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Forget-Me-Knots...

- Casting day FIRST Sunday of Each Month unless otherwise noted. - Starting Times will be Strictly adhered to.
- Monthly General Meetings are usually held on the SECOND Wednesday night of each month at 8 p.m. SHARP.
- Field Days are held generally on the Weekend after the General Meeting.
- Annual Dinner Dance and Presentation of Trophies is held in June. Time and Place to be determined.
- OPEN: Club Records: Line Ratios Badges applications must be in to the Recording Officer within 30 DAYS of Capture.
- Give your Committee any ideas you have. Don't sit on them.
- All Library Books MUST be returned at following Monthly Meeting unless permission is given to hold books longer.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, 11th February at the Dianella Community Hall, Light Street, Dianella, 8 p.m. sharp.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD: "Socialising"; see Social Report.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, 18th February at the Dianella Community Hall, Light Street, Dianella 8 p.m. sharp.

NEXT DRYCASTING DAY:

Sunday, 8th February.

9 a.m. sharp.

112 gram- Up 112gram art. bait; D.H. Accuracy; S.H. Accuracy plus Open "V" court L.L. Distance.

FEBRUARY FIELD DAY:

14/15th - Wedge Island.

Sign on - Camping area at Cutting, 1 p.m. Saturday

Weigh in- " " " " 10.30 a.m. Sunday

Boundaries North as far as you can drive

South as far as Didy Bay Settlement

MARCH FIELD DAY:

L.W.E. 28th Feb/1st&2nd Mar.

WAGO/DENMARK/KALBARRI:

Kalbarrri: Sign on F.D.O'S camp Ron Allan's Caravan Park 1 p.m. Saturday

Weighin " " 9.30 a.m. Monday (same place)

Wago: Sign on 1 p.m. Saturday F.D.O'S camp (too be determined)

Weighin 9.30 a.m. Monday " "

Denmark: (too be determined). If not at meeting prior to field day phone FDO on 4576004 on or before Thursday, 26th Feb.

BOUNDARIES FOR KALBARRI/WAGO: Sandalwood South to as far as you can walk North of Murchison River.

FIELD DAYS 1980/81 SEASON:

April: Rottneat

TROPHY DONORS:

Business Houses:

Crackle for Tackle
R.J. Franklin (Agents)
Boans Pty. Ltd.
Dornar Indents
Campbells Sports Store
Tropical Traders
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Fleets Sports Store
Homecrafts
Halco Engineering
Northampton Fishing Club

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Bob Klein
Darryl Retallack
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Bill Utting
The Freind Family
Jim Strong
George & Les Holman
Graham Reesley
Keith & Kit
Wilkerson
The Osborne Family
Stan Renshaw
Trevor Stam

SOCIAL ORGANISER'S REPORT:

RIVER CRUISE IS OFF: After the last meeting, and with only 3 weeks to go, I had sold a total of 9 tickets, with promises to buy that many again. With a "break-even" point of about 90 people required, I have no choice other than to cancel the trip, which will almost certainly result in the forfeit of the \$150 deposit placed by the Club to secure the booking of the boat. Those who have paid for tickets will be reimbursed in full.

To the majority of club members who voted for the cruise to continue a couple of meetings ago- what happened?

To the 3 or 4 knockers who actively opposed the trip- you were right.

PICNIC:

Still looks like being late March, probably Sunday 22nd at an up-river location to be announced later. Keep it in mind.

DINNER DANCE:

20th June. Put the money you saved by not going on the River Cruise towards this once-a-year big event. Similar format and quality to last year and at a darn good price considering what you will get.

So don't do it to me twice in one year- come to the dinner-dance! More details later.

REFRESHMENTS:

Will be served after the next meeting. Cans and coolies on sale at bar prices. So bring your money and mix, socialise, get together, talk, enjoy yourselves, etc.

K.G.

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ALL MEMBERS WITH OUTSTANDING MONIES
FOR CONFECTIONERY TO BE PAID AT NEXT
GENERAL MEETING.

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CASTING RESULTS - JANUARY 4TH, 1981:

Attendance: 20 seniors, 3 juniors. Total 23.

Senior Winner: S. Whiting, 144 pts

Junior Winner: C. Waddams, 74 pts

Longest Cast : B. Leicester, 134 metres

Longest Cast 56gms: G. Holman, 125 metres

112 GRAMS L.L. DISTANCE:

1. B. Leicester	27 pts
2. G. Holman	25 "
2. T. Richardson	25 "
3. S. Whiting	24 "
3. E. Parker	24 "

D.H. ACCURACY:

1. S. Whiting	71 pts
2. S. Renshaw	54 "
3. P. Osborne	44 "

56 GRAMS L.L. DISTANCE:

1. G. Holman	24 pts
2. G. Gildersleeve	23 "
2. T. D'Alonzo	23 "
3. T. Richardson	22 "

S.H. ACCURACY:

1. S. Renshaw	28 pts
2. B. Leicester	27 "
3. G. Gildersleeve	23 "

SENIOR TOP TEN:

1. G. Gildersleeve	1103 (94)	6. S. Whiting	882 (A)
2. S. Renshaw	1100 (103)	7. E. Parker	856 (A)
3. G. Holman	1036 (A)	8. H. H. Yew	830 (A)
4. B. Leicester	964 (95)	9. P. Conroy	810 (A)
5. T. Richardson	905 (A)	10. G. Reeley	809 (A)

LADIES TOP FOUR:

1. S. Osborne	667 (A)
2. B. Whiting	430 (A)
3. K. Tompsitt	423 (39)
4. P. D'Alonzo	413 (66)

JUNIOR TOP FOUR:

1. J. Tompsitt	577 (42)
2. H. Osborne	472 (A)
3. C. Waddams	408 (53)
4. G. Richardson	253 (A)

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JANUARY CAST:L.L. DISTANCE:

Name	<u>4oz.</u>		<u>Bait</u>		Agg.	Pty.	Total	Points
	1.	2.	1.	2.				
S. Whiting	117	120	92	106	435		435	44
S. Renshaw	122P	120	106P	107P	455	30	425	42
G. Gildersleeve	118P	124	112	113	467	10	457	46
B. Leicester	132	134	118P	108	492	10	482	48
G. Holman	123P	133	120	125	501	10	491	49
P. Osborne	114	113	90P	103	420	10	410	41
T. Richardson	116	131	113	112	472		472	47
E. Parker	127	121P	114P	110	472	20	452	45
J. Strong	95	95	88	95P	373	10	363	36
G. Reeley	105	105P	101	98P	409	20	389	39
T. D'Alonzo	119	122P	114	117	472	10	462	46
T. Stam	98	104	92P	87P	381	20	361	36
W. Core	86	95	82P	80P	343	20	323	32
P. D'Alonzo (L)	99	B/O	85	91	275		275	28
S. Osborne (L)	90	84	80	85P	339	10	329	33
C. Waddams (J)	95	101	93P	92P	381	20	361	36
B. Waddams	116P	108P	106P	116P	446	40	406	40
G. Tomsitt	84	B/O	30	86	200		200	20
L. Cook	98P	100P	106P	101P	405	40	365	37
B. Whiting (L)	87P	B/O	B/O	24	111	10	101	10
J. Tomsitt (J)	72	75	74	56	277		277	28
G. Richardson (J)	63	74P	62P	68	267	20	247	25
K. Tomsitt (L)	63	59	58P	63	243	10	233	23

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D.H. ACCURACY:

S.H. ACCURACY:

1.	2.	1.	2.	Pts.	1.	2.	1.	2.	Pts.	Total	Inc.Att.
17	17	19	18	71	6	7	1	5	19	133	144
10	14	14	16	54	6	8	4	10	28	124	134
8	12	15	10	45	3	7	9	4	23	114	124
-	14	7	18	39	-	8	10	9	27	114	124
9	19	8	7	43	-	-	10	5	15	107	117
14	14	14	2	44	2	6	5	5	18	103	113
5	10	14	13	42	1	8	1	3	13	102	112
-	19	9	13	41	-	2	7	6	15	101	111
15	-	14	5	34	7	4	7	3	21	91	101
-	3	14	12	29	5	9	7	3	21	89	99
-	9	4	16	29	-	-	8	3	11	86	96
1	16	-	14	31	-	-	8	1	9	76	86
-	-	15	18	33	-	6	-	-	6	71	81
13	-	-	18	31	-	5	-	5	10	69	79
8	-	10	-	18	1	8	2	6	17	68	78
8	-	3	5	16	-	6	-	6	12	64	74
-	4	12	-	16	-	-	7	-	7	63	73
9	-	11	12	30	-	1	-	7	8	58	68
8	2	3	-	13	-	-	1	-	1	51	61
-	-	11	14	25	-	6	1	6	13	48	58
-	-	7	-	7	-	8	-	3	11	46	56
-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	31	41
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	29	39

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FIELD DAY SECTION 1980/81 SEASON:

Section 1: SENIOR TOP TEN:

1. G. Holman	245	6. A. Broughton	139
2. T. D'Alonzo	201	7. P. Osborne	122
3. B. Waddams	165	8. B. Cusack	120
4. T. Richardson	164	9. S. Whiting	118
5. B. Foreman	146	10. W. Core	117

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LADIES:

1. S. Osborne	96
2. B. Whiting	68
3. P. D'Alonzo	58

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JUNIORS:

1. H. Osborne	106	6. J. Osborne	62
2. C. Waddams	103	7. G. Richardson	55
3. H. Holman	81	8. M. Flynn	} 20
4. K. Osborne	72	B. Flynn	
5. C. Osborne	67	D. Corcoran	

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- Section 2: Heaviest Scale Fish (1st 6 months)
 - B. Cusack, 14.5, Cobia, Steep Point
 - G. Holman, 14.5, Spanish Mackerel, Steep Point
- Section 3: Most Meritorious Fish
- Section 4: Heaviest Shark (Min. weight 4.5kg)
 - A. Tuvik, 6.8kg, Black Tip Whaler, White Hills
- Section 5: Heaviest Mulloway (Min. weight 1kg)
 - S. Whiting, Mulloway, 5.5, Wago
- Section 6: Heaviest Tailor (Min. weight 1kg)
 - A. Norman, 3.7, Wago
- Section 7: Heaviest Salmon (Min. weight 3kg)
- Section 8: Heaviest Trevally (Min. weight 1kg) (Skippy)
 - G. Reeley, 1.5, Rottnest
- Section 9: Heaviest Mackerel
 - G. Holman, 14.5, Steep Point
- Section 10: Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish caught on a Field Day
 - G. Holman, 43.0, Steep Point

FIELD DAY SECTION 1980/81 SEASON CONT'D:

- Section 11: Heaviest Bag of Mulloway
T. D'Alonzo, 13.1, White Hills
- Section 12: Heaviest Bag of Tailor
G. Holman, 17.0, Wago
- Section 13: Heaviest Scale Fish caught on a S.H. Rod (Max.4kg on 9lb b/sline)
B. Waddams, .5, Moses Perch, Steep Point
- Section 14: Heaviest Scale Fish other than those listed in Sections 4-13 incl.
B. Gusack, 14.5, Cobia, Steep Point

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OPEN DIVISION: 1980/81 SEASON:

- Section 1: Most Meritorious Fish
- Section 2: Heaviest Shark (Min. weight 4.5kg)
- Section 3: Heaviest Mulloway (Min. weight 3kg)
R. FLYNN, 4.8kg, Steep Point
- Section 4: Heaviest Salmon (Min. weight 3kg)
- Section 5: Heaviest Jewfish
- Section 6: Heaviest Tailor (Min. weight 1kg)
A. Norman, 3.4kg, Useless Loop
- Section 7: Heaviest Samson,
Reg Noble, 18.0kg, Steep Point
- Section 8: Heaviest Scale Fish on S/H Rod (B/s line 4kg)
S. Whiting, 2.06kg, Tailor, Trigg Island
- Section 9: Heaviest Schnapper (Pink)
B. Gusack, 6.2kg Steep Point
- Section 10: Heaviest Tarwhine (Silver Bream)
A. Norman, 1.3kg
- Section 11: Heaviest Mackerel
G. Holman, 18.5kg, Steep Point (Spanish)
- Section 12: Heaviest Trevally (Southern) (Min. weight 1kg)
- Section 13: Heaviest Trevally (Northern) (Min. weight 5kg)
- Section 14: Heaviest Snook-Pike (Min. weight 1kg)
- Section 15: Heaviest Fish other than those listed in Sections 2-14 incl.
(Min. 2kg)
C. Waddams(J), Barracouda, 9.5kg, Steep Point

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A.A.A. OF W.A. REPORT:

A small number of delegates were present for the January meeting, possibly due to the holidays.

Quite a deal of business was dealt with regarding matters pertaining to the State Team going to South Australia in April/May.

The motion regarding the banning of Buff Bream from all AAA of WA weigh-ins put by the Bunbury Club was defeated.

Comment was made about the netting of fish in closed waters at Sharks Bay and it was pointed out that the Fisheries & Wild Life has given permission to professionals to net the waters because the larger fish became subject to the higher salinity, get salt sores and die. The nets used have to be of large mesh to let the juvenile fish escape.

The Bunbury South West Drycasting Competition is to be held on Saturday and Sunday, 28/29th March 1981. The venue is Hay Park, Busselton Highway, Bunbury commencing 1.30 p.m. on the Saturday. Entry is \$3.00 men and women and veterans, \$1.00 Juniors. A barbecue will be held on the Saturday night. Committee has entry forms.

Mandurah Open Angling Tournament organisation is well in hand and entry forms are now available.

George Holman
Delegate

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ARE WE FISHING TOO FAR DOWN THE FOOD CHAIN?

Fishermen call the frenzied event a "boil". The blue sea suddenly starts to froth as if the ocean were boiling. As the boil moves slowly along the horizon, a pelican materializes out of a deserted sky, then plunges seaward to penetrate its source: a huge school of small, silvery fish. Their wriggling bodies make the ocean surface froth. The one pelican is followed by a hundred pelicans, the hundred pelicans by a thousand hovering, diving, splashing, gorging pelicans. Screeching seagulls join this aerial circus to compete for scraps which fall like large raindrops from pelican bills, and to snatch surface fish. Other predators converge on the boil from below- the sleek, torpedo-like forms of tuna and barracuda. Sharks displace the surfeited tuna and barracuda as the feeding frenzy spirals. Blood streaks the sea.

The school of small fish continues to move as a unit, twisting right, veering left, moving up, moving down, trying to shake its tormentors. But, the swarm will survive- out of sheer abundance. The sea birds, tunas, barracudas and sharks recede. The ocean is calm and blue again.

Today, a new predator stalks these schools: fishermen who once used them to locate bigger fish now prefer to catch the smaller fish. They do so with a relentless efficiency that could snap a critical link in the marine food chain and jeopardize the living oceans.

The world seas are filled with tiny plants and animals - plankton - which drift with the currents. These plankton pastures form the bottom of the food chain and they are the nourishment for the small fish that make the boils. Baleen or filter-feeding whales graze directly on plankton but most large marine animals can't- they feed on the small plankton-foraging fish which bear names like sardine, anchovy and herring.

A single school can be some 150 metres wide, over 30 metres deep and contain a population of millions. Under attack, the school's outer members satiate predator appetites and the rest escape. They are universal food-stuff, as critical to marine life as plains and grasslands are to life systems on land.

Man has for centuries exploited these forage stocks for food- the North sea herring, for instance, has long been a protein staple for Europe. The anchovy has lived up countless pizzas.

Since World War II, however, a shift in world food-production methods and demand for new sources of protein have transformed forage fish into "Gold mines of the sea". In that time, poultry and some pig producers expanded production by feeding their stock a supplement of fish meal made by grinding up forage fish.

Ironically, the schooling behaviour that helps forage fish ward off natural predation assists massive human predation. Schools of sardine and herring become mobile veins of biological ore: the telltale boils reveal their presence at the surface, and a school deeper in the sea shows up on a sonar screen. A 200-tonne capacity net is deployed, whirring winches retrieve it, and a suction hose then transfers the squirming biomass to a hold. Once the hold is filled, the ship heads for a reduction plant, where the fish are cooked, pressed, dried and ground; the oil is separated and pumped into storage tanks.

to be continued next issue