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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 committees 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 ACTIVITIES**MAY GENERAL MEETING.**

WHERE - MYASG club rooms at the Inglewood Aquatic Centre. Alexander Menora.
 WHEN - WEDNESDAY 11th May 1994, at 8.00pm.
 INSTRUCTION - Basil Marsh, one of our more senior members and one with years of experience, will talk on going away on fishing trips and field days, long, short and our private party trips for extended periods, what to take, how to organise and the co-operation and communication needed to make it all work. Any questions, please ask them!!

MAY DRY CASTING DAY.

WHERE - YOKINE RESERVE. Cnr. Alexander Drive and Wordsworth Avenue.
 WHEN - SUNDAY 1st May. Be present a 8.30am
 EVENTS - 112 gram level line. D/H Accuracy.
 - 56 gram level line. S/H Accuracy.
 This is the first cast for the new competition year and I am sure Graham Reeley and Harold Hodgson would like to see you all there and give the season a great start. It is also a great boost to the organisers when this happens and they don't feel like they are wasting their time!!

MAY FIELD DAY.

WHERE - ROTTNEST ISLAND
 WHEN - 14th - 15th MAY
 SIGN ON - SATURDAY at 1.00pm. At the Caroline Thompson huts.
 WEIGH IN - SUNDAY at 1.00pm as above.
 BOUNDARIES - Anywhere that the bus will drop you and you wish to walk.

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR MAY.

WHEN - 14th - 15th MAY
 SIGN ON - Phone in sign on to F.D.O. by 8.00pm on the Friday night.
 LINES DOWN - SATURDAY 2.00pm.
 WEIGH IN - SUNDAY by 12.00am at G. Holmans house. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by an 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 8.00pm that night.
 BOUNDARIES - North Mole to Mindarie Keys.

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DENNIS GREEN*More than just low prices***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIPS**

The following applications for membership have been received and will be brought before the committee meeting for approval. If any member has any reason for not accepting the new applicants they should contact a committee person before then and state their reasons.

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Editorial...

The interest and participation within the club continues which is great. Our general meetings are very well attended and good instruction periods and meeting format has a lot to do with this. President Derry and our committee seem to be on track and good input from club members. A point to remember is that 2 members are allowed to attend committee meetings each month subject to confirmation with our president so they can come along, have a look, put their point of view etc... I think the point needs to be made that constructive suggestions are what we need not destructive and I think the latter the less said the better!!

Basil Marsh has offered to take our next instruction period and he will talk on what to take on a field day such as tackle, bait, food, clothes, gear etc... for close venues, long venues and private longer trips. He will also touch on the preparation, protocol, communication, etc which is required to make it all work and also the little bit of give and take which is also needed. Basil has been around for quite a while and knows his subject and if you have any queries he will accommodate you.

Great to see the response to our Presidents request for a new secretary. He had two quick responses one from Sid Whiting and the other from Eleanor Bennett, both of which were very much appreciated. Sid got the job being first cab off the rack. There are bound to be some positions come vacant in August at the AGM and this type of interest augurs well for a well balanced committee. Thanks from the club to both volunteers.

At the time of writing this editorial twenty two lucky b...ds are up at the Mackerel Islands fishing their little butts off... the culmination of a lot of organisation. We wish them well.

On Sunday 17th I had a few weigh their fish in on the open field day at 89 Clontarf Street and young Steven Pilton had a mixed bag and "the gun" Tony D'Alonzo weighed in a great bag of fish (4 salmon, 12 skippy and 14 herring) for close to 21 kilos. The boys will have to catch some good fish up top.

Cookie has had a good response for starters for the Rottnest venues in May with twenty three names on the list. Should be a great venue as reports of salmon and good catches are forth coming.

At our last general meeting Harold Hodgesson put his hand up and volunteered to help Graham Reeley organise club casting events when Malcolm Head (our DCO) made the request. The sort of response Harold has made is indicative of the type of members we have and this positive response is what makes a club work. Thanks Harold. I'm sure a lot of others will help if so requested by you or Graham.

Negotiations are well under way with the Expo organisers and I hope to give a comprehensive report at the next meeting.

People interested in fishing in the club teams at the State Championships to be held in June at Greenough are asked to contact our FDO Ian Cook please so he can organise this.

There will be a meeting of any one interested in State drycasting, learning, coaching, etc at our club meeting place on Wednesday 29th June. This is to look at casting across the board and anything to do with it. Anyone interested please attend, it starts at 8:00 pm.

Our club t-shirts etc really look great and Ian Pilton is really on the ball. Contact Ian if you need t-shirts, jackets, hats, etc and he will look after you. He also has available reel bags (3 sizes) and rod bags all sizes available at very reasonable prices.

Murray Shaw wishes to remind all about the Annual Dinner and Dance and Presentation Night to be held at Wembley Lodge on Saturday, 25th June. Keep this date free... It is a great night. (might cost you a new dress for you wife!!) Enough from me for now. See you at our next casting day... Sunday 1st May at Yokine Reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

The following motion was put and carried at the April meeting and takes effect as from May 1994 and the word "May" is the operative word.

In Open and Field Day Competition an angler may release sharks and still enter same in the event chosen as long as it is witnessed by at least three(3) other persons and a conservative weight

KALBARRI REPORT

Hi Folks! Bob again.

Sorry about not writing in the last couple of issues as the tourists have kept us very busy and I have had a couple of weeks off crook! According to the newspapers you haven't missed much as the reports on fishing were, for a change, quite right: fish, fish and more fish and even seems to be getting better. I apologise to the people who use the fishing house for not getting around to see them but my chances were minimal.

I have a story to tell about a bloke named Ric and his partner Mortin who spent two weeks in early March. I don't know if they told anyone, but this is how it goes: They both went fishing to Frustration Reef after borrowing a boat, trailer, motor etc. for a good nights "fishing". The river was about to flood, as after the rains in Cue and Magnet we wait about 12 days before it shows up here, then the Kingie run! Not being so energetic I stayed home. Later in the evening, after dark, I went to the grog shop for the usual and low and behold there was this monstrous machine of his emitting this high pitched noise, with all lights flashing, trailer as well, people from the van park next to which he had parked complaining to the grog shop man who had by then rung the cops who were going to silence it-maybe for good! Pow! Pow! Worse luck the grog shop bloke recognised them as friends of mine, so it was hail a boat from mid-stream and get him to drop me off on the other side(which he kindly did)right at the little swamp, so in thong deep slush I made my way in the dark to the opposite bank. Before I got too far the river surged and instead of being thong deep I was waist deep in sticks, spiders and all types of crawley things. What a shock, I finished 50 yards further down stream at a faster rate than intended. Stumbling up the shore, cursing Ric to the fullest(as I didn't need this)I caught up eventually with them. First thing Ernie said,"didn't bring your fishing gear". When I told him what happened and there were about 80 people wanting to do all sorts of things to his anatomy he eventually believed it. He thought I had swam over for fun. Going back he righted the situation, apologised to everyone and left it kindly to me to fix it up with the coppers in the morning - great bloke! But there's more: Getting back to Mortin. He had been set up by three foxes. He had a large Kingie on when the foxes decided to raid his gear and when yelling and screaming at them didn't frighten them off he had to cut it free to save his gear, because as one gets chased the other two move in and all your expensive gear either goes bush or disappears in the sand. They will even push your mulie bucket over to grab all they can get or make off with your bag. Well, all that for a beer. I'd have been better off not going!!

Glad you all had a good time and good fishing at Bluff Creek. It's a really good spot!

Those going to Onslow(Mackeral Islands) are bound to have a good time, and maybe some might drop in and have a visit. So 'til the next time, after the "Heads" arrive, bye 'til then.

The Hardie Family.

A.A.A. (W.A. Div.) Inc. - DELGATES MEETING / 19th. April 1995

1) Fishing competition through the Boating Industry Association being organized for the 1st. August '94. ; Species competition, Beach and Offshore Events , Sections for men ladies juniors etc. , weigh in points from Bunbury to Mendarie Keys , A.A.A. Clubs will provide organizers for weigh-in , high profie marketing , LOTS OF PRIZES.

2) The same organization will be running the boating show later in the month , a request will be made for A.A.A. to man a stall .Winners of above will be announced at this show.

3) The State Rock and Beach Titles will be held at S Bend (Dongara to Geraldton) on the long weekend June 4th.&5th. (see info' . sheet)

How about Surfcasters putting a team together, we have had some spectacular successes in the past.

4) Research scientists from fisheries have a tagging program on whiskery and bronze whaler sharks - orange tags - The program is instituted from Mandurah to Windy Harbour. Rewards for return of tags and info' (name , address , tele' , length , weight , sample of neck vertebrae ,) Leaflets will be put into tackle shops.

P.T.Osborne



President's Report...

As the year's fishing and drycasting season draws to a close we can all look back with some pride and sense of achievement as to the growth within the club over the last 12 months. The recruiting drive at the Expo has instilled new life into the club with the enthusiasm and new ideas brought on board by the new members resulting in substantially increased attendances at drycasting, field days and general meetings. This augurs well to a continuing successful growth in Surfcasters as we have basically got management right and with the enthusiasm and depth of membership can go forward and build the ideals which we all strive for and the reason why we joined the club, being fun, fishing, drycasting, knowledge and fellowship and the support of the sports of fishing and drycasting.

We will also be looking at the standing down of the current committee as the August meeting is the Annual General Meeting date. Part of the success of the club, particularly over the last 2 years has been the influx of new members into the committee who brought with them a fresh approach and a desire to improve and grow which has clearly eventuated over that period. As is the case each year not all of the committee members will continue and the opportunity exists for new committee persons to put in their input. We would like to invite the new members that have recently joined us to consider accepting a committee position as your thoughts are invaluable and as you have seen the existing committee has taken notice of your requests, a typical example of which has been the change in the general meeting format and the use of photographs to be instigated for records of field days etc.

Each committee person has a folder which details a full role of each committee officer and includes the By-Laws and Constitution, plus numerous hints and guides as to club activities and what is required to successfully run them. As such it is not difficult to walk in and take a position, as the organisational side of Surfcasters is well tried and recorded and has well stood the test of time being modified as required to keep pace with today's changing world. Please give consideration to what you would like to achieve and be able to contribute as a possible future committee officer.

The new field days have now been formulated and some of the older and exciting venues have resurfaced, one in particular being Reef Beach, which has huge deep lagoons within the inner reef and promises some exciting fishing.

Our social officer Murray Shaw, has done a magnificent job and has something special lined up for us at the dinner and dance. Suggest that diary notes be made for a great night out at the end of June this year being the wind up of the club for the year and the trophy presentations.

A big thank you to Eleanor Bennett and Sid Whiting who both volunteered to fill the role of Secretary until the coming elections and congratulations to Sid (lucky Sid) who phoned just ahead of Eleanor to offer his services. Our past secretary, Rom Niciejewski is at the point of his letter winding his way up North and has several months ahead of him on the enjoyment track to which one would hope some fishing stories will come by the "Reel Talk" about his exploits.

On the subject of fish stories there will undoubtedly be some heavy writing as the Mackeral Island boys do their stuff which is set to be one of the greatest trips we've ever organised in what must be God's country with crystal clear waters, beautiful and large fish with a variety of species and colours that even our former foreign affairs minister, Al Grasby would have been well satisfied with.

Looking forward to a great finish of the year and excellent prospects for the coming one.

Derry Barber.
President.

LIST OF FIELD DAYS FOR 1994 - 1995

MAY	14th - 15th	Rottnest Island
JUNE (LWE)	4th - 6th	Greenough Trial for Nationals 1995
JULY	16th - 17th	Local Swan River
AUGUST	20th - 21st	Local Yanchep - Guilderton
SEPTEMBER	17th - 18th	Emu Springs
OCTOBER (LWE) SEPT	24th - 26th	Reef Beach
NOVEMBER	18th - 19th	Hill River
DECEMBER	17th - 18th	White Hills
JANUARY	7th - 8th?	Mandurah 500?
FEBRUARY	11th - 12th	Mylup/White Hills
MARCH	11th - 12th	Bluff Creek
APRIL	15th - 16th	?Where

DATE: 10.04.94 NAME	112 GRAM			ART BAIT			D.H. ACC	S.H. ACC	DAY TOTAL
	1	2	TOTAL	1	2	TOTAL			
G REELEY	110	P	11	90	89	18	108	32	169
M HEAD	94	89	18	P	71	7	124	13	162
G GILDERSLEEVE	122	124	25	97	P	10	116	37	188
G HOLMAN	124	131	26	103	P	10	131	19	186
S WHITING	116	116	23	104	85	19	86	33	161
H WYTENBURG	P	P	P	83	85	17	68	10	95
I PILTON	P	P	P	P	79	8	62	9	79
J BENNETT	81	-	8	78	77	16	37	7	60
SIMON	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	P	41
VETS									
H HODGSON	76	67	14	70	66	14	75	10	113
A THORGESON	73	80	15	69	-	7	53	6	81
J STRONG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	30
T STAM	59	68	13	64	67	13	29	18	73
T HOLLAND	57	P	6	56	58	11	74	-	93
R THORPE	114	P	11	89	85	17	75	12	115
BETH WHITING (L)	96	P	10	-	-	-	49	13	72
JUNIOR									
I PILTON	13	P97	10	70	80	15	56	16	97
MINI JUNIOR									
I HAZEL	74P	68P	14	52P	50P	8	66	7	95
DEBBIE WHITING	53P	58P	9	-	36	4	41	7	61
K WYTENBURG	20	30	5	30	12	4	26	-	35
DARREN WHITING	46P	44	8	36	12	4	44	-	56
112 GRAM WINNER	G. HOLMAN 26 PTS								
ARTIFICIAL BAIT WINNER	S WHITING 19 PTS								
56 GRAM WINNER									
D.H. WINNER	G HOLMAN 131 PTS								
S.H. WINNER	G GILDERSLEEVE 37 PTS								
112 GRAM OPEN WINNER									
S.H. OPEN WINNER									
WINNER OF THE DAY	G GILDERSLEEVE 188PTS								
JUNIOR WINNER	S PILTON 97 PTS								
MINI JUNIOR WINNER	DEBBIE WHITING 61 PTS								
VETS: R THORPE 115 PTS									

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The Whiting Family

APRIL DRYCASTING.

This was the final cast of the 1993/4 season and we had an attendance of twenty one casters present. Fine conditions prevailed but we were casting into a strong easterly(headwind)which meant distance was difficult to achieve.

Helpers and markers came forward more readily to help which was greatly appreciated but this trend will need to continue as Graham Reeley is at the helm from next month as I will be tripping around up north for a few months. Harold Hodgson has offered his help, and at this point I would like to express my thanks to him. With this type of example our casting is in good hands and all we need are "bums on seats".

Some good scores were noted on the day and a good example of how tight the competition is in the Veterans section only two points separated Ray Thorpe and Harold Hodgson at the end of the day and this also applied in the open division with Garry Gildersleeves beating George Holman by two points.

Beth Whiting had a personal best(unofficially that is)with a cast of 100 metres, and considering the headwind shows she id capable of a lot better. All Beth has to do is keep them in the court!!

Single handed accuracy saw some excellent casting with Garry Gildersleeves equalling the club record with 37 out of 40(three bullseyes)and Sid Whiting scored 3 nines in his some of 33 and Graham Reeley scored 32.

George Holman top scored in double-handed accuracy with 131 and I managed 24 points.

George Holman had the longest cast of the day with 131 metres in the 112 gram open distance which is indicative of the strength of the headwind. Sid Whiting had the longest cast in the artificial bait with 104 metres.

Andy Thorgerson continues to show improvement, which is good to see. Good to see a few more juniors and minis casting. A trend we hope continues.

Eleanor Bennett didn't cast in the competition but put a lot of time in practising with her new rod.

I would appreciate(as would the markers)casters using pom-poms in the accuracy events as they are a lot easier to see. All you need is some wool and we can show you how to make them if need be.

I would like to express my thanks to Jim Strong and Graham Reeley for their help and hope you all have a good casting season for 1994/5. Enjoy yourselves at the Annual Dinner and Dance as it is a great night and the culmination of the years activities. Congratulations to all the section winners and hope to see a lot of different faces in the line up next year.

See you all when Jenny and myself get back from our trip.

Mal Head.

FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1993 - 1994.MARCH 94

SECTION.

1. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1st 6mths)	D. Fitzsimmons	Mulloway	10.72kg
1. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2nd 6mths)	Mal Head	Dhufish	08.60hg
3. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH	Mal Head	Dhufish	08.60hg
4. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5kg Min)	T. Dalonzo	Blue Shark	44.30kg
5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1kg Min)	D. Fitzsimmons	Mulloway	10.72kg
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1kg Min)	T. Dalonzo		01.05kg
7. HEAVIEST SALMON (3kg Min)	M Head (Salmon)		04.35kg
8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (1kg Min)			
9. HEAVIEST MACKERAL			
10. HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	T. Dalonzo		19.62kg
11. HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY	D. Fitzsimmons	Mulloway	10.72kg
12. HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	T. Dalonzo		05.85kg
13. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ROD 4kg or 9lb b/s line (max)	M. Henderson		03.66kg
14. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 3 - 9,13 (2kg Min)	T Dalonzo	Pike	02.55kg



LAST SURFCASTERS RAFFLE WEEKEND PRIZE FISHING TRIP.

7am Saturday 19th of March saw the weather forecast of a 1.5 meter swell and 7-14 knots with clear yet overcast skies, near perfect conditions. The crew consisted of the skipper Peter Osborne, Professional Decky and filletor extraordinaire Dirk Fitzsimmonds together with the prize winner Derry Barber. The plan was set with Peter casually stating that we would stop at his favourite spot (you don't have to guess who that was for the benefit of) and pick up a feed of fat succulent whiting and cap off the day with a few jewfish. The first section of the plan went like clock work with some 28 whiting being caught with the resulting fillets in the main almost qualifying themselves for the 20cm limit magnificent fish. Then came the shift and the search was on to catch the elusive jewfish and we commenced drifting with Dirk experiencing a slight nudge which felt like a jewy bite so Peter powered back and the lines were again dropped. His judgement was spot on as we hit what may have been a school of jewfish with both Dirk and Derry hooking up at the same time and both landing magnificent jewfish of about 6 kilos each, both females and Peter then marked the spot with a flag buoy and we reworked the area resulting in two further female jewfish being landed, one by Dirk of about 7 kilos and a huge 9 to 10 kilo by Peter. There is of course a possible precedent now to be maintained from a certain skipper who had forecast the result, "Peter what are you going to say about the next trip?"

GREAT FISHING!
Derry Barber - President.

OPEN COMPETITION 1993/94

- 1) **MOST MERITORIOUS FISH**
- 2) **HEAVIEST SHARK - (4.5KG MIN)**
- 3) **HEAVIEST MULLOWAY - (3.0KG MIN)**
DIE D'UVA, 10.00KG, 10KG LINE, MULIE, MANDURAH
- 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)**
G HOLMAN, 3.50KG, 10KG LINE, LURE, CRAYFISH BAY
- 7) **HEAVIEST SAMSON FISH**
- 8) **HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - S/H ROD (4KG OR 9lb LINE MAX)**
- 9) **HEAVIEST PINK SNAPPER**
D MAXTED, 4.20KG, 14KG LINE, MULIE, 3/5.0 RIG, FALSE ENTRANCE
- 10) **HEAVIEST TARWHINE - (SILVER BREAM)**
- 11) **HEAVIEST MACKEREL**
G HOLMAN 16KG, 10KG LINE, LURE, FALSE ENTRANCE
- 12) **HEAVIEST TREVALLY - (SOUTHERN 1.0KG MIN)**
- 13) **HEAVIEST TREVALLY - (NORTHERN 1.0KG MIN)**
- 14) **HEAVIEST SNOOK/PIKE**
- 15) **HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - OTHER THAN SECTIONS 2-14 (2.0KG MIN)**
G HOLMAN, JEWFISH, 4.80KG, 15KG LINE MULIE 3/5.0 RIG FALSE ENTRANCE

STEEP POINT.

For members who have not visited or fished Steep Point, it is on the most westerly point of the Australian mainland situated at the mouth of the South Passage in Shark Bay opposite Dirk Hartog Island. To get to Steep Point, the turn-off is 40kms along the Denham Road after the Overland Roadhouse along the Useless Loop Road which is a dirt road, corrugated and full of pot holes. After travelling 200kms along this track you get to Clough Bar, where tyres are let down to 20 psi and you have approx. 35kms of sand dunes to finally get to Steep Point. Most fishing at the point is on cliffs ranging from 20-50ft above the water. It is recognised as the best rock fishing platform in Australia, but sometimes it can be very dead.

We recently visited Steep Point. There were four of us, Frank Sutton and myself in one vehicle, Bob Bartley and Dave Thomas in a second vehicle. Our vehicle towed a fully laden trailer while the other vehicle carried the important refreshments. We left at approx 3pm on Friday and after 14 hours travelling we arrived at Steep 5am. There were 2 camps at the Point and three on the fault line. One of the camps on the Point was a friend of mine, who told us he was leaving that morning, so we decided to camp there. During the day other camps also left so we had the whole area to ourselves. After putting up our tent and cooking some food we decided to fish. We put out our balloons using tailor and gardies for bait and went around the Point to spin. We could not raise anything on lures, but we caught 4 nice Spanish Mackerel on balloons.

The next day winds were not suitable for ballooning so we decided to fish the point with lures. The water was moving with Skipjack Tuna in a feeding frenzy and we spent the morning catching Skipjack Tuna of around 5kgs and releasing them unharmed back into the water. Later that day we caught 2 Spaniards and a sharky on lures. The rest of the week conditions improved although it was very hot. We caught several Spaniards on balloons, but unfortunately the sharks also moved in taking nearly half the fish. At the Point fishing with lures was not very productive, but when we did hook a fish, two large gropers probably 300-400lbs that were waiting took them and our lures. They then swam around and looked for more.

We fished a few evenings for Snapper but with little success. We caught very few Snapper but we did manage a few Mulloway and several Tailor to 10lbs. The final tally was humans:26 Mackerel, sharks:12 Mackerel and gopher:5 Mackerel. As most of the Mackerel ranged from 28-32lbs and with other fish we caught, we finished the trip with quite a few fillets.

The scenery was spectacular and at times we saw Sailfish performing and leaping out of the water. Huge Manta Rays doing what we assume to be mating rituals for over 1 hour and even a 30ft Whale Shark swam past a couple of times. Large Yellowfin Tuna were also in close one day and one decided to take my lure home. After 1 week it was time to pack up and leave but I will be back again.

Eric Bombardieri.



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STATE ROCK AND BEACH ANGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS (1993/94)

DONGARA/GERALDTON ----- L.W.E. 4th & 5th June 1994.

HEADQUARTERS	'S' Bend Caravan Park
REGISTRATION	12 noon to 3pm Saturday 4th June 1994
LINES DOWN	2pm Saturday 4th June 1994
LINES UP	11am Sunday 5th June 1994
WEIGH-IN	12 noon Sunday 5th June 1994
BOUNDARIES	South Groyne at Marina at Dongara Point Moore (south of Port groyne & excluding intermediate small groyne)

RULES OF THE DAY:

- * All Clubs provide 2 helpers for the day.
- * AAA Competition Rules apply plus the following -
- * Fisheries Department rules with one (1) day bag limit apply.
- * Category 4 fish (Table fish) minimum length of 20cms.
- * Non listed species (eg Wrasse) minimum length of 20cms.
- * Honour system for lines down/up. (no fishing for bait prior to lines down)
- * Disqualification for - use of plastic or plastic or fibreglass woven bags.
(use Hessian, cotton, canvas bags or esky)
 - undersize fish.
 - fishing out of time.
 - exceeding one day bag limit on any species

- NOTES: (1) Competitors to arrange own accomodation.
* Onsite Caravans hard to get so be early/use alternative Caravan Park.
* Plenty of Campsites.
- (2) 'S' Bend Caravan Park Ph: (099) 26 1072.
- (3) Fees: Mens/Ladies \$ 8.00
Vets/Jun/Mini-Jun \$ 4.00
- (4) A bring your own BBQ to be set up immediately following the weigh-in.
- (5) Presentations approximately 2pm to 3pm Sunday 5th June.

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