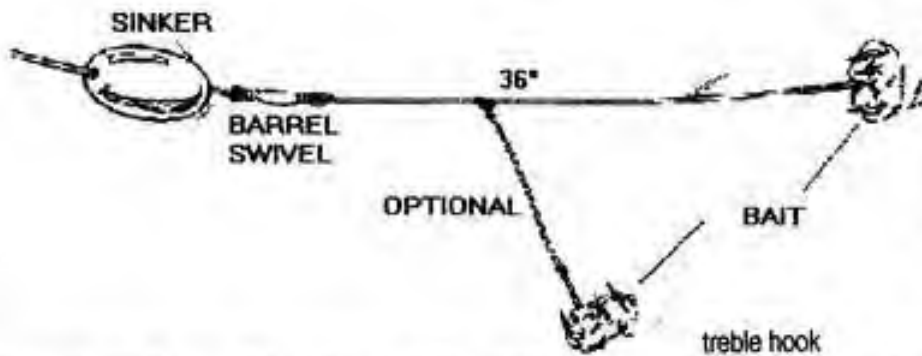


When you want to "suspend" a lure in the river's current, this simple rig often solves problems. Slide an Egg Sinker on the line and pinch on a small split shot to hold it in place. Tie a floating vibrating lure to the end of the line with a small loop knot. Cast down current, then gently take in the slack until you feel the weight of the sinker. The lure will do the rest.

One favorite place to fish this rig is near the head of a rapid. Position yourself upstream from the rapids, then inch the lure back toward the egg sinker in a series of short twitches. You can fish the entire rapids with just a few casts. No wasted fishing time.

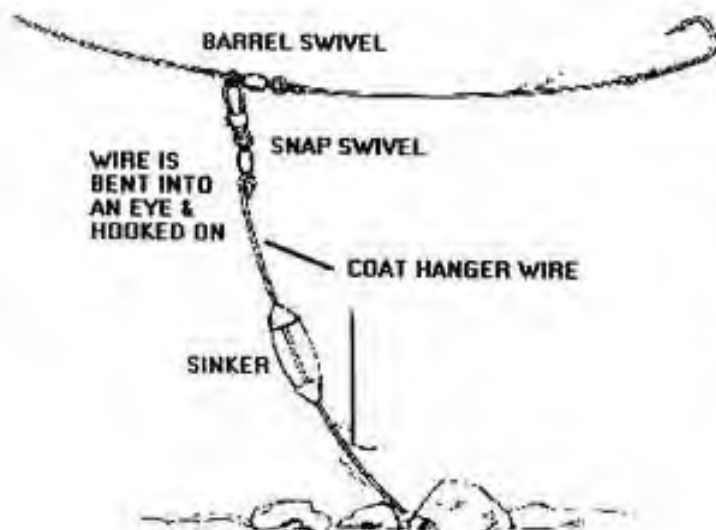


Catfish Rig.....



Fresh catfish have been a favorite at the dinner table for centuries. Nothing will get them there faster than this simple Water Gremlin Catfish Rig. Place the proper size Egg Sinker on your

line and attach a small barrel swivel. Tie a 36" leader to the swivel and attach a treble hook to the other end. You may also want to add a second short leader from the first, then bait them both with a strong scented "stink" bait. Big cats are bottom huggers . . . and this rig gets you to the bottom fast and simple.




Snagless Bottom Rig.....

Here's a nifty idea for staying away from rocks. By using a piece of light coat hanger wire, a Pinch-Grip Sinker or two, and a snap swivel, you can take that trolled lure or bait to the depth you want and slide over rocks without getting hung-up. The hanger wire acts as a protective guide to keep your terminal tackle out of the rocks.



"ANGLING" around OUR CHILDREN !!

 (Just Kidding)

Maybe you feel a duty to continue the fishing heritage. Maybe you want to shepherd your progeny in the direction of worthwhile activities and away from the crass distractions of modern life. Maybe you want to grow your own handy fishing partner. What you want is for your son or daughter to become an angler. Most would like their kids to become regular partners on fishing trips, getting them away from the TV and the video games, learning about the grandeur of nature and the thrill of a tight line..



Instant Gratification - YOU HAVE TO CATCH SOME FISH ! - Little Mary and Johnny will gain an appreciation of nature as time goes by, and they may learn to love some of the intricacies of the sport like tying a good knot and matching the bait, after awhile, but in the beginning they're going to want to catch fish. At the outset they may not even want to bait the hook or unhook the catch, but they do want to hook one. So with that in mind, put your vast fishing knowledge to work and take them where they can experience some early success. You know all about structure and water temperature and baitfish. Go where and when the percentages are in your favour. Yes, I know you can catch trophy size Mackerel on the cliffs in Shark Bay in December to February. However, your eight year old probably won't get the same enjoyment spending six hours seeking one big fish. Why not hit the smaller bream in the river? Or go wet your line where the garfish are thick as fleas at the Hillary's Marina and hungry as horses? While your doing it you can explain why the fish are where they are, why that particular lure and rig is working today, and that in a few months they won't be in this spot. **They'll learn.** And if they have success in the beginning don't worry about them becoming spoiled by it. Think about it this way - once they experience the thrill of it all, they may be willing to spend more time pursuing their prey in the future. Why do we grown-ups spend so much time making that "one more cast" after hours of getting shut out? We want that jolt we get when our underwater adversary strikes.

★ **It's the Kid's Time, Stupid....** On the water, with fish biting all around you, it might be tough to forego concentrating on catching your own limit. Remember, at least for awhile, your role is that of teacher and your concentration should be on helping your young apprentice. Don't wander off toward that deep pool today, stay in the shallows with your shorter partner. It might be frustrating not to be catching many fish yourself, but the sooner you raise your student to an acceptable level of competence the sooner you'll both be able to optimize your fishing time together.

Know the Child's Limits-

Except for the comatose state attained during the viewing of his or her favorite Disney video or Saturday morning cartoon, how long can something hold your child's attention? If your would be angler is very young we might be talking about 15 minutes, tops. Fishing isn't going to be very different. It's not likely that little Lefty is going to be able to stay on the water from sun up to sundown like you do. As the child's parent you hopefully have some insight into the amount of time your offspring will enjoy themselves on a fishing outing.



Don't push your luck. I doubt seriously if you're going to encourage an interest that will endure if you force the youngster to persist beyond his or her level of comfort. Don't make yourself miserable. If your eight year old is miserable, you'll soon be miserable, too. There are other things to enjoy on an outing that will add to the experience. Look for bugs. Take the time to explain how important an understanding of the other parts of the environment is to fishing. Bring a picnic lunch. Walk through the woods or go beachcombing.


Angling for Kids (Cont...)




Comfort and Safety is primary. Safety and comfort can and should coexist. Don't ruin your child's chances of becoming a lifetime angler by allowing bad experiences to taint the youngster's outlook. Remember that while the water draws us to it with opportunities for enjoyment, it can be dangerous. I don't need to scare you with statistics. You know , in an activity that involves boating, wading, and even standing by the water's edge, **the ability to swim should be a prerequisite.** If your child doesn't yet know how to swim, this is a good reason for him or her to learn. Even if your son or daughter already knows how to swim, a life jacket should still be worn while wading, and it is mandatory while on a boat. Furthermore, a child who can swim and is wearing the appropriate flotation devices should still not be left unsupervised while beach/river fishing , wading or boating.



Another concern for young waders is the actual wading garments themselves. When you can, wade wet. If waders are called for it's important they fit properly and a tight wading belt be worn to prevent the waders from filling with water in the event of a fall.

You probably wear a hat and sunglasses and even sunscreen while fishing under the sun. The reasons you wear those items apply to fledgling fishermen as well. Don't start bad habits. It won't hurt to explain the reasons for all these items either. Another item that is likely to be appropriate more often than notis wearing long pants and correct footwear. 

The sting of a jellyfish and prick from a cobbler or the bite of a tick is a sure fire way to turn off a young angler.

Next to the potential dangers inherent in the water itself is the danger of the hook. Many of you have probably at least been pricked with the business end of the hook. The chances of a novice getting good and stuck are certainly higher. Flattening the barbs on your child's hooks will alleviate this problem and make it easier for him or her to release their catch to boot. 

Buy Them Their Own Stuff - A sense of ownership can go a long way toward getting your young charge hooked on the pastime you love so much. If the child's interest doesn't become permanent, having some fishing tackle around the house that goes under-utilized is no worse than some of the other things you've bought for them , that gather dust. Is every gift Santa ever put under the Christmas tree worn out from overuse? There is no need going overboard, however.


Good quality, uncomplicated equipment can be found. A lightweight rod and reel combo is all that is required. One thing you may want to consider though , is a rod that's a little longer than you've probably thought of. Ultralight materials will still make a long rod accessible to a child and the long rod will make the possibility of your little angler hooking him or herself a little less likely. The rod and reel will determine the types of line and tackle your wee caster will require.



A Fishing Life - Not all the satisfaction of a fishing life comes on the water. Most of us enjoy the preparation, the study, and the practicing of our sport. These can be valuable enterprises for youngsters. Casting a practice plug in the backyard, park , the schoolyard or a vacant lot can be both practical and fun. An accuracy competition with your plastic bucket can liven things up.



The Most Important Tip of All - Listen to your child.

Maybe, for whatever reason, your child has absolutely no interest whatsoever, and as heartbreaking as that is , there's nothing you can do to change that fact. Or maybe they are interested and you just have to listen to figure out **how to fan the fire** of their interest. It's up to you. 

“COOK’S *Catches* CORNER” (with Cravings)

Microwaved Recipe for Chilli Herring

Serves 2



Ingredients

- 2 x 6oz (175g) herring fillets, cut into large pieces
- 1/2 oz (15g) butter or margarine
- 1/2 teaspoon (2.5 ml) dried crushed chillies
- 1 small red pepper, cored, deseeded and finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed.

Method

1. Place the butter or margarine, chillies, pepper and garlic in a dish, cover, and cook on high for 2 minutes.
2. Arrange the fillets in a dish, spoon over the pepper mixture.
3. Cover and cook on medium for 3-4 minutes. Leave to stand for 2 minutes.
4. Serve with mixed vegetables and rice.

MICROWAVE POWER: 800 WATT

Nutritional values per portion

(Approx) 492 Kilocalories; 30g protein; 39g Fat; 5g carbohydrate; 1g Fibre.



Microwaved Fish Fillets with Leeks.....

Serves 2



Ingredients

- 2 x 6 oz (175g) Whiting or Skippy fillets, skinned
- 1/2 oz (15g) butter or margarine
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 medium leek, sliced
- 1 tablespoon (15ml) lemon juice
- 1 dessertspoon (10ml) marmalade
- salt and pepper



Method.....

1. Place the butter, garlic and sliced leek in a dish. Cover and cook on high for 2 minutes.
2. Place the fillets on top of the leek and sprinkle with lemon juice.
3. Cover and cook on **high** for 4-5 minutes.
4. Transfer fish fillets to serving plates. Cover and leave to stand. Season.
5. Stir the marmalade into the sliced leek and cooking juices. Cover and cook on **high** for 1 minute until marmalade has melted, Spoon the sliced leek and sauce over the fish.
6. Serve with potatoes and courgettes.

MICROWAVE POWER: 800 WATT

Nutritional values per portion..

(Approx) 216 Kilocalories; 31g protein; 8g Fat; 6g carbohydrate; 2g Fibre.



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One day you will catch a big fish. You get it out of the water and cause it to die. If your ego is big enough, death does-not matter because it is necessary to feed your ego. **Each individual has to come to terms with the killing ethic of sportfishing.**

There are many gamefish which can be eaten. But many big ones are useless for human consumption such as **sharks, tuna and marlin.**

However, the average fisherman has little to worry about as these fish are so rare as it does not matter. Tuna make the best burley....., Man has become another link in the chain.

The trick is to understand. By putting back into the sea the burley in the form of cut up fish like tuna, filleting your fish on the spot, returning head, bones and guts to the sea, it will feed a lot of other fish and creatures therefore becoming a link in the chain. Since every living thing in the sea is little more than food wait to be consumed, man simply dictates the day of reckoning. Put it back in the water and the sea and species , probably wouldn't even know that you had **interfered.**



TIPS & TRICKS



Send your Ideas

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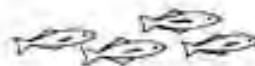


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Still putting a pencil thru your new line of Spool. ???

Try this trick for overheads

Get a wire coat hanger and uncoil the wire , where it has been wrapped around the neck of the hanger. Open the hanger wide enough to thread the spool of line onto it. Bend the frame , so it fits the contours of the line of spool.

Hang it on a chair or a clothes line and start winding it..

This device should not be used for loading lines on a fixed spool.

TIP 2.



KALBARRI HOLIDAY RENTAL



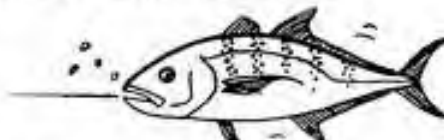
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