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CLUB ETIQUETTE AND MEMORANDA

MEETINGS

The monthly General Meeting is usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep upto date on club matters.

DRYCASTING

Casting is usually conducted on the first Sunday in the month. Here instruction is given to new members and a competition conducted to improve and maintain the standards of our members casting.

FIELD DAYS

These normally follow each General Meeting on the ensuing weekend. Signing on and weigh-in is compulsory and failure to do so may mean the loss of all points for that Field Day.

Entries for Game Fish Badge, Club Records and Open Fishing Competitions must be lodged with Recorder within thirty (30) days of capture.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please notify the Treasurer and Reel Talk Editor of any change of address or phone number.

If for any reason you intend to resign from the club, please send a letter of resignation to the Secretary.

Please assist the Treasurer by paying your subscription within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting. Members may lose their membership if payment is in arrears for 3 consecutive months.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

WHERE : Dianella Community Hall, Light Street, Dianella.

WHEN : Wednesday 8.00 pm 9th April 1986.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD

Gear & Rigs for Rottnest - P. Osborne  
- J. Curulli

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

WHERE : Dianella Community Hall, Light Street, Dianella.

WHEN : Wednesday 8.00 pm 16th April 1986.

NEXT CASTING DAY

WHERE : Yoking Reserve

WHEN : Sunday 9.00 pm 6th April 1986.

EVENTS : 112 Gram LL  
56 " "  
D/H Accuracy  
S/H "

NEXT DAY FIELD DAY

WHERE : Rottnest

WHEN : 12th - 13th April 1986.

TIMINGS : Sign-On - Rottnest

DETAILS : Weigh-In - Rottnest-time to be advised.

FIELD DAYS FOR THE 1986 SEASON

New Field Day programme to be published next  
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Our March long weekend field day down at Bluff Creek was one of the best field days we have had for some time. Everyone was able to catch fish, anytime of the day or night with the greatest of esse. It was great to see our juniors and more juniors get stuck into the fish and record some good bags of fish. I am sure a great field day was had by all and those who will be hearing about the field day will be envious.

While on field days, last issue of Reel Talk contained a sheet of field day selections for the coming season. I expect all members to make the effort and come up with their suggestions as where you would like to fish for the coming season. These sheets are to be in by April General Meeting. Don't forget to fill them in and be in by April.

At the March General Meeting of the club the instruction period was taken in discussion on various field day venues, this should give members an idea where to fish for the coming season. Discussion was also held on our coming Cape Cuvier expedition.

Our May instruction period will be a discussion on all aspects of our coming Cape Cuvier expedition. So get your groups together, start planning for those who haven't and have all your questions ready for the May instruction period meeting.

Our Annual Dinner and Dance and presentation of trophies will be held on the 28th of June this year. This is the time of the year when I have the task of collecting the various trophies for presentation at the Dinner. Over the past years members have been very generous in giving trophies. Those members that can help out with trophies will be most appreciated.

TIGHT LINES

RIC PARKER

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Annual Dinner & Presentation night - Saturday June 28th 1986.

Tickets will be available at the April General Meeting. Costs not finalized at time of printing.

Cost approximately - \$50.00 Double

Pensioners & Juniors -  $\frac{1}{2}$  Price

This is the culmination of your club's activities for the year and your committee invites you to attend and support the successful trophy winners and also have an enjoyable evening with your friends.

P.S. Members, relatives and/or friends are very  
WELCOME.

TONY RICHARDSON  
SOCIAL ORGANIZER

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CLUB NEWS

MOON PHASES

2nd April	Last Quarter
9th "	New Moon
17th "	First Quarter
24th "	Full Moon

TIDES FOR APRIL FIELD DAY ROTTNES

Saturday 12th:	10-50am	1.12M
	6-23pm	.68M
	8-46pm	.69M
	11-20pm	.72M
Sunday 13th:	2-40am	.72M
	11-00am	1.15M

FIRST AID BOX

This has now been overhauled and the contents replenished and a few new items added for your safety and physical comfort.

APRIL ISSUE OF REEL TALK

As the Editor has been away on leave for the past couple of weeks you may receive this issue later than normal. However everyone should get their copy before the General Meeting as this issue was posted on the Monday 7th April 1986.

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BLUFF CREEK

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

The March long weekend field day was one to remember both for fish captures and new area location navigation. The heavily loaded advance vehicle and trailer travelled on Friday with Eric Parker, Joe Curulli, Alan Stephenson and Bas Marsh on board. Albany took a comfortable five hours. A left turn for the short run to many peaks for fuel and the information that Salmon were about. For the next four hours and \$26.00 in petrol the following occurred:-

1. Found and followed Bluff Creek road to the end. Followed the left track - no good. Followed the right track - deep water creek with a mud base - no good. Checked out the nearby farmhouse - nobody home.
2. Back to the main road and on to Warriup road. Through two gates then to a third gate which was padlocked and marked "NO ENTRY". Backtracked to sign post "SWAN LAKE". Passed gravel quarry then found another padlocked gate.
3. Travelled back to Cheynes Beach to stay the night at the caravan park. Lady there knew all about where we wanted to go and gave directions but would not come for the drive. Drove back to Warriup road to Swan Lake sign. Drove round in the gravel quarry for reasons not quite known. Then by chance found the beginning of the correct track behind the Swan Lake sign post. The next hour was like being a space traveller disappearing into the 'Black Hole'. It was dark, we encountered deep sand patches, rocky stretches and the heavy undergrowth closed right in on us. Finally saw a building in the headlights and trying to get to it, became partly bogged. After some time un-bogging the vehicle and turning it around, the driver was becoming stressed and the passengers were strangely quiet. There were mutterings about returning to Perth, when lo and behold a vehicle with three yobbos on board suddenly appeared and told us we were where we wanted to be.

After a hot meal (the first in ten hours), the situation looked brighter. Ian Cook and partner arrived and we all settled down in the hut for the night. Unfortunately the yobbos disturbed the peace until the early hours with a continuous flow of loud-mouthed obscenities.

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The following morning, Ric and Joe disappeared in the vehicle and later led in the convoy from many peaks. In the convoy were the Osborne, Holman, Reeley and Richardson groups, a total of 25 including the ankle biters. Camps were set up and decisions made as to fishing locations. The yobbos had moved out and a larger, more friendly group of strangers moved into the hut.

The intrepid fishing groups returned from the beach on Saturday night with stories of good fish captures consisting of Herring, Skippy, Flathead and a couple of Salmon. A good start to the weekend.

Sunday morning, some members had gone fishing just after dawn. The sky was overcast but this later disappeared and it became sunny and quite warm. The beach was in excellent condition with a wide expanse of clean white sand. The water was sparkling clean with no weed. Some members went to the right to the shore bound reef to chase anticipated larger fish while the remainder fished to the left where there was clear water for forty yards and then a line of broken reef. It was a great sight to see juniors and mini juniors catching fish as often as the seniors. It became obvious that fish capture weights and numbers for the weekend would be excellent.

Sunday afternoon, members were on the water again in force. A sudden wind shift made fishing conditions uncomfortable and most members were back to camp again soon after dark but some good catches were still made.

Monday morning, about half the campers fished early with varying success. The weigh-in was a happy and satisfying occasion. Junior members weighed in some remarkable bags of fish. Refer to the official report for details.

By mid-day, camp had been struck, the area cleaned up and vehicles loaded. The convoy, by necessity, moved steadily out on the five kilometres of track. Then, when everyone was safely out, groups made their way independently back home.

Observations and thoughts on the weekend:-

- A. When going to a new location for the first time, far more detail about the area and correctly marked maps are essential.

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- B. Instruction and practice in the use of CB radio will ensure information is flowing steadily when in convoy on tracks.
- C. It was disappointing that the opportunity was not taken on one evening at least for a community get-together around the camp fire in front of the hut. Apart from some minor visiting, family groups tended to stay in their own areas.
- D. The area is excellent, the beach is good and safe for fishing for a wide range of fish species. Access is not too difficult when you know the way. Weather conditions are acceptable in March and I certainly hope the club returns to the area next summer.
- E. It was an excellent weekend and everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves.

TIDDLEY MARSH

LEGAL MINIMUM LENGTHS

<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>Length Centimetres</u>		
<b>(A) MARINE OR ESTUARINE FISH</b>		<b>(B) FRESHWATER FISH</b>	
Bream (or Black Bream).....	25	Trout, Brown.....	30
Bream, pig-faced (or N.W. snapper)	28	Trout, Rainbow.....	30
Bream, Yellow-fin.....	25		
Cobbler.....	23		
Flathead, Dusky.....	30	<b>(C) CRUSTACEANS</b>	<u>Millimetres</u>
Flathead, Marbled.....	30	Crabs, Manna.....	127
Flathead, Sand.....	30	Crabs, Mud.....	150
Flounder.....	23	Prawns, King.....	76
Garfish.....	23	Marron.....	76
Groper, Baldchin.....	40	Prawns, School.....	50
Groper, Blue.....	40	Rock Lobster, Western.....	76
Jewfish, Westralian.....	50	Rock Lobster, Southern.....	98.5
Leather Jacket.....	25	<b>(D) MOLLUSCS</b>	
Mackerel, Spanish.....	76	Roe's Abalone (Longest Dis-	..60
Mackerel, Spotted Spanish.....	50	meter)	
Mackerel, Wahoo.....	76	Trochus.....	65
Mackerel, Common.....	15		
Morwong (or Queen Fish).....	30		
Mullet, Sea.....	24		
Mullet, Yellow Eye.....	23		
Mulloway, (or River Kingfish).....	40		
Nehygal (or King Snapper).....	23		
Pike, Long Fin.....	33		
Red Emperor.....	28		
Rock Codm Red.....	25		
Ruff, (or Sea Herring).....	18		
Salmon, Australian.....	30		
Semson (or Sea Kingfish).....	60		
Sergeant Baker.....	30		
Snapper, (Shark Bay).....	38		
Snapper, (Southern).....	28		
Snook.....	28		
Sole.....	20		
Sweep.....	23		
Tailor.....	25		
Tarwhine (or Silver Bream).....	23		
Trevally Silver (or Skipjack).....	20		
Whiting King George.....	25		
Whiting Sand.....	22		

ANGLERS:- Please do the correct thing by gently returning all juvenile and undersize fish to the water immediately.

Only take the fish that you need or can be eaten. DO NOT SLAUGHTER FISH NEEDLESSLY. LEAVE SOME FOR TOMORROW.

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

Both our club delegates, George Holman and Eric Parker, were present at the March meeting of the above association along with twenty-four delegates. The meeting was held at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club's premises at Sorrento.

Mr. Angus Herwood has been appointed to the Rock Lobster Advisory Committee which is a first for amateur anglers.

A lot of discussion was had on two letters of protest (from surfcasters and Melville) on the alteration of the State Beach and Rock Championships from Cape to Cape to Preston Beach. The result was that the venue of Preston is to remain but the competition time has been altered to 3.00 - 9.00 pm on Saturday, 26th April, 1986.

The auditors report for the 1984-85 year is still coming!!

Mr. David de Baugy, 596 Wanneroo Road, Balga has been appointed Publicity Officer for the W.A. Division of the Association.

Two motions were put and carried to be tabled at the mid-term meeting of the Australian Anglers Association. The first was to limit bags of fish to 50 of each species other than state bag limits. The other is the use of plastic tubing in the distance evenly in the drycasting events, if the competitor wishes to use it.

State Teams and Individual Drycasting Championships are to be held at Yokine Reserve on Sunday 27th July 1986. Helpers are needed.

The 1987 Australian Anglers Association Carnival will be held in Queensland over the 19th July to 1 August.

The following fish records were passed.

The notice of motion to give the vote to our 2 independent delegates was carried.

The motion to include a senior and junior vice-president on the association executive was carried.

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The motion to include the immediate past President on the Executive was also carried.

Mr. Adrian Boogard from Marmion Club was elected Junior Vice President.

A suggestion was put forward to conduct a Convention in June so that members of the Association may ask questions of our new Minister for Fisheries, Mr. Grill and other dignitaries.

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KALBARRI COTTAGE

Thinking of having a holiday at our cottage over the next season. Now is the time to do something about it!! Give me a ring on 4475106 as soon as possible.

The sewer connection to our unit has been completed at a cost of \$1,400.00 so we won't have any more problems in that area.

TRIP TO CAPE CUVIER

13th - 21st JUNE 1986

Would all members intending to go on this trip, please give their names to me (Tony Richardson) at the April General Meeting as the time is drawing close and details must be finalized to make this an enjoyable trip for all concerned.

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MARCH LONG WEEKEND

ASSAULT ON BLUFF CREEK THAT LEAD UP TO THE  
CAPE CUVIER EXPERIENCE

To start the ball rolling Ric Parker, Basil Marsh, Alan Stephenson and I left Friday morning, with the hope of getting to Bluff Creek early enough to set up camp and check out the area. Little did we know what was installed for us, there was swamps, dead end tracks and countless gates, suffice to say the hut which should have taken about an hour and a half from Albany, took four and a half hours to find, and even then it was by accident. I guess the main thing is that we found it.

On Saturday morning we left Alan and Bazza at the camp sight, while Ric and I came back to Many Peaks to meet the rest of the crew. After fueling up, we all made our way out to where we had made camp. If my memory serves me right I think it was a Burke and Wills tour that we took. If anybody is interested it was Rick Burke and Joe Wills that were the tour guides, but don't ring us we'll ring you. After everyone set up camp and signed on, we headed down the middle of a creek and out to open pastures whence everybody scattered in different directions in search of fish, very pleased to report that everybody did find fish. Actually most people nearly got their quota of Herring on the first section of fishing, I even heard some people got their quota of Skippy, John Reeley is one that comes to mind.

On Sunday at various hours of the day nearly everybody filled their quota of Herring, Skippy and other varieties of fish. On the Monday a few people went out to try and top up their bag limits, while most people commenced the process of packing up. I hope Sid didn't have too much trouble with the Hilton Hotel. At the weigh-in it was good to see fish coming in from everywhere.

All in all if I may say this was probably the best field day the club has seen for a long time as the results will show. There was 257.55KGs of fish caught, 76.8KGs of these were weighed in by the junior so that speaks for itself. Salmon, well there was only five caught all weekend. George Holman, Sharon Osborne and Sid Whiting ended up with one each while Dave Maxted weighed in two.

Well done to everyone. If I may say, the Club should think about another field day around the same area next year.

Hope everyone got home okay. See you at Rotto.

JOE CURULLI  
P.D.O.



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FIELD DAY REPORTS

NEXT FIELD DAY: Rottnest 12th - 13th April '86.

SIGN-ON: Main Jetty or on Bus at Rotto.

WEIGH-IN: To be determined at Field Day.

BOUNDARIES: Rottnest Island

Following Field Day:

To be advised at next meeting or REEL TALK.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Colours for Rottnest -

Green - West End

Red - Ricey

White - Any where else

Colours for return trip -

Gold - Fremantle

Black - Perth

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FIELD DAY SECTIONS

		NAME	FISH	WEIGHT KG
SECTION 2:	Heaviest Scale Fish:			
	1st 6 Months	G. Holman	Mulloway	7.4
	2nd 6 "	S. Whiting	Salmon	4.3
SECTION 3:	Most Meritorious Fish	-	-	-
SECTION 4:	Heaviest Shark 4.5KG Min	R. Wintle	Gummy	4.8
SECTION 5:	Heaviest Mulloway 1KG "	G. Holman	-	7.4
SECTION 6:	Heaviest Tailor " "	R. Wintle	-	3.0
SECTION 7:	Heaviest Salmon 3KG "	S. Whiting	-	4.3
SECTION 8:	Heaviest Trevally (Skippy)	-	-	-
SECTION 9:	Heaviest Mackeral	P. Booth	Spotted	2.0
SECTION 10:	Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish on a Field Day	P. Osborne	-	23.5
SECTION 11:	Heaviest Bag of Mulloway	G. Holman	-	15.4
SECTION 12:	Heaviest Bag of Tailor	J. Curulli	-	3.5
SECTION 13:	Heaviest Scale Fish S/H Rod 4KG/9LB Line	D. Stiglmayer	Mulloway	1.3
SECTION 14:	Heaviest Scale Fish	T. D'Alonzo	Yellow Tail King Fish	2.25

OPEN DIVISION

SECTION 1:	Most Meritorious Fish	-	-	-
SECTION 2:	Heaviest Shark 4.5KG Min	-	-	-
SECTION 3:	Heaviest Mulloway 3KG "	P. Osborne	-	14.0
SECTION 4:	Heaviest Salmon 3KG "	-	-	-
SECTION 5:	Heaviest Dhufish	-	-	-
SECTION 6:	Heaviest Tailor 1KG "	S. Osborne	-	4.50
SECTION 7:	Heaviest Samson Fish	-	-	-
SECTION 8:	Heaviest Scale Fish S/H Rod - B/S Line	-	-	-
SECTION 9:	Heaviest Snapper (Pink)	S. Osborne	Snapper	6.5
SECTION 10:	Heaviest Tarwhine (Silver Bream)	S. Whiting	Tarwhine	.959
SECTION 11:	Heaviest Mackeral	E. Parker	-	14.313
SECTION 12:	Heaviest Trevally (STHN 1KG Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 13:	Heaviest Trevally (NTHN 5KG Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 14:	Heaviest Snook-Pike (1KG Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 15:	Heaviest Fish (2KG Min)	P. Osborne	Mowong	5.2