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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS

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

DRYCASTING

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

FIELD DAYS

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

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

Disputes may be taken to the committee.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

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

CLUB ACTIVITIESMARCH GENERAL MEETING

WHERE -M.Y.A.S.G. club rooms at the Inglewood Aquatic Centre,
Alexander Drive, Menora.
WHEN -WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH 1995 at 8.00pm.
INSTRUCTION - For the benefit of our newer members we will be having instruction
on fishing rigs. George Holman will lead the topic with a good deal of input by you all.

MARCH DRYCASTING DAY

WHERE -YOKINE RESERVE, Corner Alexander Drive & Wordsworth Avenue.
WHEN -SUNDAY 12th MARCH 1995. Be present by 8.30am.
EVENTS -112gram level line D/H Accuracy
56gram level line S/H Accuracy
There will be an open 112gram distance event also.

NEXT FIELD DAY

WHERE: BLUFF CREEK.
WHEN : 4TH - 6TH.MARCH (LWE)
SIGN ON: SATURDAY at 1.00 PM . At the camp site at Bluff Creek.
WEIGH IN: MONDAY at 9.00 am. as above.
BOUNDARIES: EAST, As far as you can drive and then walk.
WESTERN, Cheynes beach caravan park.

FOLLOWING FIELD DAY

WHERE: OPEN.
WHEN : 15TH - 17TH APRIL, EASTER WEEKEND.
LINES DOWN: SATURDAY. 6.00 am.
SIGN ON: Phone in sign on to F.D.O. by 8.00 pm on the THURSDAY night
WEIGH IN: MONDAY at 9.00 am where ever you are.
BOUNDARIES: nil..

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR MARCH

WHEN: 4 th - 6th MARCH 1995(LWE).
SIGN ON: Phone in sign on to F.D.O. by 8.00 pm on the Friday night
LINES DOWN: SATURDAY. 2.00 pm.
WEIGH IN: MONDAY by 9.00 am at G. Holman's 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. Results to be phoned
into the F D officer by 8.00 pm that night.
BOUNDARIES North Mole to Due's

PROPOSED LIST OF FIELD DAYS FOR 1995 -1996

MAY		13th - 14th	Rottnest Island
JUNE	(LWE)	3th - 5th	Greenough / Kalbarri in 1995
JULY		15th - 16th	Cape to Cape
AUGUST		12th - 13th	Dewars to Moore River
SEPTEMBER		16th - 17th	Rottnest
OCTOBER (LWE)		30th Sept - 2nd Oct	Peaceful Bay (South Coast)
NOVEMBER		11th - 12th	Hill River
DECEMBER		16th - 17th	White Hills
JANUARY		6th - 7th?	Mandurah 500 combined with January Field Day
FEBRUARY		11th - 12th	Wedge Island
MARCH (LWE)		4th - 6th	Bluff Creek
APRIL		State Rock and Beach Titles in Esperance? combined with a week long club trip.	

Other option for a week long trip is Exmouth in July 1996.
These field days will be discussed and voted on at the March general meeting



EDITORIAL

President, Sid Whiting, had to go to Sydney on business for the week when we held our February general meeting so I had the privilege of chairing this event. Once again a good roll up and quite a deal of business dealt with. We had a good open forum on the club's future and where and how members thought we should go. Topics such as field days, club premises, leasing, buying another cottage (at say Esperance) and other general matters made for an interesting meeting and I was impressed by the opinions put forward by our lady members.

Peter Osborne made further mention of the Geraldton Championships and welcomed more participation and involvement from any Surfcaster who wanted to compete or help. A good number of our members will be going up, particularly for the drycasting. Our club committee also approved a \$200 donation towards trophies for the event.

Our social organiser Murray Shaw was not present at the meeting with good reason as his wife Debbie had just presented him with a baby girl, Rebecca Mae Yvonne. Congratulations to you both from us all.

Mal and Jenny Head are once again preparing to do another Northern Safari and will head off towards the end of March... Lucky b.....s.

Eric Parker, our property officer is currently trying out our cottage at Kalbarri for a week or two and probably doing some last minute measuring for the working bee at Easter. Don't forget if anyone wants to go up and give a hand and do a bit of fishing please let Eric or Hans Wytenberg know ASAP.

The third and final casting trial for State selection is now over and final results will be announced at a special meeting to be held at our club rooms on Monday 13th March at 8:00pm. This is a compulsory meeting for all qualifiers as all details, captain selections, team placements and all other matters will be dealt with so that Geraldton will be plain sailing.

March sees our field day and drycasting day reversed - the casting will be held on Sunday 12th at Yokine Reserve, and the field day will be Bluff Creek on the 4th, 5th and 6th along with the local fishing. Bluff Creek is one of our better field days and is well worth making the effort to attend. If you are still thinking about it... do it, you won't be sorry!! Anyone who would like to convoy down on the Friday night Hans Wytenberg and I will be convoying down, leaving from the rear of 89 Clontarf Street Sorrento at approx 7 - 8 pm. If interested just front up or give us a call and meet us along the way. We both have CB's in our vehicles which is a big help on long trips.

The committee has put out a suggested list of venues for the 1995/96 fishing year for you all to have a look at and comment upon at our next general meeting. There is also a suggestion for a club holiday week at Exmouth in 1996 and another suggestion for a week at Esperance over Easter to combine with the State Beach titles. If members would prefer a week at Esperance at a different time please make your comments at our next meeting also. If you have any other suggestions please put the forward for us all to have a think about!!

Murray Shaw is starting to get things moving with organising our annual dinner and dance and it looks like being at Wembley Lodge again which incidentally has had a complete face lift. The date will be Saturday 24th June, 1995 so please keep this date free and come along. Murray's efforts last year were great and everyone had a ball and this year's dinner will be even better.

For all club members who will be going up to Geraldton for the Convention and competing in any of the events I wish you well and may your efforts be rewarded.

- 1994/95 -

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FIELD DAY RESULTS

VENUE: WHITE HILLS - MYLUP.
 DATE: 11TH - 12TH FEBRUARY 1995.
 ATTENDANCE: SENIORS: 26 VISITORS: 3
 JUNIORS: 2
 M-JUNIORS: 2 TOTAL: 33

TOTAL FISH WEIGHT 52.36kg

NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT	POINTS	WEIGHT
D'ALONZO TONY	144	5.45	SULLIVAN JEFF	72 1.25
SAYER GARRY	139	4.92	THORGERSEN ANDY	71 1.10
WYTENBURG HANS	130	3.00	KOLMAN MORRIS	71 1.15
MC CORMACK PAT	112	4.25	MORRIS WAYNE	63 1.30
BENNETT JOHN	104	4.45	LOCKE DEREK	60 1.00
BRAYNE PHIL	103	3.35	PARKER ERIC	59 0.90
PILTON IAN	83	1.30	BENNETT ELEANOR	54 0.42
D'ALONZO PHILEMENA	81	3.10	STAM TREVOR	54 0.45
DELONGIS SAM	81	2.12	PLAUT NORMAN (V)	41 0.10
COOK IAN	77	2.70	RIDDINGTON BRAD (V)	49 0.90
BRAYNE ALAN	77	2.75	LOCKE DEAN	47 0.70
HOLLAND TONY	76	1.60	MASCARENHAS VIVIAN	46 0.60
	JUNIORS		BARBER DERRY	43 0.30
PILTON STEPHEN	53	1.30	MORRIS RONDA	40 0.00
TAGGART BRETT	10	0.00	RIDDINGTON DENISE (V)	30 0.00
	M/JUNIORS		TAGGART IAN	10 0.00
WYTENBURG KARL	30	0.00		
TAGGART GRANT	10	0.00		

FIELD-DAY PRIZES

BEST BAG OF SCALE FISH. TONY DALONZO MIXED 5.45kg
 BEST BAG OF SCALE FISH. GARRY SAYER TAILOR 0.55kg

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH TONY D'ALONZO MIXED 5.45kg
 HEAVIEST SCALE FISH. GARRY SAYER TAILOR 0.55kg

FIELD DAY COMPETITION * 1994 - 1995,

FEB 95

SECTION.

1. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1st 6mths)	TONY DALONZO	MULLOWAY	14.15kg
1. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2nd 6mths)	DARRYL HOLTON	SALMON	5.25kg
3. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH			
4. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5kg Min)			
5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1kg Min)	TONY DALONZO	MULLOWAY	14.15kg
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1kg Min)	KOLMAN MORRIS	TAILOR	1.77kg
7. HEAVIEST SALMON (3kg Min)	DARREL HOLTON	SALMON	5.25kg
8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (1kg Min)			
9. HEAVIEST MACKERAL	GEORGE HOLMAN		3.35kg
10. HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	MARK PHILPOT	SALMON	17.15kg
11. HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY	TONY DALONZO	MULLOWAY	14.15kg
12. HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	GARRY SAYER		4.40kg
13. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ROD 4kg or 9lb b/s line (max)	MARK PHILPOT	SALMON	4.05kg
14. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 3 - 9,13 (2kg Min)	PAT McCORMICK	JEWFISH	10.15kg

WHITE HILLS - MYALUP FIELD DAY
11TH & 12TH FEBRUARY 1995

I have been a member of the Surfcasters now for nearly 15 months and feel the last field day was the best organised that I have attended. I felt the disc system that has been adopted, working extremely well. Also the safety aspect of it struck home, if a disc is missing, the holder of that disc could be in trouble and a search would be organised.

Anyway, to the fishing. Some good sized bags were weighed in, once again Tony D. took the honours, but Gary Sayers and Hans were right up there also. In fact, Gary Sayer knocked off Tony D's 3.05kg record for the best bag of tailor with 4.4kg. Well done Gary!

A total of 31 people attended this field day with a total of 52kg of assorted fish being caught. Nothing in the spectacular basket but a few good sized tailor hit the scales.

My own bag weighed approximately 3.5kg which was enough to slingshot me 4 places into the top ten. Watch out Boys, I'm coming home!! I don't think I've got too many above me shaking in their boots.

I was camped next to Ric Parker and Andy Thorgerson, and never have I seen a bottle of 100 Pipers disappear so quickly. No wonder they were both sleeping by 10:30. This field day cost Pat McCormick over \$500 when his radiator let go 9km down the beach but, thanks to Eric Parker who came to the rescue with some plastic metal putty, Pat was able to get mobile again. Maybe this is one more item we should add to our tool boxes.

Once again I feel I can speak for all in our little group of anglers when I say we had a great field day, which is what it is really all about. The weather was great, the fishing not bad, and the company even better. Thanks guys.

Tight Whatever.....
 Phil Brayne.

WHITE HILLS

It took a lot of persuasion to convince me I should put a fishing trip in preference to work. However Trevor Stam finally succeeded and I picked him up at 10:00am Saturday morning.

The drive down was a lot quicker than Trevor expected, therefore we arrived early. This ensured we had time to prepare ourselves with flags and soft tyres.

After the pre-comp lectures we headed off, both knowing exactly where the gaff and camera were for when the big one was landed. 6km South of the track we found it, the Mulloway Pit. It was all ours, so we made ourselves comfortable.

I relaxed and calmed down after a long week while Trevor kept falling down. Not once, not twice or even three times, four times I saw him pick himself up, giggling at the same time. Those sand ledges can be tricky when you forget they're there, as I found out afterwards. After cleaning our glasses we became quite proficient at staying upright.

A few whiting later and tailor time came. Then tailor time went without any tailor! It didn't matter because we'd have a nice dinner and a billy and then hook into something big.... That was the plan anyway! As we had no saucepan or frypan, or billy, that idea went out the window with a hearty laugh. Toast, beer and water was my first choice from the menu anyway. We decided to leave the Mulloway till Sunday and go to sleep.

The next morning Trevor refused to let me sleep in, and I climbed out of bed to confront another beautiful day.

We hooked into a school of herring on light gear, much to Trevor's delight. His excitement and energy was that of someone 40 years his junior. We shared the same attitude toward the field day. Have a great time, laugh and relax a lot and hopefully get a few fish.

Trevor slept on the way home after the weigh in and I dropped him home about midday. Thanks everyone for another great weekend.

Jeff

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Murray Shaw has gone to a great deal of trouble to produce a great Membership Card in plastic (like a bank card) which will have your name on it and may be shown to any tackle store or similar and hopefully those people will reciprocate by looking after members of the Surfcasting and Angling Club of WA.

The club will be meeting the cost but we ask that you give your "preferred" name (on a piece of paper) to Bob Henderson at the door at our next general meeting. If you are unable to attend please send a note to Sid Whiting with your "preferred" name on it so that the cards may be printed ASAP.

NO CRABS JUST A BILL

Memories of five years ago came flooding back to me on our January field day, which comprised of fishing, BBQ and prawning. In the summer of 89/90 my husband Wayne and I decided to go crabbing in Bunbury's Leschenault inlet. We left early one Saturday morning, armed with two scoop nets and our floating pontoon which Wayne had made some years ago just for crabbing. On arrival at the inlet we pulled on our shoes, grabbed the scoops etc and moved out into the water, confident that we would catch a good feed of those delicious blue swimmers. There were no size crabs in the shallows so headed out to deeper water to try our luck there and when we were in about 3 feet of water and a 1/4 mile from shore I started to feel dizzy and thought I was going to faint. So I called to Wayne who was some distance away. By the time Wayne got to me I had one of the worst pains I have ever felt in my life. Having a baby was nothing compared to the pain I felt that day. We were still a long way from shore, not a soul in sight so all I could do was hang on to Wayne and walk to shore. I stumbled and fell many times each time, the pain getting worse and there was no way Wayne could have carried me. Back on dry land I pulled off my joggers to find my foot bleeding and the pain getting worse, so we could only assume I stepped on a cobbler or stingray. A constricting bandage was applied as one would for snake bite, then went looking for a doctor in Australind. A doctor could not be located so we went straight to Bunbury Hospital. The hospital confirmed that it was a cobbler sting applied hot compressed and gave me morphine until I could have no more, but the pain was still unbearable. As I could have no more morphine I was told that it would just have to run its course. That took 36 hours. I was very weak and dizzy when I was allowed out of hospital and the area around the puncture mark was very tender for several weeks after so if you decide to go prawning or crabbing make sure you wear good footwear.

I know I will, probably leather boots all the way to my neck as I certainly don't want to go through that agony again.

Be Warned
Rhonda Morris

PROPOSED LIST OF FIELD DAYS FOR 1994 -1995

MAY		14th - 15th	Rottnest Island
JUNE	(LWE)	4th - 6th	Greenough. Trial for Nationals in 1995
JULY		16th - 17th	Local Swan River
AUGUST		13th - 14th	Local Yanchep - Guilderton
SEPTEMBER		17th - 18th	Emu Springs
OCTOBER (LWE)		1st - 3rd	Reef Beach
NOVEMBER		12th - 13th	Hill River
DECEMBER		17th - 18th	White Hills
JANUARY		15th	Swan River
FEBRUARY		11th - 12th	Mylup / White hills
MARCH (LWE)		4th - 6th	Bluff Creek
APRIL		Easter break	Open

***** NOTE CHANGES.

AAA RAFFLE BOOKS

Don't forget to bring all raffle books along to the March meeting and return them to Peter Osborne (along with the money) as this is the final meeting before the raffle is drawn. If you want to buy some tickets on the night I'm sure Peter will oblige and remember...all money raised goes towards our State teams who will be representing us at the Geraldton Convention starting on the 27th March 1995.

SENIOR TOP TEN

Dalanzo Tony	1552
Cook Ian	857
Bennett John	809
McCormick Patrick	731
Brayne Alan	706
Holton Darrell	684
Wytenburgh Hans	678
Whiting Sid	509
Kolman Morris	500
Brayne Phil	411

JUNIOR TOP FIVE

Pilton S	127
Whiting Debbie	123
Taggart B	101
Neal Ian	86
Sayer Nigel	10

MIDDLES TOP FIVE

Whiting Darren	168
Wytenburg Karl	143
Taggart G	85
Neal Ian	56
Gardener Robert	20

AAA REPORT - 17TH FEB 1995

1.0 Extract from AAA minutes of meeting.

After close of the meeting Lindsay Harbord gave a run down on the National Championships in Geraldton, 27th March - 13th April.

Work was commencing on these Nationals after the 1985 Carnival held in Bunbury to make sure there was enough money to cover the numerous costs involved and set up the Carnival. A raffle has been run every year, with every second years proceeds going fully towards the nationals and every other year the residue after Team expenses. There is not expected to be a shortfall as the Nationals have been budgeted for, but if there is, the AAA (WA Div) are responsible for picking this up. The biggest problem is not knowing how many competitors there will be. If people from WA Clubs do not attend and support the Carnival it could be a flop. WA have the potential to run the best ever National Championships with good quality and quantity of fish and some unique Trophies to be won. Major prizes are aimed at the Individual competitor, so if you didn't make the Teams, go as an Individual. Species competitions will be held to promote this type of event for future Nationals. A team is coming from New Zealand and possibly one from South Africa to compete in a special International event with Australia.

Subsequent to this meeting indications are we shall have between 320 and 350 competitors, which is on target for our budgets. (Some states are sending two teams.) Hope to see all you Surfcasters at this competition - our ranks hold the highest proportion of casting champions and the recent increases in Surfcasters membership has resulted in some casters that also have this potential.

2.0 Extract: This letter is to advise that there is a printing error on the raffle tickets of raffle No 109 recently sent to your Club. Please advise your members and all future purchasers of tickets of the error.

The tickets are printed with the drawing date as being May 21st and results published May 25th. This should read

Drawing Date	21st March
Results Published	25th March

As per the letter with the raffle books, money and ticket stubs must be in by Monday 20th March in time for the drawing of the raffle. (Surfcasters return tickets at general meeting 8th March 1995)

Peter Osborne

WHOSE WHO LIST??

A number of members have put it to me that we should have a list (or similar) of members and their occupations with a view to giving preference to club members when looking for tradesmen or business men in a particular field. I have decided to put this to you so you may all give it thought and we may be able to deal with this at our next general meeting.

There are two basic ideas put forward so far:

1 The persons business name or name, business or trade, and a phone number. We can do this in a list form and depending would not use much space and if you want it included in each issue whether it is done free or a small charge be made.

2 A page of business cards (advertising) at say a fee of \$50 per annum.

Any other ideas are welcome, so give it some thought and put your points forward at our next general meeting. This general idea has merit and had obvious benefits to all concerned.

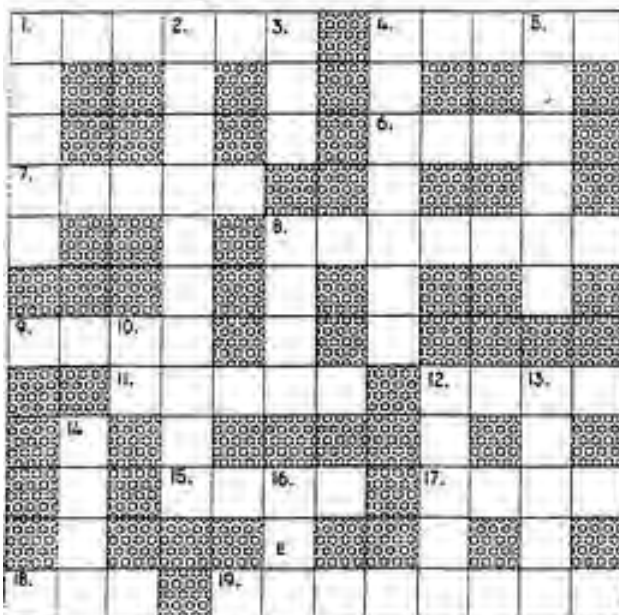
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following application for membership to our club has been received and will go before our next committee meeting. If any member has any reason why the applicant should not become a member they should make their reasons known to any committee member:

Kenneth Roy Killick
3 Marconi Street
Morley WA 6062
Phone 279 1150

DATE: 8/2/95	112 GRAM			Art Bait			D.H.	S.H.	DAY
NAME	1	2	TOTAL	1	2	TOTAL	ACC	ACC	TOTAL
SENIORS									
G REELEY	-	101	10	103	-	10	57	25	102
R THOMPSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	12	73
J SULLIVAN	-	-	-	86	86	17	67	20	104
E PARKER	118	119	24	97	100	20	81	24	149
G GUILDERSLEEVE	121	131	15	95	95	19	106	27	167
H WYTENBURG	123	118	24	101	99	20	46	11	101
G HOLMAN	129	139	27	109	114	22	102	11	162
A JONES	99	104	20	87	78	16	52	2	90
T WILLISON	121	130	25	103	107	21	44	12	102
I MASCARENHAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	13
I COOK	108	121	23	97	103	20	89	14	146
M HEAD	87	104	19	75	-	8	-	13	40
T STAM	76	-	8	63	63	13	117	24	162
J STRONG	95	93	19	-	77	8	111	7	145
A THORGERSON	-	-	-	79	66	14	60	7	81
R THORPE	100	100	10	74	82	16	104	15	145
C THORPE	30	23	3	48	43	9	18	0	30
LADIES									
B WHITING	89P	90	16	71	85P	15	53	7	91
MINI JUNIORS									
K WYTENBURG	23	23	5	22	15P	3	38	7	53
S PILTON	83P	-	7	71	-	7	82	13	109
112 GRAM WINNER	G HOLMAN			27		PTS			
ARTIFICIAL BAIT WINNER	G HOLMAN			22		PTS			
56 GRAM WINNER - VETS									
D/H ACCURACY WINNER	T STAM			117		PTS			
S/H ACCURACY	G GUILDERSLEEVE			27		PTS			
112 GRAM OPEN WINNER									
S/H OPEN DIST WINNER									
WINNER OF THE DAY	G GUILDERSLEEVE			167		PTS			
JUNIOR WINNER	S PILTON			109		PTS			

BRAYNES FISHTEASER



ACROSS

1. F.D.O DOGS NAME
4. PAST PRESIDENT'S FIRST NAME
6. FISHERMEN TELL THESE
7. A SMALL ROD
8. HOLDS THE EYES ON
9. TEMPTS THE FISH
11. A WHITE PLACE WE FISH
12. WHAT WE LOVE TO DO
15. NEEDED TO LAND BIG ONES
17. NOT ODDS
18. KEEPS THEM COLD
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DOWN

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3. THESE ARE LONG
4. THE MAN TO BEAT
5. GOOD TIDE TO FISH
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16. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

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DENNIS GREEN



FEBRUARY DRYCASTING REPORT

G'Day Everyone

I must begin this month's report with a score correction. S Whiting's score for January is actually 145pts, making Jimmy Strong winner of the day. Thanks for pointing that on out.

The February casting was a great success due to a large turn-up, which makes all involved even more enthusiastic. The competitive side of the day was quite heated, with a number of visitors turning up to practise for the championships.

For those not familiar with the ability of rods and reel in the right hands, Drycasting would be an eye-opener.

Our February winner of the day was G Guldersleeve, just ahead of G Holman. Distances were controlled by a steady Easterly in the morning, making things a little more difficult.

Trevor Stam won the D/H accuracy, which is a well deserved position as Trevor turns up every month and practices during the week. Congratulations Trevor. Ray Thorpe is another keen competitor, along with all the other Vets who continually out do most in the accuracy events. Well done and thanks to all the veterans for your continued support.

On the other end of the age scale I will mention Karl Wytenburg. Karl's enthusiasm is admirable and his casting improved endlessly. Along with this, he always helps bring the gear in for me and offers to help with anything he can. Definitely, Drycasting Officer of the future. Thanks Karl, I really appreciate it!!

Ian Cook will probably wear steel cap boots next month after a near miss or two. (Sorry mate!)

There's a number of dedicated helpers who turn up early and help throughout the day, every month. Your assistance is appreciated by all present. Thank you.

Thanks to everyone, and good luck to our teams for the Championships.

March casting is on 12/3/95 and I will endeavour to hold the 112 gram open distance event as well. Be early!!

Just one thing before I go. Did anyone see Frank Zammit (prospective member) with that huge birds nest on my Alvey? I know he was trying to keep it inconspicuous so we won't mention it!

Jeff Sullivan (DCO)

- IT'S A GIRL!! -

Our social organiser, Murray Shaw has just become a dad again when his wife Debbie presented him with a baby girl..Rebecca Mae Yvonne. Both are well and Debbie and Murray now have the pigeon pair a boy and a girl!! Congratulations to you both from all Surfcasters!

OPEN COMPETITION

- 1) **MOST MERITORIOUS FISH**
- 2) **HEAVIEST SHARK - (4.5KG MIN)**
- 3) **HEAVIEST MULLOWAY - (3.0KG MIN)**
M SHAW 9.5KG - 10 KG (L) FALSE ENTRANCE
- 4) **HEAVIEST SALMON - (3.0KG MIN)**
- 5) **HEAVIEST DHUFISH**
G HOLMAN, 5.00 KG, 15KG LINE, MULIE, 3/5.0 RIG, FALSE ENTRANCE
- 6) **HEAVIEST TAILOR - (1.0KG MIN)**
D MAXTED 4.45KG - 9KG (L) CRAYFISH BAY
- 7) **HEAVIEST SAMSON FISH**
- 8) **HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - S/H ROD (4KG OR 9lb LINE MAX)**
G HOLMAN TAILOR 3.25KG - 4KG (L) FALSE ENTRANCE
- 9) **HEAVIEST PINK SNAPPER**
G HOLMAN 5.0KG - 9KG (L) FLASE ENTRANCE
- 10) **HEAVIEST TARWHINE - (SILVER BREAM)**
- 11) **HEAVIEST MACKEREL**
G HOLMAN 17.5KG - 10KG (L) FALSE ENTRANCE
- 12) **HEAVIEST TREVALLY - (SOUTHERN 1.0KG MIN)**
- 13) **HEAVIEST TREVALLY - (NORTHERN 1.0KG MIN)**
M HEAD (GOLDEN) 7.0KG 25LB (L) CAPE LEVEQUE
- 14) **HEAVIEST SNOOK/PIKE**
- 15) **HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - OTHER THAN SECTIONS 2-14 (2.0KG MIN)**
P BRAYNE SEA KING 13.0KG - 10KG (L) FALSE ENTRANCE





"Hoooooh ... honestly, Honey, we're going to make that beer bread you told us about!"

IT'S a bit of a nuisance to buy yeast for a camping trip. That's why so many of us have made damper: the unleavened bush bread of Australia.

But most campers can lay their hands on a can of beer that may be used to make beer bread, a most enjoyable alternative to damper. It is a lighter-leavened bread because the yeast in the beer provides a ready yeast-agent substitute.

When drunk, beer bread is a great foodtime loaf, served with butter slapping over the sides.

If you're in a hurry, there's some left for breakfast; it toasts really well.

UTENSILS

1 bowl for mixing ingredients
1 camp oven, floured
long tongs
1 knife for slicing (alternatively, break with hands)

BEER BREAD

INGREDIENTS

3 cups SR flour
½ cup sugar
1 level teaspoon salt
¼ of a 375 ml can of beer—drink the rest!
butter for spreading on hot loaf

METHOD

Make sure that your hot coals have settled and have your camp oven floured and ready.

Mix all ingredients thoroughly, but lightly into a sandy dough.

You don't know beer bread. (The beer is used to mix into the dough after the froth has dissipated.)

Shape the dough into a roundish loaf. Place in camp oven and if you have sufficient coals, place same on the lid. When checking bread, be careful to dislodge coals, before using long tongs or cloth to remove camp oven lid.

Cook for 40 to 45 minutes, until the bread tests hollow. For aroma and eating, freshly baked bread is a campfire must.



AN INTERESTING YARN

The club has in the past (and present) had some characters who could spin a great yarn and who have had some experiences that are worth putting pen to paper. One such character, who passed away only a couple of years ago, was Bert "Panther" Payne.

I include a story he wrote for the "Reel Talk" dated June 1963 and the result we can see why he got his nick name. I have yet to see him beaten in the yarn-telling field.

A DOUBLE COINCIDENCE

Whilst stationed in India at Trimulgerry, Hyderabad, Deccan, I applied to my C.O. for one month's leave for a shooting and fishing trip, which was subsequently granted. With my friend Archie Prayero the local District Inspector of Police, we then began arrangements for our coming trip. We wrote to the District Forrest Officer at Kolas in the Southern Government Forrest of the Nizam State for permission to shoot and fish in the arc of the Nizamabad Dam, and this was granted. We sent our boy named Ashis Khan to Kolas one week in advance of our trip, with money and instructions. He bought goats and tied them up in the most likely spots for tigers and panthers to kill in that area. He also went to a spot we had chosen previously, a swirling pool, formed by water rushing over the spillway of the Sluche gate at the bottom of the Dam wall. His instructions from us as was to burdle up the pool at 7:00am and 4:00pm of each day. The burdle: coarse flour, coconut oil, hemp seed and small fish, mixed together forming a paste. He was instructed to make the burdle into 20 balls each being the size of a cricket ball, to use each time. The reason for all the burdle is known to people who have fished in India as that is the custom when fishing for the type of fish we were after. We were seeking mainly a fish named the ROWE fish which is similar to our Silver King Fish, is a great fighter and usually weighs approx. 80 to 100 lbs. The procedure of burlying gets the fish used to the time of its twice per day feed so that when we bait our lines and throw out on arrival at those times the fish take our bait immediately without any further burdle. It usually then takes 15 to 20 minutes to land one of these big fish.

Archie and I set off in a 22hp Ford sedan and headed 281 miles South to our camping site which was situated under some big trees below the Old Fort which was built on a hill. Our journey took us through some beautiful jungle country much of which was the private Reserve forest owned by the Nizam. These Private Reserve Forests are well guarded by Forrest Guards armed with rifles. At intervals there are Guard Houses and the roadway is blocked, where each vehicle is stopped and checked to ensure they have not been poaching. Whilst we were passing through these roadblocks it reminded me of the time that I had been with other friends and had actually been poaching and on that occasion we had changed our number plated and crashed the roadblocks in our endeavour to get out. At approximately 4:00pm we decided to pull under the shade of a big tree and boil the billy as it would be approx 8:00pm before we would arrive at our campsite at Kolas. Archie was driving and he left the road and pulled up in a small shady track leading into the scrub. Immediately I spotted a small deer squatting under a shady bush not more than 100 yards to our left, so I quickly reached into the back seat and picked up my 275 mauser rifle, slipped in a round of ammunition and, still sitting in the car, poked the rifle muzzle through the open window, took aim, fired and over went the deer. We were pleased at such a good start of getting a nice young buck with our first shot and which would be our food for the next two days. The deer get used to the traffic on the main road so lay in the shade of the bushes just off the main road and this particular one had not taken any notice of our car but had we been on foot he would have been gone before we could have got near him. We had our tea and were soon travelling along the road again and just before 8:00pm saw the village of Kolas in the distance. On arrival we were met by our boy and the Headman of the Village both of whom were full of the story of a Panther which had worrying the village for weeks taking their young buffaloes, cows and goats and terrifying the villagers. We were tired after our long drive and drove to the camp that Ashis Khan had prepared for us, and were soon eating our fill of fried buck chops, chips and a nice cup of tea. Ashis Khan suggested we tied the hindquarters of the buck up in the branch of a nearby tree to prevent jackals and any wild animals prowling around getting at it. We bunked up Ashis Khan with the remains of the buck which he secured by rope to a branch leaving the loins hanging down to about 12 to 14 feet from the ground. Gratefully we sank into our prepared camp stretchers, and were soon asleep, having made sure that we had our rifles tucked in bed with us. I was awakened during the night by a dull thud sounding ahead of my stretcher. It was dark and I could see nothing, but then I again heard a dull thud on the ground ahead of my stretcher and heard the branches of a tree shaking and I guessed that something was after the carcass of our buck in the tree. Gradually my eyes became

accustomed to the darkness and at the same time I realised that it must be a big cat to be able to jump the 12 to 14 feet from the ground. I quietly turned onto my bell and gently drew out my rifle and was then able to see a faint outline of an animal about 12 to 15 yards away crouching under the carcass of our buck and ready to spring into the air to pull it down. It was too dark to align my sights on the animal but I pointed the muzzle in the direction I thought was the target area and fired. At that instant the outline of the animal appeared to leap into the air and then with a roar was off. In an instant the rest of the camp was awake, everyone talking at once and torches flashing. I explained what had happened and we walked over to inspect the big paw marks where the animal had been jumping up and down under the tree and saw the torn flesh of our buck carcass which he had managed to rip. We decided that bed was calling us all as it was then 1:45am and I was just snuggling back into my stretcher when Ashis Khan brought me a complete Panther paw which he had found under the tree and which I had apparently shot off. During our stay there we did not see or hear anything of the panther again.

We were awakened at 6:30am by Ashis Khan to go fishing. He had done his job well and we caught 17 of these big fish that day. Archie had an extra big fish on and played him up and down the bank of the river for over half an hour, but eventually got hooked up in some dead wood under water and the line broke letting the fish go with a jag, two 8 o hooks and two feet of steel wire in his mouth.

There would not be space enough for me to write all the tails of one month of shooting and fishing that we did so will finish off with the sequel to this story. Three months after this trip it was our Christmas break - up and Archie and I decided to spend seven days at our same camp. Again we arranged to send Ashis Khan down one week in advance. He met us there with the news that a panther was again terrorising the village. We rested during the day and planned to sit up all night to await the panther.

Just before dark we took up our positions outside a stockade of goats having previously arranged with the Goat Company for one goat to be tied up outside alongside us. We did not have long to wait before the goat started bleating to be let in with the others as we had planned. Not many minutes had passed before there was a sudden rushing sound, a snark and there was a big panther with the goat's head and throat in his big mouth sucking his blood. Then the panther sat back on his haunches to enjoy eating the goat which was still tied to the stake. The panther had his back to me so I let him have it straight between the shoulders and he dropped like a log. I threw a rock at him to see if there was any life left in him but he didn't move. Ashis Khan went over to him and found that he had the third tow missing from his left forefoot and we then realised that this must have been the big cat I had shot at on our trip three months earlier. The villagers turned out full of joy.

After a couple of days fishing Archie had his most unusual reward after he had caught and landed a big fish of 68lbs. and on gutting him found an old jag, two 8 o hooks and a length of wire, which he recognised as the one that had got away three months previously.

If you would like another instalment of our stay at Kolas in the next issue, please let me know. My next instalment could be:

"Shooting fish with a .22 rifle and an encounter with a Big Black Bear".

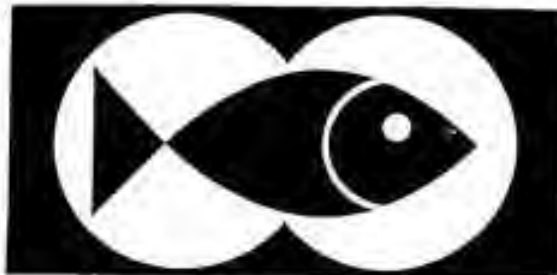
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