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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

The next General Meeting will be held at the Buffaloes Hall, Onslow Road, Shenton Park on Wednesday, 11th April, 1973 at 8 p.m. sharp.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD: Once again we will endeavour to finalise the Constitution as it hasn't been done for the last four meetings, even though it was on the Agenda. A motion is on the books to suspend other business at 9 o'clock and deal with the Constitution.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next Committee Meeting will be held at the Buffaloes Hall, Onslow Road, Shenton Park on Thursday, 19th April, 1973 at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

APRIL FIELD DAY: 14/15TH:

MARGARET RIVER:

Sign on	12-1 p.m. Saturday
Fishing starts	3 p.m. Saturday
Fishing ceases	7 a.m. Sunday
Weigh-in	8-9 a.m. Sunday
Boundaries	North to Curramup Bay
	South to Cosy Corner
Weigh-in Centre	Car Park at mouth of Margaret River

APRIL DRYCASTING:

This cast will be held at Floreat Oval on Sunday, 8th April at 9.00 a.m. sharp. Events L/L Distance; D/H Accuracy; S/H Accuracy and D/H Open.

LIFE MEMBERS:

MESSRS. D.C. BROWN: V. DAVIS: L.M. DUNN: D.O. EDWARDS: N. KNIGHT:
L. SEAND and J. STRONG.

EDITORIAL:

The Club seems to be on the brink of wanting a series of changes; particularly in our fishing competition.

Last month we had an article appearing in "Reel Talk" by our President, Tom Corcoran, and I am somewhat surprised that there wasn't a reply to this article. As in most instances, the suggestion has merit, and as is also the case, it has a few drawbacks.

Such things as practicability in rough weather, weed, sparsity of the larger species of fish locally, and one thing that wasn't mentioned at the meeting when this subject was raised: the cost of equipment. Most members would have to go to some expense should this method operate.

However one good thing that has come from this, is that it has got a lot of members thinking about our field days and the competition.

You will have (or will be) receiving another suggestion through the mail which has a good deal of merit and is certainly worthy of a lot of thought. Who knows, there may be another sound suggestions in the future.

However, in my opinion, one thing we must not do is rush into changes without having a very good look at every aspect directly and indirectly associated with such a move.

To bear out some of the dissatisfaction felt by some members of the club on other aspects of the field days, is a letter from Basil Marsh, which I have included in this issue. Although somewhat lengthy, he has a point to make and if you disagree you can answer his comments through this magazine if you wish. I, for one, am opposed to splitting the field days in any form, but this is my opinion. However, one thing I will point out that when thinking about some of these new proposals (or others which may follow), on field days, we must ask ourselves whether these situations would still apply.

A lot of the dissent about field days is possibly due to the fact that a lot of us look at them from a personal point of view and not at what is best for the club as a whole. It is quite apparent that whatever we finally decide upon, we will not satisfy everyone. A few of us want to broaden our outlook and realise that once the competition or the format under which the Club operates is decided upon, we should make the best of it.

As I have said to a lot of new members; the club has the facilities available for you to get what you want out of it and it is up to you to make up your mind what you want. If you want to fish or dry cast competitively, the facility is there. If you want good companionship and a more social atmosphere, this is also available- but the choice is that of the individual! I think this reasoning could apply in answer to the above.

I have been particularly pleased of late with the number of good articles being forwarded by members for inclusion in "Reel Talk". Lofty Griffiths has given me a lengthy one on his shark capture at the Murchison, but as yet, I don't know whether it will appear in this issue, or the next, because of its size, but should it not appear, it will be included next month.

The weekend of 31st March and 1st April sees two functions with which the Club is taking part.

The first is the Collie outing where our Club has been once again invited by the Collie Club to a marron and perch fishing event. I hope that one of those present will have a report for our next "Reel Talk".

The second is the Yanchep tourney which the A.A.A. of W.A. has been asked to organise and I have been made one of the officials. I am grateful that a few of our club members have offered their services and our Club has made available the club equipment. This is good to see.

Saturday, 24th March, saw a good social evening held at Reg and Val Noble's residence in the form of a Pool Party and Barbecue. The attendance could have been a LOT BETTER, but all those present enjoyed themselves immensely. Our President, Tom Corcoran, extended the Club's thanks to both Val and Reg for making their home available. I hope to have a report on this event from our Social Organiser, Tony Smith, next month.

This next month is the final month of the current season and the results of all events will be known by this time next month. To all competitors: the best of luck.

VISITORS - ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE:

It has been decided that visitors will not be allowed to attend the latter part of the Dinner and Dance evening to be held in June.

This decision was made at the last General Meeting as it was felt that it was a night for Club Members and their wives and no real benefit would be gained from admitting visitors.

All it needs to make this night a great evening and a successful one, is a good attendance of members and their women folk.

Make the 23rd of June... A MUST!

APRIL 1973.

FIELD DAY REPORT- MARCH:MURCHISON:

The trip to the Murchison went very well. Our party consisted of F.D.O., GEOFF: GEORGE BLOOMFIELD and MYSELF. We left Nollamara 9.30 Friday night, had one stop for petrol and arrived Northampton 4.45 to find Laurie Clarke's Shell Service Station closed. We knocked Laurie up and had some of his usual good service; coffee first, a talk, filled up with petrol and were on our way again.

Arrived at the Murchison 7.30. NEVILLE RISBEY, his son and a prospective new member, Ray, arrived with us. Our first stop was the Bluffs. Firstly we saw BOB FREDERICKS' party of RON BAILEY and KEITH FLEMING. Ron had a ballooon out and had a Mackerel strike just before we arrived. Things looked good for a start. But, that's as far as it went, no more strikes. There were plenty of small chopper tailor biting at Bluff's Beach, some up to 1 lb. They had been there all the week before and stayed for the next two days.

So much for the Bluffs and now back to Ron Allan's Caravan Park where we put up Ric's tent and had something to eat.

By this time the boys were starting to arrive. PHIL ISBISTER and A. NORMAN arrived with visitors and camped next to us.

From the camp we dropped in to see LOFTY and family. GRAHAM BASKERVILLE was there with family and also TONY SMITH, MARK TUCKER and DON TAYLOR. Here we had to listen to Lofty's fish stories. He had been there for three days and had had a ball. One Grey Nurse Shark weighing in at 234lbs. Mulloway to 40-odd lbs, Mackerel to 20-odd lbs. I'm not sure of these weights- ask Lofty- he'll tell you. RON SHIRLEY also did well with a Blue Whaler, 169lb, caught early in the week. Half their luck!

It's 12 o'clock and the boys are starting to arrive for the sign on. The numbers were very good- 44 seniors and 10 juniors. Sign on over and a scramble to move out to the selected spots. We chose Frustration, hired a boat and got set up about 4.30. Fished to 9.30. Those fishing with us were GARRY GILDERSLEEVE, KEITH FLEMING and RON BAILEY. Keith was the only one with any real success- 20lb of Mulloway. Geoff got a Black Tip, Garry a nice Snapper of 10lb and two small Black Tips and that was it. Also north of Frustration were DOUG TALBOT, BILL MORROW, RON KILDAHL and DOUG NEWTON and two others whose names escape me now. They came back with two nice Mulloway. After their 1½ mile walk back carrying them I think they said 50lb a piece, but not on my scales.

Sunday and the first "weigh-in". Some very nice fish were put on the scales. GEORGE HOLMAN'S shark 47 lb. TONY SMITH'S 181b Spanish Mackerel - his first and very pleased about it too. DON TAYLOR'S 181b of Dhufish. Some very nice Tailor from B. MEWS. Another junior that did well was RALPH LERCH with 20lb Mulloway. Good effort Ralph.

The "weigh-in" over we went back for some shut eye ready for another try at night.

Bluff Beach was our choice for Sunday night. Got down there nice and early, set up and started casting. I was south of the Cutting towards the Bluff, Geoff with me. Next was a stretch of reef and then RUDY LERCH, and RALPH, NEVILLE RISBEY and CRAIG, RIC PARKER, GEORGE BLOOMFIELD, RAY, LOFTY, MARK and DON- it was like the drain. Anyway all was quiet till about half an hour before dark when Rudy got a hit and by the work he was doing it looked big. It worked him back and forward for quite awhile then had a two hundred yard walk up the beach. By this time it was getting dark and as yet no one had seen what it was. Just after dark it was beached and Rudy had a nice Sampson Fish on the beach. Ric set up the scales and Rudy is set for a Game Badge as it tipped the scales at 51 lb on 19 1/2 lb line. Nice going Rudy.

That was fishing for the night as nobody else got a touch. NEVILLE RISBEY and RAY stayed on till 1.30 with the same results.

Monday morning "weigh-in" and some more big bities. GRAHAM BASKERVILLE was having some trouble starting his Landrover but managed to get back on time to weigh in a Black Tip Whaler of 102lb. GEORGE HOLMAN'S bag was the biggest- 269lb- consisting of Tailor, Mulloway, but mostly shark. KEITH FLEMING came in with another Mulloway over 20lb.

Total pounds for the field day was 1,291 and 3oz. So we can say another good field day was had by all. So till Margaret River- see you.

STAN AND RIC.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

E. PARKER: G. BLOOMFIELD: D. NEWTON: G. NEWTON(JV): L. REID: N. RISBEY:
R. JOHNSON (V): W. GILDERSLEEVE: A. NORTON: I. BRIDGE (JV): R. BRIDGE (JV):
D. SHAW: B. FREDERICKS: R. BAILEY: P. FREDERICKS (J): G. LAFFEBER: V. PERIA:
K. BALL: B. MEWS (JV): G. MEWS (JV): E. HILL.

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH: K. FLEMING - 38lb Mulloway & Tailor
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH : R. LERCH - 44 lb Sampson Fish (Club Record)
HEAVIEST SHARK : G. BASKERVILLE - 92lb Black Tip.
HEAVIEST BAG FOR JUNIOR: R. LERCH - 30lb Mulloway/Tailor.

FIELD DAY RESULTS: MARCH 1973:

MURCHISON:

G. Holman	Mulloway/Shark/Tailor	269	lb	0	oz
E. Sullivan	Shark/Mulloway	143		0	
G. Baskerville	Shark/Mulloway	113		0	
G. Gildersleeve	Snapper/Shark/Tailor	86		0	
R. Lerch	Sampson Fish/Shark	62		0	
D. Green	Shark	56		0	
K. Fleming	Shark/Mulloway/Tailor	56		0	
D. Gilbert	Shark	49		0	
R. Kildahl	Shark	36		0	
R. Shirley	Mulloway	36		0	
B. Mews	Tailor/Snapper	35		8	
H. Gregory	Mulloway	30		0	
R. Lerch (J)	Mulloway/Shark	30		0	
P. Isbister	Shark/Tailor	30		0	
T. Savage	Mulloway	27		0	
A. Norman	Shark/Tailor/Mulloway	27		0	
T. Smith	Mackerel/Shark	25		0	
W. Morrow	Tailor/Shark/Mulloway	23		0	
T. O'Hara	Mulloway	23		0	
R. Gibbney	Shark	21		0	
R. Mansfield	Mulloway	19		0	
R. Rowlands	Tailor/Mulloway	18		1	
D. Taylor	Dhufish	18		0	
L. Bridge	Shark/Tailor	15		0	
G. Renshaw	Tailor/Shark	13		2	
M. Tucker	Shark	10		0	
A. Bengough (V)	Tailor	10		0	
C. Risbey (J)	Tailor	7		11	
D. Talbot	Mulloway	2		0	
S. Renshaw	Tailor	1		0	
W. Utting	Tailor	1		0	
J. Griffiths	Tailor	0		15	

TOTAL POUNDAGE CAUGHT:

1,291 lb 3 oz

FISHING FROM ROCKS:

JUNIORS are reminded that when fishing from rocks, you shall be accompanied by PARENT or GUARDIAN.

FISHING COMPETITION: FIELD DAY SECTION:

SECTION 1 : Points per pound. Ten points for attendance, one point for per pound of scale fish. All fish to be legal length. One point per pound for eligible sharks; excluding Port Jackson, Wobby, Fiddle, etc.

TOP TEN:

1. G. Holman	542	6. W. Morrow	339
2. G. Gildersleeve	414	7. R. Kildahl	286
3. D. Green	388	8. R. Fredericks	232
4. H.Y. Hew	377	9. R. Noble	221
5. E. Sullivan	363	10. R. Rowlands	220

JUNIOR TOP TEN:

1. G. Renshaw	155	6. B. Weiner	68
2. M. Tucker	148	7. R. Reid	59
3. R. Lerch	91	8. P. Fredericks	58
4. D. Taylor	76	9. D. Jones	52
5. P. Marsh	70	10. C. Risbey	47

SECTION 2 : Heaviest Scale Fish- 1st six months
H.Y. Hew, 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Mulloway, Lucky Bay

2nd six months
R. Lerch, 44lb Samson Fish, Murchison

SECTION 3 : Most Meritorious Fish
No Entry

SECTION 4 : Heaviest Shark (Min. weight 10lb)
G. Baskerville, 92lb Black Tip, Murchison

SECTION 5 : Heaviest Mulloway (Min. weight 5lb)
H.Y. Hew, 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Mulloway, Lucky Bay

SECTION 6 : Heaviest Tailor (Min. weight 2lb)
G. Hood, 9lb Lucky Bay

SECTION 7 : Heaviest Salmon (Min. weight 7lb)
T. Stam, 9lb Garden Island

FIELD DAY SECTION CONT'D:

- SECTION 8 : Heaviest Trevally (Skippy) (Min. weight 2lb)
J. Devitt/D. Latto, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Rottnest
- SECTION 9 : Heaviest Spanish Mackerel
A. Smith, 18lb Murchison
- SECTION 10 : Heaviest Bag Scale Fish caught on Field Day (Min. weight 20lb)
W. Morrow, 84lb Skippy, Rottnest
- SECTION 11 : Heaviest Bag of Mulloway (Min. 20lb)
D. Green, 46lb 15oz, Lucky Bay
- SECTION 12 : Heaviest Bag of Tailor (Min. weight 20lb)
D. Green, 50lb Wedge
- SECTION 13 : Heaviest Scale Fish caught on S.H. Rod (Max. 9lb B.S. Line)
No Entry
- SECTION 14 : Heaviest Scale Fish other than above
W. Morrow, Tarwhine 3lb, Rottnest

OPEN DIVISION: FISH COMPETITION: MAY 1972/73:

Entries are to be submitted on correct form and then hand of the Recorder within 30 days of capture. Entry forms are available from any Committee Member. The final results below are those at time of print.

- SECTION 1 : Most Meritorious Fish
No Entry
- SECTION 2 : Heaviest Shark (Min. 10lb)
J. Griffiths, 234lb Grey Nurse, Murchison
- SECTION 3 : Heaviest Mulloway (Min. weight 5lb)
W. Utting, 55lb 12oz, Lucky Bay
- SECTION 4 : Heaviest Salmon (Min. weight 7lb)
No Entry

OPEN DIVISION CONT'D:

SECTION 5 : Heaviest Jewfish
No Entry

SECTION 6 : Heaviest Tailor (Min. weight 2lb)
T. O'Hara, 10lb 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz, Kalbarri

SECTION 7 : Heaviest Samson Fish
D. Green, 41lb Murchison

SECTION 8 : Heaviest Scale Fish caught on S.H. Rod (B.S. Line Max 9lb)
W. Morrow, 15lb Queenfish (Min. weight 2lb)

SECTION 9 : Heaviest Snapper
B. Reynolds, 21lb Naval Base

SECTION 10 : Heaviest Tarwhine (Silver Bream)
No Entry

SECTION 11 : Heaviest Spanish Mackerel
J. Griffiths, 22lb, Murchison

SECTION 12 : Heaviest Trevally (Southern) (Min. weight 2lb)
W. Utting, 3lb 2oz, Wedge Island

SECTION 13 : Heaviest Northern Trevally (Min. weight 2lb)
No Entry

SECTION 14 : Heaviest Pike
No Entry

SECTION 15 : Heaviest Scale Fish other than above excluding Section One
T. Howson, 17lb 8oz Queenfish, Coral Bay

APRIL FIELD DAY: 14/15:

MARGARET RIVER:

Sign on-	12-1 p.m. Saturday
Fishing starts-	3 p.m. Saturday
Fishing ceases-	7 a.m. Sunday
Weigh-in-	8-9 a.m. Sunday
Boundaries-	North to Curramup Bay
	South to Cosy Corner
Weigh-in Centre-	Car Park at Mouth of Margaret River

4-wheel and beach buggies AS ALWAYS will be in attendance to help less fortunate people up the beach. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK.

FISHING FROM ROCKS:

JUNIORS are reminded that when fishing from rocks, you shall be accompanied by PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

FOR SALE

DUE TO EXCESS STOCK- A.B.U. 5000C REEL
COMPLETE WITH SPARE PARTS, LEATHER CASE
AND SPARE SPOOL. SILAFLEX F.T.60 ROD
FITTED TO 18" A.B.U. PISTOL GRIP,
GUIDES VARMA'S UNDER BOUND - \$45.00

BILL MORROW..... 46 5748

FORTHCOMING SEASON'S VENUES:

Once again we print the proposed list of the coming season's venues with a blank space alongside the month's that need your attention. If you have any suggestions about these months, on one of those already proposed; please write them to the Secretary.

MAY	AUGUSTA/MARGARET RIVER
JUNE	-
JULY	-
AUGUST	ROTTNEST
SEPTEMBER	-
OCTOBER	WAGOE
NOVEMBER	CERVANTES
DECEMBER	LANCELIN/WEDGE
JANUARY	LANCELIN/WEDGE
FEBRUARY	MOORE RIVER
MARCH	MURCHISON
APRIL	ROTTNEST

APRIL 1973.

TO THE EDITOR,

Sir,

The rejection of my request for consideration of two divisions for competition on club field days was naturally disappointing. However, if the Committee so ruled, then that is that, but I would like to expand some important points which prompted my request.

Actually it should have been the case of the four wheel drive and beach buggy users asking for a separate division for themselves, considering that for many years after the formation of the club conventional vehicles and feet were the normal means of conveyance with the general use of four wheel drives and buggies being an introduction during the last few years.

One club member stated that four wheel drives are an advantage only on a few field days. This is not so. There is a definite advantage on every one of the eight land based field days for this current year.

A club member stated that the enjoyment of fishing is the main thing on field days. This is generally true, as it would be silly to attend field days if you did not enjoy fishing. I do repeat the present club President's statement that the club is trophy oriented, and nobody disputed this when it was said. As a conventional vehicle fisherman I have very little chance of winning a trophy under the present conditions, but I would be very happy to know that I could compete against the twelve or fifteen other regular attending members who are restricted to a small amount of beach in the same way as myself.

Our field day officer took great pains to underline in this journal the fact that lifts were given to the beach at the Flinders Bay field day. This point is acknowledged, but what does it prove. Very little, apart from the fact that there is a large group who should have a separate division.

A lift along the beach could also be an embarrassment and a handicap to the passenger for the following reasons.

- (a) The passenger has to be ready at the time the driver wishes to leave. This is fair enough, but leaves no choice to the passenger.
- (b) The passenger may be dropped at a point say 2-3 miles along the beach, and if his choice is wrong he can only go left or right as far as he can walk, lumping his gear, or he must remain until the vehicle returns to carry him back to the weigh-in point, possibly after a long wait.

There is no doubt about the advantage held by four wheel drive and buggy men. Have a look at the Top TEN listed in this magazine if you are in doubt. It is fantastic and hardly credible the length of beach permitted to be fished on a field day. Murchison is a good example where some four wheel men will travel as far as Middle Bay to fish. Why not have the field day located there if it is so much better. I consider that the first year of my club membership was the most enjoyable, when the beach area to be fished was a mere couple of miles and members generally returned to a central point by foot in the evening. I still admire Jack Harvey as Field Day Officer for refusing to allow himself be bludgeoned into extending the beach area which would have automatically scattered club members over a large distance. It is fortunate we have a few field days at Rottnest and Garden Island, otherwise the only time we would see many members would be at the monthly club meeting.

Why do many members use four wheel drives and beach buggies? A conventional vehicle is more comfortable except in one or two cases only. A conventional vehicle will travel from home to venue at a faster, safer speed, and is less tiring. The answer is simple- a four wheel drive gives a great advantage in the finding of fish and I suggest that some members might be jealous of the advantage they have with their mobility.

Some members would probably immediately brand it as poor sportsmanship if a conventional vehicle man declined to pay the entry fee for a field day. Yet, knowing there is little chance of him winning a field day except on a rare occasion, why should he have to subscribe to the petrol of someone else to drive along many miles of beach unable to be covered by himself.

Finally, let me make it quite clear, I am not against four wheel drives- I would have one if I could afford it. If I did have one, I would still be in favour of two divisions.

Signed, B. MARSH

MEMBERS ACCEPTED:

The following nominations have been accepted as members of our Club.

JUNIOR: SMITH: Stephen Mitchell
78 Marlow Street,
Wembley. 6014.

SENIOR: ROWE: JOHN E.
138 Arlunya Ave.
Cloverdale. 6105.

GEDDES: Michael Richard
5 Glover Place,
Dianella. 6062.

MARCH CAST:

For the first time since I have been D.C.O., the weather was kind, in as much as, I think, for almost every casting morning it has rained.

Twenty-One members, 4 Juniors and 1 visitor arrived at the oval which is quite disappointing as we like to see a fair percentage of members who are free and able to come along. It is not as though it is a fishing competition, but rather a social morning and a good get-together for all members who attend. Come along to the next cast and meet some of the newer members- the more the merrier.

The morning got away to a fairly quick start and on time I might add.

The L.L. Distance saw some very close scoring as the first place was shared by 4 members; D.C.O., GEORGE HOLMAN, BOB TUCKER & BILL UTTING, all with 36; B. LEICESTER 35; and L. REID 34. There were several B.O.'s in this event costing some members points. I don't honestly think it necessary to say who had the most- "TINY" PARKER managed 2 in a row. J. OXLEY; D. "TRUMP" GREEN and D. LATTO also had the misfortune of B.O. once. B. LEICESTER who had 359, 371 and then some-one whispered in his ear "for heavens sake Brian, take it easy you are a mile ahead", stepped up and pussy-footed down a 340 with a penalty. I might elaborate a little bit of Brian's line here. He intimated he was not taking any chances and it was revealed he was using 3216 line (or that's the rumour!)

The D.H. Accuracy event was once again a BILL UTTING event, with 3 reasonable casts and then a bull, finishing with a total of 53. GEORGE HOLMAN with 4 consistent casts 49; L. REID and E. SULLIVAN 47 and W. MORROW 34 (trying out his new rod and reel).

The S.H. Accuracy won by D.C.O. 29 (jag- I'm trying), R. LERCH and GEOFF RENSHAW 25. As regards Rudy, in this event he always seems to be able to record a good score with only 3 casts- in this month's cast a 9, 8, 8. If only Rudy could put down 4 good casts he would be so far in front he would be lonely. In regards to Geoff, I have in previous casting write-ups spoken highly of this Junior, as he is so consistent, as his score this month bears out.

Third place went to BILL MORROW, BOB TUCKER and BILL UTTING with 24.

The day winner, showing a clean pair of heels to one and all was BILL UTTING 123, Junior Day Winner, G. RENSHAW 95. Longest Cast was G. HOLMAN 387' with a penalty.

The Top Twenty has not seen a great deal of change even the last couple of casts. One thing is very evident- BRIAN LEICESTER, in my opinion, cannot be overtaken, but one can never tell. As Brian once said, "when you are on the top of the tree its easier to slide down than climb up". One minor change- RON KILDAHL went from 6th - 8th, E. SULLIVAN has moved to Ron's previous position and T.C. has stayed stagnant in the centre.

BILL UTTING has moved from 11th to 9th and L. REID from 14th to 11th.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind members:

- 1) When they have a B.O., if not straight away then immediately after the cast, to retrieve their sinkers, as the lawn mower chap does not like sharpening his mower blades.
- 2) When marking in the D.H. & S.H., please be very precise in measuring these casts as some days there is only a few points separating the top casters of the day.

The April cast completes the '72/73 casting competition, so come along and make this day one hell of a finish to a good season.

GRAHAM & RIC.

MARCH CAST RESULTS:

D.H. ACCURACY:

- 1. W. Utting 53
- 2. G. Holman 49
- 3. L. Reid 47
- 3. E. Sullivan 47
- 4. W. Morrow 44

S.H. ACCURACY:

- 1. G. Baskerville 29
- 2. R. Lerch 25
- 2. G. Renshaw 24
- 3. W. Morrow 24
- 3. R. Tucker 24
- 3. W. Utting 24

DAY WINNER:

W. Utting 123

DAY WINNER (JUNIOR):

G. Renshaw 95

L.L. DISTANCE:

- 1. G. Baskerville 36
- 1. G. Holman 36
- 1. B. Tucker 36
- 1. B. Utting 36
- 2. B. Leicester 35
- 3. L. Reid 34

LONGEST CAST:

G. Holman 387' with P.

TOP TWENTY:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. B. Leicester 1173 | 11. L. Reid 926 |
| 2. G. Holman 1140 | 12. J. Oxley 925 |
| 3. G. Baskerville 1136 | 13. J. Strong 917 |
| 4. D. Latto 1068 | 14. D. Green 914 |
| 5. R. Lerch 1062 | 15. G. Renshaw (J) 847 |
| 6. E. Sullivan 1011 | 16. J. Devitt 822 |
| 7. T. Corcoran 1010 | 17. M. Dawson 757 |
| 8. R. Kildahl 1008 | 18. E. Parker 722 |
| 9. B. Utting 963 | 19. M. Tucker (J) 680 |
| 10. B. Tucker 949 | 20. R. Lerch (J) 654 |

L.L. DISTANCE

	Pty.	1.	2.	3.	Total	Ave.	Pts
W. Utting	21	374	375	355	1083	361	36
G. Baskerville	21	375	349	372	1075	358	36
G. Holman	42	351	374	387	1070	356	36
R. Tucker	21	370	370	364	1083	361	36
L. Reid		348	357	325	1030	343	34
B. Leicester	21	359	371	340	1049	349	35
R. Lerch		315	328	328	971	323	32
W. Morrow	42	281	280	270	789	263	26
E. Sullivan	21	250	300	299	828	276	28
G. Renshaw (J)		300	300	285	885	293	29
T. Corcoran	42	279	327	273	837	279	28
J. Strong	63	282	294	292	805	268	27
D. Green	21	300	B.0	371	650	216	22
R. Kildahl	42	300	262	256	776	258	26
D. Latto		B.0	326	345	671	223	22
M. Tucker (J)	63	310	290	313	850	283	28
D. Taylor (J)	42	268	273	267	766	255	26
R. Lerch (J)	21	213	224	227	643	214	21
M. Geddes	63	270	257	264	728	242	24
A. Sussmayer	63	270	250	260	717	235	24
M. Dawson		301	312	B.0	613	204	20
J. Oxley		300	B.0	305	605	194	19
R. Flynn	21	269	272	269	789	263	26
E. Parker		B.0	B.0	256	256	85	9
T. Stam		200	232	20	452	150	15
Goldstue (V)	42	265	200	200	623	270	21

CAR PARTS & FISHING GEAR CHEAP:

An offer was made to the Club by United Importing which will be of benefit to members.

Goods like car parts, fishing gear, gift ware, tools, watches and car accessories are obtainable through the Club at substantial reduction to members and the Club benefits financially also.

All goods are genuine products and are guaranteed.

See Tom Corcoran.

D.H. ACCURACY

S.H. ACCURACY

1.	2.	1.	2.	Pts.	1.	2.	1.	2.	Pts.	Tot.Pts	Inc.Att.
11	15	7	20	53	8	3	8	5	24	113	123
11	15	4	12	42	7	7	8	7	29	107	117
16	10	12	11	49	10	8	-	4	22	107	117
17	4	7	15	43	9	-	6	9	24	103	113
11	13	6	17	47	6	5	-	10	21	102	112
2	9	15	15	41	1	8	6	7	22	98	108
4	15	12	9	40	-	9	8	8	25	97	107
4	11	12	17	44	8	4	7	5	24	94	104
10	16	14	7	47	8	-	3	5	16	91	101
-	4	13	14	31	8	5	6	6	25	85	95
8	15	3	13	39	-	5	4	7	16	83	93
-	14	9	8	31	4	3	7	7	21	79	89
16	11	12	3	42	6	6	2	0	14	78	88
9	10	14	1	34	0	6	7	4	17	77	87
1	9	14	9	33	0	3	4	9	6	71	81
4	9	8	6	27	0	2	7	2	11	66	76
0	9	8	4	21	2	5	4	7	18	65	75
0	5	2	16	23	7	2	3	2	14	58	68
0	0	0	16	16	0	0	2	4	6	46	56
0	10	0	10	20	2	0	0	0	2	46	56
2	0	9	7	18	0	7	0	0	7	45	55
0	10	0	1	11	7	1	4	3	15	45	55
0	7	7	0	14	0	0	B.O	0	0	40	50
1	0	0	11	12	7	2	4	1	14	35	45
8	6	0	0	14	0	0	0	4	4	33	43
0	8	0	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	32	42

15-25 YARD ETIQUETTE:

Once again I have been asked to remind members of the 15-25 yard etiquette which is operative on field days. Where possible this courtesy should apply.

JUNIORS FISHING OFF ROCKS:

Members are reminded that the Club does not allow Juniors to fish off reef or rocks unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. This is to save any embarrassment to the Club, and also as a safety factor.

A.A.A. OF W.A. REPORT:

Jim Strong and myself, along with Roy Lundy (visitor), attended the March meeting of the Division. The meeting was a little disorganised as the Secretary was not present, but points of interest arising from the meeting were as follows:-

The motion, increasing the affiliation fees of the Clubs' to the A.A.A. of W.A., to \$8.00 was carried.

The bank balance has risen to approximately \$2,000, after allowing for some accounts that have to be paid. The latest income came from the Preston Beach tournament, amounting to over \$500.

It was decided to sponsor the State Team members by giving them a State blazer, which will cost the Division approximately \$600.

Marmion Club won the Boat Championships held on Sunday, 18th March. Fremantle Club was second and Shenton Park took third place. 74 nominations were received and 45 weighed in. Total poundage was 920lb 5oz. Eric Sullivan and Bob Tucker were competitors from our Club. P.D. Brag (Marmion) was the individual winner. State Records passed, included a 21b 5oz Flounder caught by Kit Marvantonis (Preston) and a 290lb Grey Nurse Shark by Jim Craig (Bremer Bay).

A notice of motion was lodged by the Offshore Club which reads as follows: "That only two delegates of any one club may serve on the A.A.A. of W.A. at any one time".

The date for the State Club Championships has been decided- 16th September (our field day).

The report on Preston indicated that once again this was a great success and is the main source of income to the Association.

HOWIE SANGSTER'S OFFER:

Whilst on holiday at Kalbarri, a group of Club Committeemen were approached by Howie Sangster who made a handsome offer to this Club for next year at Kalbarri. (For the benefit of members who don't know him, he owns and operates Sangster's Beachettes and Caravan Park).

It consists of a block booking reduction to members of this Club for the period over the 1974 Kalbarri Field Day. To qualify, we need a block booking of 6 families or couples over a two-week period and the benefit is a reduction of \$10 per week per family. The normal cost of these premises ranges between \$45-\$50 per week and with the reduction, makes the offer a good one, considering the quality and convenience of the facilities offered.

HOWIE SANGSTER'S OFFER CONT'D:

Howie has also made available one week rent free in a two week booking for the winner of an award to be decided upon at the Kalbarri venue next year. This will be made available to the winner whenever he wants it- he may also transfer it or offer it to others (for a dollar or two.)

So for those of you who wish to get to Kalbarri next year around the long weekend in March, here is a golden opportunity to obtain a real bargain!

AN AMAZING RUN AT RED BLUFF:

We settled in at Kalbarri on Saturday afternoon and hit the sack early and slept in Sunday morning, getting up fresh and eager to start doing a little angling around the different spots.

Sunday was a day of looking around, Norrie Cross's Tailor spot was very dirty, the sea had a little swell rolling in, making a heck of a lot of places unfishable. Things will have to improve for the coming weekend field day.

Down Red Bluff Beach we learnt that other holiday anglers were really catching small tailor between the first two reefs.

After nosing around amongst them, we found that a big fish had been smashing their light gear, even our holiday neighbour mentioned to me that a spear fisherman had fired his spear into a large shark on the edge of the surf-line- SMASHING his 250lb cord line like butter.

That's all the information I needed, so I decided to have a go at whatever it was. It was evident that tailor is the bait to be used, however, all I had in the mobile freezer were gardies, mulies and bony herring. Sunday evening was spent making gear up for that big one.

Monday morning, up and away at dawn with MAY, GLENDA and friend, who fished on the Red Bluff rocks with flick rods to catch some tailor for bait. The locals had not arrived as yet and I fished for tailor on Bluff Beach catching one every cast, quite close in; by this time, the locals were arriving like ants, so I moved down one more reef space to get away from them. My first cast I landed a 20lb Mulloway, 2nd cast hooked a small tailor, on retrieving through the trough of the wave (which was running up the beach), I had the tailor right almost at my feet, when a large shark latched onto it and the jolt broke the tip runner on my rod, and scared the hell out of me. That's that, walked back to the Landcruiser which was with the girls, got down my 807 rod with 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Alvey, loaded with 48lb line, picked up some bony herring, and fresh tailor, walked back to the spot again, passing the mob fishing all in one spot landing tailor hand over fist.

Back to the second gap and nobody fishing there, which I could not understand, carefully put on a whole bony herring and cast out just behind the breakers. I didn't have to wait long, the heavy line took off, loading the rod; this fish was heavy but not a shark and within minutes, on heavy gear, landed a 48lb Mulloway- to my surprise it wasn't worried about two big hooks attached with heavy wire. Again with care, rebaited with bony herring; cast out to the same spot, again it picked it up and ran north in line with the beach; it was really a big fish and when I struck, the fish dropped the hooks. On winding in, the bait was missing, so on went a fresh tailor whole, bang into that same spot.

Someone sang out and I noticed a chap's rod bent over. He was down on his knees hanging onto his rod, his butter churner with line running off spool emptied and broke off with a crack.

A good 10 minutes passed when the line started to buck, not run, - picked up the sinker, it ceased for a few seconds, (boy was I itching to strike). It began again, this time he lifted the sinker, I struck hard and boy, this fish was big! To my surprise it did not run out to sea, but swam up and down in line with the beach; by moving in the opposite direction the shark would keep turning towards me, up and down he swam with the 807 rod bent over without an ounce of leverage left in it; this kept up for 10 minutes, then it showed itself right on the breaker line, head well down; tail well exposed out of the water.

My thought right then was: I've got a bloody large shovel nose ray. My hopes dashed, I gave it everything I had for 5 minutes. Now it was inside the breaker line and still showed its large tail with small dorsal fins, but still kept his head down.

Now everyone came to watch the fun of trying to get him on the sand and I am convinced it is a shovel ray now for sure. Everyone offered to gaff the shark, but I held on until a really good looking wave came and ran back, pulling with all my might. It landed on the sand with the water running back; so did he. The chap ran down to sink the gaff and then I realised it was not a shovel nose ray, but a good sized shark which snapped at the gaffer, who rapidly got out of the way then handed the gaff to another chap who seemed braver than he. Another wave brought him right up this time and the second gaffer got the same treatment as the first. The gaff changed for the third time and the water ran out and the shark was in swimming water again, but beaten this time. The next wave came in and the shark ran south over the rocks and floundered there. The third gaffer didn't even move, as we could see how really big he is... high and dry....

My back was killing me now and I fell backwards onto the seat of my pants.

The gaff did not go in! Back on my feet again, calling out to gaff the darn thing underneath, but too late, as more water came in and washed the shark off the reef and placed him again in front of the sand floating in the backwash water. Now a really good wave, with full pressure on the rod, line and reel, I ran back with the water leaving the shark this time right high and dry, no fourth gaffer this time, sank home the gaff, but he waited to see if he got the same treatments as the other gaffers, but he was really beat and did not move.

It required four men to drag him clear of the water line and I dropped again to my seat, exhausted.

The whole event had taken 30 minutes. After recovering I wondered how in the dickens shall we get it off the beach. We drove the Landcruiser down to the shark and the anglers rallied and then lifted it whole into the back of the Landcruiser. Then it came to life, chewed a spare tube, puncturing it in many places.

On driving off the beach, I met Ron Shirley, who just arrived to do some ballooning on Mackerel Rock, and discussed the problem of weighing the shark, and we identified it as a Grey Nurse Shark, weight unknown.

I had to call in and get Gary Gildersleeve to give me a hand to weigh it. We got Bob Lilly's 200lb scales and Mrs. Crocos lent us a chain block which we hung on the kids swing, on lifting the shark up, he came back to life, kicking. Fortunately, the swing held up to such a shaking without damage.

Transferring the shark onto the scales, up they went to 200lb with the head still on the ground. Well it had to be cut, so the tail section was cut off. Gary Gildersleeve got to work and his butchering trade came in handy, but I got caught and did not stand clear and got covered in blood. The main body section went 185lb. Tail section went 49lb - Total was 234lb.

Then the usual picture taking. I was pleased with myself. I had a 3-1 and a club record, also open shark section.

Then Mrs. Crocos came to say that Ron also got a large shark and could he weigh it here.

Ron arrived a little later and what a beaut looking shark it was - a Blue Whaler.

Ron backed under the lifting gear, up went the shark to the scales, up went the scales to 169lb (I will leave Ron to tell his story).

The field day arrived, the water was good and I managed to weigh in 15 oz of tailor against 320lb, approx. a week earlier in one morning.

I would like to thank members who willingly helped Ron and I weigh in our sharks.

If anybody goes to Kalbarri, call in at Ralph's- you can see the jaws hanging there amongst his collection.

BY THE WAY, THEY ARE THE BIGGEST THERE!

LOFTY '73

P.S. Glad that the following members received their awards.

GAME FISH BADGE:

DENNIS GREEN	Mackerel, Samson Fish after F.D.
TONY SMITH	Mackerel on F.D.

3-1:

GRAHAM BASKERVILLE	Black Tip Whaler Shark on F.D.
RON SHIRLEY	Blue Whaler Shark before F.D.
LOFTY GRIFFITHS	Grey Nurse Shark before F.D.

REPEAT 3-1:

RUDY LERCH	Samson Fish on F.D.
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JUNIOR: (A Mighty Fish)

DON TAYLOR	Dhufish on F.D.
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Congratulations to all,

Senior Vice President - J. Griffiths.