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COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next Committee Meeting will be at the home of President, Ron Kildahl at 14 Excelsior Street, Shenton Park and Committee Members wives are invited to accompany their husbands. The date is Thursday 18th December 1969.

COMMITTEE NOTES:

At the last Committee Meeting it was Resolved to hold a special Committee Meeting early in the New Year to fully discuss the various systems of scoring in the dry casting competition. As was previously announced, several points scoring systems have been kept with the view to studying same prior to the new competition commencing. Any member wishing to submit suggestions IN WRITING may hand same to D.C.O. Brian Hanks at the next General Meeting.

SPINNING FOR REDFIN by Ross Cusack

Curiosity may or may not kill the cat, but it nearly always kills the poor old redfin.

This fine freshwater fish, often abused by trout snobs, may be sitting pat on a full stomach - but whizz the right lure past him and he just can't resist it.

He's a sucker for the right colour, the right action and the right sound. The best redfin lures, combining all three requisites are the Abu Sonettes and Reflexes. Orange, red or yellow Sonettes, with their bronze revolving vane and whirring, helicopter action, are dynamite on redfin.

Many times I've had at least 20 fruitless casts in one spot with a Sonette, and then suddenly, on the 21st a redfin has hit the lure.

Why? their curiosity get's the better of them.

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My redbfin perch stamping ground is the Collie River which, on the other side of Collie, is a series of big, disjointed pools. Phil Bodeker and I spent five years, from about 1960, discovering redbfin waters in this area. We walked many miles, opening up new waters on each trip, and now we know of spots, spread over a big area, where we can catch redbfin.

We pioneered lure fishing for redbfin in these waters. Till we tried, the locals always used bait - mainly live creek minnows and small gilgies. They used a handline of about 10 lbs breaking strain, without sinker or float.

Phil and I took to spinning with flick rod, 6 to 9lb line and Sonettes and our technique was to fish 50 yards apart, casting in every likely spot, persevering if we struck fish, but moving on if we had no result.

In the early days we had tremendous catches because we were fishing pools where the perch had never seen a lure before. We both got State record redbfin, the biggest 2lb 12 & 3/4 ozs, and many many fish between 1lb and 2½lbs.

After the first year or two we learnt not to overfish a pool, because the perch seemed to become lure-shy. We had fewer casts in more pools, and tried to establish which colour was most acceptable to the reddies. In retrospect, I think the orange Sonette is tops. Red seemed to take fish when the water was clear, and yellow had its good days, but orange always produced the most fish overall.

The redbfin is not the world's best fighter, but he's not gutless either. He has a good, solid strike (you sometimes think you're snagged, because he has a habit of stopping when he hits the lure) and he fights deep. Redfin are also most attractive fish, with their brilliant red fins, uniform stripes and handsome shoulder hump.

Redfin have been plentiful in the rivers around Collie since 1910, and probably earlier. It's thought that a Collie doctor named Rigby stocked the first fish in the Collie River around 1904.

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When reddiees are schooling, catches of 50 to 100 are not uncommon. They have a habit - like tailor, for example, of schooling in fish of uniform size. We used to see schools of half-pounders, pound fish, and on memorable days, schools containing nothing under 2lbs. There are definitely much bigger fish, the biggest ever recorded being a 5lb 13oz whopper taken in the Capel River in 1910. Incidentally a photo of this beauty - caught by a man known only as Tom - was the pride of the Capel Hotel bar for more than 20 years, till someone pinched it.

The statistics of Tom's 1910 beauty reveal some interesting growth characteristics of the reddie. His fish was 17" long. However the 2lb 12/3/4 oz reddie we took was 17 1/4" in length.

Tom's fish was a full 3lb heavier. The size of the two would indicate that the maximum length of W.A. reddie is 17". It seems that the really big 'uns' after reaching this length, just grow deeper and fatter.

In conclusion, I don't think anyone would expect me to set out, for all to see, exact details of all the reddie areas we found, but I would be most happy to give this information to any club member who would like to do a spot of reddie fishing.

Oh, I nearly forgot - they're darn good to eat, too. The flesh is a very clean whitis - pink, and has a good tangy taste.

DRY CASTING NEWS by D.C.O.'s Brian Hanks & Les Reid

This was one competition when one's handicap was reduced. Who would have expected winter in the early part of summer? We had a slight taste of this for our November Dry Casting (almost wet casting). After a slight amount of confusion, brought about by myself deciding to throw towards the Perry Lakes end, the fellows helping with the equipment promptly placed it by the gate. Then, "hold it"! "To take advantage of the expected S.W. breeze we shall cast towards the northern end." There were the usual good natured mutterings, - can't they make up their bloody minds and the like and so picking up the gear once more marched down, and placed it at the southern end. Yes we know what happened, the breeze (what a joke) came from

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the N.W. and blew at something like 20 knots. However as I am like George Washington who couldn't tell a lie, BRIAN was the culprit and he was solely to blame. (How's that for a bit of dobbing in). Seriously who would have expected the wind from the N.W., only those who listened to the early morning forecast. Brian or myself were not amongst those that did.

When JOHN DEVITT failed to make an appearance it was speculated who would win the open event. After a keen struggle, the ultimate victor was GRAHAM ROSS, with GRAHAM BASKERVILLE and ERIC PARKER finishing closely in that order. Only 23 feet separated their best casts, this adds to the interest. ERIC has improved immensely over the past few months and has the potential to cast further (who's the coach?).

A noticeable fact was that the placegetters in the OPEN failed to gain a point in the L.L. HANDICAP, mainly as a result of a B.O.s to each of them. This certainly reduces the average. Of course it could be that they don't want to be greedy and deliberately have a B.O. now and again to give the others a bit of heart. Good for you fella's keep at it! (Ed. I think he means the Break Offs.)

GEORGE HOLMAN has had more than his fair share of penalties in recent months. Newcomer WALLY FLEETON also had accuracy troubles as did the former D.C.O. DAVE LATTO. These three all incurred 63 penalty points. You'll have to keep your eyes on the more accurate casters and copy their style. However in view of the conditions the casting in the Hcp. was better than expected (as far as penalties if not distance). DOUG TALBOT put down three long casts into the wind and scored top points with BILL UTTING and RON KILDAHL in close attendance.

The D.H. Acc. if it could be called this, gave difficulty in the gusty breeze, blowing almost at right angles to the line of cast. One had to aim upwind to compensate, and this wasn't easy. If your judgement was astray. Speaking for myself I could hardly reach the longer distance let alone some of the newer members. This event caused a few surprises in that DOUG TALBOT usually right on target had a lapse of form, also RUDY LERCH and JOHN NUICH threw well below their best. DAVE LATTO looked likely to score a "Bull" but floated off to the side to give a nice nineteen (19). Winning

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this event was one of the old hands (in fishing not age) BOB TICHBON. Finishing in a tie for second, were two more competent hands in BOB TUCKER and RON KILDAHL, with GEORGE HOLMAN close behind for third. BRIAN LEICESTER, IAN McLENNAN and BRIAN HANKS were others who scored consistently and showed that it could be done.

Did anyone realise that baskful BRIAN LEICESTER had made a re-appearance so quiet unassuming, shy, he took a bit of spotting, keeping as he did in the background.

It was the last occasion that RICK ROWLANDS was to be casting with us, as he has been transferred to Darwin for a period of 2 years. Rick hopes that the fishing up there will be good and should catch some of the bigger ones that get away. Best of luck Rick!

In the S.H. Acc. we saw GRAHAM BASKERVILLE take this event easily with some accurate casting. Graham's first and second casts gave that "bull" a fright and he scored nine consecutively. IAN McLENNAN came into the picture here & finished 2nd to Graham, with DAVE LATTO handling the Acc conditions better than the Hcp. to finish 3rd. While their event was in progress we observed BOB TUCKER giving instruction to a bunch of the lads on the art of telling humorous stories. Know any more Bob? BRIAN LEICESTER was doing his best to play King Canute with the wind, however Brian's humour was a bit misplaced as his accuracy was the one to suffer. Better luck next time Brian.

Gaining top points for the days casting was RON KILDAHL with BILL UTTING & BRIAN HANKS filling the minor placings. Incidentally Brian has cut 6" off his 3904. We will be looking forward to Brian breaking his handicap.

There are some changes in the TOP TEN CASTERS with some new names appearing and a close competition at the top with only 39 points separating 4 members. This month another new trend was started by the S.H. Acc. winner - "A Beard". Now whether this was caused by Graham sleeping in, lack of razor blades or trying to outdo BOB TUCHBON and ROY BARTON we do not know. Keep your eyes on this section next month. It could be you!

Last month I neglected to mention that DICK HOLLAND had sent down a beautiful cast of 406' with an eggbeater. A good effort Dick & apologies.

Next month, usual programme plus S.H. Open. Events start promptly at 9.00 A.M.

Thanks again to those who assisted.

BRIAN HANKS AND LES REID (D.C.O.'s)

DRY CASTING RESULTS:

L.L. Handicap

- 1. G. ROSS 411 feet
- 2. G. BASKERVILLE 399 feet
- 3. E. PARKER 388 feet

D.H. Accuracy

- 1. R. TICHBON 50/80
- 2. R. KILDAHL 47/80
- R. TUCKER 47/80
- 3. G. HOLMAN 46/80

L.L. Handicap

- 1. D. TALBOT
- 2. W. UTTING
- 3. R. KILDAHL

S.H. Accuracy

- 1. G. BASKERVILLE 27/40
- 2. I. McLENNAN 22/40
- 3. D. LATTO 17/40

Overall Points Winner

- 1. R. KILDAHL 108 Pts.
- 2. W. UTTING 99 Pts.
- 3. B. HANKS 97 Pts.
- I. McLENNAN 97 Pts.

TOP TEN CASTERS

- 1. D. TALBOT 589 + 74 = 663
- 2. W. UTTING 556 + 99 = 655
- 3. G. HOLMAN 559 + 81 = 640
- 4. R. TICHBON 533 + 91 = 624
- 5. R. TUCKER 483 + 87 = 570
- 6. R. KILDAHL 448 + 108 = 556
- 7. L. REID 455 + 66 = 521
- 8. R. ROWLANDS 459 + 49 = 508
- 9. J. NUICH 425 + 51 = 476
- 10. D. LATTO 403 + 64 = 467

Top Ten Open

- 1. G. ROSS 830 + 411 = 1241
- 2. G. BASKERVILLE 841 + 399 = 1240
- 3. R. TUCKER 806 + 378 = 1184
- 4. G. HOLMAN 795 + 354 = 1149
- 5. W. UTTING 760 + 318 = 1078
- 6. D. TALBOT 727 + 322 = 1049
- 7. E. PARKER 659 + 388 = 1047
- 8. B. HANKS 705 + 339 = 1044
- 9. C. ADAMS 723 + 264 = 987
- 10. L. TATE 667 + 317 = 984

Longest Cast During Day

- G. ROSS 411 Feet (in Open)
- G. ROSS 391 Feet (in Hcp.)

NO HANDICAPS REDUCED:

LANCELIN/WEDGE ISLAND - November Field Day(s)

At 8 o'clock as we left Perth, all looked set for a good week end's fishing at Lancelin and Wedge. A few miles along the track a southerly started to help us along and gave a forecast of what was in store for us.

We arrived at the Caravan Park at Lancelin to find quite a few early birds waiting to sign on. After sending them on their way we settled in. A tour of local spots all told the same story. Heavy seas and banks of that cursed weed hanging inshore.

All told 59 signed on for the outing which was a very pleasing role up, and included quite a few visitors. Most of the 4 wheel drive's made for the Island and beaches beyond. However the same conditions prevailed everywhere.

Most of the fish came from this area. BOB KLEIN in a new Toyota, 4 wheel drive station sedan had 6½ aboard but his mates didn't appreciate his kindness. They proceeded to catch fish on both sides of him and Bob didn't manage a whiting. It's an old story Bob - never take mates to fish with you - there's no future in it.

BOB TUCKER was one of the mates and finished up with 15lbs including the now famous jag coupling act. Others to do well were DOUG TALBOT and HARDY GEORGE HOLMAN. Assistant F.D.O. LOFTY also had a mixed bag of 19 lbs.

The top score went to TOM CAIRNS who with ROSS CUSACK made their way half way along the track. They battled with the weed in the evening then gave up and had a sleep, ready for a 3.30 start in a channel they had found. TOM had a 6lb tailor and an 8½lb Mulloway and ROSS hadn't raised a fish, so in desperation he took his wire trace off and was promptly bitten off. Ripped up again and in a fit a rage, rished forth to the fray again and was promptly swamped by a wave which filled up his breast pocket containing his only packet of 'Rothman's' cigarettes. Never go fishing with non smoking mates Ross, however your 12¼lb of nice size fish was a fitting reward for courage and preserverence,

and it only goes to show that it's not necessary to have a 4 wheeler to win a field day, does it Tom?

Nice to see BOB JANSEN on a land based field day and a few fish too.

I have heard a whisper that those bloody Rovers take a lot of pushing at times, particularly when you wake up and find that the wind has eroded you into a big hole. It's times like that you need a big mate eh! Arthur.

KEN JONES, ANDY SHACK and TREVOR STAM also found a spot close in and got a few lbs, I'll bet that DERICK is proud of his Dad. The trip was unfishable and we gave it up early as did RON McQUEEN at Ledge Point. You would need a well known miracle to feed your family on those 3 tailor RON.

See you all at Moore on December 13th perhaps Father Christmas will be kind to us there.

JACK & LOFTY F.D.O.'s

ATTENDANCE: 59 present on day including 5 Visitors, 4 Juniors and 1 Junior Visitor.

TOTAL POUNDAGE CAUGHT - 250 lbs.

AWARD WINNERS

Heaviest Scale Fish - Tom Cairns, 8½lb Mulloway.

Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish - J. Griffiths, 18 3/4 lbs mixed.

ATTENDANCES & FISH CAPTURES: NOVEMBER FIELD DAY AT LANCELIN/WEDGE ISLAND.

T. CAIRNS	Tailor/Mulloway	19 3/4 lbs
J. GRIFFITHS	Mixed Bag	18 3/4 lbs
D. TALBOT	Tailor/Herring	17 lbs
R. TUCKER	Mixed Bag	15 1/4 lbs
G. HOLMAN	Mixed (very)	12 3/4 lbs
R. CUSACK	Tailor/Mulloway	12 1/4 lbs
P. STAFFORD	Mulloway/Tailor	10 lbs
T. VIVIAN	Mulloway/Tailor	9 lbs
B. MARSH	Tailor	8 3/4 lbs
W. UTTING	Tailor	8 3/4 lbs
B. JENSEN	Tailor/Herring	8 1/2 lbs
A. SHACK	Tailor	7 1/2 lbs
G. HOOD	Tailor/Mulloway	7 1/4 lbs
D. LATTO	Tailor/Mulloway	7 lbs
C. BUCHANAN	Mixed	7 lbs
R. MANSFIELD	Tailor	6 3/4 lbs
G. BASKERVILLE	Tailor	5 1/2 lbs
K. JONES	Tailor	5 1/2 lbs
P. LOCKYER (Visitor)	Mixed	5 1/2 lbs
A. HORTON		5 1/2 lbs
D. SHAW	Tailor/Herring	4 1/2 lbs
B. LEICESTER	Tailor	4 1/2 lbs
D. NEWTON	Tailor	4 lbs
P. MARSH (Jnr.)	Tailor/Dart	3 3/4 lbs
C. OKLE	Tailor	3 1/2 lbs
N. PURCELL	Tailor/Mulloway	3 lbs
T. STAM	Tailor	2 3/4 lbs
K. RUNDIN	Tailor	2 1/2 lbs
W. MORROW	Tailor	2 1/2 lbs
R. KILDAHL	Mixed	2 1/4 lbs
W. HAMMOND	Tailor	2 lbs
A. BUCHANAN (Jnr.)	Mixed	2 3/4 lbs
R. McQUEEN	Tailor	1 3/4 lbs
S. PATTERSON	Tailor	1 1/2 lbs
R. LERCH	Mixed	1 1/2 lbs
L. REID	Mixed	1 1/2 lbs
T. CORCORAN	Mixed	1 1/2 lbs
S. TATE	Tailor	1 1/2 lbs
M. TUCKER (Jnr.)	Dart	1/2 lb
P. MARSH (Jnr.)	Tailor/Dart	3 3/4 lbs

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L.L. DISTANCE										D.H. ACCURACY					S.H. ACCURACY						
Pty.	1.	2.	3.	Tot.	Ave.	Hcp.	Tot.	Pts.		1.	2.	Tot.	1.	2.	1.	2.	Pts.	Tot. Pts.	Inc. Att.		
R. KILDAHL	21	296	308	303	886	295	131	426	36	14	16	-	17	42	-	6	6	3	15	98	108
W. UTTING		300	292	298	890	297	135	432	38	8	3	17	10	38	5	7	1	-	13	89	99
B. HANKS		316	320	324	960	320	102	422	34	13	6	8	13	40	3	2	8	-	13	87	97
I. McLENNAN	42	229	265	275	727	242	167	409	24	7	17	12	5	41	-	8	6	8	22	87	97
R. TICHBON		250	270	255	775	258	136	394	20	2	16	14	18	50	7	-	4	-	11	81	91
L. TATE		317	314	286	917	306	115	421	32	-	16	-	17	33	4	1	4	5	14	79	89
R. TUCKER	21	323	325	341	968	323	58	381	16	10	9	11	17	47	9	-	5	-	14	77	87
G. HOLMAN	63	331	327	336	931	310	67	377	10	5	10	14	17	46	-	8	6	1	15	71	81
D. TALBOT		322	327	318	967	322	119	441	40	4	-	3	3	10	2	7	-	5	14	64	74
B. LEICESTER	21	285	288	295	847	282	98	380	14	5	8	17	13	43	-	4	-	-	4	61	71
L. REID		308	291	300	899	300	112	412	26	17	-	-	2	19	-	3	6	2	11	56	66
D. LATTO	63	272	275	280	764	255	85	340	4	-	13	1	19	33	4	3	2	8	17	54	64
G. BASKERVILLE		B.O.	361	369	730	243	41	284	-	15	-	-	10	25	9	9	6	3	27	52	62
N. RENSHAW	42	256	258	248	720	240	180	420	30	10	-	-	5	15	-	-	-	6	6	51	61
J. STRONG		282	267	272	821	274	127	401	22	3	-	-	14	17	-	4	-	3	7	46	56
J. NUICH		285	267	253	805	268	118	386	18	-	-	-	10	10	7	1	-	5	13	41	51
S. BANNISTER	21	231	267	246	718	239	180	419	28	-	-	-	2	2	4	-	-	7	11	41	51
R. ROWLAND	42	285	300	288	831	277	99	376	3	5	10	2	8	25	-	3	3	-	6	39	49
G. ROSS		391	B.O.	299	690	230	31	261	-	4	-	10	17	31	-	-	-	7	7	38	48
R. BARTON	42	300	306	322	886	295	114	409	24	-	7	-	-	7	-	5	-	-	5	36	46
T. CORCORAN	21	269	282	283	813	271	110	381	16	-	6	-	7	13	-	-	-	4	4	33	43
H. NEIL		203	200	239	642	214	180	394	20	-	1	-	6	7	-	3	-	-	3	30	40
R. LERCH	21	288	274	304	845	282	96	378	12	-	-	4	7	11	-	-	-	2	2	25	35
E. PARKER	21	B.O.	326	336	641	214	89	303	-	8	3	6	-	17	4	-	-	-	4	21	31
C. ADAMS	21	247	B.O.	276	502	167	94	261	-	-	-	-	-	0	3	4	3	-	10	10	20
W. FLEETON	63	202	213	204	556	185	180	365	6	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	-	-	1	7	17
T. MARWICK	42	259	241	50	508	169	137	306	2	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	0	2	12

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Other in Attendance

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| J. HARVEY | R. LOWRIE |
| P. NERI | E. PARKER |
| J. DONOHOE | B. KLEIN |
| I. McLENNAN | A. McLACHLAN |
| D. SALT | G. WHEELER |
| B. SALT (Visitor) | R. WILLIAMS |
| R. BARTON | M. MINORGAN (Junior Visitor) |
| J. CLOUGH (Visitor) | J. NUICH |
| J. ELMES (Visitor) | J. SLAVICH (Visitor) |
| | M. DAWSON |

FISHING COMPETITION - FIELD DAY SECTION

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

R. LERCH	301 Points	J. YOEMANS	169 Points
G. HOLMAN	248 Points	J. SHEEDY	156 Points
L. REID	242 Points	R. MANSFIELD	152 Points
G. BASKERVILLE	199 Points	R. JENSEN	147 Points
C. BUCHANAN	189 Points	W. UTTING	135 Points
J. DEVITT	188 Points	D. NEWTON	134 Points
R. ROWLANDS	185 Points		
		P. MARSH (Junior)	139 Points.

SECTION 2. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - 2nd six months

T. Cairns - 8½lb Mulloway - Lancelin.

SECTION 3. MOST METORIOUS FISH

Nominated at end of season by Committee.

SECTION 4. HEAVIEST SHARK

13 3/4 Gummy - G. Holman - North Head - October.

SECTION 5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY - Min weight 5 lbs

T. Cairns - 8½lb Mulloway - Lancelin.

SECTION 6. HEAVIEST TAILOR

G. Holman - 6lb 9oz Tailor - Rottnest Island.

SECTION 7. HEAVIEST SALMON - Min weight 7 lb

L. Reid - 10½lbs - Garden Island

SECTION 8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY

S. Tate - 3lb 9oz Skippy - Rottnest Island

SECTION 9. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE

J. Devitt - Jewfish - 39¼lb - Garden Island

SECTION 10. HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY

Min Weight 20 lbs.

G. Baskerville - 112½lbs - Salmon - Garden Island

SECTION 11. HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY - Min weight 20 lbs

No Entry

SECTION 12. HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR - Min weight 20 lbs

No Entry

SECTION 13. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH CAUGHT ON SH. ROD - Max 12 lbs

B.S. Line of 36 g.g. line.

L. Griffiths - Salmon - 7 3/4 lbs - Garden Island.

FISHING COMPETITION - OPEN DIVISION - MAY 1969/1970

Entries to be submitted on correct form in the hand of the Recorder within 30 days of capture. Entry forms are available from any Committee Members.

SECTION 1. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH

To be nominated at end of current competition by Committee.

SECTION 2. HEAVIEST SHARK

T. FULLER - Gummy Shark - 34 lbs - Cheyne Beach Albany.

SECTION 3. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY

D. TALBOT - 25 lbs - Jurien Bay South.

SECTION 4. HEAVIEST SALMON

K.R. JONES 11 3/4 lbs - Mandurah.

SECTION 5. HEAVIEST JEW FISH

No Entry.

SECTION 6. HEAVIEST TAILOR

C. BUCHANAN - 12 lbs 14ozs - Leighton.

SECTION 7. HEAVIEST SAMSON FISH

No Entry.

SECTION 8. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH CAUGHT ON S.H. ROD - Max 12 lbs

B.S. Line of 35 g.g. line

No Entry.

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SECTION 9. HEAVIEST SNAPPER

No Entry.

SECTION 10. HEAVIEST TARWHINE (Silver Bream)

B. TUCKER - 11b 8oz - Cottlesloe.

SECTION 11. HEAVIEST SPANISH MACKERAL

K.J. JONES - 38½lbs - Port Sampson.

SECTION 12. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (Southern) - Min weight 2lb

No Entry.

SECTION 13. HEAVIEST NORTHERN TREVALLY - Min weight 12 lbs

A. TICKLIE - 24 lbs - Learmorth.

SECTION 14. HEAVIEST PIKE

N.S. WILKERSON - 31bs 7 ozs - Cockburn Sound Groyne.

SECTION 15. HEAVIEST FISH (SCALE) OTHER THAN ABOVE - Excluding Section No. 1.

No Entry.

Small service is true service is true

Small service is true service while it lasts.

by Wordsworth

HOW TO LIVE WITH A FISHERMAN:

Fishing fever infects millions of people every year. But what about all those other millions, the long-suffering people that the people who fish are married to?

Consider the wife of an ardent angler. All her husband talks about is fish, fish, fish. He dreams of fish. He even smells slightly of fish. His tie is embroidered with trout flies, and his tie-pin is a miniature rod and reel. His beer glasses are decorated with leaping fish. Instead of carrying his children's pictures in his wallet, he has a snapshot of the 20 pound beauty he caught last summer.

Throughout the year the entrance hall of her home is littered with rods, tackle boxes and gaffs. His waders leave wet prints on the living-room carpet, his sopping trousers are hung across the fire screen to dry. Fish scales stick to the kitchen floor for her to skid on.

He dumps his live white-bait in the tropical fish aquarium so they'll keep nice and fresh overnight. The other day a worm fisherman's wife petitioned for divorce because he parked his night crawlers in her pot of Africian violets, and forgot to tell her.

A golfer's wife has a chance to get acquainted with her husband once rain comes, but the angler's wife is lucky if he recognizes her when they pass in the street. During the worst winter months he sorts through his tackle or buries himself in a fishing catalogue, nodding vaguely and murmuring "Hmm?" when his wife tries to make conversation. As spring approaches he sits at his desk practising casts with a ruler or absently turning the handle of a pencil sharpener as though winding a reel. On fishing days, he leaves the house before dawn, doesn't show up again until dark, and goes straight to bed after dinner so he can get an early start next morning. If his neglected spouse packs her suitcase and flounces home to Mother, it may be several days before he notices that she's gone.

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Such marital spats may be avoided if the angler's wife displays a little tolerance and follows a few simple rules:

- RULE 1. In talking to him, learn to employ the right terms. A purist will wince perceptibly if you call his split-cane rod , a stick or his expensive line, a string or his imported reel, a winder. Equally important, when he brings back a solitary, very small fish, don't say, "Isn't it cute!" Bolster his ego by exclaiming., "Wait a minute dea, till I get the camera".
- RULE 2. Don't fly off the handle when he filches your manicure scissors or a spool of silk thread. Avid fly fishermen keep their eyes peeled for any useful material and are unable to resist plucking a coupld of tail feathers from the budgerigar, or unravelling some wool from the baby's jumper, or snipping a few strands from your chinchilla coat. Grit your teeth and smile sweetly as he cuts out the palm of your rubber kitchen glove to patch his waders.
- RULE 3. Never (repeat never) touch his fishing tackle. Take the wife of a fisherman I know who decided to clean while he was away. She emptied all the contents of his various tackle boxes into one carton labelled FISHING GEAR. She removed his lines from their respective reels and wound them up together like a ball of yarn. She took every thing out of the pockets of his canvas jacket and sent it to the cleaners, and then gave his battered fishing hat to the church jumble sale. It cost him five dollars to buy it back.

He left home for a month's salmon fishing a grew a beard. What's more, he refused to shave it off until she promised never to set foot in his tackle room again.

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- RULE 4. If his fishing partner is planning to pick him up at 5 a.m. the understanding wife will set her alarm for 4 in order to wake him and get his breakfast ready. Usually he will go back to sleep again until the horn honks in the driveway. Then he'll finish dressing as he dashes about, shout that there's no time for breakfast, and bolt out the front door.
- RULE 5. When he's telling about the big one that got away, don't let on you've heard the story a thousand times before or remind him that the fish has gained weight with each telling. If you have dinner guests, encourage him to show the colour slides of his trip. He will be delighted and you'll get rid of the company early.
- RULE 6. Don't try to share his hobby by accompanying him on a fishing trip. You'll spend the whole day running to fetch his gaff or climbing a tree to disengage the hook he hung up on a back cast. Then you'll have to listen all the way home while he explains that the water was too high or too low, it was too hot or too cold, the wind was too windy, or you got in his way while he was casting. If you do go along and catch a larger fish than he does, remove the hook when he isn't looking and let your trophy swim away. It's better to lose a fish than a husband.

A final suggestion. Never ask a fisherman why he goes fishing because he can't tell you. How can he made you understand that it's more than just the fish? It's the sound of running water, the smell of damp rocks, the slap of the waves on the sand. It's all the memories that crowd in on him of other fishing trips, of campfires he squatted beside, of friends he used to know.

So if he comes home at night with his nose running, a blister on his heel and one eye swollen shut where a sand-fly bit him, don't feel sorry for him; he's had a marvellous time.

You're the one who rates sympathy. You married a fisherman.

ODDS AND ENDS:

RECORD CAPTURE FORM ;

A new Record Capture Form is enclosed in this issue of "Reel Talk" and Members will note that it states that only Government tested scales may be used. BUT before anyone starts jumping up and down - read on.

The Committee reached this decision after much discussion and Government tested scales WILL NOT BE NECESSARY UNTIL THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 1970-71 SEASON.

All shops etc. which have scales for weighing goods must by law have their scales tested, and it is considered to be no real hardship to use tested scales for weighing fish if you intend to claim a record or 3 in 1 badge. For obvious reasons some standard must be maintained in this matter.

NEW VENUES:

Members are invited to submit in writing to your Secretary or any Committeeman suggestions and dates for new venues OR established venues at or different time. With more and more fishermen crowding the popular fishing spots it is obvious that we have to look - not necessarily further afield - but elsewhere for venues for field day(s).

IF YOU AHVE ANY IDEAS LET US HAVE THEM PLEASE.

MYSTERY POUNDAGE PRIZES:

A quantity of double passes to the Motor Show have been made available for mystery poundage prizes. The Motor Show will be held at the Cottesloe Civic Centre from Thursday 29th January to Wednesday 4th February inclusive from 2 to 10 p.m. each day except Sunday 1st February. With 2 more Field Day(s) to go the winners to date are:-

G. WHEELER, D. BODLE, T. CAIRNS, L. TATE, D. NEWTON & R. TUCKER.

THE W.A. DIVISION OF THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION

recently passed the following State records;

GREY NURSE SHARK - 284 lbs - caught from the shore
by DON ALLARD at Reef Beach near
Bremer Bay.

BLUDGER (similar in appearance to skipjack) - 17½ lbs -
caught from a boat by JIM CRAIG at
Coral Bay.

NORTH-WEST SNAPPER - 14½ lbs - also caught from a boat
at Coral Bay by JIM CRAIG.

BARRAMUNDI - 18, 3/4 lbs - caught from the bank at Gieke
Gorge by PHIL BODEKER.

GULF GURNARD PERCH - 2lb 50oz - caught from the shore at
Eagle Bay by KEN BROOKS.

SPINEFOOT (or rabbit fish) - 2lb ½oz - speared at Green
Island by NORMAN BEAURTREAUX.

FRINGED STAR-GAZER - 8oz - caught at Yallingup by
MRS. J. KING.

FOR SALE

DELUXE CARGILL AUTO TENT, WARDEN TOP & FRONT

NEAR NEW - COST \$65.00 - ASKING PRICE \$45.00

RON SHIRLEY - 393014.

MOORE RIVER FIELD DAY - December 13th and 14th 1969

By F.D.O. JACK HARVEY

Our Christmas vehue will again be at Moore River (Guilderton) on Saturday and Sunday 13th and 14th December 1969.

Fishing will be permitted from North of Yanchep to South of Ledge Point and it is hoped that the fish on this occasion will co-operate more so than on recent Field Day(s).

Fishing will commence at 4 p.m. on Saturday and cease at 8 a.m. on Sunday. Weigh-in will be between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the club tent, which will be erected in the camping area near the river at approximately 1 p.m. on the Saturday. I will be in attendance from then until approximately 3 p.m. to check you in. Any member having to work on Saturday morning and who may arrive late can give their names to me at the General Meeting on Wednesday.

*****DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FLY REPELLANT AND
WHEN APPROACHING THE TENT DRIVE CAREFULLY AND SLOWLY
THROUGH THE CAMPING AREA.*

In conclusion may I say that I hope you read THE SUNDAY TIMES each week.

The best things carried to excess are wrong.

by Churchill

ED. And after that - there's no more.

FIELD DAY VENUES 1969/1970

MAY	Garden Island	NOVEMBER	Lancelin (Wedge)
JUNE	Rottnest (Not L/Wk.end)	DECEMBER	Moore
JULY	Garden Island	JANUARY	Lancelin (Wedge)
AUGUST	Rottnest	FEBRUARY	Preston
SEPTEMBER	Rottnest	MARCH	Murchison
OCTOBER	Jurien Bay (L/Wk.end)	APRIL	Yallingup

DRYCASTING DAY(s)

Are conducted on the *FIRST* Sunday of each month, and are held at the Floreat Park Oval. Starting times and programmes for casting are available by simply contacting the Casting Day Organiser.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

The following application for Membership to our Club has been received. If any Member has any reasons why this Nominee should not be accepted as a member of our Club, would they please contact any Committee Member.

LOCKYER Paul Joseph,
20 Little Street,
KARRINYUP.

The following **New** Member was admitted.

STAM Trevor Raymond,
30 Jedda Rd,
TUART HILL. 6060

LIFE MEMBERS:

Messrs. D.G. BROWN, V. DAVIES, L.M. DUNN, D.O. EDWARD,
N. KNIGHT AND L. SHAND.