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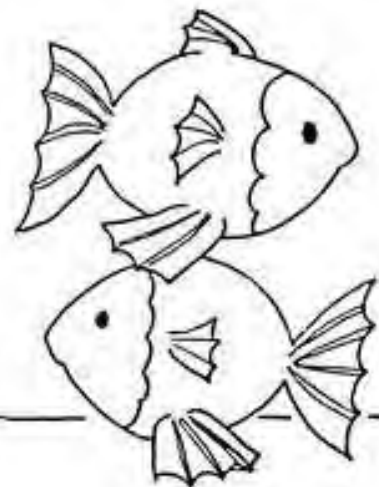
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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS

The monthly GENERAL MEETING is usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

DRYCASTING

Casting is usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is given to all new members and a competition is conducted to improve and maintain the standard of our members casting.

FIELD DAYS

These normally follow each general meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign-on and the weigh-in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign-on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign-on. However, only under very exceptional circumstances will failure to attend weigh-ins not be penalized with the loss of points acquired during that field day.

It is the Field Day Officer's duty to inform the committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh-in. It is the committee's duty to decide what action is to be taken.

Disputes may be taken to the committee.

Entries for Game Fish Badge, Club Records and Open Fishing Competitions must be lodged with the recorder within 30 days of capture.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

If you intend to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary.

Please assist the Treasurer by paying your subscription within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting.

Arrears of 3 consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

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MEMORANDA



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: ..... DIANELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE  
LIGHT STREET, DIANELLA

WHEN: ..... WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER.

INSTRUCTION: ..... CHRISTMAS MEETING - DRINKS SUPPLIED,  
BRING A PLATE.

NEXT CASTING DAY

WHERE: ..... YOKINE RESERVE

WHEN: ..... DECEMBER 3RD

EVENTS: ..... 112 GRAM LEVEL LINE  
50 GRAM LEVEL LINE  
D/H ACCURACY  
S/H ACCURACY



NEXT FIELD DAY

WHERE: ..... SWAN RIVER

WHEN: ..... DECEMBER 16-17TH

TIMINGS

SIGN-ON: ..... TO BE DECIDED AT DECEMBER  
MEETING

WEIGH-IN: .....

FOLLOWING FIELD DAY

WHERE: ..... OPEN



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

WHERE: ..... DIANELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE  
LIGHT STREET DIANELLA

WHEN: ..... WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH

# Dates to Remember...

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## 1989-1990 SEASON

DECEMBER..... SWAN RIVER

JANUARY.....LONG WEEKEND:- OPEN (Restricted boundaries)

FEBRUARY.....To be decided at preceding general meeting

MARCH.....LONG WEEKEND:- BLUFF CREEK

APRIL.....ROTTNEST

## MANDURAH 500 13TH-14TH JANUARY 1990

At the November meeting several members indicated their willingness to help out on the weekend, and the Mandurah 500 committee wishes to thank them for their support. Also the assistance of any other members available on that weekend will be most appreciated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Christmas hamper has started off. We would like to have some more tins of food and things like small packets of weeties, baked beans, tins of fruit, tins of cream, biscuits, or anything else you can think of.

I had a question asked of me. What is happening to the club, in Drycasting and Field Days? If a few members pull out what would happen? You the members want to sit down and think where the club is going and put your thought forward.

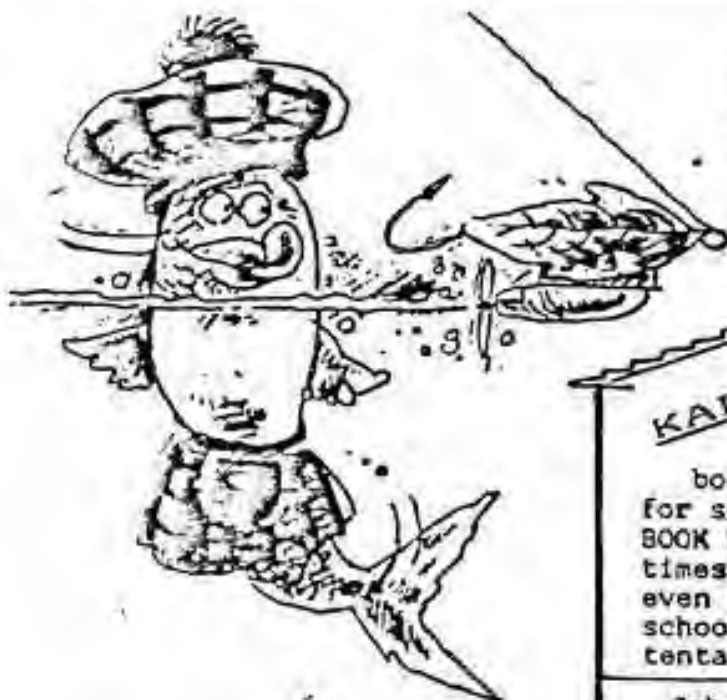
Windcheaters - there is two size 22 and teeshirts, one size 20, one 18 and one 22. See me at the next meeting if you require any of these.

We still require a Social Organiser. You will find the club will not run without the extra money. So someone think about it, I cannot do two jobs properly, being Social organiser and President of the cub. I do the President's job, not the job of Social Organiser, so think hard members or we will not have any club at all.

The Mandurah 500 - The members who put their names down will be required to attend a meeting at George's before going down to Mandurah, so details can be sorted out.

The long weekend in January is still on. It will not be included in the Mandurah 500.

G. REELEY



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John Reeley Phone 377 4834 f

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STATE ROCK & BEACH TITLES

You beauties!!!!!!!Surfcasters Rah! Rah! Rah!. From that opening statement you can reasonably guess that we did very well at the rock and beach championships. There is always room for improvement, but this was definitely one of the best results ever.

The titles were held the last weekend of October, headquarters the S-Bend caravan park (old S.W.A. stamping grounds). The excellent weather on the Saturday turned nasty overnight, with wind, rain, and the dreaded weed.

Most of the successful anglers caught their fish on Saturday afternoon and evening. Tailor and small mulloway dominated the competition, with a couple of jewies (to 9 kg), a sweetlip (Filomena), a small shark, plus the usual miscellaneous small fish.

Catches were fairly typical for October (i.e. down), with 89 of the approximately 149 anglers weighing in. (All Surfcasters weighed fish in).

Team winners: Mens-Fremantle, SURFCASTERS 2nd,

Ladies-SURFCASTERS ; Juniors Fremantle;

Mini-juniors-SURFCASTERS; Veterans Bunbury.

Individual winners: Mens (a Fremantle angler, sorry, forgot his name); Veterans-TONY D'ALONZO; Ladies-FILOMENA D'ALONZO;

Mini-juniors -BRETT REELEY, SCOTT REELEY 2nd. Heaviest Mulloway JOHN REELEY.

Fremantle managed to find their fish at 9 mile. Surfcasters fished from Flat Rock up to the Groenough Rivermouth.

The Reeleys found heaps of mulloway, easily getting their 5 bag limit, but had difficulty finding tailor. John came fourth overall, and he only needed a bit of luck and a few tailor and could very well have taken off champion man.

Many thanks to Dad John and Uncle Graham for taking the mins out, and congratulations to all the Reeleys for a job well done.

Filomena had an excellent bag, a very well deserved result, as she stayed up all night and fished, no sleep except some nodding on her rock. Many thanks to both Filomena and Tony.

Also many thanks to everyone else who represented our club so well. It was much appreciated by all.

Special mention must go to Tony, for his team and club spirit. Tony was awarded the veterans team trophy, but could not fish for both the vets team and the mens team. Tony chose to let his bag stand with our mens, making a very significant contribution to our runner-up position.

Our excellent results have given us a flying start in the AAA "Club of the Year" competition. We now need to do well in the casting, do reasonably well in the estuary, and have representation in the offshore.

So how about it Surfcasters, here's our chance to show 'em we're made of the "right stuff".

Well done team. Peter

FIELD DAY

FIELD DAY RESULTS SPLIT FIELD DAY

VENUE: LWE OPEN ESPERANCE  
 DATE: 7TH-9TH OCTOBER 18TH-19TH OCTOBER  
 ATTENDANCE: SENIORS: 16 VISITORS: 3  
 JUNIORS: 1 TOTAL: 23  
 M JUNIORS: 3  
 TOTAL FISH WEIGHT: 110.7.....KG

NAME	FISH WEIGHT	PTS	NAME	FISH WEIGHT
T. D'ALONZO	11.10 Kg	150	TONY RICHARDSON	22.00kg
L. CLIFTON	10.30	143	(visitor)	
N. CLIFTON	8.35	125	BRUCE MIHAN	18.25
M. HEAD	6.95	100	(visitor)	
B. D'ALONZO	5.60	90		
D. MAXTED	4.45	97		
J. REELEY	4.10	95		
D. BARBER	3.90	91		
G. REELEY	3.50	91		
G. HOLMAN	3.50	85		
I. COOK	2.80	72		
P. OSBORNE	1.30	65		
S. OSBORNE	.50			
JUNIORS: M.HEAD	4.10	160		

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

E. PARKER	60	GLEN CHALOVERA(VISITOR)
H. OSBORNE	50	
V. REELEY	50	
N. REELEY	50	
S. REELEY	50	

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH....T.D'ALONZO 11.10Kg HEAVIEST SHARK L.CLIFTON  
 HEAVIEST SCALE FISH..MALCOM HEAD 3.10 6.6Kg  
 HEAVIEST JUNIOR BAG..MICHAEL HEAD 4.10

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH - 1ST T. D'ALONZO 11.10 kg  
 - 2ND L. CLIFTON 10.30  
 HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - 1ST M. HEAD 3.10  
 - 2ND J. REELEY 2.10

SENIOR TOP TEN	PTS
T. D'ALONZO	930
S. OSBORNE	494
P. D'ALONZO	475
P. OSBORNE	429
M. HEAD	361
D. MAXTED	260
M. KELLY	215
G. HOLMAN	210
I. COOK	205
E. PARKER	195

JUNIOR TOP FIVE	PTS
M. HEAD	860
D. MAXTED	113

MINI JUNIORS	PTS
B. REELEY	110
S. REELEY	110
N. REELEY	50

SPECIAL FIELD DAY PRIZE  
 (B. MIHAN SOUTHERN SPORTS AND TACKLE)  
 HEAVIEST SKIPPY M. HEAD 3.10 Kg

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ESPERANCE CLUB TRIP

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER TO SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

On the Saturday morning three groups, Leigh and Nella, Eric and Mal, and Ian and Derry left from Leigh's factory for the trip to Esperance.

The trip down was very pleasant and relaxing. A large area of the Lower Great Southern region appears to have been very dry this winter. In comparison the Esperance-Ravensthorpe area has had extremely high rainfall with a lot of road and bridge damage and crops affected by flooding. We arrived in Esperance late in the day so unpacked and set up our gear.

Sunday morning some of us were up early and I had a look around the town. I worked in Esperance in the 60s and the difference now is quite startling. About lunchtime we drove out to Hellfire Bay which is on the east side of Cape Le Grande. We fished from some high rocks but the fish were not there. Leigh and Nella were advised by the Ranger that they may not remove anything from a National Park (except rubbish) and that included the dead firewood they were collecting. We met some of the local Surf Casting club members at Hellfire Bay car park.

At dusk three of us tried Salmon Beach just west of the town but again it was very quiet. We then had a barbecue with Tony and Jackie Richardson. They have a very nice new house with a spectacular view over West Beach and out to the islands.

Monday morning we made an early start and went out to Alexanders about 80 miles east of Esperance. We drove about 10 kilometres along the coast which involves driving up and down creeks and over some difficult rocky areas on the beach. We fished the eastern edge of the rocks and caught Salmon, Salmon Trout, Skippy and Herring. Pieces of a wrecked wooden fishing boat were scattered around this area. There was some very nice looking gutters in this area also.

Tuesday was a lay day with shopping and preparations for the field day.

Wednesday we headed for Thomas River. I managed to get on the wrong side of a washed out bridge so had to do a lot of back tracking. Initially, we fished at the river mouth towards the eastern end of the beach, but before dark we went back to a gutter system further west. Towards dark the fish started to come on the bite. At this stage the weather blew up with very strong winds and rain. We had a good tea together in one of the tents and then fished till about 11 o'clock. We fished again in the morning but the fishing was very quiet. At about 9.30 a.m. we packed up and drove back to Alexanders and completed the field day there. We caught some more good fish but after the end of the field day.

On the way home Leigh and Nella (to get even for a prank earlier in the week) put barricades of branches across the road in two places as well as planting tree branches. Derry and I removed and replanted these.



Friday we went to Dunns Beach and fished the rocks there. After lunch, as there were no fish, we drove over the headland onto Rossiters Beach and all the way along this to the car park at the beginning of the Cape Le Grande national park where we spoke to the Ranger. On the way back from there to Hellfire, we saw a lot of Grey Kangaroos (40). We got out of the vehicles and got to within about 20 metres of them before they would move off. We all took a number of photographs. Hellfire again didn't produce many fish. We then high-tailed it to Tony and Jackie's again for another barbecue. Bruce Mehan gave a special field day prize for the heaviest skippy which Mal Head won.

Saturday we packed up and headed for Perth. In Williams after tea we could see the Aurora Borealis quite clearly in the southern sky. It was like a curtain rippling in the breeze with bluish pink hues.

Bruce Mehan, wife and friend, had seen it the night before in a somewhat inebriated state and had not known what it was. They described it as shafts of red light rising up from the sea, though it may have been the Navy using red search lights.

The scenery both inland with the wildflowers and granite hills as well as the beautiful beaches and headlands make this area a truly beautiful tourist spot. Add to this the good fishing and company and it was a trip enjoyed by us all.

BOATS BOATS BOATS BOATS BOATS BOATS

Boating members of Surfcasters are wanted to make up a SCAC team for the state estuary championships at Bunbury in February (Cliftons?, Heads, Osbornes, plus????), and the offshore titles held in March. We already have a couple of boats lined up, but would like to make up a full team. How about Ron Wintle, Bill Harries, Tofay Griffiths ?????????????? Peter Osborne is taking names from interested members. (401-9035).



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FIELD DAY REPORT 11TH - 12TH NOVEMBER

HILL RIVER

Weather was mild cloudy with light West to Southwest winds with overnight showers. The swell was low with low seas. High tide was 20.00 hrs.

After the sign on at the Cervantes water tanks we drove up the track towards Hill River. This road is good except for a few sand drifts. On arriving at the area of the old shed Peter took us on a series of excursions up overgrown tracks to deadends trying to find a way around the river. We ended up going South and driving up the beach in very soft sand. The D'Alonzos and Graham Reeley were already set up when we arrived.

Glen and Heather Osborne had just purchased a very nice and tidy second hand beige coloured Subaru and this was their first excursion in LWD country. Both the drivers and the vehicle performed, very well. I think we have two potentially very active fishing members here, so keep up the good work Glen and Heather.

The members all fished along a 100 metre section of beach in front of the banked up Hill River mouth. A group of young chaps set up their gear just North of us and put out a good berley slick. From about 16.00 hrs. onwards they proceeded to catch small Bronze Whaler Sharks about every half hour. I saw them land seven before it got dark. They were fishing at the south end of a gutter formed by the beach and seagrass beds about 75 metres offshore. The sharks may have been running the gutter and then out to sea. as the sharks didn't turn up along the rest of the beach in any numbers.

Peter Osborne was the only one to see any action and he had two strikes at the same time. While he was bringing the first shark he was controlling the other Alvey with his foot. The second shark was in close enough to see, when it cut through the line as Pete was trying to turn it. He found out on examination of the rigs he had hooked it on his small rig and white bait.

Most of us fished with big gear, looking for Tailor and Mulloway which did not appear. Tony and Philomena fished with small gear and both got good mixed bags. Graham and I fished the southern end for one fish each, mind you I think Graham may have spent most of his time snoozing in his deck chair.

Northern Districts fished a couple of kilometres south of us and one member had his rod and reel leap out of the rod spike and disappear into the water before anyone could stop it. A couple of minutes later Hughie caught a small Mackerel while casting hoping to jag the lost gear. One would assume that a school of Mackerel went past with some very large members in the school.

This area at Hill River is easily accessible and has several areas that look potentially good so it would be an area to look at again next year for Field Day Venues.

FIELD DAY

FIELD DAY RESULTS

VENUE: HILL RIVER  
 DATE: NOVEMBER 11TH-12TH 1989  
 ATTENDANCE: SENIORS: 7 VISITORS: 1  
 JUNIORS: TOTAL: 8

TOTAL FISH WEIGHT: .24,395.....KG

NAME	FISH WEIGHT	PTS
P. OSBORNE	9.345	160
T. D'ALONZO	9.320	159
P. D'ALONZO	3.280	95
S. OSBORNE	1.470	75
I. COOK	.200	52
G. REELEY	.200	62

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE PTS

H. OSBORNE 50

VISITOR G. CHALOVERA .350 kg

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH..... T. D'ALONZO 9.320 kg  
 HEAVIEST SCALE FISH..... S. OSBORNE .705  
 HEAVIEST JUNIOR BAG..... D. OSBORNE 4.475

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH - 1ST P. OSBORNE 9.345 kg  
 - 2ND T. D'ALONZO 9.320  
 HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - 1ST S. OSBORNE .705  
 - 2ND P. D'ALONZO .650

SENIOR TOP TEN

T. D'ALONZO 1089  
 P. OSBORNE 589  
 P. D'ALONZO 570  
 S. OSBORNE 569  
 M. HEAD 361  
 D. MAXTED 260  
 I. COOK 257  
 G. HOLMAN 215  
 G. REELEY 212

JUNIOR TOP FIVE

M. HEAD 860  
 D. MAXTED 113

MINI JUNIORS

B. REELEY 110  
 S. REELEY 110  
 N. REELEY 50

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NOVEMBER DRYCASTING

HI FOLKS,

It was a fine sunny day with strong easterly's blowing and it made casting very difficult as shown by the dashes on the score sheet.

Well done Marty Paull with a good cast of 123 metres and also hitting the Bull's eye on double handed accuracy. Keep up the good work.

It was good to see John Reeley and his Mini Team back at Drycasting.

Thanks a lot Graham and Jim Strong for helping me set up, as my off-sider was playing cricket.

Hope to see you all on the 3rd December.

MAL HEAD

NOVEMBER CASTING RESULTS

WINNER OF THE DAY:	G. HOLMAN	224 PTS.
2ND OF THE DAY:	H. HOLMAN	213 PTS.
LONGEST 112 GRAMS CAST	G. HOLMAN	140m
LONGEST 56 GRAMS CAST	H. HOLMAN	106m
D/H ACCURACY WON BY	G. HOLMAN	140PTS
S/H ACCURACY WON BY	J. REELEY	26PTS
MINI JUNIORS WON BY	BRETT REELEY	136 PTS.

TOP TEN

G. HOLMAN	1588
R. PAKER	1463
H. HOLMAN	1363
M. HEAD	1077
G. REELEY	975
J. STRONG	917
D. MAXTEAD	712
M. KELLY	680
M. PAULL	660
J. REELEY	353

LADIES

F. D'ALONZO 769

JUNIORS

M. HEAD	1312
C. MAXSTEAD	288

MINI JUNIORS

B. REELEY	279
N. REELEY	187
S. REELEY	62

DRY CASTING

NAME	DATE: 5/11/89		112 g		56g/Art		D.H. Accuracy								S.H. Accuracy			
	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	TOTAL	Long	Short	Long	Short	TOTAL
J. STRONG	37	75	92	-	13	-	9	-	5	6	0	12		2	-	-	-	4
F. PARKER	-	128	105	104	9	15	22	9	7	10	15	-		8	3	-	-	11
4. HOLMES	116	-	106	83	21	4	19	15	13	17	12	14		4	-	4	9	17
3. NEALEY	116	103	88	90	17	9	15	7	0	5	17	7		7	8	4	6	25
M. HEND	104	86	88	90	9	11	15	6	6	12	17	17		-	-	1	7	8
J. REELEY	108	92	88	-	0	2	6	21	0	6	12	20		2	10	7	7	26
M. PAULL	108	123	-	98	0	20	15	23	6	0	11	25		-	-	7	6	13
G. HARVEY	142	-	123	123	14	14	21	21	11	21	22	22		-	-	-	1	8
D. MAXTED	81	108	110	121	0	15	16	8	0	0	17	7		-	-	-	-	0
J. DAVONZO	96	47	83	91	0	0	19	14	0	0	15	15		-	6	-	-	6
3. REELEY	74	40	67	76	15	11	8	22						-	3	-	-	3
3. REELEY	19	24	22	32	-	-	-	3						-	-	-	-	5
N. REELEY	62	17	60	49	2	4	-	-						-	-	-	5	5

NEXT DRY CASTING DAY

WHERE ..... YOKINE RESERVE  
 WHEN ..... SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD 1989  
 EVENTS ..... 9 AM  
 112 GRAM LEVEL LINE  
 112 GRAM ARTIFICIAL BAIT  
 D/H ACCURACY  
 S/H ACCURACY

# **XMAS PARTY**

**Sunday, December 10**

at the CLIFTON'S, Rousset Rd, Mariginiup,  
at 2.00 PM

BBQ Packs and Salads will be provided  
at \$5 a head  
(under 10 year old free)

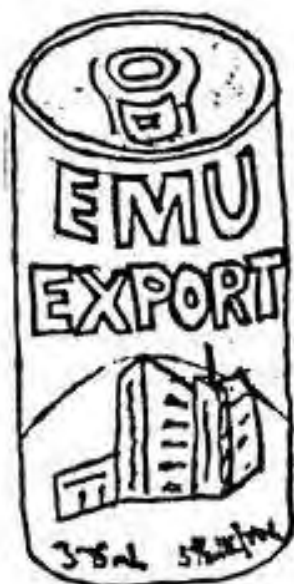
Lollies, cool drinks supplied for children

*Father Christmas will be attending, so if  
you would like your child to receive a gift  
please bring something to the value of \$5.*

FIELD DAY COMPETITION

SECTION

2. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1st 6 mth)	M. KELLY	DHUFISH	2.9 kg
3. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH			
4. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5kg min)	L. CLIFTON		6.6 kg
5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1kg min)	T. D'ALONZO		1.0 kg
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1kg min)			
7. HEAVIEST SALMON (3kg min)			
8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (1kg min)	M. HEAD		3.1 kg
9. HEAVIEST MACKEREL			
10. HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	T. D'ALONZO	MIXED	27.60 kg
11. HEAVIEST BAG MULLOWAY			
12. HEAVIEST BAG TAILOR			
13. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ROD 4kg of 91g 1/s line (max)			
14. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH Other than sections 4-13	T. D'ALONZO	SPOOK	1.37 kg



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OPEN COMPETITION  
SECTION

1. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH
2. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 KG MIN) - D. MAXTED - B/WHALER - 22 KG
3. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (3 KG MIN) - T. D'ALONZO - 13.4 KG
4. HEAVIEST SALMON (3 KG MIN)
5. HEAVIEST DHUFISH
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1 KG MIN) - P. D'ALONZO 2 KG
7. HEAVIEST SAMSON FISH - G. HOLMAN - 18 KG
8. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ROD 4KG OR 9LB B/B LINE MAX
9. HEAVIEST PINK SNAPPER - H. HOLMAN - 5.75 KG
10. HEAVIEST TARWHINE
11. HEAVIEST MACKEREL - H. HOLMAN - 22 KG
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## SAUDI ARABIA

FROM SID WHITING

### MUD IN YOUR EYE

I've spoken earlier of the dust storms here, but even when they're not actually raging, the atmosphere is usually full of dust, which has some interesting effects. For instance, I can spend an hour in the sun without a shirt on in the middle of a 48 degree day in July and not even look like getting burnt. Or on those rare occasions in winter when it spits a few drops of rain, each drop picks up its own weight in atmospheric dust on the way down, and it actually rains mud. Great when you've just cleaned the car!

### OF OLD MEN AND DONKEYS

Up the track a little is an island village called Tarut, joined by a short causeway to the mainland. Life here hasn't quite kept pace with the bigger towns, and the villagers still live in old mud houses in some parts, with goats in the backyard. We found an old white donkey in the keep of an even older man who let the kids sit on the donkey. He then hitched the beast up to an ancient wooden cart big enough for 4 people, and up we climbed - all 7 of us. Our first mistake was not negotiating a price, while the second was not finding out where we were going to be taken. As it happened we finished up clattering our way round a tour of the whole island (or so it seemed). At the finish, one of the others, obviously inexperienced in the gentle art of negotiating, imprudently produced a 50 riyal bill. Quick as a flash, the old bloke held out his hand for another one! Still, it was worth it, although the donkey wouldn't agree, having just been beaten around the island with his masters cane.

### SAUDI HOSPITALITY

We were at the beach late one afternoon, with the kids playing on the swings and slides. A Saudi family were there - mum, dad and the baby in the front of the pickup and 5 more kids playing alongside ours. When walking past their car I greeted him, which he returned. A few minutes later I turned to see one of his boys approaching behind me, gazing up out of huge brown/black eyes, offering me a small cup of the sweet Saudi tea (ie Liptons with about 4 desert spoons of sugar. Diabetes is a big problem over here!). Touched by this ice-breaking gesture, I returned to near his vehicle, and he got and we struck up a conversation. It didn't exactly rollick along, as his English was about as good as my Arabic. She remained in the car where Beth joined her and the baby. While it was subtly obvious that I wasn't supposed to converse with her, she nevertheless remained unveiled and I found it hard not to keep stealing glances, as she was a beautiful woman. Many of the Arabian women possess a rare kind of beauty - rare in more ways than one, as men rarely get to see it due to the custom of women remaining fully covered to other than immediate family. The Bedouin women have slits in their veils exposing just their eyes, which are the most attractive part of them, and they seem to enjoy looking tantalising at you as you pass in the street - you can never quite tell if they are smiling, or what!

We finished up at these peoples' house for tea. This is not much fun for the male visitor, who is shown into the front guest room and that's as far as he gets. Both lots of women and kids disappear into the main house, leaving you to pass the time with him - bit of a drag when you don't speak each other's language. And he's generally not as attractive as his wife either!

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NOTES FROM EDITORS

Christmas General Meeting is on December 13th, we look forward seeing all members, drinks will be supplied by the club.  
P.S. PLEASE BRING A PLATE!!!

At the committee meeting it was decided to enter a team for both the Estuary Championship in February 1990 and the Offshore Championship in March. Any members interested in entering the above please contact Peter Osborne on 401 9035.

The November General Meeting indicated that the December Field Day would be held in the Swan River. Timings will be decided at the December General Meeting.

It was noted in at the November meeting that the January Field Day remain an Open Field Day to be held on the January long weekend. The feeling was to keep the Field Day separate from the Mandurah 500, thus allowing members to concentrate on making the Mandurah 500 a great success.

We have been notified that there will be live firing in the Wedge Island area on December 6th - 7th.

Eric Parker recently celebrated his 40th birthday, on behalf of all the members we wish him MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

The editors would like to wish all members a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR and we look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party.

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