

THE SURFCASTING & ANGLING CLUB OF W.A. (INC)
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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 1st May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31st 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 All voting/Nomination rights at the A.G.M. will be withdrawn if not financial.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 13-10-99

The meeting was opened at 8-17 pm by President George Holman with 26 members in attendance.

Apologies were received from, Ross Kember, Mal. Head, Jim Strong, Trevor Stam and Dave Redwood.

1 visitor- Rhys Williams made welcome to the meeting.

New members - Karen Mader and Reece Jones were presented with their club badges.

Minutes of the last general meeting in the Reel Talk were accepted. Moved Ian Cook, 2nd M.Kolman. Carried.

Minutes from the last committee meeting were not available.

Correspondence: A.A.A. Meeting minutes, letter from Andy Woodford advising us of his change of address.

Letter received from Discovery Adventure Tours with details of their 4WD awareness courses plus letter from Aussie Wide fishing tackle. Correspondence out was not available.

Treasurers report: Moved Peter Stoeckel, 2nd Ian Cook that the treasurers report be received. Carried.

Bills presented for payment were, September Reel Talk printing costs \$58.80 and postage costs of \$32.10.

Moved Peter Stoeckel, 2nd Derry Barber that the bills be passed for payment. Carried

Property Officers report: Bookings are still available during the Christmas school holidays.

Wayne Morris asked if an external TV aerial could be supplied and fitted to the Kalbarri house. Cost \$150-00.

Other bills presented for payment were:- Kalbarri house cleaning for September \$75-00, Laundering of household items \$11-50, Lawn mowing \$25-00, Advertising \$42-00 and one bond return of \$50-00.

Moved Terry Willison, 2nd Andy Thorgerson that the bills be passed for payment and the antenna be installed.

A.A.A. report: George Holman advised that the State Drycasting Championships are on the 31-10-99 and helpers on the day would be appreciated. A sausage sizzle will be held on the day with half of the profit going to the Drycasting Teams the other half to the Surf casters. Helpers are also required to help run the

A.A.A. fishing clinic which is to be held on Monday nights the 8th, 15th and 22nd of November. For further information, ask George Holman. State Estuarine Championships are to be held on the 27/28th November.

Interested persons should contact Darren Batchelor or Ian Cook.

Social Organizer: Club jackets were available for members to try on before placing their order.

Ken Black has had to cancel the proposed fishing trip to Moore River on the 28-11-99 as the date selected clashed with the State Estuarine Championships. Ken will endeavor to organize another date early next year.

Ken further suggested a day's crabbing at Mandurah in March next year. This met with a good show of hands, so mid March was selected. More on this later. Don't forget the night cast and BBQ on 12th December.

General business: Members were asked for their comments on the recent long weekend S bend field-day.

Most people had a good weekend with some catching fish while others did not. Nothing unusual about that.

It was further suggested that we may have to look at more of this type of field-day venue in the future due to the caravan and camping act. Should we decide to do this, we should make sure that it is discussed and incorporated into next years field-day selections. Early bookings would also need to be made as a club group.

The Caravan and Camping Show is looking at holding the show over 5 days, sometime in March 2000.

George has been in contact with show organizer Pat Strahaun recently about the show in 2000 and asked her about getting a bigger tent. This however, will be of no use to us unless we can get people to man the stand.

Wayne Morris said that must look at how we are going to do this as we cannot expect our senior members to man the stands every time we decide to do something. Other club members must help out during week days.

A meeting to discuss what we intend to do about the show will be held at George Holmans place on the 3rd November commencing at 8.00 pm. Your assistance and input is required. Please attend and bring a chair.

The night concluded with a couple of fishing stories from Derry Barber and Bob Henderson.

The meeting closed at 10-05 pm.

NOVEMBER 1999 GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: BEDFORD DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB HALL 1 CATHERINE ST BEDFORD
WHEN: NOVEMBER 10TH 1999 AT 8:00PM
INSTRUCTION ESTUARY RIGS BY DARREN BATCHELOR

NOVEMBER DRYCASTING

WHERE: YOKINE RESERVE CNR ALEXANDER DRIVE AND WORDSWORTH AVE
WHEN: 7TH NOVEMBER 1999
EVENTS: 112GM DISTANCE, 56GM DISTANCE, D/H ACCURACY,
S/H ACCURACY,

NOVEMBER FIELD DAY

WHERE CERVANTES
WHEN 13/14 NOVEMBER
SIGN ON BEHIND GARAGE AS YOU COME INTO TOWN 1:00PM SATURDAY
LINES DOWN 2PM SATURDAY
WEIGH IN AT SIGN ON POINT 10:00AM SUNDAY
BOUNDRIES CERVANTES TO HILL RIVER

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR NOVEMBER

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 MONDAY 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/CANNING RIVERS

DECEMBER FIELD DAY

WHERE LOCAL
WHEN 11/12 DECEMBER 1999
SIGN ON AT GENERAL MEETING OR PHONE IN BY 2000HRS THURSDAY NIGHT
LINES DOWN SATURDAY 1400HRS
WEIGH IN SUNDAY G.HOLMANS HOUSE 1700HRS FOLLOWED BY B.B.Q AND NIGHT CAST. **DON'T FORGET YOUR GLOW STICKS.**
BOUNDRIES LONG POINT TO MINDARIE KEYS INCLUDING THE SWAN/CANNING RIVERS

FIELD DAYS 1999/2000

NOVEMBER	CERVANTES	FEBRUARY	OPEN
DECEMBER	LOCAL	MARCH	BLUFF CREEK
JANUARY	MYALUP/PRESTON	APRIL	OPEN

President's Report

October has seen a lot of activity within the Surfcasters and to lead off I must mention our first meeting in the new hall, which is the Bedford District Youth Club Hall, 1 Catherine Street, Bedford. It is BIG! When you compare it to our Inglewood venue we seem to be lost (so we need more present at meetings) and there is some problem with acoustics but we have a plan or two to try and solve this problem. This is where we will be for a while and special thanks must go to Andy Thorgerson for his efforts in arranging this venue.

We gave Karen Mader and Rhys Jones their badges to kick off the proceedings and comment was made later about the social atmosphere present in the hall, which was nice to hear.

Noticed we have an application for membership from John Jardine, which is great to see. John was with the group that went to Dirk Hartog Island and also fished with the boys on our recent Rottnest venue and we look forward to his company.

Things seem to be going along smoothly at present and this was very evident at our recent fishing venue at S-Bend Caravan Park near Greenough. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The children were having a ball riding bikes and running around the park and I noticed Andy Woodford and Peter Stoeckel looking for puncture repair kits, as there was the odd double-gee around causing the odd puncture or two in the bikes.

The ladies seemed to enjoy each other's company and the barbecue lunch on the Sunday was very pleasant. The weather was varied with some glorious days and then we copped a rough one but they say variety is the spice of life. It was good to see the way the boys (and girls - Karen showed us how!) fished together and helped one another and as a result some good fish were caught. We even had Alan Carr bless us with his presence! Darren Batchelor and Ian Cook can take their hats off for a good venue enjoyed by all and the comment made was lets go back there next year, but try and camp in a group.

Our drycasting is just getting better and better under the guidance of Bob Henderson and Don Batchelor and when you see everyone in harmonious mode, (teaching, learning and particularly laughing together you are on the right track fellas! You never know what you are going to wind back on your line now as things like plastic snakes and fluffy fish seem to pop up here and there. There must be a lot of planning going on into these activities! Just ask Terry Willison and Andy Aubrey... look out Peter Stoeckel!

Our Social Organiser Ken Black and a group of members are to run a raffle at the State Drycasting on the 31st October at Yokine Reserve and a good number of members have volunteered to help out on the day. Many thanks to you all. I would like to wish all our club members competing all the best and hope the day is a successful one. Participation from other clubs seems to be a bit spartan, but soldier on!

Don't forget at the end of November is the State Estuary Championships and it would be nice to see a good contingent from the Surfcasters participating. Ring Ian Cook and let him know if you are even thinking of having a go at it and he will take it from there. The venue is the Swan River so it is right at your back door!

We now have enough information about the forthcoming Caravan and Camping Show to be held from the 16th to 20th March 2000 to really start planning our activity at this event. As it will be our major fundraiser we need to make every post a winner so to achieve this there will be a meeting at 89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento on Wednesday 3rd November at 8pm to get things moving. We need ideas and commitment and planning. See you there!

The Anglers Association Fishing clinic is to be held on the 8th, 15th and 22nd November (Monday nights) at the Floreat Surf Life Saving Club Hall, Floreat. I have made mention of this elsewhere in this issue of "Reel Talk" but suffice to say this is a golden opportunity to fly the Surfcasters flag by coming along and helping out and promoting our club. Please wear your club t-shirts and let me know if you are available. Thank you.

I spoke to Lou Scibilia during this month and he asked me to say hi to you all on his and his families behalf. His health is good but he is working long hours with his business and is working at lessening the load down the track so he can once again fish and socialise with us.

The Farrays had a good holiday at the Club cottage earlier this month and then went on to Monkey Mia and took their little boat with them. Mark and the girls caught a few mackerel trolling, so we look forward to a report on the trip, Mark!

Eric Parker has joined the Toyota Personnel Carrier brigade so the report goes... diesel too!

Let's keep our positive mode going.

George Holman

S/BEND FIELD DAY

On the last week end of September the club had a field day based at the S/Bend Caravan Park and we had a very good attendance. It was particularly good to see so many ladies and juniors present. I made the journey up on Friday night with Karen and we had a very pleasant drive up and arrived around midnight. In the morning it was good to see the members getting around the camp area and mingling with other club members. Some guys did the looking around thing but I didn't need to, I could smell the seaweed from where I was. After the sign on Karen and I headed for town and fishing right near the lighthouse.

I must make a mention of Karen's efforts here I talked her into putting on an old set of my waders and she waded out on a reef with me and stood next to me and fished and I was very happy to have her there with me. She proceeded to catch fish straight away, which made her happy to. After dark we headed back to camp to hear that Andy Woodford had had an accident and was in hospital. As it turned out Andy hadn't been seen to after several hours and returned to camp for a little liquid medicine.

In the morning we headed for the Greenough River mouth and fished on the southern side rocks with some club members from another club. One of the guys had caught a Jew fish the night before and he asked if I would like to see, I did, but what I saw was a terrible waste of a prize fish, the fish was in an esky on its own, no water, no ice, no wet bag, just a stinking fish. It saddens me when I see this and I told him so.

Later in the day we where joined by Bob, Peter and the boys, I tried to put them onto some whiting but the whiting had gone on holidays. Bob caught a few small herring but that was all and all too soon it was time to head back for the b.b.q. After the b.b.q. Karen and I headed back to Geraldton and I went back out on the reef while Karen had a nap in the back of the cruiser. The fish where there straight away again and I fish until I got tired of getting bitten off and tying rigs on. I don't know what it was biting me off but big mackerel have been caught on the other side of the reef from where I was standing so maybe it was one of these.

Towards dusk we headed back to the Greenough River mouth to try for tailor and mulloay and found Cookie with Ross and Julie Kember already there. Ross got a tailor just as we got there but this was the only fish I saw caught while I was there. Just after we packed up it started to rain so that was the end of our fishing for the night. Back at camp after tea and a bit of a clean up we had a good social night playing cards and a few drinks.

Didn't go fishing in the morning we decided to sleep in and then get up and start packing, all to soon the weigh in time came and some excellent bags where weighed in. Tony had his usual bag of mixed fish with a nice mulloay of 4.9kg along with 6 good tailor. George had a good bag of 8 tailor at 13kg with 1 at 2.5kg which gave him equal biggest tailor for the year so far. Ian Cook had a nice bag even thou it only contained 3 fish he had 2 nice mulloay 1 of 5.1kg and a good size tailor. Karen ended up weighing in 23 fish and 5 species but I didn't tell her she had the mystery fish in her bag until the last meeting. she was a bit surprised to say the least. Unfortunately none of the minis or juniors caught any fish but it wasn't from the lack of trying. After the weigh in we all said our goodbyes and headed home.

Well that's about it for last month so lets look forward to the next venue, which is Cervantes. This should be an excellent field day as it has been the best attended field day for the last 3 years. The area has the potential to produce some excellent fish and the camp together feeling brings members closer together and gives everyone a chance to fish with other members. The details for the field day are on the upcoming event page as usual. I hope that this field day is as good as the last few in this area. Two years ago Julie Kember won the field day with a bag that included a nice mackerel of the beach so be prepared for anything.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask all members on field day to please keep the noise down at the weigh in as I have trouble hearing what is being weighed and the weights. This was all too obvious at the last field day when Ian had 2 mulloay on the scales and read in to me several times as 1.2kg when I alone weighed 5.1kg.

The state estuary championships are coming again next month so if anyone is interested in being in the team please let Cookie or myself know. We hope to fill teams in all sections if we can.

Don't forget the night cast after the local field day weigh in and barbeque, you will need a small rod and a small sinker with a glow stick. I hope all members will try to attend this field day and social event, as it is our only Xmas get together.

Well that's it for me so I'll see you all at Cervantes for a top field day.

Tight lines
Daza
F.D.O

A.A.A. Report

The meeting was held on 21st September. 13 delegates attended, apparently a small attendance by normal standards. However, the meeting flowed quite well.

Correspondence:

- The AAA have requested that the Minister of Fisheries review the practice of allowing commercial Cray Fisherman to legally target fish during the off-season. It is suggested that the catch largely goes unrecorded and is not accounted for during the compilation of catch statistics. The fact obviously has an effect on the planned management of the WA fish stocks. Unfortunately the Minister has replied in the negative stating that there is no immediate or future plans to review the licensing arrangements. However the AAA have been invited to enter into any discussions that may arise.

Coming Events:

- State Drycasting Championships is to be held on the 31st October 1999 at the usual venue. A meeting is to be held at George Holman's residence on 4th October 1999 to finalise details. It was advised that Magic Nissan of 164 Leach Highway Melville are the major sponsors and all drycasters interested in purchasing a new car are encouraged to visit their showrooms and make themselves known, at the same time please mention that you are a drycaster and the sponsorship of the event.
- The State Estuary Beach and Rock Championships are to be held on the 27th and 28th November 1999 in the Swan and Canning Rivers. Entry forms will be published in the next two months.
- Fishing Clinic is to go ahead over 3 nights at a date to be confirmed. Your assistance is requested from all clubs in both hands on work or by coming forward with ideas. The venue will once again be the Floreat Surfclub. Sponsors for the event will be Ozflex and Gotcha Tackle.
- The AAA has once again been invited to assist with the International Triathlon World Championship to be held in April 2000. The venue for this event will be the Swan River. Last year AAA members in boats acted as support staff.

Recorder:

- The AAA ratified only one record. That is for a 4.2kg Raff Care catch Oriental Bonito.

General:

- The executive has terminated discussion into MSR funding of the AAA. The minister has categorically stated that any discussion into funding will only be carried out with Reefishwest acting as the prime advisory body. It was suggested that interested people should become members of RFW and implement their voting rights at the AGM to resolve the issues.
- It is apparent that UHF TV channel 31 have a sports show called "Balls and All". They can be contacted on 0412 654 345. It is suggested that there may be some scope for promoting clubs or club events.
- The AAA has been put in the position of having to purchase a new computer system. It appears that a grant of \$1500 had to be used by the end of the budgetary year and seeing how \$1500 will not purchase a suitable system the association expenditure may seem excessively high. Unfortunately if the grant were not spent it would have been lost for this year and subsequent years.
- GST is starting to impinge on sporting clubs with the probability that subscriptions and association fees will be subject to this tax. The secretary and the treasurer are to attend a seminar on the subject and will report back at a later date. GST is obviously going to have a far-reaching effect on all sporting clubs and the management of their finances.
- The executive committee advised that the association would desist from getting involved with non-core issues such as the internal running of RFW and would concentrate on survival of the association and the association events. This will be reflected in the content of future AAA reports. The clubs are beseeched to support the AAA in its events and fundraising. It is our representative body and should be supported by all.
- Copies of Kangaroo Island information packs are now available. The National Championships are to be held at this event between March 12th and March 27th 2000.

- > WA is scheduled to host the 2005 National Championships. Unfortunately cost to run this event range from \$20 000 to \$40 000. With the state of the association finances there is no possibility that this event could be staged. It is requested that clubs discuss this most important matter and bring forward their proposals or ideas of whether this event could in fact be held. The AAA will discuss this at the next delegates meeting. If the clubs are not keen on the idea of holding the Nationals in WA, then an early decision will allow time for planning to begin by another state. NSW have indicated that they would be prepared to look at holding the event in our place. The issues are; that considerable work will have to be undertaken by all clubs in this state if we wish to act as the Host. That the event was to have been held in Esperance but Geraldton may be a better venue, the rules state that the event cannot be held within 300km of a capital city. Raising funds to the amount specified will be difficult without the full cooperation and assistance from ALL affiliated clubs.
- > It has come to our notice from the print media that the Fisheries Department is seriously considering closing the WA Pilchard Industry for anything up to 5 years. This action is in response to the viral infection sweeping through the industry. Obviously this closure will have a far-reaching effect on the availability of bait supplies in Australia. It has already caused the closure and likely relocation of the food sardine industry to South Australia. Whether this will allow the stocks to recover or not will depend entirely on confirmation that the imported Mulie bait/Tuna Food is clear of the infection. It is strongly thought that stocks imported by the SA tuna farming industry is the cause of Mulie deaths all along the South Coast. Should this be the case then I for one cannot see the native Mulie surviving.
- > Next meeting is to be held on 19th October 1999.

Ross Kember

FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1999/00

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)	IAN COOK	MULLOWAY 5.1KG
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)		
MOST MERITORIOUS FISH		
HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)		
HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (2.0 Kg MIN)	IAN COOK	5.1KG
HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)	DARREN BATCHELOR	2.5KG
HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)	GEORGE HOLMAN	2.5KG
HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)		
HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)	TONY D'ALONZO	0.95KG
HEAVIEST S/FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE	MORRIS KOLMAN	Y.T.KING 3.0KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	TONY D'ALONZO	MIXED 24.25KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	GEORGE HOLMAN	13.0KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY	IAN COOK	7.95KG
HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s max)	DARREN BATCHELOR	SKIPPY 0.75KG
HEAVIEST MACKERAL (3KG MIN)		

Drycasting

To those who do not come down to drycasting, you miss out on a good morning. There are a lot of unexpected things that can happen during the events. You never know what you might reel in. It could be your casting sinker, or anything else! Last month in the double-handed accuracy, I reeled in a snake on one cast and a brought in a black and yellow fish on the next cast. Darren reeled in a 'party hat', I don't if he showed it to Karen while he was wearing it, or not! But that would be another story! I didn't know that you could catch fluffy fish on an oval - party hats and snakes-possibly!!

They would not let me enter it as a mystery fish. Maybe because it was put on the line with some help! Aubs (with a little help from Willo) know that I wouldn't name those responsible, don't you?

Field Fishing Peter

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Timber with Galv Frames;
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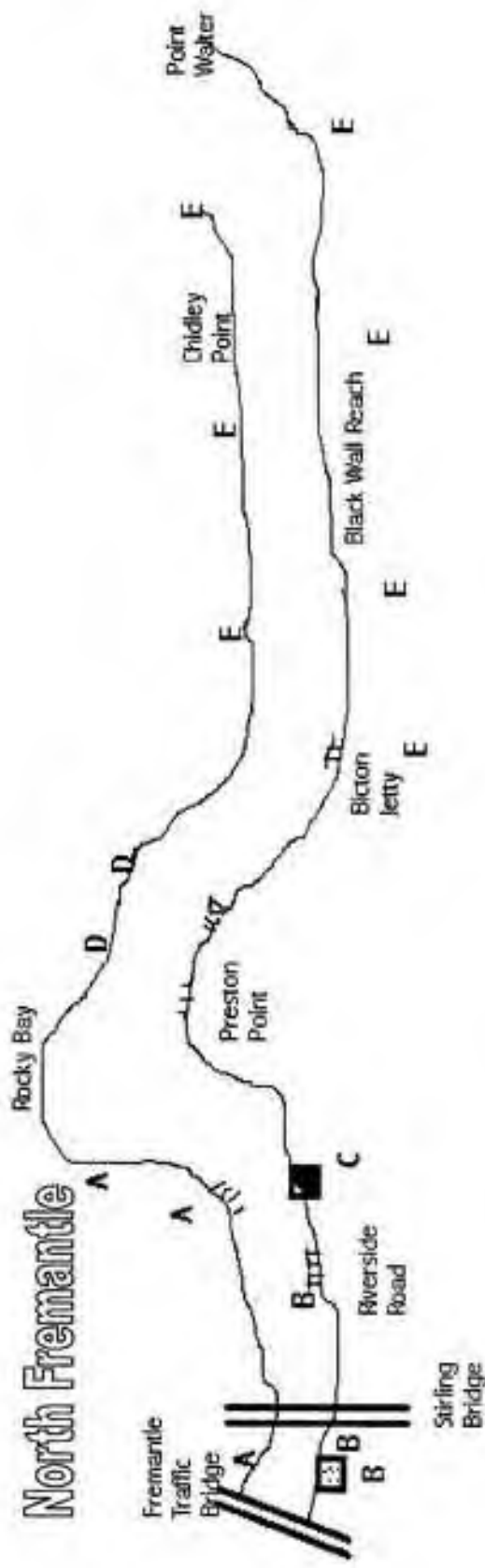
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<u>VENUE :</u>		<u>S BEND</u>					
<u>ATTENDANCE :</u>		<u>VENUE</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>	20	<u>JUNIORS</u>	6	
		<u>LOCAL</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>	1	<u>JUNIORS</u>	1	
		<u>TOTAL</u>		28			
<u>MEN</u>			<u>NO FISH</u>	<u>NO SPEC</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>ATTEND</u>
D'ALONZO	TONY		21	6	15.50	215.0	50
HOLMAN	GEORGE		8	1	13.00	140.0	50
BATCHELOR	DARREN		30	5	8.88	116.6	50
COOK	IAN		3	2	8.60	106.0	50
PARKER	ERIC		3	1	2.40	34.0	50
HENDERSON	BOB		4	2	0.95	29.5	50
KEMBER	ROSS		1	1	1.75	27.5	50
STOECKEL	PETER		0	0	0.00	0.0	50
MORRIS	WAYNE		0	0	0.00	0.0	50
WOODFROD	ANDY		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
LOCKETT	MARTIN		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
BENNETT	JOHN		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
CARR	ALAN		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
BLACK	KEN		1	1	0.11	11.1	20
<u>LADIES</u>							
MADER	KAREN		23	5	4.22	92.2	50
D'ALONZO	WILLEMENA		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
STOECKEL	JENNIE		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
HOLMAN	KAY		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
KEMBER	JULIE		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
MORRIS	RHONDA		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
WOODFORD	LARA		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
<u>JUNIORS</u>							
SNEDDON	MATHEW		2	2	0.70	27.0	20
WHYTENBURG	KARL		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
WOODFORD	MOLLY		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
WOODFORD	EMILY		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
STOECKEL	ANDREW		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
STOECKEL	DANIEL		0	0	0.00	0.0	40
	<u>FISH</u>		<u>KG</u>		<u>FISH</u>	<u>KG</u>	
<u>TOTALS</u>	96		53.89	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	38	41.95	
<u>NO PEOPLE</u>	28			<u>NO PEOPLE</u>	21		
<u>AVE/MEM</u>	3.43		1.92	<u>AVE/MEM</u>	1.71	2.00	
<u>FIELD DAY PRIZES</u>							
<u>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</u>			IAN COOK		MULLOWAY	5.1KG	
<u>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH</u>			TONY D'ALONZO		MIXED	15.5KG	
<u>MYSTERY PRIZE</u>			KAREN MADER		SKIPJACK	0.15KG	
<u>JUNIORS PRIZE</u>			NIL				
<u>SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS</u>							
<u>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</u>			IAN COOK		MULLOWAY	5.1KG	
<u>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH</u>			TONY D'ALONZO		MIXED	15.5KG	
<u>FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY</u>							
<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NO</u>		<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	
TAILOR	19		25.65	TARWHINE	3	0.80	
MULLOWAY	3		12.85	SKIPJACK	3	0.57	
S/S PIKE	44		8.76	GARDIE	2	0.35	
HERRING	14		2.86	TRUMP	1	0.25	
WRASSE	7		1.85				
<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>							
<u>MEN</u>				<u>LADIES</u>			
D'ALONZO	TONY		1449.5	KAREN MADER		292.2	
BATCHELOR	DARREN		1018.1				
HOLMAN	GEORGE		602.5	<u>JUNIORS</u>			
KOLMAN	MORRIS		373.0	MATHEW SNEDDON		199.50	
BLACK	KEN		316.6	KARL WHYTENBURG		40.00	
COOK	IAN		307.5				
FARNEY	MARK		277.0	<u>MINI JUNIORS</u>			
D'MELLO	DAMIEN		272.5	EMILY WOODFROD		100.00	
KILLICK	ROY		268.0	MOLLY WOODFORD		100.00	
TAGGART	IAN		263.0	DANIEL STOECKEL		72.50	
				ANDREW STOECKEL		61.00	

- A. Under Fremantle Traffic Bridge; Skippy, Tarwhine, Tailor.
- B. Jetty at East Fremantle; Sandbank at Stirling Bridge; East St Jetty; Flathead, Flounder, Tailor, Herring.
- C. Oyster Beds; Cobbler, Whiting, Flathead, Herring, Pilch.
- D. Rocky Bay, shore and boat; Tailor, Herring, Skippy, Flathead, Flounder, Mackerel, Cobbler.
- E. Bicton Jetty, Black Wall Reach; Tailor, Flathead, Flounder, Mackerel, Mulloway, Cobbler.

BAITS: River Worms, Whitebait, Peeled Prawns, Tailor Fillets.

Mainly during Summer – November to April – early morning or late afternoon.



OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES

November 1999

1	Most Meritorious Fish					
2	Heaviest Shark	4.5 kg min	Lemon Shark	48.0kg	Dirk Hartog Island	Darren Batchellor
3	Heaviest Mulloway	3.5 kg min		3.9kg	Dirk Hartog Island	Ian Cook
4	Heaviest Salmon	3.0 kg min				
5	Heaviest Dhufish					
6	Heaviest Tailor			4.8kg	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman
7	Heaviest Samson		Sampson Fish	20.0kg	Kalbarri	Fred Neal
8	Heaviest fish. S/H/rod	4.0 kg line class.				
9	Heaviest Pink Snapper					
10	Heaviest Tarwhine					
11	Heaviest Mackerel		Shark Mackerel	6kg	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman
12	Heaviest Trevally (S)	1.0 kg min				
13	Heaviest Trevally (N)	1.0 kg min	Gold Spot Trevally	7.5kg	Dirk Hartog Island	Glen Stoeckel
14	Heaviest Snook/Pike					
15	Heaviest Scale Fish	2.0 kg min				
	(other than sections 2 thru 14)		Cod	8.8kg	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman

There have been no changes to the Open Section this month. The AAA has ratified my 2.2kg Striped Sea Perch as a State recorder.

There are a number of members who have 9 species in the Species Badge section. The State Estuarine Titles are on in November and this would be a good opportunity to fill in the gaps with species found in the river. It would be good to see some more members achieve their Masters Badge also. Please keep the entries coming in. Remember to check on the requirements for entries on the back of the entry forms and in the bylaws.

Cervantes Field Day in November is always a good venue so come and see if you can add a couple ticks to your name.

LURE FISHING COMPETITION

November

Chris Scobles has again been willing to support this competition and will be providing the prizes

Heaviest Tailor	4.8kg		Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman
Heaviest Salmon				
Heaviest Scale Fish	6kg	Shark Mackerel	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman

The Scobles Lure competition needs a nudge so try a few lures for tailor and mulloway.

STATE ESTURINE TITLES SWAN RIVER 27-28 NOVEMBER

The estuarine titles are on towards the end of the month. At this time of year the weather is ideal for some river fishing. The clarity of the river water has started to clear up so in a month's time it will be good. Darren and Don Batchelor are fishing in the comp so we will be able to get expert advice and tuition. It is actually an excellent comp to take the children to. We are going to enter a senior's team into the comp and are still looking for some more members to make up the team. It would be great if we can field some members in Juniors and the Women's section. Please contact Ian or Darren.

Good Fishing
Cookie Monster

HAVE-A-GO-DAY

This is to be held on Tuesday 9th November at the Burswood Casino Grounds and run by the Seniors for Recreation Council. It starts at 8:30am.

Don Batchelor and I will be holding a casting clinic (similar to the Caravan and Camping Show) on behalf of our Club, to educate as many people as possible. Club photos and brochures will also be available. Only single-handed rods and reels will be used.

We are asking for volunteers to join us for the day. Please give Don or myself a phone call for any inquiries.

Hendo

Used Tackle Sale

*Got any fishing/camping gear that you no longer use?
Make a listing, give realistic prices, quality, quantity, etc and
forward it to me for preparation of a sale day/night.
Other Clubs could be notified also and if feasible, a date will be set
up.*

All we ask is a percentage of sale income to be donated to the Club.

Anyone interested, call Hendo on 9451 6341

FOR SALE:

Westinghouse Dishwasher; model 906; on trolley - can be built in: _____ \$500

Kelvinator Fridge & Freezer (pigeon pair); 335lt (fridge); 290lt (freezer): _____ \$800

Round table 4ft laminex (brown) screw on legs; 4 chairs: _____ \$120

Single pins trundle bed (slats) with mattress: _____ \$120

2 Door wardrobe; 5 drawers, mirror, shelf, hanging space
2 pieces (can join together): _____ \$80

Pine lounge; 1 x 2 seater, 2 x 1 seater; needs new cushions: _____ \$100

Computer (top of range) got everything; new \$4300; asking: _____ \$2000

For any enquiries on these items, please contact Marie Wytenburg on: _____ 9307 8513

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following nomination for membership has been received and will come before the November committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any application should not be received they should contact a committee person and state their reasons.

John Jardine
2 Newbery Road
Wembley Downs
Ph 9245 6623

October Drycasting Report

Another fine day greeted all casters and with the assistance of the early birds Terry, Dave, Don and myself had the arena set up quickly. This gave me more time to associate with fellow club members and the couple of visitors.

Jennie and Don looked after the Vets, Willo, Pete and Aub's tried to control the seniors, and I looked after the mini-juniors. Well, after a bit of coaching (mini-juniors) I watched young Karl Wytenburg reset the Single hand record from 16 to 24 points. Not to be outdone, young Rhys Jones nearly squalled that score but missed by one point. A really great effort by both of the lads.

It didn't stop there, for young Rhys then reset the artificial bait record with a cast of 57 metres. The Stoeckel lads, Daniel and Andrew may not be able to cast these long distances, but it's great to see their casts head straight down the 'i diddle diddle'. I had a great morning with the "kids".

I was informed that Darren Batchelor put in consistent casting, enabling him to win the artificial bait and overall winner of the day. Well done Daz. Gary Gildersleeve won the double-handed event again, Peter Osborne won the single-handed event, and Peter Stoeckel claimed the "catch of the day"! The shenanigans by the "kids in the Seniors" are causing a lack of concentration, but a lot of laughs. Keep it up fellas.

The open event was won by George with a cast of 153 metres, but it was thought the best winner was Ken Black who put in a great effort by casting personal best distances. That smile on his dial was a great sight. Still, it didn't take the award away from a worthy winner in George.

Although I wasn't actually on the spot, I did hear the hoops and hollers of the casters when they belted their bullseyes, so congratulations to Darren, George, Roy, Mal, Dave and Pete Osborne.

Once again I say thanks to Jennie, Willo, Don, Dave, Aubs, Stokes and Ken for their assistance on the day. The jovial behaviour by all tells me we are all enjoying our morning.

Thanks to all
Hendo

P.S.: Going to hold a single handed distance event next month, so learn to keep a tight grip fellas!

Top Ten (to October '99)

<u>Seniors</u>		<u>Veterans</u>	
G. Gildersleeve	1165	R. Killick	1149
G. Holman	1132	T. D'Alonzo	1078
B. Henderson	1024	T. Stam	938
D. Batchelor	836	J. Strong	626
A. Aubrey	743	A. Jones	614
P. Stoeckel	565	D. Redwood	565
R. Parker	429	A. Thorgerson	77
T. Willison	426		
K. Black	302		
D. D'Mello	193		

"P. Stoeckel is not a misprint!"

STATE DRYCASTING TITLES OCTOBER 31ST 1999

Please be at the oval by 7:30am. Ensure fees are paid to the DCO.

Confer with your Team Captain.

Please wear Club colours

DRY CASTING RESULTS
29/08/99

SENIORS	112 gram			56 gram			D/H Acc.	S/H Acc.	DAY TOTAL
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
B. Henderson	127	125	25	0	99	10	113	20	168
T. Willison	131	135	27	0	104	10	102	13	152
A. Aubrey	105	117	22	100	0	10	69	21	122
K. Black	0	95	10	0	95	10	62	5	87
D. Batchelor	136	128	26	104	102	21	133	26	206
P. Stoeckel	0	0	0	84	88	17	41	9	67
G. Gildersleeve	0	129	13	0	94	9	141	21	184
VETERANS									
D. Redwood	79	78	16	68	62	13	105	17	151
M. Head	115	107	22	93	82	18	113	18	161
J. Strong	0	78	8	71	50	12	117	11	148
T. Stam	102	98	20	86	0	9	134	24	187
P. Osborne	120	116	24	0	102	10	112	30	176
A. Jones	109	106	22	0	93	9	75	4	110
T. D'Alonzo	111	117	23	85	99	18	106	14	161
R. Killick	91	91	18	83	73	16	134	28	196
JUNIORS									
M. Sneddon	107	109	22	90	89	18	47	14	101
MINI JUNIORS									
R. Jones	63	58	12	57	57	11	26	8	57
D. Stoeckel	33	33	7	31	33	6	27	12	52
A. Stoeckel	33	10	4	28	23	5	20	8	37
K. Wytenburg	57	51	11	45	45	9	15	24	59

112 gram Winner
Artificial Bait Winner

D/H Acc. Winner

S/H Acc. Winner

112 gram Open Winner

Winner of the Day

Junior Winner

Mini-Junior Winner

G. Holman
Darren Batchelor

G. Gildersleeve

P. Osborne

G. Holman 29points

Darren Batchelor

M. Sneddon

K. Wytenburg

SPECIAL EVENT

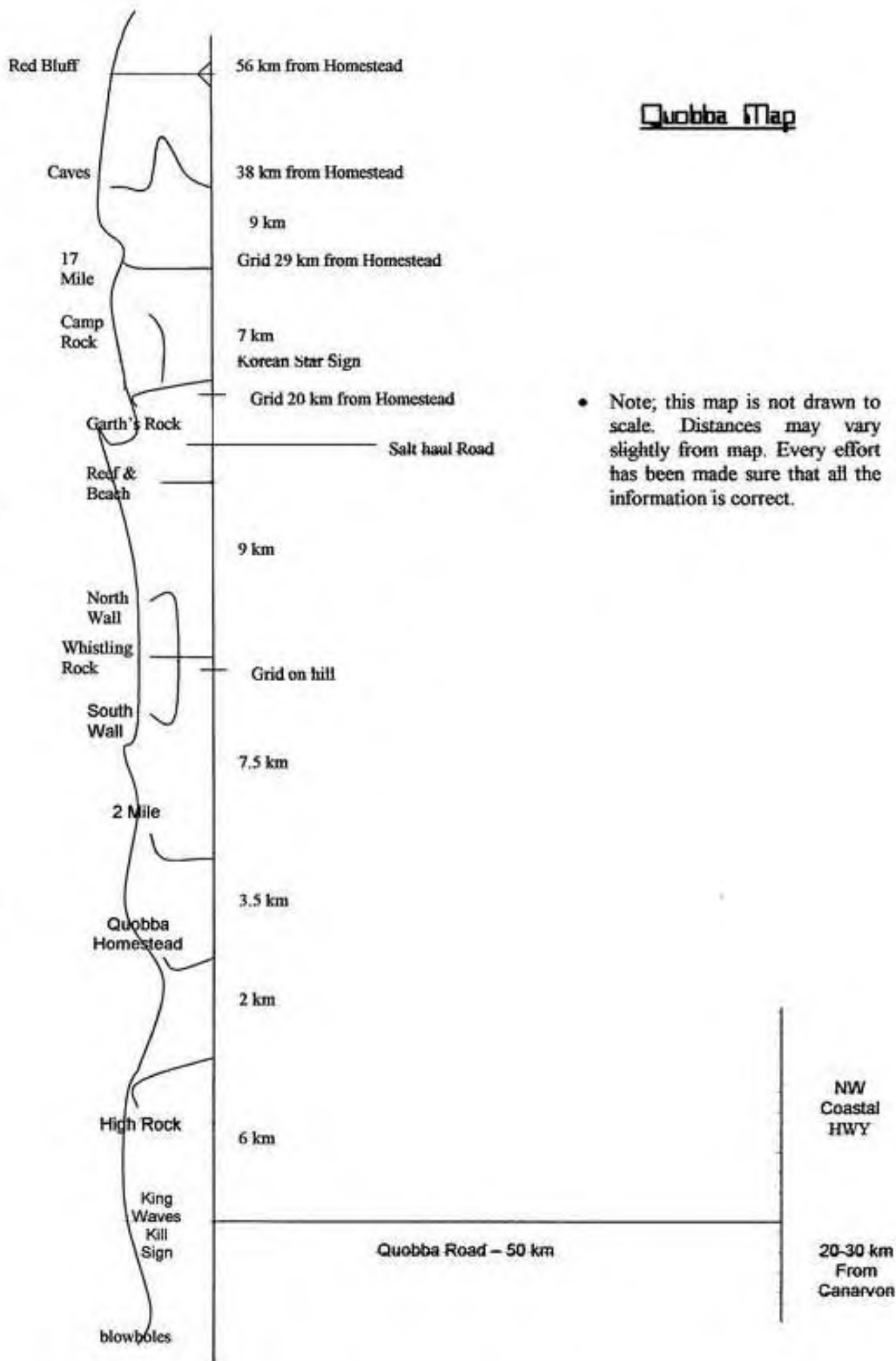
SINGLE HAND OPEN

7th November, 1999

Next Drycasting Date: 7th November. 8:30am start

112gram; 56 gram; D/H Acc.; S/H Acc; S/H Open

Quobba Map



QUOBBA

On our recent trip up to Quobba, we left Friday afternoon in Bill Howard's Holden Jackeroo towing a fully laden trailer, accompanied by Ian Mascaranas traveling solo in his Toyota Landcruiser. Everything on the trip was going fine until we passed Eneabba (somebody should blow the place up) when suddenly there was a loss of drive in Bill's vehicle. Upon inspection the problem was soon diagnosed as possibly a broken axle or blown diff. Fred suspected it to be a broken right hand rear axle. It was then decided to hitch the trailer to Macca's vehicle to take the load off Bill's vehicle and limp into Geraldton driving on the front diff only. This idea was blown out of the water when it was discovered that Macca had left the tongue of his Reece hitch in Perth. After procrastinating on the side of the road for 15 - 20 minutes we learnt that Phil Brayne was only a short distance behind. 5 minutes later Phil arrived but he already had his trailer on the back. After a short while it was decided to carry on with the trip and limp into Geraldton on the front diff.

Upon arrival in Geraldton, 6.30pm Friday, Phil Brayne and his family opened up their hospitality, offering us accommodation for the night. Phil's brother Harry suggested that we go to his place on the outskirts of Geraldton, where there was a garage, lights and tools where Fred could inspect the vehicle more closely. Upon inspection it was found that the right hand rear axle was broken at the outer circlip. No further work could be carried out that night so it was decided to crack a few tinnies and drown our sorrows.

On Saturday morning, approximately 6.30 - 7.00 am, we started phoning up wreckers trying to procure an axle for Bill's Jackeroo, learning that the only one who could possibly help us was Matthew O'Brien from O'Brien 4 WD Centre. It was found upon checking out his axle range that he only had an axle to suit a Holden Rodeo, which looked the same in length, spline and hub. Matthew then took the time to strip both axles from their hubs (Jackeroo's rear disc assembly and Rodeo's drum assembly). Upon inspection it was found that the only difference was the shaft diameter where the bearings fit. We then learnt that no one else in Geraldton would have an axle to suit. Matthew then offered to get one up from Perth for us.

We decided to leave the Jackeroo at Harry Brayne's place, locked up in the garage. Phil didn't require his Reece hitch tongue for his trailer so it was decided to transfer all essential gear and the trailer to Macca's Landcruiser and the four of us carry on up to Quobba in the one vehicle sharing all the costs (mortgage required to cover fuel cost). More drama - upon manoeuvring the trailer on the jockey wheel onto Macca's car, the jockey wheel went one way and the draw bar the other. Back to O'Brien's to straighten and weld in a strengthening cross bar. They did this job straight away for us plus swapping over the tow ball to level the height of the trailer charging us a nominal amount for all this work and their courteous service (pity you can't find this type of service here in Perth).

We finally got away from Geraldton just after 11.00 am, arriving at Quobba just after 6.00 pm and setting up a temporary camp for the night. Next morning we set up the tent properly at Quobba Station and set off to find the fishing spots. After checking out many spots and wasting a tank of fuel. We had to head back to Carnarvon for fuel so consequently no fishing was done that day.

Monday morning, finally fishing. With an easterly wind blowing, fishing from the North Wall, we all managed to send a balloon out. Fred was the only one who hooked up bringing in a 10kg Spanish Mackerel. However, the ballooning was short-lived, the wind shifted to a strong SW and started raining. Not much more fishing was done for the day except for High Rock where Ian N landed one just sized Pink Snapper. Then conditions became rough, wet and dangerous with the swell building behind.

Tuesday morning we decided to fish the Caves, this spot being 40 odd km from camp plus a long walk down the hill from the parking spot. It was mid-morning before fishing commenced and although we could see that this spot had good potential it only produced a few small Norwest Snapper, 1 Baldchin and 1 dart. We fished South Wall in the afternoon, although there was a strong southerly blowing and conditions were very turbulent and rough. A variety of quality reef fish were caught, including a Coral Trout and a Red Emperor, plus many strong runs on fish too powerful to hold although fishing with heavy gear. This spot takes a toll on gear, with being reefed by fish and snags.

Wednesday morning, SE wind blowing, South Wall was the only option for ballooning. The first highlight was Bill hooking a nice sized Cobia only to be lost when gaffing by Macca. Ian N hooked a 1.5 mtr shark only to have two thirds taken by a big Noah who wanted it more than Ian. Later that morning Bill hooked and landed a 7kg Bluefin Tuna on ballooning gear. We tried fishing that afternoon, but conditions were too rough, not being able to feel the bites and losing gear.

Thursday, SE wind blowing, so we ballooned again without much action except for Fred who hooked onto a Russian submarine (species unknown, suspect large shark) which took 900mtrs of line before lowering the rod and snapping off. The next half an hour was spent winding all the line back. Macca tried his hardest to hook up but the wind changed and he nearly hooked up Whistling Rock instead of fish. Only a few more reef fish were landed so we decided to head back to camp and have a cook up on fresh fish. DELICIOUS!

Friday, a day Ian N. would rather forget. A mishap saw his SU400G rod and Penn reel lost (we won't elaborate on details). The wind was blowing more from the south making ballooning conditions difficult. Bill and Macca tried ballooning but without success. Fred, bottom bouncing with heavy gear, hooked up on what he thought was a shark, locked the drag up so it couldn't run only to realise it was a Cobia, approximately 1.5 mtrs in length, when it was sitting dry on the lower reef ledge just when the line broke. BUGGER!

Saturday, packed up the camp and headed back to Geraldton. On arrival, to find that Harry Brayne had not only picked up the axle for Bill's Jackeroo from O'Brien's but had also fitted it. This was entirely unexpected and well appreciated because it meant that we only had to transfer our gear and continue on our way home.

Fred and Ian

PS

I would like to give special thanks to O'Brien 4 WD Centre, Geraldton for all their help and courteous service they provided us. We would recommend to any of the Surfcasters, or anyone else, traveling north that if they have any vehicle problems or need help to contact Matthew O'Brien of O'Brien 4 WD Centre, 08 9964 1068.

Kalbarri Cottage

Our Kalbarri Cottage is up and running and probably about the best accommodation for the cost that you could get in Kalbarri:

Club Members

Off-season: \$140 per week

On-season: \$280 per week

Public

Off-season: \$ 160 per week

On-season: \$ 300 per week

This is for **6 people**. For each extra person the cost will be **\$10 per person**. (Public only)
A deposit/bond of \$50:00 is required; payment in full is required **1 month before booked date**.
Two weeks notice of a cancelled booking will be required to receive a full refund.

Jimmy Strong has asked us to inform all club members of his new address and phone number.

Lot 2/11 Wester Avenue
YOKINE 6060

Ph: 9344 2129

Hope you are now happily settled into your new home, Jimmy!

Fishing Clinic in November

The fishing clinic is to be run by the Anglers Association on Monday nights (8th, 15th and 22nd) in November at the Floreat Surf Life Saving Club off West Coast Highway commencing at 7pm.

The overall sponsor of the three nights will be Ron McPhee from Ozflex who will display different items each of the nights and will also provide a door prize per night for those in attendance. Ron will also help with the talks on gear.

There are three tackle shops involved as well: first night - Bluewater Tackle; second night - Complete fisherman in Nedlands; third night - Golcha tackle in Balcatta. Each will provide a raffle prize for their night and also a guest speaker on various topics.

Each person attending will receive a bag filled with information sheets and fishing items and all clubs are asked to provide information sheets promoting their club. The Surfcasters are organising theirs along with an advertising sheet on our Kalbarri cottage.

The main aim is to provide hands-on group talks each night involving any topic a person wants to be involved with. We need anyone who is able to tie a knot, make a rig, service a reel or anything along those lines to let me know so we can cater for your topic and organise some gear. The idea is to show a group something and then ask them how they would do it and let it flow from there.

We also need helpers to sell raffle tickets, make tea and coffee and help out. I would like to see as many Surfcasters as possible there wearing their t-shirts and waving the flag so all present know we are there and if they are looking for a terrific club we can guide them in the right direction.

The advertising will be done in Hal Harvey and Phil Stanley's page in the "Sunday Times" before and during the Clinic.

George Holman

Caravan and Camping Meeting

Don't forget there is a group meeting for anyone interested in helping with our activity at the Caravan and Camping Show which is to be held from Thursday 16th to Monday 20th March 2000. The meeting will be held at 89 Clontarf Street Sorrento on **Wednesday 3rd November** at 8pm

Preparation is being made to promote our club at the Caravan and Camping Show. There is a whole list of projects and ideas we need to look at and plan so that we are well prepared and are all working on the same goal. We need you - our Club members - to participate to ensure it all goes well.

"How about it?"

Let's be like the Boy Scouts and be prepared... see you on the 3rd November.

Wayne Morris and Bob Henderson can be contacted for more details.

George Holman

THE OPEN

Andrew Aubrey (Aubs) and I met Willo at his workshop and headed off to Lancelin. Concern about going was discussed as heavy rain and strong winds had pelted Wedge Island over previous days, but being dedicated fisher persons we carried on. You see we had too, as this was Aubs "first field day" outing and we wanted to educate the lad.

Heading into Wedge we were detoured by the army onto the back track, as they were playing silly buggers in the sand dunes. Not only that, we had some problems with our newcomer.

You all know the guidelines don't you - that the new chum is given the job to navigate, control the tapes and noise level, buy the drinks, fill the car, check all the gear, etc, etc, etc. Well - we picked a dud!

Winged about our 1950's music, moaned at the noise level, wouldn't get out of the car ('cos it was too cold), didn't know what gear we had, supplied a rock hard muffin at Lancelin, didn't know which way to go and then the biggest insult - would not wade through any of the water hazards that we came across. Okay, a couple of the lakes did come half way up our doors and some of the mud was as thick as this story, but hey, how can we educate our new club members?

After a lot of slippin' and slidin' and wading we arrive at Wedge Island (which was under 1/2 metre of water). A quick trip to the shoreline showed lots of weed about and big swells. Back to the shack to unload, light the hot water system, a quick clean, then back to the beach to have a go.

Whilst expertly teaching Aubs to catch quality loads of weed, both Willo and I caught a few tailor, a couple of trumpeters and small tarwhine. Getting dark quickly, we headed back to the shack and got the potbelly going and knocked up a meal fit for a King (or Queen's if they are there also).

Previously, we had informed our new field day companion of the entry fee to join us over the weekend (you know - the 'cough syrup'). Well our lad stood proud as he plonked a litre bottle of real good stuff on the table and said to Willo and I - "Take that!" Agh.

With the pot belly starting to glow red, a belly full of food (and staying down), "our music" belting out, a couple of games of darts, nibbles being consumed, we did have a "couple" of drinks. Time seemed to fly by and next thing everyone headed for the cot.

Up not so early the next morning, we enjoyed a cooked breakfast before we cleaned up the shack. That's when I noticed "THE BOTTLE". I can not tell a lie when I tell you that only a couple of inches were missing from the container and Aubs said that we were very well behaved and promptly grabbed the bottle and shoved it back into his kit. Willo and I put it down to the heat from the potbelly stove effecting us.

We headed back down to the beach and toured all around searching for a clear fishing spot, then headed home for the weigh-in at George's place. The "wooss" was delegated to the rear seat.

The weigh-in was a spectacular event, watching 'Alphonse' weigh in a bloody huge snook, Willo's two tailor plus my solitary fish. We offered a wet "catch bag" for Aubs to try and weigh-in, but he just stood in the background and looked morbid. We then headed for the workshop to clean down the vehicle.

Parting our ways, Aubs asked if he could come on another field day someday. Willo and I looked at each other and said "Bluff Creek" and grinned devilishly to each other. Now that's going to be a real education!

Hendo.

S-Bend Field Day

A special "thankyou" to all those who attended, joined in and enjoyed a great weekend together. It was great to see all the kids get on so well with each other, the open doors to each camping spot and the warm comadery by everyone.

Let us encourage more of these types of Field Days.

Hendo

Notice

To all club members who write cheques.

Challenge bank has advised, that many cheques are being written out incorrectly and they could be refused. This will result in you having to write out another cheque.

Below is the correct way to write out a cheque to the club.

Surf casting and Angling Club of W.A. (inc.)

Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

JACKETS

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER YOUR CLUB JACKET

***ZIP FRONT, FLEECE JACKET, SIDE POCKETS, WITH RIB CUFFS AND COLLAR
AND EMBROIDERED CLUB LOGO IN THE CLUB COLOURS
ALL SIZES AVAILABLE***

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO PLACE YOUR ORDER CONTACT

KEN BLACK 9276 8476 OR ANDREW AUBREY 9342 0805

Editors Report

We have been very fortunate to be lent, by Jim Strong, some old issues of the Reel Talk. They date back to September 1957. There is some very interesting reading in these and the history is priceless. By reading through the accounts of the past field days, it is very obvious how much the amount of fish, both locally and around the state, has been depleted. I read about one field day in June 1963 at Yallingup where 45 members and 10 visitors attended. A total of 185 fish were caught on this 2-day weekend. I'd like to see that happen in this day and age! It also appears that the size of the fish has diminished as well. No wonder my husband can't catch any fish! I suppose he will stick to his story of being a conservationist and feeding them for the next generation!

I have also been calculating some of the drycasting distances. An 'amazing' cast was of 250ft. Sounds great until you convert it to metric! It works out to be about 76.2 metres - pretty good considering the rods that the casters had to use 'in these days'. Thank goodness that the technology of the rods, casting action and general knowledge has been improved on. It would be a great fun day if someone had some of these old rods and we could see if our top casters could get the same distances - or better - than their previous club members. Come on fellas, the challenge is in!

Although I am not interested in fishing myself (I don't even eat them!) I am enjoying reading through the history of our club. I think that it would do all members good to have a look at these and remember what being in a club is all about. Also in these old magazines are some very good ideas for social get togethers - with the suggestion of leaving the rods at home! It would be nice to plan a club picnic at somewhere like Mundaring and know that the majority of club members would participate. We can always hope, can't we? The lunchtime BBQ at the S-Bend was very relaxing (until it rained) and gave everyone a chance to see how the others were going in both fishing and themselves. I got to meet a few new people and caught up with others that I hadn't seen for awhile. Summer is on the way and the weather will be perfect for anything. I'm sure Ken would welcome any suggestions of venues and events.

Please send any stories, jokes, recipes, and etcetera that you may have - all reasonable offers accepted! You can either go the old fashioned way of posting them or send them by E-mail. We have our own E-mail address now: petejen@git.com.au. It will also be listed on the committee page. It doesn't matter what your age - we have a story from Emily Woodford this month - a short story or factual article is always of interest to someone. Fleet Tackle will be donating a prize each month for the best story or article. This will be given at the General Meeting. So get cracking - you never know what can appear out of your mind!

Jennie Stoeckel

Story About the Weekend in Geraldton

Yesterday, which was the 25th September, we went fishing. We had a great time playing and then Mum called us in. So we went to Mum and she said that Dad had lost his knuckle. We went to the hospital. Dad booked himself in and the lady said the doctor won't be in till 9:30pm. So we went to Geraldton Town. We had fish, sausage and chips for tea. Then we went back and waited half an hour and Dad came out. The doctor never saw it. By that time it was 10:00pm. We went to bed straight away. The next day we played with Andrew and Daniel on our bikes then went to the beach and Kari, Daniel, Molly and Andrew dug a very big hole with me and put seats made with sand in the hole. We sat in there almost all the time then went driving and looked at some beaches and stopped at one beach and fished and here I am now.

The End.

Emily Woodford

October Social Report

Hello! Our temporary meeting hall at Bedford proved to be very spacious, with ample room for any other club activities we wish to pursue. However, wet and windy weather kept attendance down slightly.

Our next event is the State Drycasting Championships, with a sausage sizzle at this venue also. My able assistants at this event are Jennie Stoeckel and my wife Marcelle. However, as it's a long day, we'll be grateful of any assistance.

Hendo displayed an "Acrocast" spinning reel to be raffled at the titles and I'm sure anyone selling raffle tickets for this item will find it an easy chore! Matthew Sneddon will be sneaking up on us all at the titles with a video camera to compile an edition for the Internet. So we'd better have those smiles ready! Thanks Matthew, for the unexpected publicity.

The flat barge fishing trip to Guilderton has been rescheduled to a later date next year, yet to be confirmed. We have six people showing interest at this stage and 20 people could be accommodated, if required.

The night cast following the December field day will be preceded by a BBQ - BYO meat and salad. The Club will supply the drinks. A raffle will be run for the Club at this event, for those who like a wee drop of whisky! I believe a trophy is being presented to the night's top caster. Remember small glow sticks, 7 rods, 2oz casting sinkers and the "aeroguard", plus headlamps and chairs.

The crabbing day will be programmed for a later date in 2000 in Mandurah. We have 10 people interested so far. You can scoop from the shore or, if you have a boat, that could be used also. We're hoping to make this a family day with swimming and a picnic lunch on the foreshore after the morning's crabbing.

The proposed auction (fundraiser) is being scheduled for after the Caravan and Camping Show, where we can promote this event to the general public.

Andrew Aubrey had some windcheaters for sizing at the last meeting. To date 6 people have paid in full, with about the same number yet to pay. This means that there is still time to get your name on the bulk order. This won't be repeated for some time as the depleted stocks of polo and T-shirts has to be addressed shortly. The cost of the windcheaters is \$30.00 each.

All the best to the casting teams, and thanks to Karen, Peter, Bob, Andrew and Andy Thorgerson - the "keyman" for assisting at the last meeting.

Ken Black

Winds and Blowies

The last field day saw me fishing locally. Saturday night resulted in a very spectacular electrical storm, especially at Fremantle. So after many changes of plan on location and rigs, it wasn't until dawn on Monday morning that I decided (after information from a good authority) to start fishing at Nedlands and work towards Chidley Point.

At Chidley Point, in the rain, early in the morning, I thought I was all alone. At this point I had my back to the river to re-hook after snagging from a blowie strike. Suddenly a loud voice called from behind: "Are you catching any?" (My wife will tell you how much I hate that question at the best of times!). After returning to earth, I instantly gave the poor canoeist a mouth full of not to be repeated in public phrases and language! Where upon he snuck away towards Claremont forthwith.

So off to the North Mole, where wind and salt spray abounded. The regulars proceeded to out-fish me with an assortment of rigs. So armed with my 7 foot rod, I had to innovate and found that by putting the tip of the rod under the water and with a slow retrieve, I could stop the line whistling and catch herring on blue sardines with a gang of 3 number 6 hooks.

My spirits were lifted after the first fish was landed and legal size. The next strike was a bit bigger, but I was a bit too keen and lifted the fish a bit too quickly. It felt as though the wind and current ripped the fish off the hook. Time had run out, so it was off to weigh in my one herring as the winds increased even more.

Ken Black.

KALBARRI

After the long weekend at the "S-Bend" I continued onto Kalbarri to join up with a couple of friends who had taken their 7 metre mustang boat along for a bit of fishing.

Staying at the Red Bluff Caravan Park in a chalet (overpriced, poorly equipped, very small and unfriendly proprietors), we encountered more lousy fishing weather. Huge swells that muddied the water for approximately 80 metres off shore, it was a waste of time at the beaches. Trying to get out of the mouth of the river was a very harrowing experience. Trying to troll lures was a waste of time due to lots of weed every where. Coming back into the river added a lot of grey hairs to my head. I was scared bloody stiff and refused to step onto the boat again.

Although the sky was blue, the wind was down and the swell was dropping, it just wasn't right to fish the local areas. My friends suggested we try the gorges for a look at reasonable fishing locations, so we headed out and got onto some "management tracks". Driving along the edges of the Kalbarri cliffs is mind blowing and the views are spectacular. My heart was in my mouth a few times and the armrests have claw marks engraved into them from when we got so close to the edge!

Selecting a suitable location, we reversed the vehicle towards the edge, attached a 50 metre knotted rope to the tow bar and dropped the pops over the side. With limited fishing gear, we dropped over the side and scrambled 80-100 metres down the slope to a good fishing platform. Not a place for the old and unfit...

Casting weighted poppers out over reefy country produced some spectacular sights. Winding in we saw huge tailor 'smash' our lures, magnificent leaps and thrashing bust-offs and a few good catches. These fish were 2-3kg and we all agreed that some of them were twice that size. A rude awakening hit us when we realised we had no cliff gaff and lost a lot of fish. Still, I wasn't concerned, as I didn't want to try and haul myself and 10kg of fish back up that cliff face.

Actual locations have to be selected carefully. It's easy to get down but back up is a totally different story. It took me 6-8 minutes to get down, but going back up took me well over half an hour. It's been a long time since I felt that physically drained. My legs were like jelly, my heart nearly exploded and I lost a kilo in sweat.

It took two days for me to regain my vitality and to agree I'm not as young as I used to be. (Still, I like to try!)

Go on - try Kalbarri's cliff fishing spots yourself. Remember, "you got there - no buggers going to get you back!"

Hendo

HAVE A GO DAY

Still one or two members needed to help on

TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

at Have-a-go-day at Burswood.

If you have a rostered day off or you are on holidays
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