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The April meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, 13th April, 1960, at the National Fitness Council, 50 James St., Perth, commencing at 8 p.m., sharp.

REGISTERED AT THE G.P.O. PERTH, FOR TRANSMISSION BY POST AS PERIODICAL.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD.

This will be devoted to stripping and maintenance of geared revolving spool reels.

LAST INSTRUCTION PERIOD.

All phases of stripping and maintenance of S.W. Mitchell Reels were covered during this period. Our thanks go to Felix Holywell for the meticulous and painstaking effort he devoted, to give all members present, the knowledge necessary to ensure the maximum efficiency with this type of reel. (Many thanks Felix.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

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

I hereby give notice that at the next General Meeting of the Club, I intend to move the following motion.

"That the two words "three" appearing in the last paragraph of Rule 20 of "Dry Casting Rules" be deleted, and the word "two" be substituted in each case in lieu thereof."

R. Jensen.

FISHING COMPETITION.

Acting on the replies received from members, your committee has adopted the following competition, which is to commence on the 1st of May 1960 and continue until the 30th April 1961. Most members favoured an abandonment of the open competition and an increase in the field day and casting day awards. After much discussion it has been decided to divide the fishing into two separate competitions with the trophies divided equally between the two sections.

The committee feels that if this is done, the ensuing competition for the next year will decide whether the open event should be retained or not in future competitions. Several Sub-committee meetings and a special full committee meeting have made exhaustive study, before arriving at what they consider should prove a satisfactory competition for the majority of members.

NEW FISHING COMPETITIONS.

All fish caught on field days will be automatically entered in their respective sections.

Entries for the open competition must be entered on the Club official entry form and completed in every detail.

Entries NOT in the hands of the recorder within 30 days of capture may be rejected. Members are requested to supply photos of catches where possible to maintain our book of captures.

The committee may reject any entry if a doubt arises as to its authenticity.

FIELD DAY COMPETITION.

Section 1. Les Shand Trophy (10 Pts for attendance and 1 pt per lb of scaled fish caught).

Section 2. Ken Matthews Trophy - Heaviest Scale fish.

Section 3. Best Effort - weight of fish over line ratio (Scale Fish).

Section 4. Heaviest Malloway.

Section 5. Heaviest Tailor.

Section 6. Heaviest Salmon.

Section 7. Heaviest fish other than above.

Section 8. Heaviest Shark or Ray (Wobbegongs and Carpet Sharks excepted).

Section 9. Heaviest fish - artificial lure - D.H. or S. H. Rods

Section 10. Heaviest multiple catch of salmon or Tailor (any one field day).

All sections other than section 9 to be for bait fishing for D.H. or S.H. rods.

OPEN FISHING COMPETITION.

Section 1. Best effort - weight of fish over line ratio (Scaled Fish).

Section 2. Heaviest Shark or Ray - (Wobbegongs and Fiddle Sharks excepted).

Section 3. Heaviest Malloway.

Section 4. Heaviest Salmon.

Section 5. Heaviest Tailor.

Section 6. Heaviest fish other than above.

Section 7. Heaviest aggregate of Tailor for year.

Section 8. Heaviest fish spinner - artificial lure S.H. or D.H. Rod.

CASTING COMPETITION.

With a view to giving all members a competition which should ensure a close finish and maintain keen interest, the following competition has been approved for the year commencing with the May casting day 1960 and finalizing on the April casting day 1961.

1. All events to be level line.
2. Members to be divided into three grades.
3. Members to remain in allocated grades for year.
4. Teams to be revised annually.
5. Points will be allotted on a 5 to 1 basis for each event with 10 points for attendance.
6. No points will be allotted for any distance S.H. events.
7. The maximum distance to be cast in D.H. accuracy events are as follows:-

"A" Grade (Red Target) - 90 yds.

"B" Grade (White Target) - 80 yds.

"C" Grade (Blue Target) - 70 yds.

8. The Yellow Target will be used by all casters in the Blob accuracy events.
9. The grading is as follows:-

"A" Grade (Red).

J. Bellman	H. Cook	N. Cross	V. Davis
D. Edward	H. Gregory	F. Holywell	N. Knight
A. Livesey	R. Tichbon	K. Webster	

"B" Grade (White).

N. Crouch	G. Clohessy	M. Cornish	R. Dixon
R. Jensen	R. Lilley	K. Matthews	H. Neil
R. Porter	J. Strong	L. Shand	J. Sillellides
R. Shirley	A. Tickle	R. Tucker	K. Wiggins.

"C" Grade (Blue).

A. Backhouse	H. Bester	C. Crouch	M. Doscas
D. Dutton	R. Flood	J. Graham	D. Henderson
K. Hawker	I. McLennan	A. Millen	P. Neri
B. Payne	D. Savage	L. Tate	D. Wright
A. Watson			

FIELD DAY - QUINN'S ROCK - 12th/13th MARCH, 1960.

The field day for March was held at Quim's Beach on the 12th/13th March. Conditions were ideal for fishing with calm seas and a total absence of weed. 30 anglers made the trip and it is pleasing to see the members maintaining the average for our monthly excursions.

Ted and Doug Savage decided to fish a bay a fair way South past the rocks and were rewarded by a nice catch of Tailor, which averaged about 3 lbs each. Quite a nice size for this time of the year. Most of the other lads preferred the North end of the beach.

Norm Giles and self were wondering where to fish, when news came along to the effect that Bob Tucker was hauling Tailor in one after the other, until he ran out of Scalies. Arthur Backhouse was not getting a touch on Mullett. Alf Rutland landed a few Tailor until the reef started to take toll of his rigs and no doubt Alf will be lining up at the tackle store to replenish his supply of hooks again.

Shortly after 11 p.m., I held the first weigh in, and Vic Davis reported the capture of a 29½ lbs Carpet Shark, and I believe that Wally Thompson was unlucky not to top this. Most of the anglers spent the night on the beach and although some fished until a late hour, nobody reported having a good run or tangling with a shark.

In the morning the boys were hard at it again, but with indifferent success, although a few Herring and Gardies were caught. (I believe that a certain F.D.O. was wondering where his blob had disappeared to until he pulled in a half drowned Gardie (Ed)).

When Mrs Rutland popped some nice steaks into the pan, Bob Tucker just couldn't stand the aroma wafting on the breeze, so smartly filleted a big Herring and joined in the meal. Alf evidently didn't mind the change of venue, as besides bringing his wife along to do the chores, he also brought just about everything necessary to stay for a week. Ron Shirley also ~~said that he felt like a new man not having to climb that~~ hill at Garden Island. Ken Matthews was another member to indulge in every comfort including a stretcher to sleep on.

Two new faces appeared at the venue, and it was pleasing to see Alan Werner and Ray Spooner along. Alan's health has not been the best and it was indeed gratifying to see him able to attend the field day. Hal Screech who has been in hospital for some time, wasted no time in getting back into the fold, and the possibility of being among the big fish certainly lures the members along to the field days.

Highlight of the weekend was Lynn Crouch's effort in landing 3 Herring (not much of an effort unless you know that Lynn is only a 3 year old). They certainly start them young in the Surfcasters. It is good to see the younger folk being brought along on these outings.

I am pleased to report that all members thoroughly enjoyed the new venue, which will probably be included in next years programme. My thanks to all who assisted me and hope to see you at Yallingup. Remember lads the heaviest scaled fish at Yallingup is worth £3, so be sure to be in it.

All members must report to me before leaving for their selected spots, which must be within a 15 mile radius from the weigh in centre which is in the same spot as last year. A club sign will be prominently displayed, and you are requested to be at the weigh in by 8 a.m., as I have to return to Perth at 9.30. a.m., and want all members fish weighed by then.

Members are warned to exercise the greatest care when fishing off the rocks - THEY ARE DANGEROUS.

Horrie Muirson intends to take his van, and any member without transport please advise Horrie or myself as soon as possible if they wish to go.

The following are the details of the field day and awards:-

Jim Strong.
Field Day Officer.

Attendance points were gained by the following:-

K. Hawker	N. Crouch	C. Crouch
J. Strong	N. Giles	A. Werner
V. Davis	W. Thompson	A. Egan
K. Taylor	M. Cornish	J. Clarke
R. McQueen	A. Rutland	A. Backhouse
R. Tucker	J. Sillellides	R. Shirley
R. Jensen	T. Savage	D. Savage
P. Neri	R. Tichbon	D. Henderson
H. Screech	D. Flower	K. Flower
R. Spooner	K. Matthews	N. Cross

Junior Members: Rick Jensen, Vic Davis, Lynn Crouch.

Members who caught fish, and their catches are listed below. Total catch was 134½ lbs.

		Tot Lb
1. T. Savage	8 Tailor 17 lbs, 1 Herring, 1 Ray 15 lbs	32½
2. V. Davis	1 Carpet Shark	29½
3. D. Savage	5 Tailor 9 lbs, 1 Herring	9½
4. R. Tucker	9 Tailor	9
5. R. Shirley	8 Tailor	8
6. J. Sillellides	7 Tailor	7¾
7. D. Flower	2 Fiddle Sarks 4½ lbs, 2 Tailor	7½
	1 Flathead	6
8. N. Giles	5 Tailor	5
9. A. Rutland	4 Tailor	4½
10. N. Crouch	2 Tailor, 4 Herring	5
11. J. Strong	2 Tailor 4½ lbs, 1 Garfish	4
12. K. Matthews	4 Tailor	4
13. C. Crouch	3 Tailor	4
14. M. Cornish	5 Tailor	4
15. K. Taylor	3 Tailor	3
16. J. Clarke	3 Tailor	3
17. R. Spooner	3 Tailor	3
18. K. Hawker	2 Tailor, 1 Herring	3
19. A. Backhouse	3 Tailor	3
20. A. Werner	2 Tailor	2
21. R. Tichbon	1 Tailor, 1 Herring	2
22. R. Jensen	1 Tailor	2
23. N. Cross	1 Herring, 1 Sweep	2
24. A. Egan	1 Tailor, 1 Herring	1½
25. H. Screech	1 Tailor	1
26. D. Henderson	1 Flathead	1

The following members were successful in winning the field day awards:-

Heaviest Bag of Scaled Fish:- T. Savage - 8 Tailor,
1 Herring - Total 17½ lbs.

Heaviest Shark or Ray:- Vic Davis - Carpet Shark - 29½ lbs

Heaviest Scaled Fish:- Not taken off this field day - will jackpot again.

Junior Award:- Lynn Crouch - 2 Herring 1¼ lbs (Lynn is a 3 year old - some effort).

FISHING COMPETITION.

the Present leaders in the various sections are as set out below:-

SECTION 1 - BEST EFFORT.

Kevin Hawker's 60 lbs White Spotted Ray on a 16 lbs line at Quim's Rocks on the 28th Nov, 1959, still leads.

SECTION 2 - HEAVIEST MULLOWAY.

Norrie Cross's 20 lbs 8 oz Mulloway caught at Cape Boavard on 30th Jan, 1960, still holds pride of place.

SECTION 3 - HEAVIEST TAILOR.

John Bellman's 10 lbs 8 oz Tailor still leads.

SECTION 4 - HEAVIEST SALMON.

Bob Jensen's 13 lbs fish still leads here.

SECTION 5 - HEAVIEST TREVALLY.

Doug Flower's entry of a 3 lbs Skippy still leads.

SECTION 6 - HEAVIEST FISH OTHER THAN LISTED.

Vic Davis's 6½ lbs Pike still holds the lead. X

SECTION 7 - HEAVIEST AGGREGATE OF TAILOR FOR YEAR.

1. J. Bellman	352 pts.	4. E. Sullivan	161.	M. Lee	93
2. V. Davis	251	5. A. Livesey	127	N. Cross	87
3. J. Strong	182	6. F. Holywell	101	R. Porter	74

Worthy of mention are two good catches made by Eric Sullivan and Barry Morrison at the Moore River on 6th March 1960. Eric caught 38 Tailor weighing 74 lbs, and Barry caught 37 Tailor weighing 72 lbs. Scallies were the bait used. Very nice going boys.

SECTION 8 - HEAVIEST AGGREGATE OF MULLOWAY FOR YEAR.

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|--------------|---------|---------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| 1. V. Davis | 164Pts. | 4. M. Britten | 30 Pts | 7. K. Webster | 19 Pts |
| 2. N. Cross | 89 | 5. R. Jensen | 22 | 8. T. Grannery | 18 |
| 3. H. Boster | 38 | 6. D. Savage | 22 | 9. R. Flood | 15 |

Note:- A 6½ lbs Mulloway caught by Doug Savage at Miami on 5th March 1960 came 2nd in the Mandurah Fishpot for that week and was awarded a consolation prize. Good luck to you Doug.

SECTION 9 -- HEAVIEST SHARK OR PAY.

Alan Egan's 68 lbs Ray caught on the November field day still leads in this section.

SECTION 10 - HEAVIEST CATCH OF HERRING IN ONE DAY.

Ray Porter's 50 lbs of Herring caught on the May field day still retains the lead.

SECTION 11 - MULTIPLE CATCH (1 pt per lb of scale fish caught in a 24 hour period).

X Vic Davis's tally of 133 lbs still leads.

SECTION 12 - SINGLE HANDED ROD. (Bait Fishing).

Vic Davis's 6 lbs 4 oz Silver Drummer retains the lead.

SECTION 13 - HEAVIEST FISH - SPINNING. (D.H. Rod, Art. Lure).

A 10 lbs Salmon caught by John Bellman at Yallingup on the April field day still leads.

SECTION 14 - KEN MATTHEWS TROPHY - HEAVIEST SCALE FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAYS.

A 7½ lbs Salmon caught by Keith Taylor at Garden Island on the December field day and a 7½ lbs Mulloway caught by John Graham at the Moore River on the January field day, still share the lead in this section.

SECTION 15 - PRESIDENTS TROPHY - GREATEST NUMBER OF POINTS SCORED ON CASTING DAYS.

See Casting Day Scores.

SECTION 16 - LES SHAND TROPHY -- GREATEST NUMBER OF POINTS SCORED ON FIELD DAYS.

1. V. Davis	304 Pts.	12. L. Tate	139 Pts.
2. A. Egan	279	13. D. Savage	134
3. R. Jensen	195	14. E. Sullivan	129
4. R. Tucker	184	15. A. Backhouse	129
5. R. Shirley	167	16. A. Rutland	120
6. R. Tichbon	163	17. A. Livesey	119
7. J. Strong	160	18. N. Knight	116
8. R. Porter	152	19. T. Savage	106
9. N. Crouch	149	20. J. Clarke	105
10. C. Crouch	140	21. K. Hawker	100
11. N. Giles	139		

SECTION 17 - HIDDEN POINTS PER POUND.

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SECTION 18 - POINTS PER LB OF FISH CAUGHT. (Trophy donated by Henry Bester).

1. V. Davis	1471 Pts.	11. J. Graham	192 Pts.
2. J. Bellman	469	12. M. Britten	184
3. R. Porter	356	13. R. Tucker	173
4. N. Cross	308	14. A. Livesey	162
5. J. Strong	260	15. A. Backhouse	143
6. N. Crouch	253	16. K. Hawker	128
7. A. Egan	240	17. R. Jensen	120
8. E. Sullivan	236	18. M. Lee	113
9. R. Shirley	233	19. H. Bester	102
10. F. Holywell	200		

Ron Shirley is still catching his Ruff (Herring) at Ampol Beach. 71 lbs was his tally last month. Best catch was 64 Ruff weighing 22 lbs caught on the 7th March 1960.

SECTION 19 - HEAVIEST FISH - SPINNER - ARTIFICIAL LURE - S.H. RC
(Trophy donated by J.A. (Mick) Lee.).

Nelson Smith and Ray Porter still share the lead with their 9 lbs Salmon.

SECTION 20 - MULTIPLE CATCH ON FIELD DAYS. (1 pt per lb of scale fish caught on any one field day). Trophy donated by John McNerney and Noel Knight.

Eric Sullivan's haul of 67 lbs at Garden Island on the Sept. field day still leads this section.

SECTION 21 - BEST EFFORT ON FIELD DAYS. Trophy donated by Bert Payne and John Bellman.

A 37/19 ratio. A 37 lbs Yellowtail Kingfish on a 19 lbs line caught by Les Tate on the November field day at Garden Island is still in the lead.

SECTION 22 - HEAVIEST WESTRALIAN JEW FISH. Trophy donated by Vic Davis.

Vic Davis still leads with a 33 lbs fish.

SECTION 23 - HEAVIEST SNAPPER. Trophy donated by Mick Doscas.

Vic Davis again with a 25 lbs fish.

SECTION 24 - HEAVIEST YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH. Trophy donated by John Graham and Alan Egan.

Once again Vic Davis, this time with a 43 lbs fish.

SECTION 25 - HEAVIEST BLACK BREAM. Trophy donated by Charlie and Nick Crouch and Kevin Hawker.

A $3\frac{1}{4}$ lbs fish caught by Ken Hunt still leads here.

SECTION 26 - HEAVIEST TARWHINE OR SILVER BREAM. Trophy donated by Marcus Coleman.

Jim Strong's 2 lbs fish still leads.

SECTION 27 - HEAVIEST SILVER DRUMMER OR BUFF BREAM. Trophy donated by Wally Webster and A. Millen.

Vic Davis's 15 lbs fish caught at Rottnest on the 12th February 1960 still leads this section.

DRY CASTING - MARCH 20TH 1960.

Only twenty members turned up for our dry casting last month and this is not exactly surprising as, with only one more day before the current competition is completed, the interest has gone for most of us. However, this should be rectified with the new competition, and I anticipate that we will have to lock the gates of Floreat Park Oval at 9 O'clock on the mornings of our future dry casting days. Interest will be sustained right up to the last cast.

Getting back to the present however, a six knot breeze made conditions awkward for the blob accuracy events, but assisted casters in the open. No less than five casts reached 130 yds or more. Noel Knight reached 136 and 132 yds, John Bellman 135 yds and Alan Livesey 130 yds twice. But the winner of the Open came from Charlie Crouch with an average of 92 yds, plus 69 handicap, total 161 yds (11 yds over his handicap). Its good to see older members of the club improving to such an extent. Charlie is learning to handle his new Penn well. Alan Livesey (127-29-156) and Bob Tucker (106-50-156) tied for second place with Bob Lilley (96-59-155) third and Nick Crouch (84-70-154), also with a new Penn Surfmaster, in fourth position. Nick told me in confidence that he has already reached 120 yds in a practise throw. Norrie Cross tossed 100 yds with a loose drag that you could hear all over the ground. So that is two more potential members for the top bracket.

With most members using new pear shaped blobs, kindly donated by Ray Porter, The D.H. Blob Accuracy event over 40 and 65 yds did not prove such a problem in the cross wind as it did with the old yellow "floaters". Norrie Cross overcame his February lapse by scoring on all four shots to record a total of 32, six points ahead of Bob Tucker, also with four scoring shots. Alan Livesey landed third place by scoring heavily at the 65 yd target (he had two washouts on the closer disc). John Bellman and Bob Lilley tie for 4th place, Bob being the only other caster to score with all his shots.

Nick Crouch was a clear winner in the S.H. accuracy to record a total of 21, two shots being within 2 ft of the disc. Noel Knight came second with 14, (all scored on the short range)

followed by Norrie Cross (12). Alan Livesey and Arch Tickle tied in the minor place, each with 11, but Alan scored his points with each of his four shots.

Summing up, Alan Livesey was the top caster for the day picking up 24 points, then followed Nick Crouch (23), Bob Tucker (21), Norrie Cross (18), Noel Knight (17) and Charlie Crouch (15). With the 10 attendance points added, Noel Knight with 251 has forged ahead of Doug Edward 222 for the President's Trophy, but Bob Tucker 221 is putting in a late run for 2nd position. John Bellman and Norrie Cross are level in fourth place and would have to win all sections this month to take off the trophy, (provided that the other three did not score).

Four boys contested the Children's S.H. Accuracy (Weight) Event, with Greg Wright (10) winning from Peter Sorenson (7). The other two (Shane O'Sullivan and Rick Jensen) failed to score.

No entries were received fro the Ladies S.H. Event

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The final programme for the Dry Casting this season will be held at Floreat Park Oval on 24th April 1960 commencing at 10 a.m.,

Events to be cast will be :-

1. S.H. Blob Accuracy - 25 and 35 yds.
2. Bait Level Line Handicap.
3. Bait Accuracy - 45 and 75 yds.
4. Ladies S.H. Blob Accuracy - 25 yds.
5. Childrens S.H. Blob Accuracy - 20 yds.

The following is the complete details of the March Casting Events:-

Bob Jensen. D.C.O.

OPEN EVENT.

Name.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.	Ave.	Hcp.	Tot.	Pts.
1. C. Crouch	95	90	92	277	92	69	161	10
2. A. Livesey	121	130	130	381	127	29	156	9
3. R. Tucker	102	110	106	318	106	50	156	9
4. R. Lilly	98	93	97	288	96	59	155	8
5. N. Crouch	100	50	101	251	84	70	154	7
6. R. Jensen	95	102	104	301	100	52	152	6
7. A. Tickle	106	104	106	316	105	45	150	5
8. N. Knight	123	132	136	391	130	19	149	4
9. J. Strong	80	71	86	237	79	69	148	3
10. D. Wright	96	86	96	278	93	54	147	2
11. D. Dutton	72	65	81	218	73	70	143	1
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12. R. Tichbon	101	109	77	287	96	45	141	
13. K. Hawker	86	74	60	220	73	65	138	
14. I. McLennan	84	87	84	255	85	52	137	
15. N. Cross	78	90	100	268	89	40	129	
16. J. Bellman	122	68	135	325	108	20	128	
17. M. Cornish	60	60	53	173	58	70	128	
18. L. Tate	x	78	82	160	53	70	123	
19. H. Neil	68	70	63	201	67	54	121	
20. F. Wilson	50	x	49	99	33	70	103	

HANDICAPS.

The following members reduced their handicaps as follows:-

C. Crouch	from 69 to 58 Yds.	R. Tucker	from 50 to 44 yds.
A. Livesey	29	N. Crouch	70
R. Lilly	59	R. Jensen	52
			66
			50

The following were due for a revision as they haven't been quite making their previous totals:-

N. Knight	from 19 to 20 yds.
H. Neil	54
J. Strong	69
D. Wright	54
	56
	70
	57

SINGLE HANDED WEIGHT ACCURACY.

Name.	<u>45 yds</u>		<u>30 yds.</u>		Tot.	Pts.
	1st.	2nd.	1st.	2nd.		
1. N. Crouch	5	8	x	8	21	10
2. N. Knight	x	x	5	9	14	9
3. N. Cross	x	x	7	5	12	8
4. A. Livesey	4	1	5	1	11	7
5. A. Tickle	x	x	4	7	11	7
6. K. Hawker	x	x	3	7	10	6
7. C. Crouch	x	x	9	x	9	5
8. I. McLennan	1	2	3	3	9	5
9. J. Bellman	1	1	x	6	8	4
10. R. Tucker	x	x	2	4	6	3
11. H. Neil	x	x	x	5	5	2
12. M. Cornish	x	x	x	4	4	1
13. R. Tichbon	x	x	x	4	4	1
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14. R. Jensen	x	x	x	3	3	-
15. L. Tate	x	x	3	x	3	-
16. R. Lilly	1	x	x	x	1	-

DON'T FORGET.

The April casting day is the last day in the current competition.

CASTING DAY HINTS.

Check your knots after each cast for fraying. Retying your knots several times during your days casting will eliminate a lot of those frustrating break-offs.

DOUBLE HANDED BLOB ACCURACY

Name	65 Yds.		40 Yds.		Tot.	Pts.
	1st.	2nd.	1st.	2nd.		
1. N. Cross	9	15	2	6	32	10
2. R. Tucker	8	7	4	7	26	9
3. A. Livesey	x	12	x	11	23	8
4. J. Bellman	x	15	x	x	15	7
5. R. Lilly	9	1	4	1	15	7
6. N. Crouch	x	11	x	x	11	6
7. J. Strong	x	9	1	x	10	5
8. D. Wright	x	7	x	3	10	5
9. N. Knight	x	3	x	4	7	4
10. K. Hawker	x	x	5	x	5	3
11. D. Dutton	3	x	x	1	4	2
12. I. McLennan	x	4	x	x	4	2
13. M. Cornish	x	x	3	x	3	1
14. R. Jensen	x	x	x	2	2	-

TOTAL POINTS FOR CASTING DAY. (Incl. 10 Pts for attendance)

Name.	Pts.	Name.	Pts.
1. A. Livesey	34	11. J. Strong	18
2. N. Crouch	33	12. D. Wright	17
3. R. Tucker	31	13. I. McLennan	17
4. N. Cross	28	14. R. Jensen	16
5. N. Knight	27	15. D. Dutton	13
6. C. Crouch	25	16. M. Cornish	12
7. R. Lilly	25	17. H. Neil	12
8. A. Tickle	22	18. R. Tichbon	11
9. J. Bellman	21	19. L. Tate	10
10. K. Hawker	19	20. F. Wilson	10

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY TOTAL CASTING DAY POINTS.

Name.	Pts.	Name.	Pts.
1. N. Knight	251	21. J. Sillellides	104
2. D. Edward	222	22. L. Tate	102
3. R. Tucker	221	23. I. McLennan	101
4. J. Bellman	212	24. K. Matthews	96
5. N. Cross	212	25. M. Doscas	94
6. R. Tichbon	192	26. G. Clohessy	87
7. N. Crouch	188	27. T. Savage	80
8. R. Lilly	187	28. D. Savage	80
9. A. Livesey	183	29. W. Webster	77
10. E. Payne	157	30. R. Flood	75
11. J. Strong	144	31. D. Dutton	73
12. R. Jensen	143	32. P. Neri	73
13. F. Holywell	141	33. K. Wiggins	69
14. R. Shirley	136	34. K. Hawker	68
15. M. Cornish	128	35. L. Shand	64
16. H. Cook	120	36. D. Wright	61
17. C. Crouch	115	37. R. Porter	59
18. A. Tickle	113	38. H. Gregory	57
19. H. Neil	111	39. K. Webster	55
20. V. Davis	105	40. J. Graham	51

REEL TALK

READ YOUR BEACH.

The beach has a fascination for many who are not concerned with fishing, but to the angler, it holds many secrets, which he must try to wrest from it. It is a storehouse of information that is vital to the man who is to fish it successfully.

The beach expert is the man who has learnt to read the beach and understand it. He has made a study of it, and from a quick glance, will select the best spot within his vision, for the purpose he has in mind.

I suggest that anyone who has not made a study of particular beaches, to take time off on a clear day and from a good vantage point, study the beach for a couple of miles. Look at the way the waves break; where they break; how the foam moves; where the holes, gutters and sand spits are in relation to the break of the waves; the slope of the sand on the beach and the effect the tide would have if making or going out.

The waves and the way they break, are the most important, from an anglers viewpoint, because once we learn to understand them, we can tell what the beach conditions are, even in the dark.

It is recognised that the break of the wave is caused by friction as the wave rolls into the beach and reaches the shallow water. The friction between the sand and water holds back the lower portion of the wave; the upper part of the wave is free and curls ahead, making the break. Thus by studying the waves, we can tell where the sand spits are located; where the gutters are; where the holes and steep banks begin and finish and the flat beach will be found.

A typical beach scene may be this. Immediately in front of us the waves are breaking well out, rolling in with a lot of white foam. This gradually diminishing and the wave reforming and again breaking, but with less power and slowly rolling up the beach. To the right, the waves come well up onto the beach,

before they break sharply and roll up the sand. While to the left, the waves are breaking well out and rolling for a long distance up the beach. We know from this, that in front of us, we have a sand spit causing the waves to break; they reform over the deeper water of the gutter just in front of us and break gently on the beach. While to the left, there is a very flat piece of beach, but to the right is a hole or the beginning of a steep bank on the beach.

Watch the way the foam moves and you can tell if there is any current or sweep in the water. This will have some effect on the type and size of sinker you will use.

The beach is a natural feeding ground for many of our fish and gives us good bait, worms and small fish. Whiting, Bream, Flathead, Tailor and Mullet, are the commonest fish taken from this area.

During the day, most fishing is done on sand spits, in the holes and gutters, but at night, the Whiting and Bream come into the shallows feeding, therefore the flat beach will also be fished.

Learn to know your beach, to understand it, and your fishing trip will be more enjoyable and will produce better results.

WHAT IS AN ANGLER?

In boyhood, manhood and old age, we find a delightful creature called an angler. Anglers come in all sizes, weights, colours, shapes, cars, boats, hats and boots. They are all dedicated, enslaved and bonded to the same urge. To enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day and night of angling, and to protest if there is any interference by law, Mother-In-Law or nature.

Anglers are found everywhere. On the top of, beneath, climbing over, sitting on, standing by, shivering in, dripping with, hiding from, breathing down, two steps ahead of, getting ready, digging for, bailing out, dragging in, bragging about and smelling of. Mothers love 'em, lucky girls marry 'em, Uncles and big brothers tease 'em, Grand-fathers and Fathers taught them. Fisheries Inspectors watch them.

An Angler's a lie with a new look. All his hopes for the future are tied to the day when fish will be biting and he'll be there. An Angler's a mixture. He's got the appetite of a Tailor, the digestion of a shark, the energy of a Marlin, the curiosity of a Perch, the lungs of a Bullock Driver swearing at his team, the imagination of a spinner manufacturer, the irresponsibility of a Paddy Mullet, the usefulness of a backlash on a dark night, the glamour of a tramp and the staying power of a relative.

No one else is so early to rise, ignorant of lunch, late for tea or lukewarm about household duties. No one else can get so much fun out of cungi, crabs, rocks, sand, heavy rains, long worms, fresh air and stinking fish bait. No one else can cram into one pocket, a rusty knife, a dried worm, three feet of wire trace, a dozen split shot, club fishing badge, a bottle opener, some wet flies, a military map, a shoe horn, a packet of hooks, some swivels and brass rings, spinners and plugs and last weeks grocery order

WHY LOSE THOSE BIG FISH.

At some time or other an angler experiences the frustration of losing a big fish and not many go to the trouble of analysing the cause and endeavour to rectify the faults. I list these faults in the following order:-

1. Incorrect use of Rod and Reel.
2. Faulty gear - which includes, rod, reel, lines and hooks and unbalanced gear.
3. Hooks being bitten off, or lines becoming frayed on rocks or the rough skin of a fish.

The greatest number of fish are generally lost by the incorrect use of the gear and can only be overcome by careful attention to certain basic rules.

With the advent of modern reels featuring smooth operating drags or clutches, the angler's task in beaching a fish is made much easier, particularly when the fish is able to exert a greater pressure than the breaking strain of the line.

The drag when correctly set should not be touched when playing a fish, and at all times the reel should be treated only as a line winder and not as a winch. A reel treated as such, will give many years of service without the costly replacement of stripped gears.

Your drag setting is governed by the weakest point in your gear which should be the knots tied in your line, with the amount of line on the spool playing an important part.

I find that the easiest manner to set a drag is as follows:-

Rig your rod as you would for fishing. Then tie the free end of the line to some immovable object. Raise your rod to an angle of 45 degrees and walk backwards until there is a good curve in your rod.

Now adjust your drag so that a further step backwards causes the drag to slip. This will be a tension of approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs using a 14 lbs line as a guide.

This may seem very light to some, but it must be remembered that as the line is stripped from the spool, the diameter on the spool is lessened, with the result that at each turn of the spool, less line comes off and the tension is gradually increased until the breaking of the knot is almost reached when all the line is run out.

Should the fish be not very large, a finger laid on the edge of the spool will be sufficient to check its early run and as the rod is lifted in a pumping action when the fish is turned, the recovery is accelerated by using the finger to check the spool.

To commence the retrieve, which is done by lifting the rod and winding it down to an angle of about 80 degrees, and repeating this process while the fish is being played shorewards, care must be taken not to raise the rod behind the line of the body, as a broken rod tip can result.

At no time should the handle of the reel be turned while the fish has control, particularly with a fixed spool reel as the line will only become badly twisted, and make subsequent casting more difficult.

Finally if your fish is large enough to warrant the use of a gaff, give your mate with the gaff every assistance. Keep as close to him as possible near the waters edge, so that you may co-ordinate your movements - don't be up in the sandhills where you can't see your fish. You may well pull the fish away from your mate endeavoring to gaff it.

Space does not permit me to cover the final two points mentioned in the beginning of this article, so I will continue it in the next issue of our magazine. From my own experiences I feel sure if the foregoing is applied to your own fishing, your losses of fish due to lack of observance of the faults I have listed will be reduced to a minimum. "Capt Cook".

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

This will be held at the residence of Mr and Mrs Ken Wiggins, 22 Bishopgate St., Victoria Park on Wednesday 20th April 1960.

LAST COMMITTEE MEETING.

This was held at Pat and Bob Tichbon's residence, and our thanks to Pat and the Ladies for the delightful supper.

NEW MEMBERS.

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DOUBLEVIEW.

Any member who has any reason why the above named should not become a member of the club, is asked to contact a member of the committee immediately.

MEMBERSHIP FEES.

In order to keep pace with the additional cost of producing our Reel Talk, and to avoid the necessity of running raffles, which do not seem to be favoured by the majority of members, the committee has decided to increase the Annual Subscription from 30/- to 35/-. and the Nomination Fee from 21/- to 25/-. commencing with the subscriptions which become due on the 1st July 1960.

It is believed a certain member is contemplating turning over his gear to his Wife who catches all the fish anyway. I have heard it whispered that this member has managed to go to Nornalup without his "Better Half" - so now he has a chance to redeem himself. (Good Luck Tich).

Our Editor has not been enjoying the best of health lately, and I am sure that all members wish him a speedy recovery. (Pres).

ANNUAL DANCE AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

DON'T FORGET OUR ANNUAL DANCE AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES NIGHT

TO BE HELD AT THE CLAREMONT SHOWGROUNDS ON SATURDAY 18TH JUNE,

1960. THIS NIGHT IS BY INVITATION ONLY, AND ALL NAMES MUST BE

SUBMITTED AND TICKETS PICKED UP BY THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING

SO THAT CATERING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE FINALISED.