

SURF CASTING AND ANGLING ASSOCIATION

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The beginning of the new year fishing season finds us short of three of our best men: Dudley Brown, Arch. Whitworth and Gordon Hume are leaving the metropolitan area, and the club will really miss them. All three have been of real assistance to the club and we will miss their good company through the long nights on the beach waiting for the big ones to come on the bite.

Lloyd Dunn has taken over the secretarial and editorial work from Gordon Hume. As Lloyd has several other irons in the fire we are fortunate that he is willing to take on the work. However, let me remind you chaps to send in contributions to the magazine - Lloyd doesn't want to have to write all the copy as well as edit it - so get cracking.

The position of champion club liar is now vacant - a position of some eminence in a fishing club - so we are prepared to award a badge to the winner. Suggested motif - a bull rampant on a cloud of dust.

Two members of the Victorian Surf Angling Club were over here for a holiday and we were able to extend to them some fishing hospitality. They were Jack Strong and Rod - two good sports. Vic Davis, Lloyd Dunn and Stan Neaves (a new member) took them over to the West End of Rottneest where the fishing was good. Sharks, groper, dhufish, silver drummer (average 14 lb. ea.) and smaller fish - rock fish and herring - made an interesting weekend and our visitors were greatly impressed with the fishing and the beauty of this first class spot. They have extended an invitation to our members to drop in and see their club any time we happen to be over their way. We took the opportunity to send back our cordial best wishes to the Victorian Surf Angling Club.

A fuller report of the trip will be given at our next general meeting.

V. C. DAVIS

NOTICES

The next GENERAL MEETING will be held at Aussie Cycles on WEDNESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, at 8 p.m.

The Secretary's address is 31 Aberdare Rd., Shenton Park.

The next FIELD DAY will be held about four miles this side of Mandurah. Further details available at next meeting, or from the Secretary.

F O R S A L E

1 SOUTHAM No. 1 SPINNING ROD	...	£14.
1 GRAEME JUNIOR REEL, as new	...	£ 6.
1 SOUTHAM No. 1 SPINNING ROD, plus miscellaneous gear	...	£15.

Recently one of our members, Reg Wertheimer, was holidaying in Geraldton and whilst there he contacted members of the newly formed Geraldton Angling Club.

Judging by the welcome extended to him and the enthusiasm shown at the initial field night held at the local wharf, this body should have a successful career.

At present the fishing in and around Geraldton is rather poor, but locals are hopeful of better catches as the summer progresses.

One point which did impress the visitor was the fact that ample bait (in the form of octopus and fresh cray tails) was provided by professional fishermen of the town.

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We would mention that the above member has been dogged by bad luck with his fishing to date, but he thinks that his new rod and Graeme Supreme Reel will alter matters considerably.

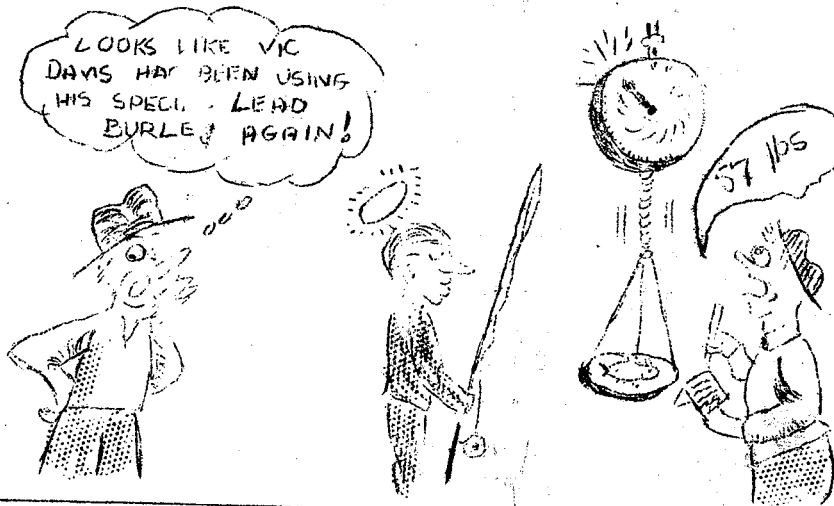
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Anyone offering any opinions regarding one of our esteemed? members who recently tried to kill off a pair of his mates by giving them some chicken which was "off"?

His only error was that the two victims did not take too liberally of his hospitality but his own self did unthinkingly partake of some of said chicken. **RESULT:** Three very sick bods!

Congratulations - he's made it,
No more long casts he'll know.
He never was one to fish for small fry,
And one at a time was too slow.
'Twas Saturday, February was nigh,
When news across the wires did whirl,
"Brownie has landed a double-header,
A bonny boy and a beauty girl."

(Congratulations to Joan and Dudley from club members)



Out on a far sheep station,
Miles from the cooling seas,
Brooding in deep meditation,
Cursing the burning breeze;
Dudley is wielding a sapling,
Trying just one cast more,
Striving to make one hell'u'va cast -
Two hundred miles to the shore.

Biggest heart-break of recent tour to South West by Gordon Hume and Nelson Smith occurred after Gordon had hooked a groper estimated around 40 lbs.

After hooking and holding the fish for a few minutes Gordon thought he would be sporting and play it, so loosened his drag. Result, 1 fish plus six reefs on end of line followed very shortly by six reefs minus 1 fish on end of line.

Shortly after this episode, while fishing for Johnny Dory and Sweep in an adjoining hole and equipped with light two piece split cane rod, 14 lb. nylon and 4/0 viking hook Nelson not only hooked but landed a 19 lb. groper (3 witnesses). I'm thinking Gordon was sorry this ever happened, as the advice he got in catching big fish for the rest of the trip must have got a bit monotonous. Anyway it was noticed that thereafter his rod and reel were left in camp and a length of 75 lbs. nylon, complete with big hook, took their place.