

NEXT GENERAL MEETING.

The March General Meeting will be held at the Nation Fitness Council Pavillion, 50 James Street, Perth on Wednesday the 14 th and will commence at 8 p.m. SHARP.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD FOR MARCH.

The Instruction Period for this evening will be a Questions and Answers night. So if you have any queries on anything at all to do with our pastime - bring them along and see if you can get an answer. If someone can't answer it, every endeavour will be made to find the correct answer for you at a later date, and there must be plenty of queries as to rigs, tackle, places etc., etc., that are causing concern to new members that they would like an answer to. So don't be bashful - bring them along and see what we can do for you.

LAST COMMITTEE MEETING (FEBRUARY)

The last Committee Meeting was held at the residence of our Treasurer (Rock Snapper) Backhouse and his good wife to whom we are indebted for their hospitality. Our many thanks Arthur and Mrs. Backhouse and also to the other ladies who helped with the supper. The business of the evening was quite extensive and was not concluded until after 11 p.m. There appears to be more and more Committee work each month.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING (MARCH)

The Next Committee Meeting will be held at the residence of Norm and Mrs Clarke on the 21st March.

Address:-

29 Rathay St.,
VICTORIA PARK.

PICTURE EVENING AND BARBECUE.

A picture evening and barbecue will be held at the residence of Alf and Mrs Rutland on the 23rd March at 8 p.m. The address being:-
50 Andrew Street, Scarborough.

The evening will consist of a filming of Dry casting, both recent and past, and all members are cordially invited. It is, of course, understood that members will provide their own Refreshment and Steak, and an enjoyable evening will be assured to all. Any further enquiries can be made at our next General Meeting to either Ken Wiggins or Alf Rutland.

Will all members contemplating attending please let Ken know so that some indication of attendance will be known.

As Alf and Mrs Rutland have so generously made their home available for us to have this evening - let's make it an extra good show by a good roll-up of members and wives.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES AND ANNUAL DANCE.

The Presentation of Trophies and Annual Dance will be held at Hackett Hall, Floreat Park, on the 23rd June and this year this function is to be restricted to FINANCIAL MEMBERS ONLY.

This year it has been decided that there shall be a Sit Down Tea with the Dance to follow. As this matter is entirely in the hands of our most capable Social Organizer, Ken Wiggins, I will let him explain details at our next General Meeting, but I would suggest that enquiries be made to Ken as soon as possible as to whether you can attend this all important Club function.

Your Committee has decided to restrict this evening to Financial Members for various reasons, as will be explained at our next meeting in March.

RE NOTICE OF MOTION.

Inadvertently through a misunderstanding this Notice of Motion should have appeared in our last issue of "Reel Talk", but as no harm has been done by its being omitted it is hereby presented for all members to peruse and give it their serious consideration for our next General Meeting.

The Secretary,
Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.)

Dear Sir,

I hereby give notice of the following Motions to be submitted to the next General Meeting of the Club.

That Clause 1. MEMBERSHIP of the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

That the first paragraph and sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) be deleted and the following substituted.

Membership of the Club shall be limited to Gentlemen only and shall consist of the following:-

~~Life Members~~
~~Ordinary Members~~
~~Junior Members~~

- (a) Members of the Club shall have power to elect Life Members according to the provisions of the By-Laws of the Club.
- (b) Ordinary Members shall pay an Annual subscription fixed from time to time by the Management Committee.
- (c) Junior Members shall be between the ages of Seven (7) years and Sixteen (16) years and shall pay an Annual subscription fixed from time to time by the Management Committee.

Yours faithfully,
(P. E. Savage)

DRY CASTING FEBRUARY 4th, 1962.

A deplorably small force of contestants braved the elements for the February casting day at Floreat Park. Obviously the vision of 2 or 3 hours in the middle of the Sahara with the next water hole as far away as Sawyer's Valley or Manduran was too much for even some of our staunchest casters. Fortunately, however, a reasonably pleasant morning was experienced by the few who did turn up, as an early sea breeze sprang up and persisted throughout most of the day.

Only 17 members turned out to try their luck (or skill) and on the whole scoring was well below average, except for one member. The beautiful West Australian summer had obviously taken its toll. As for myself I'd give the place back to the natives for good old Sunny Queensland any day. Some scoring was terrible, some was fair and one or two members made a name for themselves.

The positions of the three leaders has changed somewhat, as the rot set in for two of them and young Robert Tucker brought along his telescopic sight.

The Bait distance events was won by "Kingie" Clarke with the following scores, 244-201-445. Second was Bob Lilly 302-142-444 with Ron Kildahl third with 269-170-439. These three chaps just saved themselves from a terrible fate (The Shears). Good casting was done by R. Lilly with three casts of 297-311-312. Bill Bridger started off in very good form but had trouble with his last one. His scores were 335-326-259. Bill cast the two longest distances during this event. Young Mick Doscas was in good form also, with 296-287-302. All casts unfortunately were outside the lane and cost him 45 valuable points. Noel Wilkerson has improved too and scored 150-300-302. I didn't see what happened to him on his first cast, but the other two were good shots.

The D. H. Bait Accuracy event was won had's down by Bob Tucker with 66/80, G. Greenham second with 41/80 and Bob (almost got a bull) Tichbon 40/80. Bob got a 19. Members who scored with all four casts in this event were W. Bridger, A. Bunnett, Don Beadon, G. Greenham, H. Neill and R. Tucker. No Bulls were scored in this event although Bob Tich almost got one, as did Bob Tucker. Better luck next month Tich! It 's probably the weather wot dun it.

Scoring in the Single Hander was crook! There's just no other word for it. Not one member scored with all four shots and over 50% of the casts failed to score. Unfortunately the wind couldn't be blamed for this either - just plain lousy casting. The winners of this event were as follows:-

W. Bridger First with 17/40
 N. Cross Second with 16/40
 R. Tucker Third with 15/40

There were not enough kids to make up a team and the ladies had more sense.

With the February scores in brackets the following is the list of scores as they stand with only two more casting days to go for this season. Only interested members names are quoted below as a number seem to have lost interest in the competition and are no longer in the running.

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|------------|-------|---|-----|-------------|------|---|-----|
| R. Tucker | (102) | - | 672 | D. Beadon | (66) | - | 354 |
| N. Knight | (48) | - | 637 | I. McLennan | (56) | - | 325 |
| R. Lilly | (58) | - | 633 | K. Mulvay | (A) | - | 309 |
| A. Bunnett | (66) | - | 578 | R. Jensen | (A) | - | 254 |
| R. Tichbon | (68) | - | 546 | D. Savage | (A) | - | 247 |
| W. Bridger | (74) | - | 533 | G. Clohessy | (A) | - | 244 |
| N. Clarke | (56) | - | 530 | M. Doscas | (67) | - | 235 |
| H. Neil | (50) | - | 497 | A. Livesey | (A) | - | 221 |
| R. Kildahl | (59) | - | 485 | E. Edwards | (A) | - | 219 |

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| L. Tate | (A) - 482 | R. Phillips | (A) - 182 |
| N. Cross | (54) - 472 | B. Payne | (A) - 173 |
| N. Wilkerson | (69) - 419 | G. Greenham | (61) - 162 |
| J. Strong | (49) - 387 | R. Flood | (A) - 148 |
| J. Bellman | (A) - 365 | | |

Anything can happen now! With only two more days to go this competition is getting very keen for a few members and you can see them unpacking their gear as soon as they get to the oval and start practising in earnest.

Handicaps have come up for revision once more and the following alterations have been made. Unfortunately I could not prune Norm Clarke or Bob Lilly as they scored 450 and 449 respectively. Mick Doscas however was very unfortunate as he scored one foot too many and must suffer the consequences. The following alterations have been made.

Pruned.

M. Doscas 156 - 155

Raised

J. Strong 176 - 188

I. McLennan 201 - 231

Now is the time chaps, to start bringing in your ideas for the next competition. Our casting is based (if possible) on your suggestions. Bring them forward to your committee in writing and let us work out a competition to suit all members. We cannot satisfy you, if you don't give us some idea of what you want in the various competitions. If you're happy with the present one let me know, if not, let me know why!! Don't let us have to work out a competition on ideas from 3 or 4 members like last year then have to listed to the complaints and dissatisfied grumbling for the rest of the competition. This is what almost always happens. Let us be different this time - give your committee a chance to please the whole of the Club - not just a few.

How the hell can we satisfy you, if we don't know what you want? Ideas or suggestions should be in the hands of the committee not later than the March General Meeting, so that we can go into a huddle or two and work out a competition, obtain the members approval (or otherwise), iron out any difficulties and have it ready for the April copy of Reel Talk. Now don't forget - don't shut the gate after the horse has gone.

Events for the next (March 4th) Casting Day will be as follows:-

Weight L. L. Distance
" D. H. Accuracy
" S. H. Accuracy
Kids S. H. Accuracy 20 yds.
Ladies S. H. Accuracy 30 yds.

I would like to wind up this present competition with another Open Event - weather permitting. This will be made possible only with a favourable wind ofcourse, as we must be careful where break-offs land. Casting would have to be down the oval towards Oceanic Drive or across the oval towards the top gate, casting away from the buildings. A 9.30 a.m. start would also be necessary, in order to get home at a reasonable hour to keep our good ladies happy. More on this next month.

Let us see a better roll-up next month chaps - it's still a good enjoyable outing and you can learn a lot. Try and make it,

ALLAN BUNNETT.

D.C.O.

P.S. A few useful tips to casters:- 12 inches of tape will be used in all events except when bait is used. Tapes will be tied at the end. Handicaps in the D. H. Accuracy event are taken into consideration only when the distance cast is over 150 feet.

We like your dogs but we don't have tin hats to fit them.

GARDEN ISLAND FIELD DAY 17th & 18th FEBRUARY.

Weather conditions etc. - Gale force southerly winds, with huge seas mounting right up to the sandhills, plus an over abundance of the fisherman's plague - weed, which made fishing conditions well nigh impossible. It seems that bad weather and poor fishing conditions seem to be the accepted thing for our Field Days, instead of the exceptions, as our recent outings have been blighted by weed problems.

35 Members, 3 Visitors and 6 Juniors attended the Venue which made a very good roll-up for Garden Island. 15 Members made the first crossing and the remainder came over in the afternoon boat.

Alan Livesey and "Snow" Tate once again chose to fish the South-end and that seemed to be the only place to fish and where the fish were, for they both did well and returned with excellent bags of Tailer, Alan in particular. Though Alan had a but of an edge on everyone else, for just prior to leaving Palm Beach he received a message from above. Wet luck?

Mick Doscas and Ron Shirley also went South where young Mick knocked off a nice Tailer and managed without undue competition to knock off the Heaviest Fish Award with a $3\frac{1}{2}$ lb Tailer. Good work Mick! But poor old Rob caught nought, but still managed a smile.

Phil Neri and Norm Giles were observed sheltering in the foothills on the Northern side and later on in the evening I personally found out why they wre keeping out of the reach of the large rollers, for even though I thought my gear was safely out of harms way an extra large roller crashed on the beach and roared towards the sand hills. At this time I had just completed a cast and was slowly returning to my fishing position when I noticed the hillside collapse with the pounding wave and my pack, shoes, torch etc., looked like going for a Burton as they rushed towards me and the open sea. I didn't know whether I was Arthur or Martha for a while, but with wild grabs and snatches I managed to retrieve the remains of my gear, and for the rest of the evning I appeared to be climbing

higher and higher in an endeavour to escape the rushing waters and blinding sand driven by the wind, and I thought at the time what must the boys up North be putting up with. (Take my word for it Jim it was darn near as bad - ask Ralph and Horry - they know), as a matter of fact I am still trying to thaw out and I've got enough sand out of my eyes to fill in the Chevron Hilton foundations. That is one experience that I don't think that any who went North would care to repeat. Hence the bedraggled look when the party arrived back in the morning.

Pleased to see Noel along and glad that he was there to share the sand, though I heard that he and Noel Wilkinson and young Noel sought the shelter of the cave and resumed their fishing at dawn which paid a dividend to Noel senior, for he weighed in three nice Tailer.

Norrie Cross was also on the job and is reported as still looking for a good fishing spot, as he would like to see a Tailer again. The only thing that I can say to that is that if Norrie can't find a spot it is certainly not for the want of looking for one, for if anyone can beat this for a short walk I would like to hear of it. Starting point the Gun. A short jaunt two miles north again of the Gun. Back again to the Gun, and then a short stroll back to the hut to change his socks, from the Hut over to the North side of the Island. A caper out on the reef at dawn for a while, and then a quick trip down to the Southend of the Island to say good morning to Allan Livesey and Snow Tate. From the Southend back to the hut. That was all he could manage he informs me in such a short time, and was glad to have George Greenham along to talk to. I believe that George has worn his legs down to his knees and next time he sees Norrie - Norrie won't see him. Though Hal Neill is almost as good for he also likes to take short walks - you know - just a stroll up past the Gun, back to the Hut and then down to the Southend - some of these chaps spend more time walking than I do talking.

Many of the boys arose very early in the morning and walked over to the back beach, though the weed was terrific, and apparently the few Tailer that were there had moved off to other areas,

even though plenty of burley was tossed in over the various reefs etc., very few fish were taken.

Ralph Hansen and Horry Morison reported on the Northend that they had a decent channel running behind them and they had to be careful that they were not stranded. Ralph also remarked that they may have done better to fish in the channel behind them, as out in the open sea they were faced with huge lumps of weed that were tackle busters and kept them busy de-weeding.

Doug Savage spent the evening on the landing chasing the big Skips and was unlucky enough to have one really good strike which took him around one of the piles. Better luck next time, Doug.

Arthur Backhouse was very busy taking photos of the lads and of course of the Award winners and their catches. These photos will be included in the Club Album which Bob Lilly is compiling and in time will give the Club a complete picture coverage of Field Day activities.

Our worthy (?) President, Bob Tucker, was observed sleeping-in late Sunday morning and several of the lads thought that he was ill, though I am sure he is saving his energy for the trip up North in April.

Arch Ticklie did the right thing by the boys in the morning for he made coffee and served it up to them in bed. (That sort of practice will have to cease. This is a fishing (?) club not a mothers' meeting and in the future the President will have to set the example by having everyone on parade, rods at the ready, at the crack of dawn.) (You can see who didn't get a cup can't you Arch. The next time you bring one up to me. If you don't want to deliver it yourself, give it to Norrie or Hal Neill, they don't mind a walk. Ed.)

I would like to offer my congratulations to the award winners, for they surely earned them the hard way, and to all other members

I hope that I will see you along at the next Field Day which is also at Garden Island. Only next time let's hope that the weather and weed will be kind to us and the fish plentiful.

JIM STRONG.
F.D.O

RE CLUB BADGES.

It is good to see that most of the members are wearing Club Badges on Club outings, and to those who may have lost their Badge or who require a second one - this can be done by asking the Club President, Arthur Backhouse, who has a few extra Badges available to members. Price 5/-. To those who desire an extra Badge there is only a limited number available at present. So first in, first served.

RENEW COMMITTEE.

This is a reminder to all members that the serious problem of selecting your new Committee is only just a few short months away - and as the success of the Club is in its members and of its selection of committee men, it is to be hoped that all members are giving this position very careful thought, especially as to nomination of new members as there will be at least four vacancies created by members who are seriously considering retirement this year. So to any member who thinks that he would like to be on the Committee, please let any present committee member know, or if anyone knows of a member who would like to be on the committee but doesn't like to put himself in, see what you can do about this matter. I cannot overstress the importance of this matter - it concerns you and more important, the Club itself.

FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY 17 - 18/2/62

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| A. Livesey | 16 Tailer (1 Tailer $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs) | 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ | lbs. |
| L. Tate | 8 Tailer | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " |
| N. Knight | 3 Tailer | 5 | " |
| N. Clarke | 2 Tailer | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " |
| M. Doscas | 1 Tailer | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " |
| A. Milne | 1 Tailer | 3 | " |
| C. Crouch | 2 Tailer | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " |
| N. Wilkerson | 2 Tailer, 1 Herring | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " |
| A. Backhouse | Rock Snapper | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " |
| B. Tucker | 2 Tailer | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " |
| R. McQueen | Silver Bream | 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ | " |
| G. Davidson | Skippies | 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ | " |
| N. Crouch | 1 Tailer, 1 Cod | 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ | " |
| J. Strong | 1 Flathead | 2 | " |
| Rick Jensen | 1 Tailer | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " |
| B. Jensen | 1 Tailer | 1 | " |
| K. Clugston | 1 Tailer | 1 | " |
| C. Houghton | 1 Herring | 1 | " |
| R. Kildahl | 1 Herring | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " |
| R. Flood | 2 Herring | 1 | " |

Total Weight of Scaled Fish - 75 lbs.

As can be seen the total weight of fish caught on this Field Day was small - but maybe we will make up for this on our next trip over - March is usually a good month for Garden Island - so let's hope that this March Field Day will give us a better run. Incidentally that was a very nice Silver Bream of yours Ron. It was a pity that it was not just a few ounces heavier, still there may be a bigger one waiting for you on the next Field Day.

Members who attended Field Day, Garden Island, 17 - 17 February, 1962

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| N. Giles | R. Hansen | G. Greenham |
| J. Strong | M. Doscas | R. McQueen |
| T. Fuller | D. Savage | N. Cross |
| R. Shirley | N. Knight | D. Newton |
| R. Tichbon | N. Crouch | H. Neil |
| A. Livesey | C. Crouch | P. Evans |
| L. Tate | N. Wilkerson | A. Rutland |
| R. Kildahl | K. Mulvay | A. Backhouse |
| R. Lilly | A. Ticklie | A. Watson |
| B. Kline | R. Flood | A. Milne |
| P. Neri | B. Jensen | B. Tucker |
| H. Muirson | L. Griffiths | |

JUNIORS.

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| G. Davidson | N. Knight | B. Newton |
| G. Clarke | Rick Jensen | H. Newton |

VISITORS

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| J. Henderson | C. Houghton | R. Harris |
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JUNIOR VISITORS

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| Kevin Clugston | Russel Fernamer |
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AWARD WINNERS.

Heaviest Scale Fish. M. Doscas. $3\frac{1}{2}$ lb Tailer.

Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish. A. Livesey. 16 Tailer, weight $22\frac{3}{4}$ lbs

Heaviest Shark or Ray. No Entry.

JUNIOR AWARD.

Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish. G. Davidson. $2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs Skippy.

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

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

F. HOLYWELL 176 lb Grey Nurse. Caught at Albany on 35 lb line.
Length 101½ ins. Girth 37 ins.

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

J. BELLMAN 60¼ lb Mulloway. Caught at Murchison.

SECTION 4. HEAVIEST SALMON. (Donated by Ernie White.)

R. WILTON 10 lb Salmon. Caught at Cottlesloe.

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

M. COLEMAN 9¾ lb Tailer. Caught at Murchison.

SECTION 6. HEAVIEST JEWFISH. (Donated by Ernie White.)

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

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

As yet no entry.

SECTION 8. POINTS PER POUND.

One point per pound of Scale Fish. Half a point for sharks. (Minimum size THREE fish per pound.) Top Then Scorers Only.

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| N. Cross | 438 $\frac{1}{2}$ | lbs. | R. Kildahl | 150 $\frac{3}{4}$ | lbs. |
| R. Porter | 437 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " | R. Lilly | 147 | " |
| R. Tucker | 372 $\frac{3}{4}$ | " | A. Backhouse | 127 $\frac{1}{2}$ | " |
| V. Davis | 248 | " | R. Tichbon | 97 | " |
| D. Savage | 239 $\frac{3}{4}$ | " | J. Bellman | 95 | " |

SECTION 9. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE.

(Donated by Ron Flood.)

L. TATE 25 lb Spanish Mackerel. Caught at Murchison.
23 lb line. Length 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Bait, Scaly Mackerel.

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

J. Davies 15 lb 9 oz Tailer.

SECTION 10a. HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT ON SINGLE HANDED ROD - USING BAIT.

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

JUNIOR SECTION - OPEN COMPETITION.

SECTION 11. HEAVIEST SHARK. (Restrictions as per Section 2.)
(Donated by Stephen Kiezy.)

As yet no entry.

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

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

FIELD DAY FISHING COMPETITION.

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:-

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|------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| R. Lilly | 182 | N. Crouch | 147 | G. Griffiths | 126 |
| R. McQueen | 165 | R. Tucker | 141 | R. Porter | 121 |
| L. Tat | 164 | R. Kildahl | 136 | R. Tichbon | 121 |
| R. Shirley | 162 | R. Jensen | 134 | D. Newton | 119 |
| N. Clarke | 157 | T. Fuller | 133 | I. McLennan | 117 |
| A. Livesey | 156 | J. Strong | 132 | | |

SECTION 2. Ken Matthews Trophy. Heaviest Scale Fish.

N. Clarke. 47½ lb Mulloway. November Field Day, Moore River.

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

SECTION 4. Heaviest Shark. (Excluding Wobbys, Carpet, Port Jackson, Fiddle Sharks etc.. Field day Officer to decide.)

R. Tichbon. 14 lb Blue Pointer. May Field Day.

SECTION 5. Heaviest Mulloway.

N. Clarke 47½ lb Mulloway. November Field Day.

SECTION 6. Heaviest Tailer. (Minimum weight 4 lbs.)

A. Milne 5¼ lb Tailer. September Field Day.

SECTION 7. Heaviest Salmon.

I. McLennan 9½ lb Salmon. May Field Day.

SECTION 8. Heaviest Snapper.

As yet no entry.

SECTION 9. Heaviest Scale Fish other than above.

R. Tucker. 3 lb Silver Bream. July Field Day.

SECTION 10. Heaviest catch of Tailer on a Field Day.
(minimum weight 20 lbs.)

R. Lilly. 19 Tailer. Weight 28 lbs. September Field Day.

JUNIOR SECTION. FIELD DAYS.

SECTION 1.

Five points for attendance. One point per pound of Scale Fish. Three fish per pounds. Half point per lb. for Sharks.

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| W. Newton | 81 | M. Porter | 62 |
| R. Jensen | 70 | G. Davidson | 45 |
| R. Newton | 69 | G. Clarke | 33 |

SECTION 2. Heaviest Shark.

As yet no entry.

SECTION 3. Heaviest Scale Fish.

Rick Jensen. $8\frac{3}{4}$ lb Salmon. May Field Day.

SECTION 4. Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish on a Field Day.
(ALL Fish must weight at least THREE to a lb.)

Rick Jensen. $17\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. May Field Day.

FISHING IS NOT JUST LUCK - KNOW YOUR BEACH.

"Hi George!" "Hi Joe!" "Comin' fishin'?" "Sure am man, just wait until I get my gear." "Where are we goin'?" "Oh! I don't know. How about Scarborough, I believe they are catchin' them there." "O.K. by me, let's go, but whereabouts at Scarb. are we going to give it a dash, Joe?" "Oh, I don't know, anywhere will do."

So starts the novices on a fishing jaunt. They do not know where to fish, what to fish for, or the type of gear to use. They are going on past few experiences, information which may not be quite right, for when fishing open beaches there could be channels etc., which to the unknowledgeable, if they are not fishing into them, but possibly missing them by only a few yards, could finish up having an unsuccessful evening, whereas just those few yards difference in the placing of their bait could make all the difference - but our two friends George and Joe are happy because they are off to indulge in their favourite, or second favourite pastime, piscatorial pleasures, and that is how it should be - but underneath their cheerful outlook is the concern of whether they are fishing in a good possie, for they do know that there are such things as channels etc., and so the novice surf angler there is a sense of difficulty almost amounting to frustration when they gaze at the broad expanse of rolling sea, wash, and limitlessness of the whole vista, especially when a decision has to be made as to a fishing spot.

The breakers rolling, surging and running up the beach and repeating this constant movement of the sea - creates a befuddled and confused impression on the novice, and he asks himself "Surely this can't be a place to fish - there wouldn't be any fish here, - and cogitating in his mind that to catch a fish in this confusion of waves and white wash would be purely and simply a jag, a flash in the pan, but how wrong can he be. For it is in such open beaches that most anglers who know how - get the best results, which can be evidenced by captures.

To the novice who has not the knowledge of the surf beach that is, as to where the channels, holes, sand bars etc. are and to whom when the breeze has freshened and has stirred the breakers into life again, is confused by the lack of his ability to pick out a likely

fishing spot. It would be quite a good idea if he were going to make a habit of fishing open surf beach to go down and have a look-see at the beach at the various periods of rise and fall of the tides, which could give the observant angler a whole wealth of valuable information, for the conditions at low tide could give a good indication of things to come insofar as where the big ones are likely to come looking for their chow, for it is while the tides are low, and the sea is calm, especially if there is a high row of sandhills or vantage points that can offer an angler on the look-out for fishing spots a good view to be able to discern them by the colour of the water etc. This is an advantage which should be made the most of whenever possible, for changes of tides, winds etc. invariably change channels or holes, for at times you can landmark the position of a hole or channel, fish it for a few days, and then on the change of weather conditions etc., when you come back to fish it again, it is quite possible that the whole situation as far as fishing is concerned has been disrupted.

For the learner to make a study of beaches and the surf is a necessity, for a little time spent in this direction is very well spent, and a little thought on the general indications of the surf as to its movement will soon register to the novice just what is taking place underneath it, and time the the surf fisherman means nothing while he is waiting for that long hoped for run, and scream of the drag. To watch those waves as they lift, roll, run in and break will give proof of a possible sand bank or reef and the roll and run in to the break point invariably indicates that there is deep water up to the point of where the wave breaks, and it is in these places that the surf feeders seek the chow that they are after, invariably the finger whiting, white bait, blue sardines etc., etc. and it is in such positions that a well placed bait should be considered desirable. Beaches adjacent to rivers and estuaries are generally considered as attractive angling spots, for it is at these beaches that the bigger fish are likely to be waiting on the smaller fish that have been up the river or estuary to lay their spawn or again on their way out to sea to spawn, and the experienced angler will always be on the look-out for "indications". One of the most reliable indications is the attraction of sea birds to one particular area. The gulls or mollyhawks may be diving into the

water at one particular spot and this is a sure fir indication that the big boys have rounded up a school of small stuff, white bait, blue sardines etc., etc. and are giving it some hurry up, and it is in such a place that a bait or a spinner would deserve consideration for Tailer invariably travel in schools and for Tailer to round up a school of small stuff, forcing them close to the shore where they cannot escape is not unusual. On one occasion the Tailer had rounded up a school of white bait at Cottesloe and the white bait in desperation to avoid the Tailer were forced up on the beach where they could be picked up in their hundreds, and it does not need adding that quite a few of the Tailer finished their days at that spot also, by the spinners whipped out amongst the white bait by eager anglers, so to the learner the sign of gulls etc. hitting the water is an indication that something is going on. If not Tailer, possibly Salmon, for Salmon also travel in schools, possibly more so, and the Salmon hopping in for their chop amongst the small fry often leave pieces of fish that attract the gulls etc.

The types of fish that are generally taken from the surf etc. are Tailer, Mulloway, Salmon, Flathead, Silver Bream, Whiting, Skipjack, Herring etc., etc. and it is while they are foraging for chow in their favourite spots that the angler makes his kill and marks up in his diary or memory the particular locality, time and date for future reference.

The surf angler of course does not just confine himself to the surf beach, but also considers reefs, particularly the reef that juts out into the surf or green water from a rocky foreshore, and these places although to a point can be uncomfortable, with the surf rolling in and continually wetting the angler, and also at times dangerous, are indeed worthy of consideration, for once again we have the attraction of small-fry lying up under the reef, incomparative safety and the bigger fish on the look-out for their food, and is at these places that the spinner is worth a go or as an alternative, the whole fish bait such as Scalies or Mulies. To mention just one spot is Trigg's Island which I suppose after all delivers more fish to anglers than any other spot in the Metropolitan Area, of course Trigg's Island is only one such place

of many that can easily be reached and fished in good weather, and an extra for the angler who fishes the reef consistently is the tripod, which enables him to escape the full force of the surf, and of course no reef fisherman is complete these days without waders, which help to keep the cold out and keep you dry, though there are conflicting ideas on the actual value of waders.

To hazard a guess at which time of the day it is best to fish or when you are likely to catch the most, I would not like to say for from my experience I have found that evening fishing has by far been the most profitable (though some Club members reckon that my next fish will be my first), though there has been exception to this when I have caught more fish in one spot in the morning than when I have returned to fish it again of an evening. So without committing myself to actual times I think that we will nearly all agree that early morning and evening hours are more profitable than daytime, and actually weather conditions have to be considered in relation to fishing times. To the novice if a good sea breeze is blowing and a fair surf is running, this is likely to deter him, but let this not be so, for bear it in mind that the fish has to find his chow in all sorts of weather, and if there is a bit of a surf running all to the good, for he has not the time to smell it, taste it, spit it out and look around for something better, for if he is battling for food as he will be, for most of the small fry will be lying up out of the strong surf in a safe place and he will hit your bait good and hard, for he might not see it on the second time around, picture yourself in the same position, so don't let a little breeze and surf put you off your pastime. At various times you will hear mention of tides and times, and moons, but who is to determine just when the fish will come on to bite, if they are in the proximity. I have caught fish at all phases of the moon, at low tide and high tide and to me I would just not like to offer a best time to catch fish. Anytime is fishing time for me, except during the day with the sun shining, and if you are fishing for flounder that is a good time for them, for they like to come into the warm shallow water, there can be all sorts of rules, and for them all there is an exception. The only time I don't like

to fish is full moon and low water, though I've caught fish then too.

As has been mentioned after a blow the channel or hole that you know may have changed, if not in position, in shape and just after the blow could be a good time to fish, for with the change of the channel or hole a good deal of sand, shell etc. has been uncovered and moved, which acts as an attraction for the small-fry as a new feeding spot, which in turn will be an attraction for the bigger fish, and to the experienced fisherman will receive attention.

The constant changing of the surf floor is carefully observed by the experienced angler and fishing spots of a night are soon chosen with experience and care, but to the learner, night fishing is a shot at random. The slope of the beach and the wash and the appearance of the water on even the darkest of nights will tell the experienced angler where he has an even better than 50% chance of taking a fish and to the learner it is only experience and ability that will enable him to do so too. If it's worth buying good gear to catch good fish it's worth while making a study of the situation. I pick the spots, but someone else always seems to catch the fish. If it's not my MATE? - it's my wife.

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PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.

The following applications for membership of the 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:-

Cecil Thomas HOUGHTON
175 Edinboro St.,
TUART HILL

Peter DOULIS
14 Judd St.,
SOUTH PERTH.

RE DOUG EDWARDS.

I believe that Doug, who attended our last General Meeting after his unfortunate accident has been returned to Hospital to have yet another operation on his leg. There is no doubt about Doug, he is certainly having a stiff trot this year. I have no information as to which Hospital Doug is in at the moment or for how long he will be there, but let's hope that it will not be for long and it was indeed good to hear at the last Meeting that several members had taken Doug fishing. Let's hope that this will be his last operation and that he too will soon be out and about. You can't keep a good man down - not for long at anyrate.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

To Phil Neri on behalf of the Committee and Members we would like to offer our sympathies on your recent loss. I would like to apologise for not mentioning this earlier Phil, but I really did not know.

RE OUR CASTING DAY ORGANIZER.

Once again our Casting Day Organizer, Alan Burnett, has been put on the sick list, so it looks like as if Norm Clarke who was just starting to get used to the idea of being in charge of Casting until Alan was tossed out of Hollywood Hospital and officiated at our February Casting Day, but has now been ordered to start bashing the spine again, will have to pick up the reins again, for at least a few months, until they boot Alan out again, which won't be too long, for they will soon wake up to him. Just fancy having to put up with that B for several months. They won't! Can't ever understand his wife putting up with him as long as she has.

Still all malarky aside Alan, I'm sure that we all hope that you will only be there for a short while and that you will soon once again be with us and able to enjoy your Club activities.

For members who intend to visit Alan, and I am sure he will be pleased to have visitors, after a short while, I think I am correct in stating that Alan will be in Ward 15, at the Hollywood Chest Hospital.

IMPROPTU FIELD DAY AT SINGLETON.

Last Friday night anyone would have thought that there was a Field Day taking place at Singleton by the number of Club members congregated there. I thought that I was going to have a quiet evenings fishing with my wife until I arrived on the spot and who should I see but Norm Giles and his wife, Jim strong and his better half, Ron Shirley and young Mick Doscas, and then a few minutes later two more figures appeared over the sandhills looking for all the world like a pair of marauding Myalls on the war path with their rous clasped like spears and who would they be - none other than "Lucky" Lilly and "Rock Snapper" Backhouse. There we were about ten of us fishing in about 100 yards of water and one man getting all the fish - no it wasn't "Lucky" Lilly but our good friend Ron Shirley - he did the lot of us over for he seemed to have a complete monopoly on the Mulloway and Tailer - the stinker. Still never mind Ron was missed out at the Isaldn and Friday night was just compensation.

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| A. Bunnett | - | 238 | 105 | 266 | 609 | 203 | 148 | 351 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 16 | 8 | 37 | - | 9 | 3 | - | 12 | 56 | 66 |
| D. Beadon | - | 271 | 258 | 255P | 769 | 256 | 153 | 409 | 12 | 8 | 15 | 1 | 9 | 33 | 3 | 5 | - | 3 | 11 | 56 | 66 |
| N. Clarke | - | 243 | 264 | 241P | 733 | 244 | 201 | 445 | 20 | - | - | - | 18 | 18 | - | - | - | 8 | 8 | 46 | 56 |
| N. Cross | - | 206P | 170P | 120 | 466 | 155 | 183 | 338 | 6 | - | - | 8 | 14 | 22 | - | 7 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 44 | 54 |
| M. Doscas | - | 296P | 287P | 302P | 840 | 280 | 156 | 436 | 16 | - | 16 | 9 | 13 | 38 | - | 3 | - | - | 3 | 57 | 67 |
| T. Fuller | - | 186P | 225 | 220P | 601 | 200 | 225 | 425 | 14 | - | - | 4 | 5 | 9 | - | 2 | - | 1 | 3 | 26 | 36 |
| G. Greenham | - | 225P | 225 | 125P | 545 | 182 | 224 | 406 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 14 | 41 | - | - | - | - | - | 51 | 61 |
| R. Kildahl | - | 273 | 260 | 273 | 806 | 269 | 170 | 439 | 18 | 17 | x | 3 | 7 | 27 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 49 | 59 |
| N. Knight | - | 290 | xxx | 260P | 535 | 178 | 102 | 280 | 4 | 2 | x | 9 | 14 | 25 | - | 4 | - | 5 | 9 | 38 | 48 |
| R. Lilly | - | 297 | 311 | 312P | 905 | 302 | 142 | 444 | 19 | x | x | 12 | 5 | 17 | 9 | - | 3 | - | 12 | 48 | 58 |
| I. McLennan | - | 156 | 153 | 211P | 505 | 168 | 231 | 399 | 9 | x | 12 | 14 | x | 26 | 9 | - | - | 2 | 11 | 46 | 56 |
| H. Neil | - | 246 | 267P | 238 | 8726 | 242 | 189 | 431 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 24 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 40 | 50 |
| J. Strong | - | 256 | 270 | 260 | 786 | 262 | 176 | 438 | 17 | x | x | 10 | x | 10 | - | - | - | 7 | 7 | 34 | 44 |
| R. Tichbon | - | 120 | 289 | 90 | 499 | 166 | 142 | 308 | 5 | 10 | x | 19 | 11 | 40 | - | 7 | - | - | 13 | 58 | 68 |
| R. Tucker | - | 265P | 275 | 285 | 810 | 270 | 138 | 408 | 11 | 18 | 15 | 19 | 14 | 66 | - | 7 | 6 | - | 13 | 58 | 68 |
| N. Wilkerson | - | 150 | 300P | 302P | 722 | 241 | 180 | 421 | 13 | x | 9 | 18 | 7 | 34 | 4 | - | 5 | 8 | 12 | 59 | 69 |