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CLUB ETIQUETTE

**MEETINGS:** The monthly general meeting is usually held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm. All members should endeavor to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

**DRYCASTING:** Dry casting competitions are usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. instruction is given to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of the 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 then the Committees duty to decide what action shall be taken. disputes may be taken to the Committee. Entries for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the club Recorder within 30 days of capture, and using the approved club forms.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Please notify the Treasurer and the Reel Talk Editor of any change or incorrect listing of address or phone numbers.

**GENERAL ETIQUETTE:** If any member intends to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the treasurer, and become due on 1<sup>st</sup> May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31<sup>st</sup> July. All voting/Nomination rights at the A.G.M. will be withdrawn if not financial.

LIFE MEMBERS

VIC DAVIS -D. EDWARD-L. DUNN-E. PARKER-J. STRONG-B. KLEIN-G. HOLMAN

# The Surfcasting and Angling Club of W.A. (inc.)

## General meeting held on the 14-4-99

The meeting was opened at 8-14 pm by President George Holman with 37 members in attendance.

**Apologies** were received from ; Julie Kember, Mal. Head and John Curtis. John is currently in hospital and was to have given the members a run down on what is happening within the A.A.A. at the present moment.

**5 visitors**, John Jardini, Don Wiltshire, Jason Reeves, Peter Castel and Keith Harland were introduced and made welcome to the meeting.

**New members accepted;** Peter Sucksmith & family plus David & Joy Redwood, made welcome to the club. Minutes of the last general meeting in the Reel Talk and over view of committee meeting were accepted.

**Correspondence in:** A.A.A. Meeting minutes plus copy of A.A.A. events up until 2001.

Letter also received from the Caravan and Camping Show expressing their thanks for our clubs participation.

**Treasures report:** Moved Basil Marsh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Stam that the treasures report be received. Carried.

**Property Officers report:** Murray Shaw explained to our new members and visitors about our house in Kalbarri, rental costs with plenty of vacancies for the house available. Book early and avoid disappointment.

**A.A.A. report:** Special meeting called for on the 20-4-99. All club executives are asked to attend.

A.A.A. fund raising mouse night is being held on the 1-5-99. Refer to the Reel Talk for further details.

**Social report:** 4WD picnic and fishing day on the 28-3-99 was enjoyed by all who participated.

Ten pin bowling night to be arranged shortly. Trophy / presentation night on the 26-6-99. Refer Reel talk.

**Instruction period:** Next months instruction will be a short video and talk by the Customs Department.

A representative from TJMs - 4WD shop could also be in attendance.

**General business:** Caravan and camping show organizers have advised the Surfcasters that they will be asked to participate in next years show after the great effort we did this year after such short notice.

Roy Killick advised that Bob Henderson had 2 reels damaged at the show and should be reimbursed.

The Dirk Hartog Island fishing trip planned for May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 1999 will be holding another meeting at George Holmans place on the 28-4-99 at 8.00 pm. Please bring a chair.

**Drycasting Rules:** Moved Bob Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Stoeckle that the rules remain as they are. Carried.

**Field-day Rules:** Moved Darren Batchelor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Basil Marsh that the rules remain as they are. Carried.

**The meeting closed at 10-10 pm.**

### FIELD-DAYS

Field-day nominations for the 1999 - 2000 were discussed & voted on during the meeting with the results being:

May	Rottnest - Set field-day.
June LWE	Bremer Bay.
July	Margaret River north.
August	Rottnest if cost and arrangements are suitable. 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice: Wedge Island.
September	Open - fish anywhere.
October LWE	S Bend with everyone stopping at the caravan park. Good family venue.
November	Cervantes. Good family venue.
December	Local - with weigh-in and night cast at George Holmans.
January	Mandurah 500 if running. 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice Myalup to Preston Beach.
February	Open - fish anywhere.
March LWE	Bluff Creek. Good family venue.
April	Open - fish anywhere, or take part in the A.A.A. State beach and Rock Championships being held at Esperance over Easter.

**Note:** Many of our members have wanted to go to Esperance for some time now, so I hope you will take advantage of this field-day as it is during school holidays. Make plans early. Make a booking. You have 12 months to save up.

Moved Darren Batchelor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Basil Marsh that the above field-days be accepted. Carried

### LOCAL FIELD-DAYS

Members will only be able to fish the Swan River in: June, August, October, December, February and April.

### SHARKS - CAPTURE AND RELEASE

On the 13-4-94, it was moved George Holman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Philpot that the following be adopted. Carried

In open and field-day competitions an angler may release sharks and still enter them in the competition provided the capture is witnessed by at least 3 other persons and a conservative weight estimate is agreed upon.

This is to prevent wastage. Obviously the above would not apply where records are concerned.

Moved Darren Batchelor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Cook that we advise all members of the rule, place a notice in the Reel Talk and have this entered into our rule book at the next printing. Carried.

### MAY 1999 GENERAL MEETING

**WHERE:** M.Y.A.S.G CLUB ROOM AT INGLEWOOD AQUATIC CENTRE ALEXANDER DRIVE  
**WHEN:** MAY 12TH 1999 AT 8:00PM  
**INSTRUCTION**

### MAY DRYCASTING

**WHERE:** YOKINE RESERVE CNR ALEXANDER DRIVE AND WORDSWORTH AVE  
**WHEN:** SUNDAY 2ND MAY  
**EVENTS:** 112GM DISTANCE, 56GM DISTANCE, D/H ACCURACY, S/H ACCURACY.

### MAY FIELD DAY.

**WHERE** ROTTO  
**WHEN** 8/9 MAY  
**SIGN ON** ON ISLAND  
**WEIGH IN** ON ISLAND

### LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR MAY

**SIGN ON** PHONE IN SIGN ON TO F.D.O BY 2000HRS THURSDAY NIGHT OR AT GENERAL MEETING IN SIGN ON BOOK PROVIDED.

**LINES DOWN** SATURDAY 1400HRS

**WEIGH IN** SUNDAY 1000HRS G.HOLMANS HOUSE. SCALES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON HIS BACK PATIO. WEIGHTS MUST BE WITNESSED BY AN ADULT. FD MONEY TO BE LEFT WITH THE SCALES IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME. NO MONEY NO POINTS. RESULTS TO BE PHONED TO THE FDO BY 1800HRS THAT NIGHT.

**BOUNDRIES** SOUTH MOLE TO MINDARIE KEYS EXCLUDING THE SWAN RIVER

### FIELD DAYS 1999/2000

MAY	ROTTA	NOVEMBER	CERVANTES
JUNE	BREMAR BAY	DECEMBER	LOCAL
JULY	MARG RIVER NTH	JANUARY	MYALUP/PRESTON
AUGUST	ROTTA	FEBRUARY	OPEN
SEPTEMBER	OPEN	MARCH	BLUFF CREEK
OCTOBER	BLUFF	APRIL	OPEN

DON'T FORGET THE MASTERS AND SPECIES BADGE FISH CAN BE CAUGHT ON THE FIELD DAYS AND WILL BE ENTERED FOR YOU BY THE FDO.

SEE YOU AT ROTTO, TIGHT LINES, DAZA, FDO.

## PRESIDENTS NOTES

Excellent roll up to our last meeting but someone decided to take down a power pole with his car in the rain and as a result we were without power and obviously had no lighting to conduct our meeting by.

Innovative Bob Henderson, backed his Rangerover near the door and shone a light or two into the room and along with a couple of torches, we got by.

Don Wiltshire was amongst our visitors and has indicated his desire to become a member. Welcome Don.

The Caravan and Camping show proved to be a great success even with the short notice and I have given a brief report elsewhere in this issue of Reel Talk.

Again, thanks to all that got involved and our decision to participate has proven to be a wise one as the boat show does not look like being a goer. The boat show want us to pay for everything from now on (it was free before) and they have also told us that we cannot run our raffle. (We are hoping for a change of heart).

We have already been asked to be involved in next years Caravan and Camping show and we should really work on this as this will prove to be our main fund-raiser.

Apologies to Jim Strong and Trevor Stam, I overlooked acknowledging their recent trip to Phillip Island in Victoria for the Nationals. There is a report elsewhere in this issue. I thank them for there participation along with Mal Head on our behalf.

The Anglers Association, at a special meeting has voted to continue their role as long as they get the support of the clubs. They need financial support. To get the ball rolling, Phil Brayne has organised the "Ropeable Rodent Roundup" fundraising evening to be held at the Floreat Surf Lifesaving Club, on West Coast Highway. It is to be held this Saturday night the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Doors open at 6.30pm and the proceedings start around 7.00- 7.15pm.

There is a bar operating and a great door prize (don't throw your ticket away, its numbered)

A raffle, and spot prizes. Its only \$5.00 per head which is a steal, considering you get a free tea or coffee, plus a hot dog in your ticket price. You will also receive your own race book and form guide, to help you pick the winners.

Please make an effort to support this night, it's a lot of fun and the AAA needs your help.

Please contact Phil Brayne on 94476669 for tickets, or you can also purchase them at the door on the night. See you there.

Our Dinner/Dance is on the 26<sup>th</sup> June (Saturday) and tickets are now available, the cost has again been kept down to a minimum and will be \$30.00. a head. (Please see menu this issue) At this point we would appreciate any trophy donations to help out on the night. Prizes too would help out immensely.

Please contact our treasure Eric Parker and let him know ASAP. Thanks.

### An update on young Karl Wytenburg

Karl has been home for some three weeks now, and started school after the holidays. He still has a cast on his right leg but, everything is healing and he is gradually getting his strength back. The future looks rosy for Karl. (Isn't that great news)

Marie would like to say "Thank you" for both of them, for all the members have done.

Before the next Reel Talk comes out, the boys will be up at Dirk Hartog Island catching a few of those "big ones" so we may look forward to some tell tales and a report on what the whole exercise was like. With the two other groups venturing up there later in the year it will be both interesting and beneficial. "I'll be there."

For a field day that should have a great attendance, our last venue at Margaret River South, was very disappointing to say the least with only three members going down, and ONLY three weighing in locally.

Pretty dismal,

Think about that!

George Holman.



## REEL TALK EDITORS REPORT

Hi all,

I would like to start off this month by thanking the club for its kind words and for the Sympathy card my family received for the loss of my father who passed away Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> April. Dad had the dreaded "C" and it was terrible to witness this disease take over him. Once again thank you from Alan Harry and myself.

I spent the Anzac long weekend up at Hill River, I met my brother Harry and his family, who live in Geraldton. They brought my Mother down with them to give her a break from the last 3 months. Ian Mascarenhas accompanied us also.

The weather was terrific, although a bit chilly at nights, No! I'm lying, it was bloody freezing at nights, and the fishing was usual Hill River quality.

Tailor, Herring, whiting, I even picked up a Snook. The crabs were doing their usual sneak attacks, and many a mulie was gobbled up by the claw bearing spiders.

While sitting in the roadhouse (the one we have the sign on and weigh-ins at) waiting for Harry to arrive, I started reading the brochures that the roadhouse has on display. This particular one caught my eye, and is titled "CAMPING INFORMATION." I thought I might pick a few paragraphs out for you all to digest.

It comes from the Shire of Dandaragan, which controls Hill River and Jurien if I'm not mistaken.

*With the introduction of the Caravan and Camping regulations 1997, new guidelines were introduced to control casual campers within the state. One major law which effects most campers, states that is now an offence to camp on ANY land without the written permission from the owners of that land. These new laws were introduced to control camping within Local Government Shires and to assist in the control and management of popular areas.*

*WHAT this means to the camper who wishes to stay at a popular camping spot, is that it is now illegal to camp anywhere in W.A. except in a caravan park or an area specifically set aside for the purpose of camping. This includes coastal areas, which are a major destination for the casual camper. Infringements of \$100.00 can now be issued.*

*The Shire of Dandaragan is experiencing a dramatic increase of associated problems (i.e. Litter left behind, unauthorized fires causing major bush fires, vehicles contributing to erosion, and other environmental issues)*

*The new regulations will now give the Dandaragan shire greater control over such problems.*

*The Shire of Dandaragan WILL, in the near future, be strictly enforcing these new laws by the way of \$100.00 on the spot infringements, or by prosecution in court.*

*The enforcement of the new laws will be implemented in conjunction with a coastal management plan which will identify such areas where camping will be permitted and controlled. (Just realised something while typing this report. The word CONTROL appears 5 times in that short little piece).*

**HOW can you camp legally within the Shire?**

*You will need to obtain written permission from the owner of the land where you plan to camp. (The Surfcasters have done this, but only as a club, not individuals) If you wish to stay longer than three nights you must state this in your letter of permission. It is strongly advised that such written permission be obtained prior to your camping stay and must be carried with you.*

*Until such time as the coastal management plan is in place and areas set aside for camping, casual campers will be tolerated (that's a nice term isn't it, tolerated)*

*Strictly under the following conditions*

1. **NO OPEN FIRES GAS FIRES ONLY.**
2. **TAKE YOUR RUBBISH AND LITTER WITH YOU**
3. **NO CAMPING WITHIN TOWNSITES IF A CARAVAN PARK IS AVAILABLE.**
4. **UNLICENSED MOTOR BIKES, 3 AND 4 WHEEL BIKES, BEACH BUGGIES OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR MOTORISED VEHICLE DESIGNED FOR OFF ROAD USE ARE ALL STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON ALL BEACHES AND TRACKS.**
5. **PROTECT THE ENVIROMENT. KEEP OFF THE DUNES AND DON'T DISTURB THE VEGETATION BY CREATING NEW TRACKS AND STAY ON EXISTING WALK TRACKS.**

## Social Report

**Our next Social Event** is to be a **10 Pin bowling Night**. Watch this space for details.

The **Yanchep picnic** went down well with all who attended enjoying themselves on a fine day. We had a sandcastle building competition for the kids, which was declared a draw, with everyone winning prizes. The optional pool for the largest fish of the day was won by yours truly, with a small mulloway, which just pushed Murray Shaw's whiting into second place. Thanks again to those who attended.

We have club polo shirts, tee shirts and baseball caps in all sizes as well as club cloth badges. If anybody would like any of these please see me at the meetings or call me at home in the evenings. The polo shirts are \$20, the tee shirts are \$15, the baseball caps \$5 and the cloth badges \$6. It would be nice if those attending the Dirk Hartog and Steep Point trips could be wearing club shirts and caps when the photo's of all the big fish are taken. The photo's can then be used for club promotions at next years Boat Show etc

I have arranged a **Sausage Sizzle** to be held on **Saturday 24 July 1999** outside BBC Hardware at Whitfords. If anyone has a few spare hours that day to lend a hand please contact me as I would appreciate the help. If this is a success there is the opportunity for more of these in the future. If any member would like to organize a sausage sizzle or similar in their area please contact me and I will help in any way that I can.

**On a personal note I am sorry to announce that I shall be resigning as Fund Raising and Social Organizer as of Wednesday 21/04/99. I apologize for the short notice but I have only just found out myself that I have been re-assigned to work at Collie for six months and so will only be in Perth at weekends. I would like to thank the Committee and Members for their support during my time as Social Organizer and ask that this support will continue for my successor. If anyone is interested in taking on these duties, then please contact any committee member and offer your services. I personally have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the committee and found it a great way of getting to meet more members, making new friends and giving something back to the club.**

**The Surfcasters Dinner Dance** tickets are now available at a cost of thirty dollars each. The clubs main event of the year will take place on **Saturday 28/06/99** at **Marmion Aquatic & Angling Club**, which is on the West Coast Highway at Sorrento. Doors open at 18:30 for 19:00 and we have the venue until One O'clock in the morning. If the reports of last years Dinner Dance are anything to go by it should be a great evening. If you would like to get a group together the tables seat six or eight people. Please let my successor know a fortnight in advance so that he can arrange for you to be sat together.

Marmion offer a chauffeur service where they will drive you home in your own car. This works out cheaper than a taxi but has to be arranged in advance. If you require a chauffeur then please contact MAAC direct and they will organize it for you.

Andy Woodford  
Fund Raising & Social Organizer

## WANTED

FUND RAISING & SOCIAL ORGANISER FOR THRIVING FISHING CLUB

Please contact any committee member for details.

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

There were thirty delegates present at the special delegates club officers meeting held at the Sportsman's Association premises on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1999. The object was to look at the future of the Association.

Phil Brayne and George Holman (our 2 delegates) along with Jim Strong, Murray Shaw and our proxy delegate Wayne Morris were present. The President addressed the meeting and pointed out the problems we face, and said this meeting was to try and resolve these.

The first point was whether we have an Association or not!

Members from the clubs present spoke in the affirmative but, pointed out that finance seems to be a big factor and the Secretary was targeted.

Second point was with regard to participation in State competitions and whether we want them to continue. Those present pointed out that they couldn't all compete in the four sections but would certainly patronise their field and whatever they could. Finance also has a lot to do with it.

Third point was again finances, and raising monies so that the Association may survive to be able to represent its members and their clubs. A lot of discussion was forthcoming with the main cost being the secretary's honorarium. After a lot of time on the subject a motion was put to increase the fee per angler member by \$2.00 to take effect immediately. The motion will be put to the May Meeting of the Surfcasters.

Phil Brayne gave a full run down on the forthcoming Mouse Racing evening (see ad this Reel Talk). Phil tried, and hopefully succeeded in pushing the importance of this fundraising event. We will see what positive, or negative, response we get at the function.

All members are urged to make an effort to support this event as the future of the A.A.A. may very well depend on it. Tickets are available at the door of the Floreat surf life saving club on Saturday night the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Doors open at 6.30 PM.

Cost is Five dollars only and a great night is guaranteed.

The legislation being proposed to look at the animal welfare act will exclude any reference to cruelty to fish.

George Holman of the Surfcasting and Angling club took on the position of Senior Vice President of the A.A.A.

George Holman.

## SCOBES LURE COMPETITION

This competition ends at the 31 April 1999

Currently the results stand as listed below

Heaviest Tailor	George Holman	False Entrance	4.4 Kg
Heaviest Salmon	George Holman	Bluff Creek	5.3 Kg
Heaviest Scale Fish	Trevally	George Holman	False Entrance 5.1 Kg

Congratulations to George for his great entries. You can see from the results above the quality fish that were entered. This is where the acquired skills and knowledge gained over time pays off.

## DRYCASTING REPORT - APRIL

Last month "Dazza" got his act together and won the 112gram and 56gram events with some good casting. This month he had a dose of 'OVERDERE', because that's where they landed. George had the same problem and it gave me a chance to finally win a distance event.

Jim and Trevor have returned from their trip to the National Titles in Victoria (see story), but Jim is now suffering with a crook back. Tony D'Alonzo joined us and showed he has lost none of his casting abilities. Barry Raybak and his son, along with their mate Julius (all from South Africa), called down to the oval to offer some assistance on their "pendulum" casting procedure, using 3 piece rods. A few of our lads tried hard to master this technic and many a 'OVERDERE' were produced. Funny enough, towards the end of the day, "Dazza" went back to his "old tried and true way" and produced the longest and straightest cast. "Felt good didn't it Dazza!"

Allan Jones brought his Grandson Rhys sown to the oval to have a go at casting. While Allan showed he's no slouch at casting, young Rhys (after a bit of coaching) stood out on a class of his own. A few practice casts then during the competition he surpassed the club record, but unfortunately it was outside boundaries. First attempt at the Double handed and he was only a few points off the record again. Big proud Grandad was beaming.

Matthew once again displayed his casting abilities by rewriting the artificial bait record to 96metres. This is the second club record that Matthew has set this year and he only started competition casting in July '98. How's this for impovement? - 63metres to 118metres in 112gram, 63metres to 95metres in 56gram, 61metres to 96metres in artificial bait. On behalf of all club members, **our hearty congratulations and well done Matt.**

The second 'single hand open' was won by **George with a cast of 83metres**, and he also won single-handed event for the day. "Dazza" won the artificial bait and Tony and Roy equalled for the Winner of The Day. Those couple of bullseyes helped their scores. **Congratulations to all the section winners.**

Well, that's the end of the 98/99 casting competition and both Pete and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to those that assisted and co-operated during the year. There has been whispers about the Vets not competing again unless the lovely Jennie Stoeckel returns to look after their scoring (Pete - you might have to put on that dress!).

May you keep it straight and long.

Hendo



**DRY CASTING RESULTS**

4/04/99

SENIORS	112 gram			56 gram			D/H Acc.	S/H Acc.	DAY TOTAL
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
B. Henderson	140	133	27	103	109	21	113	24	185
D. Batchelor	0	0	0	115	115	23	113	18	154
K. Black	0	109	11	0	87	9	47	6	73
A. Aubrey	117	116	23	103	105	21	37	19	100
G. Holman	150	0	15	0	0	0	123	28	166

**VETERANS**

T. Stam	97	94	19	78	90	17	89	9	134
T. D'Alonso	109	118	23	102	102	20	150	12	205
D. Batchelor	108	0	11	0	88	9	119	19	158
A. Jones	111	115	23	94	88	18	85	7	133
R. Killick	101	103	20	85	85	17	149	19	205

**JUNIORS**

M. Sneddon	115	118	23	96	83	18	64	22	127
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**MINI JUNIORS**

R. Jones	64	54	12	61	0	6	63	0	81
D Stoeckel	49	42	9	39	29	7	26	0	42

112 gram Winner	R Henderson
Artificial bait Winner	Darren Batchelor
S/H open distance winner	G Holman
D/H Acc. Winner	T D'Alonso
S/H Acc. Winner	G Holman
Winner of the Day	R. Killick & T. D'Alonso
Junior Winner	M. Sneddon
Mini Junior Winner	R. Jones

**NEXT DRYCASTING DATE: 2/5/99. STARTS 8:30am**  
 112gm, 56gm, D/H Acc., S/H Acc.

## 1999 NATIONAL TITLES

Five competitors travelled from W.A. to Phillip Island in Victoria during March to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> National Championship and to celebrate the A.A.A. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All five competed in the veteran section (3 from Surfcasters, 1 from Whitford Sea Sports and 1 from Offshore Club). Talking to Jim Strong (State Captain) and Trevor Stam, I was surprised to find out that they enjoyed very good weather over the two weeks of competition. (Now that's odd for Victoria!)

About 200 competitors attended from all states, including a group from N.Z. (the N.Z. mob are the best to join in on social nights, if you can cope). The Victorian hosts provided great hospitality to our blokes and assistance whenever needed.

Stories about the quantity and quality of fishing was not surprising (been there, tried it). The main species were huge quantities of Barracouta and Elephant fish and bags of mixed species of rock cod (wrasse). Other minor catches of King George Whiting, Trevally, Salmon trout, Leatherjackets, Mullet, Salmon, Flathead and Snapper were weighed in. A lot of catches were disqualified due to non-qualifying wrasse species and failure to remove spikes from the Elephant fish. Numerous reports of fishermen being spiked were common.

In the casting, the W.A. team came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the State Team Events, being beaten by the N.S.W. and QLD. Ted Hayman (Whitfords) won the John Butler trophy for highest score in the D/Handed event. Mal Head ran second and was in the top ten in all other casting events. Well done fellas.

With only limited information, I can advise you of some of the scores:

	<u>SENIORS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>VETERANS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<u>Best D/H</u>	G. Smenda (Vic)	151	T. Hayman (W.A.)	150
<u>Best 56gm</u>	C. Selby (NSW)	?	R. Caven (NSW)	133.57m
<u>Best A/B</u>	C. Selby (NSW)	148.79m	J. Gilmore (Vic)	114.83m
<u>Best 112gm</u>	C. Selby (NSW)	171/173m	?	?

The longest cast was by L. Drisscoll of NSW with a distance of 177.82m. Eleven other casts over 150m and sixteen casts over 130m. All with a bit of assistance from a tail wind.

For the first time a Ladies Veteran Team competed. The best overall caster was C. Selby of NSW.

The 2001 A.A.A. National Championships will be held during March on Kangaroo Island S.A. Lets hope the West Aussies can get their act together to participate. I'm going to make a serious effort to get there - anyone care to join me?

Thanks Jim, for this information

HENDO  
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## MARGARET RIVER SOUTH

The weekend started out as I had hoped I picked up my girlfriend and we headed down to Margaret River for the sign on. Upon arrival we were greeted by Tony and Willamena D'Alonzo and after a short while it was time for the sign on. I was very disappointed to see only four people on this trip, I don't know what the problem is with this field day because it has the potential for some great fishing and wild life entertainment, just to mention a couple of reasons to go to this area. After the sign on we headed down to the Contes camping area and had a couple of hours sleep to catch up from Friday night. At around 4:30pm we ventured down to the water to find four idiots out on slippery rock, I say idiots because this rock is like a ice skating rink when it is wet and it was raining. I would never advise anybody to go out there even when it was dry but these guys learnt the hard way as I saw 1 guy loose a rod to a small wave as he slipped on the rock but luckily he was ok. Anyway I was quite happy standing where I was on my favourite rock catching skippy but unfortunately the mosquitoes were pretty bad so when I had enough for a feed we headed back to camp.

Back in camp just after dark we had a nice warm fire going and tea in the frying pan, (steak burgers for tea yum), bit of music playing in the background and then it happened, suddenly about a dozen ring tail possums came down out of the trees and slowly we enticed them closer. Eventually we had a couple that would sit on our lap and let us pat them as we feed them one even wrapped its tail around my girlfriends finger to hold on for balance and to make it even better we where the only two people there. After a few drinks we hit the sack and had a bit of a sleep until around 2:00am when we where woken buy a noisy couple in a missan rocket that came through the camp area, I don't know what you where doing driving around at that time of the morning Tony but I hope you got some sleep sometime.

At the weigh in I found that Tony had his usual good mixed bag of fish and he had worked fairly hard for them. His bag included a small mullo way and a nice tailor amongst other things. I just had my skippy as I only fished for about an hour. The guys on slippery's where catching salmon and yellow tail kings on live herring but I don't believe it is worth the problems of being out there. Well that's about it for Margaret river we had fun and will keep going back for more I hope in the future we can share the memories of this trip with more of you and to all the wives and kids out there, don't let him talk you out of going along to feed the possums.

This brings us to the end of yet another year of competitions and I would like to congratulate all section winners and place getters, in the past year we as a club have enjoyed many great moments and some tragic loses but I feel that as a club we are as strong as ever and I hope that feeling continues into the next 12 months.

The next field day is Rotto and I would like to thank Ian Cook for organising this for us all, the details should be elsewhere for times etc. if you are going on this trip, please ensure all your gear is labelled clearly and is packed in boxes, crates or buckets and your rods are tied together. The following field day is Bremer Bay on the long weekend of 5/6/7 June this is a field day that is not to be missed just ask anyone that went last year and they will tell you the same thing. This area has excellent fishing with many little bays facing in every direction so it won't matter what the weather does you will be able to fish in comfort.

We will be based at the Bremer Bay Caravan Park so if you are thinking of going book in here, they have large six birth chalets at a good price and the normal on site vans. Last year on this trip we had 18 different species weighed in, which is the highest by far on any field day in the last 3 years that I've been in the club. Last year we had schools of tuna just out off the rocks terrorising the bait schools on the Sunday afternoon and bonito where being caught in the harbour. This area offers some of the most pristine beaches I have seen and the sand is so clean it squeaks when you walk on it, and don't forget the whales and large schools of dolphins that frequent the area, anyway I'm getting of track a little but this area does that to you. This time down there I will be going to Fosters beach area as I have never been in there but you always here good reports about it so if your interested in tagging along, let me know. I hope to go down on the Friday so let's travel down in convoy.

Well I'm counting down the days until Dirk Harthog and I guess the other guys on the first trip are as well. I would recommend anyone that is going on future trips start planning now if you haven't already. What we did was have a little meeting at my place and made a list of everything we needed from tackle to food and camping gear and the list went on and on but when you really think about the time spent on the island fishing you start to cut back on gear. We have allowed for five days fishing three on the outside and two on the inside shallows with the fly gear. If you consider that you won't spend all the time fishing the bottom you will see you don't need so much bait if you are going to fish for surface fish but the reverse also applies. Anyway that is just to get you thinking, I will write a report after the trip for the reel talk to give you a better idea of what to expect.

That's it for this month but I will finish buy saying this, this is a fishing club and I thought people joined a fishing club to go fishing and support the club events, it is very disheartening to go to a field day and find nobody else is there, now I don't know why people don't go, is it because people don't know the area so they won't go? If this is the case then ask somebody. I stand up the front every month and ask if anyone has any questions on the field days, very rarely does anyone ask anything. If you are thinking of going to a field day but are unsure as to where to go, what to take, or anything at all, please don't hesitate to ask.

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<b>VENUE :</b>	<b>MARGARET RIVER</b>				
<b>ATTENDANCE :</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>SENIORS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>JUNIORS</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>LOCAL:</b>	<b>SENIORS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>JUNIORS</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5</b>			

<b>MEN</b>		<b>NO FISH</b>	<b>NO SPIEC</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
D'ALONZO	TONY	30	6	7.90	189.0
BACHELOR	DARREN	10	3	3.80	118.0
HOLMAN	GEORGE	3	1	0.40	34.0

<b>JUNIORS</b>					
SNEDDON	MATHEW	6	1	0.95	39.5
SAUNDERS	CAMERON	4	1	0.65	36.5

	<b>FISH</b>	<b>KG</b>		<b>FISH</b>	<b>KG</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	53	13.70	<b>LAST YEAR</b>	29	33.20
<b>NO PEOPLE</b>	5		<b>NO PEOPLE</b>	3	
<b>AVE/MEM</b>	10.60	2.74	<b>AVE/MEM</b>	9.67	11.07

#### **FIELD DAY PRIZES**

<b>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</b>	TONY D'ALONZO	MULLOWAY	1.0KG
<b>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH</b>	DARREN BACHELOR	MIXED	3.8KG
<b>MYSTERY PRIZE</b>	NIL	WHITING	NIL
<b>JUNIORS PRIZE</b>	MATHEW SNEDDON	MIXED	0.95KG

#### **SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS**

<b>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</b>	TONY D'ALONZO	MULLOWAY	1.0KG
<b>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH</b>	TONY D'ALONZO	MIXED	7.9KG

#### **FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY**

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
HERRING	38	7.1	TARWHINE	3	0.7
SKIPPY	8	3.50	TAILOR	1	0.30
MULLOWAY	1	1.00	SWEEP	1	0.20
WRASSE	2	0.80	WHITING	1	0.10

#### **YEAR TO DATE**

<b>MEN</b>		
BACHELOR	DARREN	2135.70
KOLMAN	MORRIS	1516.50
HOLMAN	GEORGE	1240.50
WHYTENBURG	HANS	1224.50
WOODFORD	ANDY	974.60
BENNETT	JOHN	801.20
BACHELOR	DON	669.40
HENDERSON	BOB	522.90
FARNEY	MARK	485.00
STOECKEL	PETER	442.70

<b>LADIES</b>	
ELEANOR BENNETT	230.50
KIM FREEMAN	229.50
HEATHER FREEMAN	228.00

<b>JUNIORS</b>	
MATHEW SNEDDON	441.50
IAN NEAL	140.30
CAMERON SAUNDERS	123.00
MAISON WATTS	88.50

<b>MINI JUNIORS</b>	
ANDREW STOECKEL	344.50
DANIEL STOECKEL	343.50
KARL WHYTENBURG	264.50
EMILY WOODFORD	172.00
MOLLY WOODFORD	150.00

#### **FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1998/99**

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH ( 1ST SIX MONTHS )	DON BACHELOR	4.4KG	MULLOWAY
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH ( 2ND SIX MONTHS )	HEATHER FREEMAN	5.95KG	SALMON
MOST MERITORIOUS FISH			
HEAVIEST SHARK ( 4.5 Kg MIN )	JOHN BENNETT	9.9KG	B/TIP REEF
HEAVIEST MULLOWAY ( 2.0 Kg MIN )	DON BACHELOR	4.4KG	
HEAVIEST TAILOR ( 1.0 Kg MIN )	DARREN BACHELOR	2.35KG	
HEAVIEST SALMON ( 3.0 Kg MIN )	HEATHER FREEMAN	5.95KG	
HEAVIEST TREVALLY ( 0.5 Kg MIN )	DARREN BACHELOR	1.05KG	
HEAVIEST S/FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE	DAMIEN D'MELLO	1.5KG	BLACKFISH
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	DARREN BACHELOR	21.75KG	MIXED
HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	MARK FARNEY	11.8KG	
HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY	DON BACHELOR	9.95KG	
HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD ( 4Kg b/s max )	DARREN BACHELOR	0.8KG	MULLOWAY
HEAVIEST MACKERAL ( 3KG MIN )			



## CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW 1999

The club decided to participate in this event at short notice, after a request from the organiser Pat Strahan. We were involved in the fishing expo in which Pat also organised.

The show was run over 4 days from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of March of this year and was held at the South Perth foreshore. The show attracted over 27000 people and taking into account the poor weather over the first two and a half days, this was a good turnout.

Our role was to organise a fishing information section and to involve the public in tuition and casting at targets.

Phil Brayne and Wayne Morris jumped right in at the start with Phil organising a raffle and Wayne handling the money side of things, because our treasurer Eric Parker was away on holidays.

Phil, Bob Henderson and Andy Thorgerson went down and set up our display and casting courts on the Wednesday after organising and carting all our equipment needed for the display. They did a great job. Then YOU, The members got right behind them and worked tirelessly, manning the stall, giving tuition and selling raffle tickets, and as a result our finances received a healthy boost.

A lot of favourable comment came our way and as a result we have been approached by Pat to participate in the event again next year. Along with any suggestions to better the show.

To this end we propose to have a special meeting of all interested in having a post mortem of our effort and to take onboard, positive suggestions so that we may make next years effort even better. A working group will be formed from those present.

Special thanks to Bob Henderson and Andy Thorgerson who worked for the entire four days and also to ace raffle ticket seller Morris Kolman who also put in the hard yard.

There is a list of names too numerous to single out for individual efforts but I wish to say the effort by you all was nothing short of tremendous and is appreciated by the club.

Look forward to your input at the special meeting involvement again next year.

The Surfcasters continue to be noticed in a very favourable manner by the public and the industry. Thank you, and keep it up.

George Holman

President.

### NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Andy Woodford our Fund raising/ Social Organiser has had to tender his resignation from the committee as he has been transferred to Collie for six months with his job. He will travel to Perth each weekend but finding time for committee work would not be possible. We would like to wish him well with his work and I express our thanks to him for a job well done.

He, along with Phil Brayne, have got the Dinner/Dance all organised and ready to go. We need a replacement for Andy for the next four months so if you would like to put your hat in the ring, please contact the President George Holman and let him know before the next General Meeting.

### CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the members of the Surfcasting and Angling Club.  
I wish to extend our sincere condolences to Alan, Phil, and Harry Brayne and their families on the recent loss of their father in Geraldton, after a lengthy illness.

George Holman

President.





**OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES****April 1999**

End of 1998 – 1999 competition year

1	Most Meritorious Fish				
2	Heaviest Shark	4.5 kilo min	Phil Brayne	33.0 kilo	False Entrance
3	Heaviest Mulloway	3.5 kilo min	Harry Brayne	16.0 kilo	Hutt River
4	Heaviest Salmon	3.0 kilo min	Mark Farnay	4.2 kilo	Perth
5	Heaviest Dhufish				
6	Heaviest Tailor		Ian Neal	4.5 kilo	Hartog Is
7	Heaviest Samson		George Holman	13.4 kilo	False Entrance
8	Heaviest fish. S/H/rod 4.0 kg line class.		George Holman	4.4 kilo	False Entrance
9	Heaviest Pink Snapper		Ian Mascarenhas	4.4 kilo	False Entrance
10	Heaviest Tarwhine		Mark Farnay	0.6 kilo	Perth
11	Heaviest Mackerel		George Holman	20.5 kilo	False Entrance
12	Heaviest Trevally (S)	1.0 kilo min			
13	Heaviest Trevally (N)	1.0 kilo min	George Holman	5.1 kilo	False Entrance
14	Heaviest Snook/Pike				
15	Heaviest Scale Fish	2.0 kilo min	George Holman	5.1 kilo	False Entrance
	(other than sections 2 thru 14)	Cobia			

This is the completion of the 1998 – 1999 competition year. There are some excellent catches in the Open Competition.

It is good to see such a high number of members with entries in the Species Badge award. Darren and Don Batchelor have both qualified. There are a number of members who are close to achieving their ten species.

Recently the Junior Masters, Masters and Grand Masters competition has had an influx of entries. Keep up the good work. I expect to be receiving a large number of entries for the Grand Masters after the coming Dirk Hartog Island trip. Since this trip is in the 1999 – 2000 Open Competition year we can also expect to fill four or five of the Open sections with excellent quality fish.

The complete list of entries current to April 1999 for Junior Masters, Masters, Grand Masters and Species Badge is printed in this issue of Reel Talk.

With three club trips to Dirk Hartog Island in the next few months I hope to receive some entries submitted as *club records*. I still expect entries from your trip Phil, it's just the opportunities on Dirk Hartog Island are unique.

*Please Note.* Good quality photographs and lots of recorded detail makes for easy positive species identification.

I am happy to help anyone who would like to improve their photographic skills. Remember to take lots of entry forms.

There is plenty of opportunity to catch very good quality Flathead to 1.5kg, Yellowfin Whiting to 5Kg and Yellow Fin Bream to 2.0kg Blue Bone Groper and Tailor of the beaches and rock ledges on the east side of the island and at Turtle Bay. If you fish of the rock ledges onto rubble bottom or near sargassum weed banks on the change of tide you will pick up NW Snapper to 3 – 4 Kg. The last time I fished the east side of Dirk Hartog Island we only kept NW Snapper / Spangled Emperor of over 35 cm. The State length is 28cm. Personally I believe the legal length should be increased to 32 cm. There are also other species that you can target at these locations. This is a good alternative if the weather blows up from the SW through to the NW. I would be happy to give any one some advise on this type of fishing. I have fished the inside of the Island for about 10 years and found it very productive.

Best of luck to all those going fishing to Dirk Hartog Island and on other excursions.





# **SURFOASTERS ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

## **TROPHY PRESENTATION**

SATURDAY NIGHT THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1999  
Pre dinner drinks start at 6.30 PM till 7.00 PM

### **MENU**

#### **Starter**

Butternut Soup & Bread Rolls

#### **Carvery Buffet**

Choice of Roast Beef, Pork or Lamb  
With  
Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Vegetarian Option  
(Let Social organiser know)

#### **Buffet Sweet**

Choice of

Cheesecake, Gatteaux or Fruit Salad

#### **Coffee & Mints**

The club will provide one bottle each of Red & White Jacob's Creek wine per table.  
Along with soft drink and orange juice.

**COST IS \$30.00 PER HEAD**  
**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW FROM**  
**PETER STOECKEL**  
**SOCIAL ORGANISER**



**MUSIC BY BILL SHEPHARD**



*The Budget*

Peter & Anthea Lilley of the

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### TROPHY DONATIONS

In order to make our Dinner Dance/Trophy Presentation night a real success, we need you, the members to help out as well. Not only by attending the function, but also by donating a trophy or prize. You will be acknowledged as the donator, not only on the evening concerned but also in a list printed in the Reel Talk.

**PLEASE CONTACT TROPHY ORGANISER**

**ERIC PARKER**

**IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.**

**CALL RIC ON 94468249 A/H**

**OR SIMPLY BRING YOUR TROPHY/PRIZE DONATION TO THE NEXT GENRAL MEETING.**

**Thanks Phil Brayne.**

### MASTER of CERAMONIES

*Wayne Morris did such a great job as M.C. at last years Annual Dinner Dance*

That we, the committee have asked Wayne to do the honours again for this year.

Wayne has agreed, and for this the club thanks him.

(Thinks he is going to get a freebie but I don't think so.)

### OPEN COMP REMINDER

All members are reminded that the Open competition is drawing to a close but should also be reminded that you have until the last day of this month (April) to catch an open competition entry. You then have 30 days to submit this catch taking you to the end of May. Any catches outside of these above times will be submitted into next year's open competition.

*Thanks.....Cookie.*

### PLEASE NOTE

*Any members that are the holders of any perpetual trophy's Please bring them back to Eric Parker at the next meeting so that he has time to get the engraving done for this year's winner.*

*Your cooperation is needed in this matter*



AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (W A Div'n) Inc

# 1999 STATE ESTUARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by the Beach & Rock and Estuary Sub-Committee in the  
Leschenault Inlet and Collie and Preston Rivers on  
Saturday May 29 and Sunday May 30

## TEAM NOMINATION FORM

CLUB:

1 st Team

2 nd Team

Please tick as appropriate

	Name		Name
	<b>MEN'S TEAM</b>		<b>LADIES TEAM</b>
1	(Capt)	1	(Capt)
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5			
6			<b>JUNIORS</b>
7		1	(Capt)
		2	
	<b>VETERANS</b>	3	
1	(Capt)	4	
2			
3			<b>MINI-JUNIORS</b>
4		1	(Capt)
		2	
		3	
		4	

**Please Note:**

All Club Teams are to be nominated prior to the start of competition at 2 PM on 29 May 1999



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## INFORMATION SHEET

### REGISTRATION and SIGN-ON:

Eaton Hall between 11:00 AM and 2 PM on Saturday May 29, 1999.  
**ALL competitors must attend registration to collect their bag tag and Rules of the Day.**

### LINES DOWN:

2 PM Saturday May 29, 1999

### WEIGH-IN:

Commences at 11:00 AM on Sunday May 30.  
All competitors bags are to be in the weigh-in area prior to 11:00 AM

### PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations will commence at approximately 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 30 in front of the Eaton Hall.

### SPECIES:

The following are the nominated species for the competition;

Herring  
Garfish  
Yellow-finned Whiting  
Black Bream  
Pilch  
Mystery Fish

### BOUNDARIES:

Anglers are permitted to fish anywhere within the Leschenault Inlet and in the Collie and Preston Rivers as far up stream as you like.

**Please Note that boats ARE NOT permitted to fish the area known as THE CUT. Only shore based anglers are permitted to fish this area.**

### SCORING SYSTEM:

For this competition an angler may weigh-in a maximum of **8 FISH PER SPECIES** for a **TOTAL BAG of 50 fish.**

Points will be awarded as follows;

**10 points per species; 1 point per fish 8 points per kilo.**

## POST MORTEM OF THE CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW.

The Caravan and Camping show that was held last month in South Perth was a blessing in disguise for the Surfcasters. We had 5 days notice to conduct a display of ourselves and organise a raffle, from which the club made a handsome little profit. The club members banded together and we achieved the best we could in the little time we had. This effort did not go unnoticed and the organisers of the Caravan and Camping show have sent us a letter of thanks for the effort we put in, and for the professionalism that we displayed. More importantly, they have asked us to be there again next year. An offer that is too good to refuse. The rules and regulations for the Boat Dive and Fishing show that we have participated in for the last three years have changed and, without going into it here, we don't look like attending it this year coming. That is why the Caravan and Camping show, is now our prime concern for promoting ourselves and for our major fundraising. The committee of the Surfcasters wants to get the ball rolling on this as soon as possible. We have a meeting planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> June to be held at George Holmans home to hear from any interested members that have ideas for the next year's display. We need to select a 5 person sub-committee that will be responsible for the planning of the above. A number of members have already shown an interest in being on this sub-committee and if you feel that you have something to offer and would like to offer your time and thoughts on what we can do to really make an impact next year, then please attend this meeting. More information will be forthcoming in the next Reel Talk.

*HI EVERYONE, MY NAMES GERALD,  
AND*



*I HOPE YOUR GOING TO COME AND SEE ME AND MY FRIENDS AT THE  
FLOREAT SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 1999.  
WE ARE WORKING HARD ON THAT EVENING TO TRY AND RAISE SOME FUNDS  
FOR THE AUSTRALLAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (W.A. DIVISION)  
WE ARE HOPING THAT YOU WILL GET AS MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
TOGETHER AND THEN ALL COME AND SUPPORT US.  
IT'S ONLY \$5.00 TO GET IN, AND YOU GET A HOT DOG, AND TEA/COFFEE  
AS WELL AS A RACE/FORM GUIDE TO HELP YOU PICK THE WINNERS.  
YOU WILL ALSO BE IN THE DRAW FOR A DOOR PRIZE, SO DON'T THROW YOUR  
NUMBERED TICKET AWAY.  
THERE WILL BE RAFFLES AND LUCKY WHEEL SPINS AS WELL AS THE MAIN  
EVENT.  
WE WILL HAVE A LICENSED BAR OPERATING AT REALLY CHEAP PRICES.  
THESE ARE A REALLY FUN NIGHT AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE,  
(YOU CAN'T MISS ME)  
MY ARMY OF HELPERS WILL BE APPROACHING YOU TO BUY A COUPLE OF  
TICKETS AND HOPEFULLY TAKE A COUPLE TO SELL AS WELL.  
PLEASE HELP OUT, AS WE NEED YOUR HELP.  
THANKS,  
GERALD.*

## READING THE BEACH

As an ocean swell or wave moves into shallow water near a beach, the "foot" of the swell begins to drag on the seabed. This friction causes the swell to slow down and will build in height and steepness. Eventually, the top of the swell will form a classic wave and begin to curl over. As the top of the wave attempts to travel faster than its own base, the face of the wave steepens still more and eventually breaks.

By watching how a wave travels towards the beach and where it breaks, you can paint a very clear picture of the seabed. For example. Waves breaking far offshore and rolling in as foamy white water, perhaps reforming and breaking several times on their way indicates a shallow gently shelving bottom structure.

In contrast, low swells coming almost to the beach before standing up abruptly and breaking right on the shore as "dumpers" indicate very deep and sudden drop offs.

Waves that slow down, then stand up, almost break then return to being low, fast moving swells have almost certainly passed across a sand bar or reef, before re-entering deep water. Similarly, low, unbroken "saddles" in a line of waves indicate a gutter, an outflowing rip, or both.

A short while sitting on a beach or high on a sand dune, watching the wave action will prove rewarding when selecting your spot to set up the rods.

Dead low tide, is obviously the best time to read a beach, as the structures such as holes, gutters, and sandbars are often plainly visible to the naked eye. These can be fished on the rising and high tides, which is usually a productive time on most beaches.

**Tight lines.**

You can cast a line with guides strapped to a cricket bat, but not very far. To get more distance a rod needs to flex during the swing, loading up with stored energy and then catapulting the object as it straightens out. The quicker it straightens out the more the object to be cast is accelerated and the further it will go.

A soft, parabolic (bends U shape) rod that flexes with little resistance to the casting weight will straighten relatively slowly. Another more tapered rod that pulls harder the more it is bent will make a much more powerful casting tool. As the tip is pulled back either by the weight or the swing itself the spring is loaded. The more the spring is loaded the further it will cast - to a point. All rods will have an optimum casting weight range.

Too little and the spring is not stretched, too much and it will bottom out. A slingshot with a pebble can shoot a long way. The same slingshot loaded with a cannonball, even if stretched way back, will probably land it at your feet. The spring simply cannot cope with the force holding it back and so does not develop the acceleration needed to fire it out.□

***QUESTION: WHAT DID THE FISH SAY WHEN HE HIT THE  
CONCRETE WALL?***

***ANSWER: "DAM"***



**IT'S ON AGAIN!**

**Due to the overwhelming success of the first bowling night  
our club held last year.**

**We have decided to do it again.**

**Rosemount bowling centre is again the location.**

**Saturday night the 16<sup>th</sup> October is the date  
(To be confirmed).**

**\$10.00 per head gets you the games and the shoe hire.**

**Form a team of 4 now!**

**Rosemount Bowl**

**Is situated at the intersection of  
ANGOVE AND FITZGERALD STREETS  
NORTH PERTH.**

**This is a great social night out!**

**Contact Social Organiser now to ensure you don't miss  
out.**

**INSTRUCTION PERIOD.**

**The instruction period for the next General meeting will be  
conducted by a representative of the  
Australian Customs Department.**

**These are a very informative instruction, and you are encouraged  
to attend.**

**This should take approx. 35 mins and will be followed by a simple  
instruction on basic everyday rigs, i.e. Tailor and Herring, ECT.**

**Darren Batchelor, our field day officer, will conduct this.**

**See you there!**