

NEXT GENERAL MEETING (XMAS)

The December General Meeting will be held at the Club rooms, Perth Oval on Wednesday the 13th December at 8 p.m. SHARP.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD.

As this is our Xmas Meeting and the time to partake of the Festive Spirit your Committee has decided that that is just what we shall do. So instead of an Instruction Period of a serious nature we have decided to make it a night of light entertainment with a few refreshments. There will be no charge on Club Members for this evening except of course our two bob-in.

So be in it chaps - come along and spin a few lies and have a glass with your mates, and make this a real Xmas Meeting with plenty of that real Club spirit.

LAST COMMITTEE MEETING.

Our last Committee Meeting was held at Morley Park at the home of Jim and Helen Strong, to whom we are indebted for their most cordial welcome, and for the most delightful supper presented by Helen and the ladies of Committee. It was indeed a most enjoyable evening. (I even found my way over there and back without a pathfinder this time, my navigator had to stay home.)

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at the residence of Ian and Patty McLennan on the 20th December.

Address:- 6 Garland Road,
CLAREMONT.

DRY CASTING. November 5th 1961.

24 members turned up at Floreat Park Oval to enjoy one of the most pleasant days casting we have had this season. Good scoring was apparent and wind conditions perfect. A fairly strong following wind accompanied the Weights and helped them on their way. This of course was made possible by your D.C.O. who, with the Club's interest at heart took wind readings etc., etc. and set out the course to the best advantage.

Another time saver was introduced also. This was the "Do it yourself" kit at the check-point. All members were requested to deposit 2/- in the bag provided, pick up a pen (provided), tick their name off on the sheets (also provided) and proceed with their practice. Most members ticked their names off alright, but some had to be ticked off for not complying with the set up. I never checked the cash before the President marched off with it, Mr. Treasurer, so I hope it tallies. If it doesn't, I suppose you'll be looking for a new D.C.O.

Alf Rutland was present again with his camera and finished the remainder of his film on action shots of all members who participated. The complete film should be ready for viewing at our film evening. Thanks again Alf for your efforts in helping members iron out their faults. Once they have seen the film and found out their faults (if any) they will be able to correct them.

The three placegetters in the L.L. Distance event were:-

R. Kildahl	280-225-505
D. Beaden	297-205-502
W. Bridger	361-109-470

Boyl am I going to get the scissors out after today's effort! It's a shame what I'm going to do to these boys (and others).

In the D.H. Accuracy event cast at 77 and 47 yards, the scores were as follows:-

1st	R. Tichbon	49/80
Tie for 2nd	A. Bunnett & N. Knight	47/80
Tie for 3rd	R. Lilly & H. Neil	43/80

Bob Tichbon got the only bull in this event and you can take it from me chaps, you'll be hearing about this next season. I don't think Bob ever got a bull before! Several members scored with all four shots. These were:-

A. Bunnett, N. Clarke, R. Lilly, H. Neil and R. Tichbon (who got a bull)½

In the S. H. Accuracy event the scoring was as follows:-

Tie for 1st	A. Bunnett & R. Tichbon	24/40
Tie for 2nd	I. McLennan & N. Wilkerson	23/40
Tie for 3rd	N. Cross & L. Tate	18/40

On looking back through the results it looks as if the competition was pretty keen. Out of 6 places in the two accuracy events, eleven members participated.

Four members scored with all 4 shots in the S.H. Accuracy Event. These were:-

W. Bridger, A. Bunnett, R. Flood & R. Tichbon (who didn't get a bull). The only bull scored in this event was by N. Cross. Old "Cracklin'" Cross doesn't seem to have settled down yet. He has used about 4 different reels this competition. Couldn't get far enough with his Mitchell, couldn't master his Squidder, so he sold it, now he's wondering whether or not he did the right thing when he bought a Penn Beachmaster. Might do better with your golf clubs, Norrie!

Noel Knight and Bob Tichbon helped pass the time away between casts by telling one another some "Shaggy Do" ones. Some members laughed at them and some didn't.

It was very pleasing to see how the members all took particular notice of who they followed and were all ready to cast when their turn came. Well - nearly all of them anyway. A couple of bods had to be wakened up now and then but on the whole, the events were run in a pretty orderly manner.

If we can continue to get away to a good start and get through with a minimum of delay we have a good chance of fitting in another open event in the near future. It may mean a 9.30 start though.

John Bellman had an upset in the Distance event when he had a backlash in his last cast. His first 2 casts were very good (405 & 390) but his aim was way off the beam. Incidentally the best scoring in this event (handicaps excluded) was done by:-

1st	W. Bridger	376-384-354 - 1114
2nd	J. Bellman	405-390-303 - 1098
3rd	R. Lilly	325-291-309 - 925

Best casts of the day were done by:-

J. Bellman	405 & 390
W. Bridger	384, 376 & 354
R. Tichbon	330
R. Lilly	325
N. Wilkerson	324 & 320
D. Beaden	319
N. Cross	317

The Following members richly deserve what they're now about to read. Handicaps once again come up for review and the following members have either been slayed or helped along:-

Slayed.

W. Bridger	109 - 79
D. Beaden	205 - 153
R. Kildahl	225 - 170
K. Mulvay	171 - 163
A. Tichbon	198 - 142

Helped.

R. Tucker	119 - 151
N. Wilkerson	165 - 180

DON'T FORGET THE XMAS NIGHT ON THE 18th DECEMBER.

With the November scores in brackets the following are the scores as they stand at present:-

1. N. Knight	(65)	505	17. K. Mulvay	(49)	233
2. R. Tucker	(52)	487	18. I. McLennan	(49)	229
3. R. Lilly	(82)	482	19. D. Beaden	(56)	227
4. A. Bunnett	(94)	440	20. A. Livesey	(A)	221
5. L. Tate	(64)	425	21. E. Edwards	(A)	219
6. N. Clarke	(69)	417	22. R. Jensen	(59)	205
7. R. Tichbon	(86)	408	23. B. Payne	(A)	173
8. H. Neil	(78)	405	24. M. Doscas	(A)	168
9. W. Bridger	(78)	386	25. R. Shirley	(A)	155
10. R. Kildahl	(49)	357	26. R. Phillips	(62)	112
11. N. Cross	(69)	354	27. R. Flood	(58)	109
12. J. Strong	(53)	343	28. R. Klein	(48)	70
13. J. Bellman	(54)	311	29. N. Greenham	(A)	64
14. N. Wilkerson	(60)	291	30. I. Brown	(61)	61
15. D. Savage	(A)	247	31. Rick Jensen	(A)	37
16. G. Clohesey	(37)	244	32. E. White	(10)	10

A few gentle reminders chaps.

Remember your handicaps.

When casting over 150 ft. those with handicaps from 225-196 cast from the 30 ft. position, those with handicaps from 195-166 cast from the 15 ft. position and those with handicaps from 165-0 cast from scratch. Everyone casts from scratch at all targets under 150 ft.

Tapes must be 12 inches long and tied by the end.

Once again no ladies turned up and only 3 Kids competed. the result of this event was as follows:-

1st	Don Bridger	13-16-2-18 - 49
2nd	Steve Mulvay	0-1-5-16 - 22
3rd	Ron Clohesey	0-9-0-8 - 17

The events for our December Casting Day will be as follows:-

10 a.m. (SHARP)

Spinner L.L. Distance

Spinner D.H. Accuracy

Spinner S.H. Accuracy

Ladies (if any) S.H. Blob Accuracy (30 yds)

Kids S.H. Blob Accuracy (20 yds)

Let's have a good roll up of merry men and enjoy and very pleasant morning's get-together Chaps. All you die-hards who think fishing clubs are only for fishing have got the wrong idea. Our Casting Day outings are a perfect way to spend one Sunday morning per month and if you're one of those boys who reckons he can cast 100 yds - no trouble at all. come along and see how you go where there's a course marked out for you and somebody with a pen to record it on paper.

A. BUNNETT.

D.C.O.

If any member wishes to learn how to hit the Bull (this is all Bull) please see the Editor at the next Dry Casting Day and he will fill you in. I really don't know why every one makes so much comment about this for it was really nothing at all, its really quite easy. all you do is line up the bull with your rod, let the sinker get on its way, and close your eyes. That's how I did it at anyrate.

MOORE RIVER FIELD DAY 11- 12 NOVEMBER.

Weather Conditions:- Gusty South-Westerly and Southerly winds. North and South beaches heavily weeded, with the Bar open and running seawards, making the crossing to the South side of the beach a chancy operation, especially with full gear up - but several of our more determined members successfully made it without undue mishap. Scale Fish weight 250 lbs. Sharks, Rays weight $64\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

37 members, four Juniors plus two visitors attended the venue, not of course forgetting six of the members' wives, which was quite a good roll up, though I am wondering what has happened to the older members of the Club.

Horrie Morison called promptly at 9 a.m. and after loading the Club Sign, Scales, First Aid Outfit, fishing rods and sundry other gear we set off to the Moore River. Travelling with Horrie was Ron McQueen, Ralph Hansen and a visitor (J. Tobin) and I must say that they were a very merry gang indeed, and as Horrie remarked it's not the fish one catches that counts, its the friends one makes, and the pleasure of meeting other Club members which makes these venues the success they are, which is indeed the right spirit, though of course the fish one catches occasionally do bolster the incentive.

On the way past Yanchep we passed an Emu which cleared the road and headed off into the scrub country with a burst of speed which sure amazed me. The two bad breaks in the road approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the bitumen are rapidly deteriorating and care must be taken or else a broken spring could easily be the result.

On arriving at our destination the Club sign was placed in position, so all members could see it and so report in. The scales were hung on a nearby tree ready for the weigh-in in the morning and we were then ready for business and awaited the arrival of any early members, who were anxious to get a little pre-Field Day fishing in.

Horrie erected a tent alongside the Kombi and we made ourselves as comfortable as possible and with the fire going soon had a brew of tea and had an early dinner, and a bit of a yarn.

The wind however continued to increase in strength and we all wondered how the weed would be over on the beach. Later we sure found out. Though we have had it a lot worse on other occasions.

Ron McQueen and the balance of the party made an early start for the reef about 2½ miles north, though I remained in camp to see all the lads as they arrived, and in they came, loaded down with gear and bed rolls, not forgetting the tents. Several tents almost became air borne in the course of being erected, George Greenham gave a call for help and for a while it seemed as if the tent and six would be anglers were going to be carried up and away into the bush, though after a mighty tussle the tent was brought back to earth and finally staked down firmly. Alan Bunnett took no chances and made sure his supports were firmly driven into the ground before five or six lads pitched the tent - they were definitely ex army types. I don't know when I had seen a tent go up so smartly. Alan Milne who was helping (?) seems to get more pleasure at pulling them down - really gets wrapped up in it.

During the afternoon all the lads walked over to the beach and with much speculation and conjecture picked themselves out respective fishing spots - though Ray Porter, Alan Livesey and "Snowy" Tate decided on the long walk to the north reef in the tracks of the three earlier members who had also decided to go north. Unfortunately the conditions made fishing almost impossible in that area, so those six made a rather earlier than usual return trip to the camp.

Bob Lilly and Ron Kildahl settled on the top of a mountain of weed and used it as a casting platform, and even though they lost some gear, they both had a good return for their efforts.

Nick Crouch appeared to be catching a Tailer on every cast and Charlie was all smiles with his catch, for he has been having a lean period lately.

Ian McLennan was having his share of the weed, however it wasn't all weed that he caught for he hooked a nice Mulloway and quite a few Tailer and with his wife urging him on he carried on in spite of the weed and freshening wind, they are made of stern stuff some of these lads.

Terry Fuller was in good form and collected quite a good bag of Tailer, though Bert Payne and Stephen were battling hard for very little result, no doubt their hooks were too big for the little chappers. (Bert's used to catching big fish, as he will readily tell you.)

Later in the evening the wind appeared to increase in strength which of course brought the weed in even worse than before, which made up the minds of most to pack up for the night and head back for some snooze, and prepare for the morning.

Came the dawn and as I had slept on the beach I was first in the water and smartly landed a terrific heap of weed which carried my gear quite a distance down the beach. "Wouldn't it!" Later Norm Clarke joined me and we pressed on, weed or no weed. I had a strike, then a run, and away it went, with me hoping it was a Mulloway, though it didn't take me long to find out that I only had a Ray, which smartly brought me back to earth, and Terry did the honours with the gaff, and hauled it ashore.

Then Norm had a strike and he remarked "Wouldn't it!" Just another Ray, and with the Tailer coming on too!" However Norm moved away down North and I waited wondering what next and then I noticed Terry go into action again with the gaff and my eyes nearly popped when I saw what was on the end of that gaff. Previous to this Norm had been really lacing into the so-called Ray, hoping that it would snap off, so that he could continue fishing for Tailer, so you can imagine the shock when he observed the

mighty Mulloway. It really rocked him. 47½ lbs of it. "Oh Boy!"

Norm then carefully carrying his fish returned to his position on the beach and remarked on my Ray that it was a beaut, which certainly caused much laughter - after his effort. They are sure a mighty fish and just out of the water the lateral lines stood out boldly and the silver sheen was something to see, but later in the morning he lost his glorious colouring. Apparently he was trying to return to the river for spawning, as it was in splendid condition, and it caused quite a stir in camp when Norm brought it in to weight it, and many cameras were brought out for pics. Some of these photos no doubt will go in the Club Album.

As time was moving on the Weigh-in commenced and B. Lilly just pipped Nick Crouch by ½ lb for the heaviest bag of scale fish. It was pleasing to see Ted and Sandra Horsley attending the Field Day, also Tom Robinson, who even though not in good health came along with two friends who are keen anglers. Also Alec Watson and Allan Milne, who each oddly enough caught 12 Tailer each, and at the weigh-in both bags weighed 7 lb. It was good to see Kevin Hawker back on a Field Day and he was unlucky to miss out on the Heaviest Shark or Ray section.

Allan Bunnett's voice could clearly be heard directing operations on how to erect his tent though unfortunately neither he nor his wife could talk the fish into taking the hook as easily.

Doug Newton had brought his frig. along with him in great expectations, which I am sure would prove to be handy as he was staying the full week end, but he didn't have much to put in it when we left, but maybe his boys could do something about that, for they were enjoying themselves.

So closed another happy Field Day even though the Tailer were small and I would like to offer my congratulations to the Award winners and hope that I will see you all at the next Field Day, which is at Quinns Beach. The Fishing Area is North and South and members

are to report in at the Club Sign between 3.0 and 4.0 p.m.
Weigh-in 8.0 a.m. to 9.0 a.m. Positions to be determined later.
The Club Sign will be at the sign post near the beach.

Until then, tight lines lads.

J. STRONG.

Field Day Organizer.

✓ BRING THEM ROUND.

Burley for fish is like orchids for a lady: it's just a way of getting them interested. Burley takes many forms. Some just sprinkle stale bread on the surface, some use a mixture of wheat and bran, made into dough, others prefer some ancient meat placed in a tin punched with holes, covered with wire and dropped into the water on a cord. A piece of very dead rabbit enclosed in wire is often left at a spot for a couple of days to bring bream where the fisherman wants them.

Shark takers consider themselves in luck if they acquire a piece of whalemeat. Its oily secretions get the man-eaters ravenous. When the whalemeat is lifted out of the water, the tantalized sharks race for the nearest morsel - your bait, if you're good and ready.

FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY.

N. Clarke	Mulloway 47½ lbs, 13 Tailer 8½ lbs	56	lbs.
R. Lilly	1 Kingfish & Tailer	18	"
N. Crouch	25 Tailer	17½	"
R. Kildahl	2 Mulloway, 19 Tailer	16½	"
K. Hawker	15 Tailer, Ray, Mulloway, 3 Blue whaler	47	"
C. Crouch	15 Tailer	9	"
H. Bester	9 Tailer	9	"
I. McLennan	Mulloway, 11 Tailer	9½	"
T. Fuller	13 Tailer	8½	"
J. Strong	10 Tailer, Ray	26½	"
A. Milne	12 Tailer	7	"
A. Watson	12 Tailer	7	"
R. McQueen	6 Tailer, 2 Bream	6	"
A. Livesey	7 Tailer	6½	"
A. Rutland	9 Tailer	6½	"
R. Shirley	6 Tailer	5¼	"
J. Griffiths	6 Tailer	5½	"
N. Cross	7 Tailer	4½	"
S. Kenzy	4 Tailer	4	"
E. White	5 Tailer	3½	"
S. Tate	3 Tailer	3½	"
B. Payne	3 Tailer	3½	"
R. Tichbon	3 Tailer	3	"
B. Tucker	3 Tailer, 1 Blue Whaler Shark	11½	"
R. Porter	3 Tailer	2½	"
G. Greenham	1 Tailer	1	"
T. Horsley	1 Tailer	1¼	"
P. Evans	2 Tailer	1¼	"
A. Bunnett	2 Tailer	1	"
A. Backhouse	1 Tailer	1	"

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R. Porter	4 Tailer	3½	"
A. Newton	2 Tailer	2	"
A. Newton	1 Tailer	½	"
Total weight of Scaled Fish 250 lbs. Sharks 28½ lbs. Rays 36 lbs.			

Members who attended Field Day, Moore River, 11 - 12 November.

H. Muirson	C. Crouch	P. Evans
R. McQueen	R. Lilly	B. Tucker
R. Hansen	R. Kildahl	A. Backhouse
J. Strong	G. Greenham	N. Clarke
R. Shirley	T. Horsly	T. Savage
G. Griffiths	R. Tichbon	D. Savage
N. Cross	L. Tate	Stephen Knezy
D. Newton	A. Livesey	B. Payne
I. McLennan	A. Bunnett	T. Robinson
T. Fuller	R. Porter	H. Bester
A. Rutland	A. Watson	F. Van Zalen
N. Crouch	A. Milne	E. White
K. Hawker		

JUNIORS.

W. Newton	M. Porter	G. Clarke
R. Newton		

VISITORS.

J. Tobin	K. Dower
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WIVES OF MEMBERS.

Mrs. Tichbon	Mrs. Bunnett	Mrs. McLennan
Mrs. Rutland	Mrs. Cross	Mrs. Horsley

AWARD WINNERS.

Heaviest Scale Fish. N. Clarke. $47\frac{1}{2}$ lb Mulloway.

Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish. R. Lilly. 18 lb of Tailer.

Heaviest Shark or Ray. J. Strong. $18\frac{1}{2}$ lb Ray.

JUNIOR AWARD.

Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish. Mike Porter. $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs Tailer.

SECTION 1. MOST MERITORIOUS CATCH. (Fish to be nominated by Committee at end of Current Fishing Competition.)
(Donated by John Bellman)

SECTION 2. HEAVIEST SHARK. (Wobby's, Carpet, Port Jackson and Fiddle Sharks etc. excepted.)

N. CROSS 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Bronze Whaler Shark. Caught at Murchison on 39 lb line. Length 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Girth 30 ins.

SECTION 3. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY. (Donated by Bermuda Boats Supply)

J. BELLMAN 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Mulloway. Caught at Murchison.

SECTION 4. HEAVIEST SALMON (Donated by Ernie White.)

R. WILTON 10 lb Salmon. Caught at Cottesloe.

SECTION 5. HEAVIEST TAILER. (Donated by Charlie & Nick Crouch and Kevin Hawker.)

M. COLEMAN 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb Tailer. Caught at Murchison.

SECTION 6. HEAVIEST JEWFISH. (Donated by Ernie White.)

V. DAVIES 33 lb Jewfish. Caught at Rottnest. 44 lb line. Length 36 ins. Girth 27 ins.

SECTION 7. HEAVIEST YELLOW TAIL KINGFISH. (Donated by Alan Bunnett.)

As yet no entry.

SECTION 8. POINTS PER POUND.

One point per pound of Scale Fish. Half a point for sharks. (minimum size THREE fish per pound.)
Top Ten Scorers Only.

R. Porter	337 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.	R. Tichbon	97 lbs.
N. Cross	295 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	J. Bellman	95 "
V. Davis	248 "	D. Savage	94 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
R. Tucker	247 "	G. Clohesey	53 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
A. Backhouse	99 "	H. Bester	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

SECTION 9. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE.
(Donated by Ron Flood.)

L. TATE 25 lb Spanish Mackerel. Caught at Murchison.
23 lb line. Length 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Bait, Scaly Mackerel.

SECTION 10. HEAVIEST FISH ON ARTIFICIAL LURE. Double or Single Handed Rods. (Donated by Ken Wiggins & George Hampton)

J. DAVIS 15 lb 9 oz Tailer

SECTION 10a. HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT ON SINGLE HANDED ROD - USING BAIT.

JUNIOR SECTION - OPEN COMPETITION.

SECTION 11. HEAVIEST SHARK (Restrictions as per Section 2.)
As yet no entry. (Donated by Stephen Knezy.)

SECTION 12. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH. (donated by Bob Jensen.)

R. JENSEN 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Salmon. 18 lb line. Garden Island
Bait, Mulie.

FIELD DAY FISHING COMPETITION.

SECTION 1. BOANS TROPHY.

Ten Points for attendance. One point per pound of Scale Fish. Minimum size THREE fish per pound. Half a point per lb. for all eligible Sharks. The following are members with high points at present:-

R. Lilly	144	N. Crouch	99	D. Newton	83
R. McQueen	125	R. Kildahl	98	G. Griffiths	79
L. Tate	121	J. Strong	95	D. Savage	75
R. Shirley	119	I. McLennan	95	N. Cross	73
N. Clarke	113	R. Jensen	94	N. Wilkinson	73
A. Livesey	108	R. Porter	93	C. Crouch	72
B. Tucker	100	R. Tichbon	88	A. Rutland	70
T. Fuller	99				

SECTION 2. Ken Matthews Trophy. Heaviest Scale Fish.

N. Clarke. 47½ lb Mulloway. November Field Day, Moore River.

SECTION 3. Most meritorious Catch. (To be nominated by Committee at end of Current Fishing Competition.)

SECTION 4. Heaviest Shark. (Excluding Jobbys, Carpet, Port Jackson, Fiddle Sharks etc. O Field Day Officer to decide.

R. Tichbon. 14 lb Blue Pointer. May Field Day.

SECTION 5. Heaviest Mulloway.

N. Clarke. 47½ lb Mulloway. November Field Day.

SECTION 6. Heaviest Tailer. (Minimum weight 4 lbs.)

A. Milne 5¼ lb Tailer. September Field Day.

SECTION 7. Heaviest Salmon.

I. McLennan. 9½ lb Salmon. May Field Day.

SECTION 8. Heaviest Snapper.

As yet no entry.

SECTION 9. Heaviest scale fish other than above.

R. Tucker. 3 lb Silver Bream. July Field Day.

SECTION 10. Heaviest catch of Tailer on a Field Day.
(Minimum weight 10 lbs.)

R. Lilly. 19 Tailer, Weight 20 lbs. September Field Day.

JUNIOR SECTION. FIELD DAYS.

SECTION 1.

Five points for attendance. One point per pound of Scale Fish. Three fish per pound. Half point per lb. for Sharks.

W. Newton	60	G. Davidson	27
R. Jensen	52	G. Clarke	23
R. Newton	52	G. Wright	14
M. Porter	51	Steven Hampton	5

SECTION 2. Heaviest Shark.

As yet no entry.

SECTION 3. Heaviest Scale Fish.

Rick Jensen. $8\frac{3}{4}$ lb Salmon. May Field Day.

SECTION 4. Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish on a Field Day.
(ALL Fish must weigh at least THREE to a lb.)

Rick Jensen. $17\frac{1}{2}$ lb. May Field Day.

ROCK FISHING POINTERS.

As I have recently been asked by some of our newer members if I have an old copy of "Reel Talk" with some pointers on Rock Fishing - I have had to say no, though I daresay that there has been some good articles in earlier editions, but not any that I have.

Not being a specialist in any way at all in this type of our pastime I am afraid that the reader will have to take these points for what they are worth, though I must admit that we have members in our Club who are quite renowned for their angling ability from the Rocks and are far more qualified to write an article on this subject than what I am. Maybe they will be able to fill in quite a few points that I may leave out at some future time.

There is definitely something fascinating about angling from the rocks and ledges of our South coast, especially in the vicinity of Yallingup and down further along the South coast, and there are many who specialise in this type of fishing with extraordinary good results, as can be evidenced by some of our earlier "Reel Talks", with the fish capture entries by various members of our Club.

Rock fishing definitely is hazardous, and the angler must always remember to select his fishing position very carefully and one of the cardinal points is to make sure he never turns his back to the water. Always watch for that extra big wave - as they call them down South - the King wave, though it invariably appears that the best positions are usually the worst positions, as far as dangerous fishing spots are concerned, and many is the time an unpredictable wave has come over a rock and taken all before it, and some times an angler himself.

When the angler has ascertained what special rock position to fish from in his mind, stand back and watch it for a while before going out on it to fish. You will then have "some" idea whether it is a safe

place or not. Always take into consideration the state of the tide, for what may be safe when the tide is low may change as the tide rises - though fortunately we don't seem to have very large increases and decreases in tides down South - not like our Northern waters at any rate. Any rock that is stained black is a good rock to avoid. It is far better for the inexperienced rock angler to select a rock or ledge that will allow him to make a hasty retreat if the need should arise - and if he decides that discretion is the better part of valour. It is most inadvisable to fish on a rock or ledge where a big wave could take the unwary angler over the edge into a wash or open sea, so choose your fishing position with care.

Places that produce the best fishing results are usually found around the deep and broken water, a small inlet or bay with a reef on the bottom or at the entrance are ideal spots, for it is in these places that the small fish etc., gather and are an attraction for the larger fish, experience is the best teacher in these matters, for indeed the extent of this subject is far in excess of what I am limited to in this article.

Rock fishing is entirely different from fishing the beaches. In many cases bait that is only found on the rocks themselves will give the best results, and different methods and different gear is used. For example an angler fishing the surf fishes light in comparison to what is needed in fishing from the rocks and ledges. A line of 20 lb breaking strain and a reel with a capacity of 250 yards or more is quite serviceable for surf fishing, but what would happen to the same gear off the rocks if something large with plenty of beef in it latched onto your tempting bait. He would smash you up that quick you would not know how it happened. So it necessarily follows that you need approximately twice the line breaking strain, and a good solid rod. For if you are fishing in reef water and the big one hits and takes off, you have to stop him pretty damn quick or he will reef you - and there goes another good fish.

Float fishing or ballooning from the rocks is also a successful method of catching fish, but you must have most of the elements in your favour, such as: the breeze in the right direction, not too

much sea, possibly a tide drift to suit you and a good position on a rock. I can remember on one occasion when one of our Club characters was ballooning, sitting on a rock about as big as a pumpkin, his balloon about 80 yards out to sea with a live herring that I had given him about ten minutes before - when bingo - away it goes and I thought that our Club was going to be minus one member. His drag was too tight for ballooning - but fortunately he had a reasonably good foothold - what ever it was though broke the line before he had time to loosen the drag - at anyrate I think he was too occupied in trying to remain on the rock, than in loosening off the drag. When these things happen they happen mighty quick.

Though of course float fishing means a different type of gear again, in that you need a good length of line for this type of fishing, especially if its down South and the Yellowtail Kingies are around, for they will take a live herring on a balloon like an express train going through a country siding - and unless you have the length and possibly the strength of line to stop that initial run, you're behind the eight ball again.

Bait casting or spinning is another popular form of fishing from the rocks and can be most successful in obtaining fish. But when the novice is engaged in this type of fishing he is likely to become over zealous in his endeavours, which of course is only natural for the whole idea of spinning is to cover as much territory as possible looking for fish, and it is while so engaged, moving from place to place, that he may work himself into an awkward position at a bad moment - don't be too careful. For this type of fishing of course your standard gear is quite alright, the same type of gear can be used as you would bait casting or spinning from the beach.

The types of fish to be taken off the rocks and ledges down South are many and varied, depending almost entirely of course on the type of fishing you are interested in at the moment (and whether they are there) and to mention a few which are :- groper, mullet, yellowtail kingfish, salmon, snapper, skipjack, jewfish

etc. etc., to say nothing of the humble herring which always makes a tasty meal - and on many a time has saved a fishless day.

Always be sure you place your gear in a safe place when fishing from the rocks and always replace any gear in your tackle box or bag after use, for many a good and valuable item of gear has been lost on the rocks, - through forgetfulness or through the item being knocked or dropped into rock crevices or into the water. (Ask Noel Knight, he knows, for I remember on one occasion when Noel left a box of spinner on a rock and forgot them, and if you know Noel as I do, you will know how he loves his spinners. I think he is still going crook about losing them.)

Above all else, take no unnecessary risks and always remember, "Safety First" on all occasions. This motto cannot be too fully stressed, live with it, and you have a good chance of going fishing again. It is better to lose a fish than to risk your life. Therefore if your line or spinner is caught, or the fish has fouled the line on a rock, break it off and rig up again. To hell with the expense!

Always have a good torch, a long gaff, and wear ripple sole shoes and try to be initiated into rock fishing by an experienced person who has a sound knowledge of the game, and of the rocks and locality in which you are going to fish. This point I feel I just cannot over emphasise, for one just cannot afford to be too careful when fishing the rocks, and if you have someone who knows the locality and understands the conditions - take heed of his directions.....and go fishing again.

(Editor)

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL.

As the opportunity does not present itself to see all members at our meetings, your President, and Committee take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a particularly prosperous New Year, especially in your catches of those members of the mighty elusive piscatorial tribe.

To the wives of all members go a very special greeting - for if they didn't let us go fishing there undoubtedly would be no Club!

So to all members, their wives and families your Committee wish the very best for this the coming Festive Season and New Year, and may we all carry on our happy association for many more years to come.

Bright moonlit nights are not conducive to large catches, except maybe, the first half-hour after moonrise if the tide is 'right', i.e. just before and after the turn.

XMAS TREE NIGHT.

Again this year, as in past years, your Committee feels that such an evening is essential to members and their families, and as previous years have been such a success, let's make this one an even better night for the children, but of course without the support of Club Members this is not possible, so we would ask all members who have children to "be in it". We can assure members that they will enjoy the evening just as much as their children will.

The Christmas Tree for the children will be held in:-
The Lesser Town Hall,
LEEDERVILLE.
on
Monday the 18th December.

Parents to purchase a Gift for their children (VALUE NOT TO EXCEED 7/6). This gift to be wrapped and have the child's name clearly printed on it ready for presentation by Father Xmas.

All members who will be attending this night MUST, I repeat MUST, give their names to the Social Organiser and also the number of children who will be attending, on the December General Meeting night if possible. This is essential in order that ample supplies of Ginger Beer and Ice Cream can be purchased for the children.

Charge for the Christmas Tree is to be 5/- PER FAMILY.

BEACH FISHING.

All Anglers who come under the title of Surf Fishermen have one thing in common - to get at the Big Ones and Tackle Busters.

As the Tailer is perhaps the most sought after fish along our beaches we will deal with the various methods of tailer fishing.

First we will deal with Bait Fishing in which we have two methods.

1. Spinning with a whole fish scaly mackerel or garfish.
2. Bait soaking with a strip bait.

Let us visit one of the local beaches. After surveying it we select a deep hole off shore. This is easily detected by the waves that swell over it rather than break over it. Also the colour of the water is a shade darker, or if a gutter or channel reaching to the open sea is accessible we settle for that.

With the fully scaly, rig a gang of hooks, sufficient to hold and secure the scaly. A good rig being one 4/0 to two 6/0 hooks from the bottom of which is a jag or two opposed 4/0 limerick hooks.

The scaly is put on with the two 6/0s through the body and the 4/0 through the head. The jag or the two limericks are trailing. A good lurk is to cut the tail of the scaly off. This helps in Casting as it stops the fish fluttering during the cast. Make sure your scaly is on straight and trails through the water straight as a spinning scaly is not appreciated either by the tailer or your nylon line.

When the tailer strikes, do not hit him straight away, but allow the rod to dip and then strike. He really has the hook then when you hit him.

For strip bait fishing a float of two bottle corks joined by the big ends is made sliding on your line and can be fixed with a match to trail at any depth. This method presents the bait in its natural form and is a sure fish killer. For bottom fishing on the beach, a running sinker rig is tops. This consists of the main line runner through your sinker. The leader being about 18 to 24 inches long. I prefer two 4/0 to 6/0 Limerick Hooks corked up. This gives the bait movement and keeps it away from the sand and crabs. The advantage of the running rig being that the fish has taken the bait and is on his way before the axe falls.

Rough weather and strong drifts entails the use of wire surf sinkers and these can be used with a running rig too, with

your main line going through a ring on a small lead from the sinker. Star sinkers and helmet sinkers are both good holders in the surf.

The other method of fishing for tailer is with the artificial spinner. There are many variations of these and we are all familiar with the various types. It has been my experience that big fish will take a small spinner quicker than they will a big spinner, probably mistaking them for white bait.

Choose a stretch of water, near a reef, or a channel leading to the open sea, and cast along the edge of the reef. Try spinning at different levels or speeds. Raise the tip of your rod now and then so that the spinner hovers and changes speeds. Tailers are suckers for this move, and if they are following your spinner this is the time they will have a go at it. Other fish that are good spinner takers are Salmon, Pike and Skippy.

I would like to stress now that Burley plays a big part in successful tailer fishing, chopped up heads and all other fish offal bring them on. A little effort in burleying pays off. Always fish into your burley.

Looking back we can sum up the successful tailer fisherman because:-

1. He knows how to select a good location.
2. He burleys sensibly.
3. He keeps his hooks sharp.

And above all he loves the game for what it is.

Righto you chaps the Tailer are on - be in it.

NOEL KNIGHT.

In lieu of News copy for Reel Talk the above is an extract from a previous Reel Talk by Noel Knight to which I might add where Scalies for bait are used, of course Mulies fit the bill also, and of course to use Mulies your hook sizes could be altered slightly. Thanks Noel.

NEW MEMBER ACCEPTED.

The following application for membership to the Club has been accepted.

Ralph HANSEN,
193 Eighth Avenue,
INGLEWOOD.

GO EASY!

Don't overdo bait on the hook. Too much bait is more easily stripped than too little, and the fish has the last laugh. Use enough to cover point and curve of hook, and leave no ends hanging, and you've more chance of a catch than when the hook is overloaded.

MOVE FAST.

Fish dry out and shrink after being landed. So if you want to impress the gang with your ability to land the really big ones, get them on the scales martly. A 20 lb fish (you could be that lucky!) has lost 1 lb in 6 hours, is down $1\frac{1}{4}$ lbs in 12.
