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NEXT GENERAL MEETING (FEBRUARY)

The February General Meeting will be held at the National Fitness Council Pavilion, 50 James Street, Perth on February 13th, 1963 at 8 p.m. SHARP.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD

As it is some time now since we have had an evening on Reels, etc., and as we have so many new members who may have problems and are seeking information on this all important part of our gear, now is the opportunity to find the answers to same.

So come along and bring your problems, if any, or if you have no problems but perhaps handy hints - let's in on them. We are all ready to learn anything new and discuss them.

LAST COMMITTEE MEETING (JANUARY)

The last Committee Meeting was held at the residence of Bob Tucker and his good wife Elaine, to whom we are indebted for their hospitality. Our many thanks to Bob and Mrs. Tucker and also to the other ladies who helped with the supper. The business of the evening was quite extensive and was not concluded until 10.45 p.m.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING (FEBRUARY)

The next Committee Meeting will be held at the residence of Ken and Mrs. Wiggins :-

ADDRESS: 22 Bishopsgate Street,  
VICTORIA PARK.

ANNUAL DINNER, DANCE AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The Presentation of Trophies and Annual Dance will again be held at Hackett Hall, Floreat Park, in JUNE, and as last year, this function is to be restricted to FINANCIAL MEMBERS ONLY.

As last years Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Trophies was voted such a success by all members who attended and which as far as I could see could not be improved a great deal, it has been decided that the same procedure will be adopted for a similar evening for members this year.

This evenings entertainment for members is entirely in the hands of our very capable Social Organiser, Ken Wiggins, who will explain the pros and cons as they come to hand. But I would suggest to all members that they let him know as soon as possible whether they will be attending this all important club function and making it the success it was last year.

Price of tickets is to be £1. 1. 0. a head and if it is more convenient to members this can be paid in part to save an outlay when the Dinner, Dance payment is due. See Ken or Treasurer, Ted Savage.

RE DOUG SAVAGE

As most members know Doug was in a car accident a few weeks ago and unfortunately did not come out unscathed. But Ted informs that Doug is on the mend now and is starting to take notice of things once again, which I am sure we are all pleased to hear, and if any member is in the proximity of 188 Lockhart Street, Canning Bridge, he is welcome to drop in and have a yak.

It is good to hear that you are on the mend, Doug, and I hope that it is not long before you are a'fishin' with us again.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FROM  
A. C. GULL

Dear Mr. Ed. I've carefully read  
What you wrote in your previous edition  
And I'd like to say in my shy gentle way  
Let us alter the whole competition.

We all of us wish to catch a big fish  
And that's only right and proper  
But it should be deplored to seek a reward  
Each time you latch on to a whopper.

The aim of the club and the path of the sub  
Shouldn't end with a mass presentation  
Much better jobs could be done with the bobs  
And give rise to far less irritation.

I think in the main that material gain  
Has no very potent appeal  
Between you and me most boys would agree  
They're fishing to fill up the creel.

Consider the sport who never has caught  
A decent sized fish for his tea  
Should you ask if a prize would make his spirits rise  
He'd tell you "Go jump in the sea".

Then there's the lad whose heart's always glad  
And he thrills to the feel of his rod  
All he seeks is the whine of a peeling off line  
And a healthy communion with God.

Again there's the chappie whose always quite happy  
To give you the run of his pack  
A sinker or rig, a sandwich or cig.  
Just a case of "Go help yourself Jack".

I'd like to suggest and I hope that the rest  
Will give the matter fair trial  
Without further ado let's try something new  
And see if we can make it worthwhile.

The chap with the bag who has got a big swag  
And enjoyed all the pleasant reaction  
Has had his reward, let him go by the board,  
And blow up with self satisfaction.

T'wixt the reels and the jigs and the chaps north of Triggs  
This business doesn't enrapture  
Away with the pot, chuck out the whole lot  
Present a card of certified capture.

The chaps worth a prize in my baby blue eyes  
And their value's quite easy to measure  
Are the lads with a smile who make it worth while  
To fish with your mates just for pleasure.

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The ability to sin differs among people. For example,  
a short-armed fisherman isn't as big a liar as a long-  
armed one.

DRY CASTING - January 6th, 1963.

Twenty three members and four juniors attended the casting, an excellent attendance considering that it was in the holiday period, and I think we all got our money's worth as some of the casting in the open had to be seen to be believed. Bill Bridger led the way with a magnificent cast of 429ft. (143 yds.) which establishes a new record for this event. Congratulations Bill, it certainly was a mighty cast. Noel Knight coming back into his own was second with 399 ft. and Allan Bunnett getting better all the time came third with 389 ft. Some of the other efforts well worth a mention were Bob Tichbon 384 ft., Bob Jensen 379 ft., Bob Tucker 366 ft., Bob Lilly 360 ft, Keith Mulvay 351 ft., Mick Doscas 337 ft. and Don Beadon 329 ft. which shows how the boys are improving.

In the Distance Event Bob Lilly with a cast of 364 ft. proved a good advertisement for the fixed spool reels as he topped the list, just heading Noel Knight who cast 363 ft., followed by Bob Jensen with 346ft. Noel Knight turned the tables where it matters most, with a score of 354 - 116 - 470, with Bob Lilly next 342 - 117 - 459 and Keith Mulvay 297 - 160 - 457.

The Double Handed Accuracy proved a day out for Bob Jensen with a score of 62/80, breaking the previous record. Congratulations Bob. Then came Bill Bridger with a good score of 51/80 and Keith Mulvay 43/80. Bill Bridger scored a bull and eight members scored with all four casts, no mean effort when the targets are 80 and 50 yards away.

In the Single Handed Accuracy Noel Knight finished way out in front with a score of 27/40, Bob Lilly was next with 18/40, and Ian McLennan, who always seems to come good in this event, was third with 16/40. Norm Clark, that's me in case anyone hasn't heard, managed to jag a bull, and only Noel Knight had the honour of scoring with all four casts.

In the Open Event there is only one more fixture and at present Bill Bridger holds a handy lead.

Following is a list of scores as they stand now, with the January scores in brackets :

OPEN TOTAL POINTS

W. Bridger	(429)	1185	J. Strong	(296)	889
R. Lilly	(360)	1050	D. Beadon	(329)	861
R. Jensen	(379)	1038	W. Utting	(314)	602
R. Tucker	(366)	1028	G. Greenham	(285)	566
V. Knight	(399)	1000	T. Smith	(315)	552
A. Bunnnett	(389)	965	I. McLennan	(275)	517
M. Doscas	(337)	965	K. Mulvay	(351)	351
R. Tichbon	(384)	940	J. Harvey	(291)	291

With only three more casting days to go Noel Knight has a handy lead but anything can happen, and with Noel's handicap now down below the 100 mark he is going to find those points harder and harder to get. Anyway, my bet is that it is still going to be a keen tussle for the first three places. The scores with the January scores in brackets are as follows :

SENIOR TOTAL POINTS

N. Knight	(106)	796	L. Tate	( A )	463
N. Cross	( A )	745	A. Bunnnett	( 84 )	454
R. Tucker	( 84 )	741	W. Utting	( 84 )	441
R. Lilly	(104)	709	G. Greenham	( 36 )	402
R. Kildahl	( 78 )	685	D. Beadon	( 76 )	399
R. Jensen	( 88 )	659	T. Smith	( 58 )	327
I. McLennan	( 83 )	631	E. White	( 32 )	314
K. Mulvay	(103)	627	R. Elliss	( 18 )	296
W. Bridger	( 70 )	602	M. Doscas	( 52 )	283
J. Strong	( 59 )	558	R. Phillips	( 53 )	163
N. Wilkerson	( 61 )	554	N. Fisher	( A )	154
R. Tichbon	( 84 )	552	H. Gregory	( A )	58
N. Clark	( 65 )	546	J. Harvey	( 32 )	32
H. Neil	( a )	496	D. Rogers	( 32 )	32
A. Livesey	( a )	479			

Once again the handicaps come up for review with the following results :

N. Knight	116 - 91
R. Lilly	117 - 108
R. Mulvey	160 - 148
D. Beadon	191 - 180
T. Smith	206 - 196
I. McLennan	204 - 199

JUNIOR SECTION

Once again there were only four juniors present but they are all keen and you can see an improvement from month to month. In the Open Section young Don Bridger is following in his father's footsteps, as he broke the record with a nice cast of 265 ft. Good going Don. Next came Rick Jensen 254 ft., Ken Hunt 239 ft. and Bob Utting 226 ft. In the Distance Event Bob Utting finished first with 183 - 267 - 450, in the Double Handed Accuracy Ken Hunt topped the score with 24/80 and in the Single Handed Accuracy both Ken Hunt and Rick Jensen broke the existing record with a score of 18/40. Good going lads. The position with the juniors is as follows :

JUNIOR TOTAL POINTS

Don Bridger	(62)	579	Ken Hunt	(70)	338
Rick Jensen	(64)	555	Bob Utting	(46)	189

Adjustments to the juniors handicaps are as follows :

Ken Hunt	257 - 248	Bob Utting	267 - 252
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The events for the next Casting Day 3rd February starting at 10.0 a.m. SHARP are as follows :

Bait Distance

D.H. Accuracy Bait

S.H. Accuracy Spinner

Hoping to see as many there as possible and I can assure all members if they have a free morning on the 3rd February they can make it quite enjoyable. Even if they don't wish to cast, there always seems to be plenty to talk about.

NORM CLARK D.C.O.

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FIELD DAY AND OPEN FISHING COMPETITIONS AND DRYCASTING

Last months issue of "Reel Talk" carried a reminder to members of the competitions for the 1963 - 64 year. To any member who may have given this matter consideration as to alterations etc., to the benefit of these competitions and to all club members will they please forward these alterations etc., to any Committee man or hand in at our next General Meeting, February, so that they can be perused by Committee in February and they can be printed in March issue of "Reel Talk" for adoption, or otherwise, by the general members in March, for our present competitions finish on the 30th April and the new one starts on the 1st May.

IS YOUR SALT WATER DRAG SLOW OR STICKY?

As we all know prior to our present day reels which are smoother running, better finished and more evenly balanced, the thumb, finger or palm of the hand was the only drag we had to slow, stop, turn and wear out a fish, but today most reels are fitted with a drag, and as new reels come out they are modified, improved and with particular emphasis being placed on the drag.

Even though the reels are better finished and the drags work smoother, they still, with use, sometimes abuse wear. This is unavoidable for after all that is what we have the reel for - to use not to keep nice and clean, well oiled and locked in a box. Consequently the more a reel is used the more it will possibly wear and the following is what Ian Brown found to be the cause of the heading "Slow and Sticky" and how he rectified the cause in his Saltwater Reel:

Bearing in mind that uneven pressure and warped plates may cause the action of your drag to be tardy and uneven. First look at the drag spring. It may be found that the ends of the spring have been cut off, out of square. If this is so and it nearly always is, then dress the ends back to square with an emery wheel, and finish off on a fine oil stone using the figure of eight stroke.

Now for parts  $\pm 7$  in your Mitchell handbook, the serated washer may be twisted slightly. This may be proved by laying the washer on the oil-stone (preferably one with a level surface) and using one finger to lightly move it back and forth in a figure of eight motion, continue to do this until each tooth shows sign of being ground. Now repeat on the reverse side.

Next the horse-shoe washer, this requires only enough set to sound the alarm or ratchet when the drag is operating. Any extra set only serves to stiffen the clutch.

Having gone this far, it takes little effort to true the remaining plates. Using again the light pressure of one finger and the figure of eight stroke on the oil stone aim for a mirror like finish. Don't forget do the two sides.

Finally keep your drag washers clean and polished at all times and who knows we may have the answer to the "Spanish Mackerel" on our next trip to the Murcheson.

FIELD DAY GOLDEN BAY - 12th and 13th January, 1963.

Weather conditions : Fresh Easterly and South-Easterly winds which gave a calm sea and a clear picture of the main channel and holes, so offering no difficulty for members to choose a place to fish. These conditions were quite a change to what we have been encountering on some of our recent Field Days. It was quite a relief to be able to fish and not have to de-weed every few minutes. Not that everything was all our way, for the sand crabs were numerous, (1 as one member was overheard to say "Those crabs are mighty expensive to feed with the scarcity and price of Mulies").

The attendance for this Field Day was an all time high, and made a Club Record. 43 members, 3 visitors, 13 juniors and 3 junior visitors made an overall tally of 62 anglers, which gives an indication that local Field Days are popular with members and by the figures of fish captured at this outing it would appear that nearly everyone caught fish. Though the general size of the Tailor were small according to the Tailor that we catch at times, at least they were there to be caught.

When the locals who ususally fish Golden Bay arrived on the scene they were amazed at the array of rods and bods that adorned the golden sands and which looked like a picket fence along the waters edge and I believe that quite a few characters weren't too happy at having their favourite spots taken and could not quite make out what was happening.

( It was most pleasing to see quite a few of the lads along that do not generally make it to all Field Days and I am sure that they all enjoyed themselves and I hope that we will see them all along to our next Field Day and also another good attendance by juniors who appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves, though Horrie Muirson is looking for a good second hand ball and chain to tie his young one up. Horrie reckons that as his lad grows older he should be growing younger to keep up with him.

On arrival at the venue the Club sign was erected and in short time we were ready for business and then the cars loaded with rods and bods. etc. started to arrive and Tom Backhouse, Norma Clark and

myself were kept busy issuing cards and entering names in the Attendance Book, and then the lads were away to find a "hot spot". Alan Livesey and "Snow" Tate decided to go South and once again they did the right thing for with Doug Newton, Joe Strange, "Lofty" Griffith and young Bill Newton they all came back with good bags of Tailor and Sharks and by all accounts they had themselves a wow of a time for they were bitten off, broken off, snapped off and had the piscatorial pleasure that most of us would also have liked to have been in. Our turn next time possibly.

"Tiger" Lilly's party comprising Bob Tucker, Jerry Windus, Tom Smith and Ron McQueen headed for the point at the North end of the beach in an endeavour to find the "right" spot. Though the North did not return the fish captures that the South end did - most of the lads returned reasonable bags and Jerry had the edge on most of the lads who went thataway and it was good to see him get stuck into fish for Jerry has been a most persistent tryer.

Ron Shirley and his young friend also went North and they chose a likely looking spot right on the point and when Ron's mate got a run and eventually landed a nice Mulloway at about 4.30 p.m. we all thought that this was going to be the place and day, but unfortunately there was only the one decent size Mulloway and another small one that Mick Coleman-Doscas caught much later on until around sundown when the small Tailor came on.

Norm Giles followed D. Rogers and D. Webb down South where they collected good bags of Tailor without too much trouble and it was good to see the newer members returning with good catches.

When Norm Clark and visitor Doug Hibbon and myself walked over to the beach around 5.30 p.m. we were amazed at the line-up of anglers stretching right along the beach North and South, and of the activity that was taking place. Ern White was observed laying into it and casting almost across the channel. Arch Tickle and his boon companion "Rocky" Backhouse were busy clowning and proudly showing off their catch of several Whiting. What a pair of outlaws these two are. I don't know when I've seen two chaps get so much fun out of life as these two. If there is anything going on you

can bet they are in it. (Sorry you couldn't get a Rockie though - Arthur. Ed.)

Further up the beach Ron Kildahl and Bob Flein were also doing their level best to find a big Tailor amongst the mediocre size fish, but it was a bit of a battle as it was also for Bill Utting and the lads with him, though they looked that comfortable in their little beach tent that it really didn't matter if the fish weren't big. Kevin Hawker and his lad were observed getting into fish and young Bill Hawker was the runner and stood watch on Kevin's second rod. Young Greg. Clark showed us all up by landing three Tailor before most of the lads around us had had a bite, then Norm collected several - my score being 5 over size Sand Crabs after using 5 packets of Mulies.

Alf Rutland came by later on and gave a report on the activities up North where Mick Boscas, Hugh Gregory, George Greenham and Bob Tichbon were also, and stated that most of the lads had caught a few though nothing big, although Hugh Gregory was ready for all takers and was just about ready to bite the butt off his rods as he watched Ron Shirley pulling in Tailor and he couldn't get a bite.

The size of some of the Tailor really staggered me for I didn't know when I have seen them so small for a long time. About the size they catch on the Mandurah Bridge. Most of the lads cut them up for bait and many were rejected at the weigh-in, for even though they had the length, they did not have the required weight of three to one pound. The most remarkable thing about this was that while the fish up North were small and not really plentiful, down South one could almost say was the direct opposite, and this information should be borne in mind for anyone thinking of going down that way again in the next month or so.

Several of the lads fished through the night, but on this occasion these efforts were not sufficiently rewarded for an all night vigil though who was to know that, but by 11 p.m. most of the lads had hit the sack ready for an early morning start and shortly after 4 a.m. most of the lads were back on the beach thrashing the water

with Mullies to entice the finny fellows, though once again the Sand Crabs and Whiting came into their own and quickly tore the baits to pieces which eventually was enough to discourage most and by 6.30 there was a steady flow of anglers heading wearily towards the Parking Area for the weigh-in.

The total weight of fish caught amounted to 298 lbs. of Scale Fish, plus 91 lbs. of Sharks was quite reasonable and our total of Scale Fish caught on Field Days now reads at 1,598 lb., and with three venues to go to complete this years competition there is every indication that we should better last years total of 1,628 lb., and more especially so if we can continue to have the good attendance figures of members that we have had on recent Field Day outings.

It was good to see Bertie Payne along again and true to form Bert Said later that he knew where the fish would be. Good on you Bert. It was also pleasing to see George Hampton and Steve along and George says that from now on he will "be in it" as often as possible. It is good to see the dads and their lads enjoying themselves. There could be more of it.

The sad note on the Field Day was when Charlie Crouch let his grandson wash the fish he had caught which meant a loss to Charlie for the bag of fish was pulled out of the youngsters hand by a wave and so they returned from whence they came, but Bob Lilly came to the fore and compensated Charlie by giving him fish from his bag, which once again proves a real club spirit of friendship amongst members.

Ted Savage managed to sneak in a little fishing time. Ted got his half dozen Tailor and then made tracks for home. It was good to see you along Ted and we hope that it will not be too long before we have Doug along with us again.

My many thanks to the lads that assisted me on this Field Day, and I certainly needed all the help that I could get. To the winners of the different Awards I would like to offer my congratulations, to those who were close winners, here's hoping

that you will make it next time.

The next Field Day is at Preston Beach, South of Mandurah, off the old coast road. Arrangements are being worked out now for this venue, and the pros and cons will be available at the next General Meeting. The Club Sign will be the centre of operations. There will be one parking area for vehicles. All members to report in at the Club Sign. Fishing area will be as far North and South as members wish to walk. Weigh-in time will be 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.  
PUTTING WATER.

Let's see another good roll up on the 16th and 17th February at PRESTON BEACH.

JIM STRONG

F.D.O.

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The following is a list of a few of the more common fish, captured on Field Days, and their minimum legal lengths. A full list was published in the November Reel Talk and members are reminded that for weigh-in requirements fish must weigh THREE TO THE POUND.

Bream	10 inches
Flathead	11 "
Jewfish	13 "
Mulloway	13 "
Pike	13 "
Ruff (or Sea Herring)	7 "
Salmon	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Snook	11 "
Tailor	9 "
Trevally (Skipjack)	8 "
Whiting, Sand	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Whiting, King George	10 "

L.L. Distance

D.H. Accuracy

S.H. Accuracy

	Pty.	L.L. Distance							D.H. Accuracy				S.H. Accuracy				Tot. Pts.	Inc. Att.			
		1.	2.	3.	Tot.	Ave.	Hcp.	Tot.	Pts.	1.	2.	1.	2.	1.	2.						
N. Knight	15	360	363	355	1063	354	116	470	40	3	13	-	13	29	9	6	5	7	27	96	106
R. Lilly	-	342	321	364	1027	342	117	459	38	16	-	11	11	38	3	6	9	-	18	94	104
K. Mulvay	15	315	289	303	892	297	160	457	36	-	14	12	17	43	2	6	-	6	14	93	103
R. Jensen	45	325	329	346	955	318	95	413	12	18	15	14	15	62	-	2	-	2	4	78	88
R. Tucker	15	316	332	332	965	322	121	443	28	2	9	12	9	32	6	4	-	4	14	74	84
R. Tichbon	-	282	303	321	906	302	140	442	26	8	-	5	15	38	3	-	7	-	10	74	84
A. Bunnett	45	308	303	320	886	295	140	435	22	8	14	2	15	39	-	7	-	6	13	74	84
W. Utting	15	279	300	287	851	284	148	432	20	17	3	11	11	42	-	2	5	5	12	74	84
I. McLennan	30	256	259	237	722	241	204	445	30	-	14	-	13	27	-	7	2	7	16	73	83
R. Kildahl	15	266	291	253	795	265	155	420	18	14	10	3	9	36	7	5	-	2	14	68	78
D. Beadon	15	258	269	282	794	265	191	456	34	-	7	4	6	17	4	5	6	-	15	66	76
W. Bridger	15	80	247	120	432	144	75	219	0	8	20	13	10	51	-	5	-	4	9	60	70
N. Clark	-	234	246	243	723	241	197	438	24	11	6	-	2	19	-	2	-	10	12	55	65
N. Wilkerson	15	291	306	B.O.	582	194	151	345	2	10	16	-	12	38	3	7	-	1	11	51	61
J. Strong	30	239	264	266	739	246	169	415	14	-	14	-	14	28	-	-	1	6	7	49	59
T. Smith	15	246	240	275	746	249	206	455	32	-	15	-	-	15	-	1	-	-	1	48	58
R. Phillips	45	226	226	218	625	208	210	418	16	15	-	-	-	15	-	8	-	-	12	43	53
M. Doscas	45	260	290	275	780	260	147	407	10	6	10	5	5	26	-	-	1	5	6	42	52
G. Greenham	30	239	253	248	710	237	183	420	18	-	3	-	2	5	-	3	-	-	3	26	36
E. White	-	225	225	150	600	200	194	394	8	-	-	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	0	22	32
J. Harvey	30	234	80	255	539	180	210	390	6	-	16	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	0	22	32
D. Rogers	-	B.O.	266	246	512	171	210	361	4	1	-	17	-	18	-	-	-	-	0	22	32
R. Elliss	15	B.O.	203	50	238	79	170	249	0	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	4	8	18

JUNIORS

K. Hunt	30	198	224	185	577	192	257	449	18	-	6	4	14	24	5	8	-	5	18	60	70
R. Jensen	-	218	220	223	661	220	201	421	16	-	13	-	7	20	-	7	8	3	18	54	64
D. Bridger	-	118	85	168	371	124	204	328	14	-	5	-	18	23	-	8	5	2	15	52	62
R. Utting	45	175	186	214	550	183	267	450	20	-	-	-	4	4	4	-	8	-	12	36	46

FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY 11th & 12th JANUARY, 1963.

A. Livesey	34 Tailor, 1 Mulloway	26	lbs.
	1 Shark	17	"
J. Strange	32 Tailor	24	"
J. Griffiths	29 Tailor	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
	1 Shark	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
N. Giles	24 Tailor	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
D. Rogers	24 Tailor	16	"
R. Tucker	15 Tailor, 2 Herring	14	"
L. Tate	17 Tailor	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
	1 Shark	22	"
R. Shirley	12 Tailor	12	"
B. Payne	7 Tailor	11	"
T. Smith	14 Tailor, 4 Herring	11	"
D. Webb	14 Tailor	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
	2 Sharks	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
R. Lilly	11 Tailor, 1 Herring	10	"
G. Windus	11 Tailor	10	"
R. McQueen	6 Tailor	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	"
	1 Shark	8	"
M. Doscas	1 Mulloway, 4 Tailor	5	"
R. Jensen	9 Tailor	5	"
G. Greenham	10 Tailor	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
A. Rutland	6 Tailor	4	"
T. Savage	6 Tailor	3	"
R. Tichbon	3 Tailor, 3 Herring	3	"
H. Gregory	5 Tailor	3	"
G. Hampton	2 Silver Bream, 1 King G. Whtg.	3	"
C. Wollington	4 Tailor	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
K. Hawker	3 Tailor	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	"
N. Clark	3 Tailor	2	"
A. Tickle	4 Tailor	2	"
A. Backhouse	3 Tailor	2	"
A. Bunnett	1 Tailor	1	"
T. Fuller	2 Tailor	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
C. Houghton	2 Tailor, 2 Herring	2	"
N. Crouch	2 Tailor	1	"
E. White	1 Tailor	1	"
J. Utting	1 Tailor	1	"
P. Kildahl	2 Tailor	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"

Fish caught on Field Day 11th & 12th January, 1963 continued:

JUNIORS

W. Newton	14 Tailor	$10\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.
R. Newton	8 Tailor	7	"
T. Backhouse	2 Tailor	$1\frac{1}{2}$	"
G. Clark	3 Tailor	$1\frac{1}{2}$	"
R. Jensen	3 Tailor	$1\frac{1}{2}$	"
K. Clugston	1 Tailor	1	"

VISITORS - SENIOR

D. Hibbon	2 Tailor	$1\frac{1}{2}$	"
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VISITORS - JUNIOR

R. Hancock	4 Tailor, 2 Herring, 1 Mulloway	10	"
D. Payne	2 Tailor, 7 Silver Bream	$6\frac{1}{4}$	"
S. Hampton	3 Silver Bream	2	"

Total Weight of Scale Fish 298 lbs.

Total Weight of Sharks 91 "

MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED FIELD DAY. Golden Bay 12th & 13th Jan. 1963.

C. Wollington	R. Tucker	H. Muirson	C. Crouch
J. Strong	T. Smith	R. Hanson	G. Greenham
N. Clark	R. McQueen	G. Hampton	M. Doscas
W. Utting	G. Windus	P. Neri	T. Savage
D. Webb	J. Strange	F. Bolton	B. Payne
D. Rogers	L. Tate	H. Gregory	E. White
R. Shirley	A. Livesey	R. Tichbon	A. Rutland
N. Giles	T. Fuller	A. Backhouse	A. Bunnett
A. Davey	R. Kildahl	A. Tickle	D. Newton
K. Hawker	B. Klein	J. Griffiths	J. Harvey
R. Lilly	C. Houghton	N. Crouch	

JUNIORS

T. Wollington	T. Backhouse	R. Utting	J. Smith
G. Clark	B. Hawker	K. Clugston	S. Hampton
G. Davidson	R. Jenson	K. Hunt	W. Newton
R. Newton			

VISITORS - SENIOR

D. Hibbon	B. Bradley	B. Johnson
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VISITORS - JUNIOR

S. O'Mara	R. Hancock	D. Payne
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The above combined attendance (62) is a Club record since the inception of the Club.

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AWARD WINNERS

<u>Heaviest Scale Fish</u>	R. McQueen	2 lb. Tailor
<u>Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish</u>	A. Livesey	26 lb. Tailor & Mulloway
<u>Heaviest Shark or Ray</u>	L. Tate	22 lb. Black Tipped Shark
<u>JUNIOR SECTION</u>		
<u>Heaviest Bag. of Scale Fish</u>	W. Newton	10 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Tailor

JUNIOR FISHING COMPETITIONS - 1ST MAY 1962 TO 30TH APRIL, 1963

OPEN FISHING COMPETITION

SECTION 1.      HEAVIEST SHARK      (Club Trophy)

No Entry

SECTION 2.      HEAVIEST SCALE FISH      (Vins Sport Store Trophy)

W. Newton      81b. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Salmon  
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FIELD DAY FISHING COMPETITION

SECTION 1.      Ten points for attendance. One point per pound  
of Scale Fish. **THREE** fish per pound. Half a point  
per pound for Sharks. Top ten scores only:

W. Newton	107	K. Hunt	82	D. Clegg	45
K. Clugston	91	R. Newton	72	R. Utting	30
R. Jenson	91	T. Backhouse	69	B. Hawker	30
		G. Davidson	67		

SECTION 2.      HEAVIEST SCALE FISH      (Bob Jensen Trophy)

K. Clugston      8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Mulloway      (October Field Day)

SECTION 3.      HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH ON A FIELD DAY  
(All fish must weigh at least **THREE** to the pound)  
(Jim Hawkins Trophy)

K. Clugston      22 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Scale Fish      (October Field  
Day)

SECTION 4.      HEAVIEST TAILOR

K. Clugston      2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Tailor      (October Field Day)

OPEN FISHING COMPETITION - 1ST MAY 1962 TO 30TH APRIL 1963

- SECTION 1.      MOST MERITOROUS CATCH (Fish to be nominated  
by Committee at end of current fishing  
Competition) (Club Trophy)
- SECTION 2.      HEAVIEST SHARK (Wobby's, Carpet, Port  
Jackson & Fiddle Sharks etc. excepted.)  
(Intrepid Std. Reel. H.J. McWhillan &  
Co. Trophy)
- N. Cross      74 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Blue Whaler      Yallingup
- SECTION 3.      HEAVIEST MULLOWAY  
(1 Box Spinners Halco Engineering Trophy)
- N. Wilkerson      9 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Mulloway      Rottnest
- SECTION 4.      HEAVIEST SALMON  
(1 Box Fisherman line, 23 lb. E.J. Todd Trophy)
- N. Knight      12lb. Salmon      Rottnest
- SECTION 5.      HEAVIEST TAILOR  
(Nick & Charlie Crouch Trophy)
- N. Knight      9 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Tailor      Rottnest
- SECTION 6.      HEAVIEST JEWFISH OR GROPER  
(1 Box Danyl line 19lb. W. Jones Pty.Ltd Trophy)
- H. Gregory      34lb. Jewfish      Rottnest
- SECTION 7.      HEAVIEST JELLOWTAIL KINGFISH (1 Slazenger Rod  
Grip and £1.1.0d. Cash. Halycon Products Trophy)
- N. Cross      29lb. 10 oz. Kingfish      Moore River

SECTION 8.

POINTS PER POUND (Club Trophy)  
 One point per pound of Scale Fish. Half a point  
 for Sharks (Minimum size THREE fish per pound.)  
 Top ten scores only :

R. Tucker	316	N. Crouch	207	W. Utting	68
N. Cross	269	N. Wilkerson	198	T. Smith	65
N. Knight	280	B. Payne	117	I. McLennan	39
		J. Strong	73		

SECTION 9.

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (Other than sec. 1-7 & 10-15)  
 J. Walker Fishing Rod - H.J. McWhillan Trophy

A. Livesey 13lb. 4 oz. Buff Bream Rottnest

SECTION 10.

HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT ON S.H. ROD  
 (L. Butterworth Rod - Doman Indents Trophy)

B. Payne 11 lb. 3 oz. Salmon

SECTION 11.

HEAVIEST SNAPPER  
 (Crackles Sport Store Trophy)

D. Savage 21 lb. 8 oz. Snapper

SECTION 12.

HEAVIEST BREEM (Tarwhine or Black Bream)  
 (Linnetts Sport Store Trophy)

K. Hunt 5lb. B/Bream Swan River, Belmont

SECTION 13.

HEAVIEST SPANISH MACKERAL OR TUNA (Club Trophy)

No Entry

SECTION 14.

HEAVIEST SKIPJACK  
 (1 pair Waders - Committee Members Trophy)

L. Tate 5lb. Skipjack Rottnest

SECTION 15.

HEAVIEST PIKE  
 (1 Fish Ashtray - Perth Sport Store Trophy)

N. Knight 4lb. Pike Rottnest

FIELD DAY FISHING COMPETITION - MAY 1962 TO APRIL 1963.

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 pound for all eligible Sharks. The following are members with high points at present:-

R. Lilly	237	T. Savage	93
A. Livesey	211	N. Giles	92
R. Shirley	193	C. Crouch	86
J. Strong	190	H. Gregory	85
N. Crouch	184	A. Rutland	85
R. Kildahl	162	R. McQueen	72
L. Tate	161	G. Windus	72
G. Greenham	129	T. Fuller	71
I. McLennan	108	C. Houghton	70
T. Smith	107	D. Newton	66
B. Jensen	105	H. Neil	63
G. Griffiths	104	P. Neri	61
R. Tichbon	103	D. Webb	59
W. Utting	99	J. Strange	54

SECTION 2.

KEN M. THEWS TROPHY Heaviest Scale Fish  
(Second Six Months Period November to April)

I. Brown 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Mulloway (November Field Day)

SECTION 3.

MOST MERITORIOUS CATCH

(To be nominated by Committee at the end of the current fishing competition)

SECTION 4.

HEAVIEST SHARK (Exclusive of Wobby's, Carpet, Port Jackson, Fiddle Sharks etc. Field Day Officer to decide. Minimum weight 15 lb.)

R. Shirley 24lb. School Shark (October Field Day)

SECTION 5.      HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (Minimum weight 5lb.)  
J. Strong    12lb. Mulloway    (October Field Day)

SECTION 6.      HEAVIEST TAILOR (Minimum weight 4lb.)  
R. Lilly    5 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Tailor (September Field Day)

SECTION 7.      HEAVIEST SALMON    (Minimum weight 7lb.)  
N. Crouch    10lb. Salmon (May Field Day)

SECTION 8.      HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE  
A. Livesey    1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Skipjack (September Field Day)

SECTION 9.      HEAVIEST CATCH OF SCALE FISH ON A FIELD DAY  
(Over 20lb. and a minimum weight THREE fish  
to the pound)

R. Lilly    49 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of Mulloway and Tailor  
(June Field Day)

SECTION 10.      HEAVIEST SCALE FISH CAUGHT ON A SPINNER  
(Single or Double Handed rod. Minimum  
weight two pound)

No Entry.

ON THE REEF AT MOORE RIVER

The following are excerpts from letters to our Secretary, Ian McLennan from one of our most ardent and successful and popular club members, Norrie Cross. The first is an account of a "trip to the Reef" at Moore River, which is so graphic that one almost feels that one is with him and the next is of exploits in the Darwin area which I am sure all readers will admit is educational and informative.

Our many thanks for your most interesting letters Norrie, and let me assure you that they will always be welcome. May your stay in the N.T. be of a short duration with whips of fishing and that we will soon have you back with us gracing our Field Days and Casting Days, etc.

Monday, 17th December, 1962.

Dear Ian,

First of all I should like to express my appreciation of the kind words and presentation at the December meeting. I deeply regret that I lacked the words to really show how overwhelmed I was at the sincere and spontaneous gestures of friendship from all at the meeting. Even now I can only say that being a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. has been the finest experience of my life, not only in the amount that I've learned about fishing and casting from what I consider to be a cross-section of the top representatives of their sport in the country, but also for the deep and lasting friendships that I have made and shall always treasure. My one ambition now is to return after two years and take an active part in the affairs of the Club. In the meantime I shall look forward to the monthly Reel Talk to keep tabs on you all, and when I learn a little bit about Darwin and its fishing I promise to send an occasional letter. We intend to invest in a 35mm camera and if I ever learn to master it perhaps I shall be able to project some slides of N.T. one Club meeting night.

My apologies for not attending the Quinn's field day. Here's hoping that the results were up to my prediction. I was more or less under an obligation to take a friend up to the Moore

River. He has been in South Australia for three years and spent a few days here prior to leaving for overseas and was keen to try himself out on the reef north of the Moore River. Results to a certain extent were disappointing. Evening fishing was poor due to the strong sou'westerly, weed and rip, but during the night kingies and tailor up to 4lbs. were caught. In the morning about 25 anglers were flogging mulies off the reef and the tailor were surprisingly scarce despite perfect conditions. However about half a dozen kingies took trolled mulies and most people gave it away when these went off. The average catch was three or four tailor. With my companions, Jock Sharpe and Bruce McIntyre, I knocked off and brewed the billy. At about 9 a.m. I facetiously declared that I was going out to try for a yellowtail. I sent a herring out 200 yards on a balloon using the tatler and heavy rod, but this didn't produce so reverted to flogging mulies on the Mitchell. Retrieving my very first cast I spotted a herring proceeding in airborne hops, one hop ahead of a yellowtail and I streaked my bait in and plopped it in front of him. He followed it right to my feet but turned away so I scrunched a handful of Mulies and scattered them about 20 yards in front of my fishing spot. He swan around quite lazily in front of me and on the second cast the line tightened and we were in business for the next forty minutes. When he started to tire I had several very good side views of him and he showed clearly broad dark bands along his body which convinced me that I was into a samson fish. However, immediately Bruce gaffed him out of the surf south of the reef the bands disappeared withinseconds and he lay there an even bronze colour, a yellowtail kingfish. I must confess that I am completely perplexed about this business of Samson fish and Yellowtails. Roughly states that at one stage of their growth it is impossible to distinguish one from the other. I finally convinced myself that it was in fact a Yellowtail by Roughley's illustrations which shows that this fish differs from the Samson fish in having the final ray of the Dorsal fin flaring upwards instead of downward. However, this is the first of the four yellowtail that I have landed which has had clearly defined bands on its body. We had a cheap camera with us and if the prints come out I will forward a photo for perusal. I have enclosed an entry form for the fish which I hope will kick the competition along a bit. It will go off all to soon, and I sincerley hope that Section 7 finally goes off with a Yellowtail in excess of 50lbs.

I feel that the last yellowtail was my swan song even though I have several dozen mulies left in the freezer. Time is running out - the painting isn't finished yet!

Compliments of the season to you, Ian, and many thanks for the beautiful rig last year at the Moore River. I can honestly say that I have learned something about fishing from every member of the Club whose company I have had on the beach at some time or another on our field days. Looking forward to lots more of them!

Best wishes and tight lines.

(sgd.) Norrie

SUNDAY, 6th January, 1963.

Dear Ian,

Enclosed is a snap of the 29lbs. 10 oz. yellowtail which I caught a couple of weeks ago at the Moore River. Next Thursday I am returning to pick up my family, returning with them on January 18th. This will give me time to give the Moore another thrash with some borrowed tackle - mine is all up here. The chap whom I relieved, Johnnie Horner, returned to Perth yesterday and I've promised him a run up to the Moore to try for some real sport after two years of frustration in Darwin!

I've been up here just over a week now, just starting to feel acclimatised. In the first 48 hours I fished three different spots here with various chaps and found it very hard to pick suitable rigs. The first trip was out to Buffalo Creek at low water. The sea was about a mile away over the sand and the creek was quite shallow in places, with deeper stretches on the outside of the bends. We struggled through mangrove swamp for several hundred yards up the creek, mud up to our knees, fiddler crabs and land crabs scuttling everywhere, whilst I kept a very apprehensive eye open for the coral snakes that Johnnie had warned me about. At a suitable spot on a clear rocky ledge, Johnnie fished with a whiting rig and prawn bait, and was soon pulling in whiting from 6 to 9 inches,

small bream up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. and some similarly sized trumpeter whiting, identical to the Swan river type. After trying out a few different spinners on the flick rod I put one of Johnnie's whiting on a mulie rig and started to troll. The only fish that I raised was a deadly stonefish, fairly hooked through the upper jaw. He was a repulsive brute with two large red eyes looking straight up and poison spines all the way down his back and various other ones on the sides of the head and in the pectoral fins. Taking him off the hook was a ticklish job performed with the tip of the knife at arms length.

Apparently these chaps are quite a pest to local anglers. Previously I had been under the impression that they just lay around in reefs waiting to be trod on! After this I reverted to a whiting rig and on my first cast was retrieving what appeared to be a small bream when my line suddenly slackened and appeared to come towards me. I took up the slack carefully and next minute the line cut through the water at a rate of knots as a barramundi turned and raced off up the creek with my bream in his mouth. There was no hope of landing him, of course, and when he felt the check of the line he rolled on the surface, about 10 or 12 lbs., before spitting the hooked bream out. In future I'll probably try a live bream nicked through the back with a 6/0 beak hook under the same conditions

The same afternoon, another of my old fishing mates tried to inveigle me into an all-night session on the Darwin main wharf. I was pretty beat after my all-night trip up from Perth and the session in the mangroves so I compromised with a 4 a.m. start. This proved to be completely unproductive until first light when I observed some newly-arrived but obviously clued-up anglers pull in a decent sized fish near the base of the wharf. When I went down to investigate this the session was fairly on and they were all furiously pulling in "skinnies" between three and ten lbs. The "skinnie" in profile has the lines of a spanish mackerel, quite deep in the belly, but the big ones even are no more than two inches across the shoulders. The normal way to fish for these chaps is to first catch live bait, called locally sardines, but looking something like a poddy mullet. You jig a light line with about 10 bare No. 8 suicide hooks on it and the sardines bite on the bare hooks. With about half a dozen you are in business. The normal rig then is a 60lb. handline, about 5 ozs. of running sinker and the sardine hooked through the lips with about a 5/0 suicide hook. The skinnies hit like an express train, but the anglers give them no quarter and soon have them rolling on the surface. Under 5lbs. they haul them straight up the

wharf, but the biggest one, nearly three feet long was kept with only his head out of the water until a 4 foot wide bucket shaped, wire covered cage was lowered on a rope and the fish steered into it and hauled up. I decided to have a crack at the skinnies with spinners, and climbed down on the rocks at the base of the jetty with my SG41, SW Mitchell and a box of spinners varying from 3oz halco to  $\frac{1}{2}$ oz wet fly spoon flash. On my first cast I had two unsuccessful strikes, then on my next cast a skinnie about 7 or 8lbs. in weight took the hook. He was excellent sport for about a minute, and leaped a couple of times, but eventually discarded the hooks. I wrote him off to experience and made a mental note to bring back some mulies next rip and try trolling for them. This was the end of the session and at 7.30 a.m. we packed it in.

The same afternoon I was invited to visit Berry Springs, about 33 miles south of Darwin. Although this was supposed to be just a sightseeing trip to a pretty swimming spot in the jungle I took the flick rod and some light spinners. The water looked delightful, deep, fairly clear, with large trees fringing the banks. Standing on some rocks where the spring opened out into the first large pool I flogged my spinners one after the other, taking the water in sectors at varying depths and speeds. After about half an hour an 18 inch barramundi flashed up after my smallest halco almost at my feet. He was the only one that I saw but it satisfied me that they were there. People were swimming in the far end of the pool and I felt that if I could go there on a week day, with clear water and no swimmers, the spinners would produce.

Since that first hectic 48 hours I have not fished, and may not do so until the family arrive, but I've been looking around for promontories, reefs and beaches with channels fairly close inshore. The tidal rip is the biggest limiting factor, rising on an average 23 feet in six hours. In fact, I forgot to mention that we packed up fishing in Buffalo Creek when the leaves on the surface started to gently move upstream. By the time we had forced our way back to the car the water was roaring up the creek at between 10 and 12 knots. The tide piles up on a bar at first, but when it tops this, most of the sand is carried away and the water fairly surges forward. On the outgoing tide the bar forms again.

So there you have it, Ian. The sum total of my catch so far is one stonefish! Most people are of the opinion that my rods and threadline reels will be useless up here, and that I should join the ranks of the handliners, but I feel that there is an unexploited potential for the rod and line man here. I intend to buy a 4gall. thermite container in Perth, cram it with mulies, sprinkle them with dry ice and put it straight into the butchers freezer on camp. I'll make a few exploratory trips with about  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz. mulies each time when the tide is right, but I'll be limited to between half an hour and one hour at high tide on the promontories around East Point or on Casuarina Beach which is not far from where I shall be living for a few months in Nightcliffe. Later, I may try balloon rigs and whole mullet on the Tatler in the region of Doctor's Gully or East Point, but I'm told that when a shark takes your rig here it's most likely to be a 12 foot grey nurse!

Well, that completes most of my fishing impressions so far. Hope to meet some of the boys when I come down, but if not I promise to keep you in touch with piscatorial events up this way.

I was very pleased to receive the last Reel Talk at my new address, many thanks to Ted Savage.

Best wishes, Ian, and greetings to all of the Club members.

Tight lines!

(Sgd.) Norrie Cross

(S.C.A.C.I. N.T. Representative)

FIELD DAY VENUES FOR 1962-1963

MAY	Golden Bay	
JUNE	Tim's Thickett	
JULY	Garden Island	Field Day venues are
AUGUST	Garden Island	held on week-end
SEPTEMBER	Garden Island	after General Meeting
OCTOBER	Garden Island	night of each month.
NOVEMBER	Moore River	Boat timetables and
DECEMBER	Quinn's Beach	other relevant
JANUARY	Golden Bay	information in
FEBRUARY	Preston Beach	current month issue
MARCH	Garden Island	of "Reel Talk"
APRIL	Garden Island	

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DRY CASTING DAYS are conducted on the FIRST Sunday of each month, and are held at Floreat Park Oval. Starting times and programme for casting in current month issue of "Reel Talk"

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The above Field Days and Casting Days are subject to alteration or cancellation by the Committee. (Notice of Motion passed at Annual General Meeting 8/7/59.)

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D.G. Brown	L.M. Dunn	N. Knight
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