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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

The next General Meeting will be held at the Buffaloes Hall, Onslow Road, Shenton Park on Wednesday, 14th March, 1973 at 8 p.m. sharp.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD: This month's Instruction Period will be taken up once again by our Constitution. Don't forget to bring your copy along so that you can follow proceedings.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next Committee Meeting will be held at the Buffaloes Hall, Onslow Road, Shenton Park on Thursday, 22nd March, 1973 at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

MARCH FIELD DAY: 3/4/5TH:

MURCHISON:

Boundaries: South- Lucky Bay
North- As far as you can walk from Oyster Reef

Registration: At front car park Kalbarri Hotel between 1-2 p.m. Saturday

Fishing: Commences at 4 p.m. Saturday and ceases at 7 a.m. Monday

Weigh-in: Weigh-in Times: Sunday 9-10 a.m.
Sunday 9-10 p.m.
Monday 8- 9 a.m.

To be held same place as registration.

MARCH DRYCASTING:

This cast will be held at Floreat Oval on SUNDAY, 11TH MARCH.
Time 9 a.m. sharp. Events L/L Distance, D/H Accuracy & S/H Accuracy.

LIFE MEMBERS:

MESSRS. D.C. BROWN: V. DAVIS: L.M. DUNN: D.O. EDWARDS: N. KNIGHT:
L. SHAND & J. STRONG.

EDITORIAL:

I have been very pleased with the response to my request for articles for "Reel Talk" and say thanks to DON BIBBY for last month's effort (although his name didn't appear on the article) and this month to TERRY O'HARA for one of the best written stories I have had the pleasure of printing. I have purposely printed it in its entirety, as though a little long, its contents and way it is written, warrants this. On occasions I have condensed and altered some articles that need it and at times to fit the space in "Reel Talk".

I hope this trend continues and hope that members continue to take the trouble to write articles for inclusion.

Because of time and the amount of copy already appearing herein, I will cut my Editorial short.

Also, as I normally write on any contentious matters concerning the club and as this would concern me personally this month, I don't feel I could do the situation justice in words- so the least said the better.

GEORGE HOLMAN

MEMBERS TO ATTEND 3 CLUB FUNCTIONS:

Once again it is brought to the attention of members, particularly those entering fish in the Open Section, that to qualify for the awards available in this Open Section, the member entering this section must have attended at least three club functions; i.e. field days, drycasting days or club meetings.

THANKS "LOFTY" GRIFFITHS:

The Club wishes to extend their thanks to "Lofty" Griffiths for bringing along his collection of slides on the Murchison and showing them to the members at the February Instruction Period. I'm sure all those who saw them were a little green with envy, particularly of some of the magnificent fish that were caught.

FIELD DAY REPORT - FEBRUARY:

MOORE RIVER/SEABIRD:

On the road to Moore River for the sign on, many of the members were thinking of really getting stuck into some good solid fishing. This was to be, gauging on last month's venue. The total poundage this month was very good, as we tallied 333lbs 3oz. This comprised of mainly tailor, herring, skippy, mulloway.

A member who is gradually climbing up in the Top Ten was this month's field day winner, GARRY GILDERSLEEVE, who always manages to get a good bag. This month he excelled himself with 58lb of Tailor, Herring, Mulloway and Skippy. Garry fished in a hole North of the river where other members had earlier scrapped this particular spot.

On the venue we recorded 50 members who mainly fished North of Seabird to Ledge Point, where the bulk of the catch consisted of tailor.

Other members to record good bags were H.Y. HEW 35lb 10 oz; P. ISBISTER 23lb 8oz; LOFTY 22lb 4oz; W. MORROW 20lb 8oz; D. TALBOT 16lb 8oz; W. UTTING 15lb; TOM SMITH 13lb 10oz.

The heaviest scale fish went to TOM SMITH who hasn't been fishing for awhile because of other commitments. Tom landed a nice 9lb 14oz Mulloway.

The junior bag went to young STEVE SMITH with 5lb 8oz of Tailor- a good father and son combination in the making.

JOKE OF THE MONTH: At the weigh-in while weighing in the fish, GRAHAM BASKERVILLE arrived on the scene. I thought to myself, Graham is going to try and weigh his hat in again, but low and behold, Graham had caught a nice 1 lb 13 oz tailor. Graham is gradually working his way into the Top Ten; he may get there!!!

Until Murchison River, good fishing.

Eric and Stan

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH :	G. Gildersleeve,	58lb Tailor. Herring, Kingie, Skippy
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH:	T. Smith,	9lb 14oz Mulloway
HEAVIEST BAG (JUNIOR):	S. Smith,	5lb 8oz Tailor

FIELD DAY RESULTS: FEBRUARY 17/18TH:MOORE RIVER/SEABIRD:

		<u>lb</u>	<u>oz</u>
G. Gildersleeve	Tailor/Herring/Skippy	58	0
H.Y. Hew	Tailor/Mulloway	35	10
P. Isbister	Tailor	23	8
J. Griffiths	Tailor	22	4
W. Morrow	Tailor/Mulloway	20	8
D. Talbot	Tailor	16	8
W. Utting	Tailor	15	0
T. Smith	Tailor/Mulloway	13	10
D. Green	Tailor	12	12
J. Strong	Herring	11	8
G. Holman	Tailor	10	4
R. Rowlands	Tailor	8	12
R. Kildahl	Tailor/Mulloway	8	11
R. Fredericks	Tailor	7	14
B. Cooper (V)	Tailor	7	14
T. Corcoran	Tailor/Mulloway	7	8
A. Norman	Tailor	7	0
J. Lee	Tailor	6	14
D. Bidy	Tailor	6	9
E. Bailie	Tailor	6	8
B. Leicester	Tailor/Mulloway	5	14
T. Snelling (V)	Tailor/Herring	5	8
S. Smith (JV)	Tailor	5	8
K. Fleming	Tailor	3	14
E. Sullivan	Tailor	2	7
M. Tucker (J)	Tailor	2	0
G. Baskerville	Tailor	1	13
S. Dimitro	Tailor	1	12
R. Flynn	Tailor/Herring	1	9
M. Geddes	Tailor/Herring	1	6
E. Parker	Tailor	1	1
R. Bailie	Tailor	0	12
B. Rowlands	Tailor	0	12
P. Marsh (J)	Tailor	0	12
S. Renshaw (JV)	Herring	0	11
S. Renshaw	Tailor	0	10
<u>TOTAL POUNDAGE CAUGHT:</u>		<u>333 lb</u>	<u>3 oz</u>

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: D. SHAW: J. RENSHAW (J): M. NORTHY (JV): N. RENSHAW:
P. SWAIN: J. SWAIN (JV): H. NEIL: T. JOHNSON (V): G. SUSSEMEYER: T. STAM:
M. DAWSON: D. NEWTON: S. TATE: R. MANSFIELD.

FISHING COMPETITION: FIELD DAY SECTION:

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

TOP TEN:

1. H.Y. Hew	377	6. R. Kildahl	239
2. D. Green	322	7. R. Fredericks	222
3. G. Gildersleeve	318	8. R. Noble	221
4. W. Morrow	305	9. E. Sullivan	210
5. G. Holman	263	10. R. Rowlands	192

JUNIOR TOP TEN:

1. G. Renshaw	132	6. D. Jones	52
2. M. Tucker	128	7. R. Lerch	51
3. P. Marsh	71	8. P. Fredericks	48
4. B. Niner	68	9. D. Taylor	48
5. R. Ray	59	10. C. Risbey	30

SECTION 2 : Heaviest Scale Fish- 1st six months
H.Y. Hew, 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Mulloway, Lucky Bay
2nd six months
T. Smith, 9lb 14oz, Mulloway, Moore River/Seabird

SECTION 3 : Most Meritorious Fish
No Entry

SECTION 4 : Heaviest Shark (Min. weight 10lb)
No Entry

SECTION 5 : Heaviest Mulloway (Min. weight 5lb)
H.Y. Hew, 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Mulloway, Lucky Bay

SECTION 6 : Heaviest Tailor (Min. weight 2lb)
G. Hood, 9lb Lucky Bay

SECTION 7 : Heaviest Salmon (Min. weight 7lb)
T. Stam, 9lb Garden Island

FIELD DAY SECTION CONT'D:

- SECTION 8 : Heaviest Trevally (Skippy) (Min. weight 21lb)
J. Devitt/D. Latto, 3½lb, Rottnest
- SECTION 9 : Heaviest Spanish Mackerel
No Entry
- SECTION 10 : Heaviest Bag Scale Fish caught on Field Day (Min. 20lb)
W. Morrow, 84lb, Skippy, Rottnest
- SECTION 11 : Heaviest Bag of Mulloway (Min. 20lb)
D. Green, 46lb 15oz, Lucky Bay
- SECTION 12 : Heaviest Bag of Tailor (Min. weight 20lb)
D. Green, 50lb Wedge
- SECTION 13 : Heaviest Scale Fish caught on S.H. Rod (Max. 91b B.S. Line)
No Entry
- SECTION 14 : Heaviest Scale Fish other than above
W. Morrow. Tarwhine, 31b, Rottnest

OPEN DIVISION: FISH COMPETITION: MAY 1972/73:

Entries are to be submitted on correct form and then hand of the Recorder within 30 days of capture. Entry forms are available from any Committee Member. The final results below are those at time of print.

- SECTION 1 : Most Meritorious Fish
No Entry
- SECTION 2 : Heaviest Shark (Min. 10lb)
No Entry
- SECTION 3 : Heaviest Mulloway (Min. weight 51b)
W. Utting, 55lb 12oz, Lucky Bay
- SECTION 4 : Heaviest Salmon (Min. weight 71b)
No Entry

OPEN DIVISION CONT'D:

- SECTION 5 : Heaviest Jewfish
No Entry
- SECTION 6 : Heaviest Tailor (Min. weight 2lb)
T. O'Hara, 10lb 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz, Kalbarri
- SECTION 7 : Heaviest Samson Fish
No Entry
- SECTION 8 : Heaviest Scale Fish caught on S.H. Rod (B.S. Line Max. 9lb)
(Min. weight 2lb)
W. Morrow, 15lb Queenfish
- SECTION 9 : Heaviest Snapper
B. Reynolds, 21lb, Naval Base
- SECTION 10 : Heaviest Tarwhine (Silver Bream)
No Entry
- SECTION 11 : Heaviest Spanish Mackerel
No Entry
- SECTION 12 : Heaviest Trevally (Southern) (Min. weight 2lb)
W. Utting, 3lb 2oz, Wedge Island
- SECTION 13 : Heaviest Northern Trevally (Min. weight 2lb)
No Entry
- SECTION 14 : Heaviest Pike
No Entry
- SECTION 15 : Heaviest Scale Fish other than above excluding Section One
T. Howson, 17lb 8oz, Queenfish, Coral Bay

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THANKS TO ARCH TICKLIE:

The D.C.Oz and his Assistant, (Graham Baskerville & Eric Sullivan) have asked me to convey their thanks to Arch Ticklie in the "Reel Talk" for making a large quantity of sinkers for drycasting.

Arch is certainly doing "his bit" towards helping the members of this Club enjoy their club activities.

Thanks Arch.

APOLOGY TO DON BIBBY:

In last month's "Reel Talk" appeared a very acceptable article on Wedge Island which didn't convey the name of its writer. The scribe was a good club member in DON BIBBY. My apologies for not putting your name on it Don, but it does help if you put your name there in case I forget.

I hope a few more members take a leaf from your book and take the trouble to write a story for "Reel Talk" in future.

NEW SPEED LIMIT:

It was decided at the January Committee Meeting that the speed limit of club vehicles on the beach should be amended to 35 miles per hour. This is in the interest of safety and is more than sufficient to get from point A to point B.

SOCIAL NEWS:

A Pool Party/Barbecue will be held on Saturday the 24th Of March at Reg Noble's place, 6 CHEVIOT STREET, MORLEY... Bring your own salads and meat, a keg will be provided (for those who indulge in that type of refreshment) and there will also be soft drink for the others.

The commencing time will be 4 p.m. This will enable those people who possess aquatic abilities to display their talents. Ladies, that includes you too!

The date of the Dinner Presentation and Dance is Saturday the 23rd of June at Wembley Lodge, commencing at 6 p.m. **WRITE THE DATE DOWN NOW!**

At the last General Meeting I asked for the members' opinions and guidance regarding the allowing of members' friends to attend the dance which commences at 8 p.m. There are many reasons for and against in allowing outsiders to attend, so give this a great deal of thought. Your opinion will be asked for at the next General Meeting in March.

DON'T FORGET!!

POOL PARTY-BARBECUE

SATURDAY the 24th of March

at

REG NOBLE'S abode

6 CHEVIOT STREET, MORLEY

Commencing 4 p.m.

Admission: Double \$1.50
Single \$1.00

FRIENDS AT THE DINNER:

As was pointed out at the last General Meeting, we are looking into the merits (or otherwise) of having friends attend the dance part of the evening after the Club's Annual Dinner. This is from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Members are asked to give this some thought and the matter will be raised again at the next General Meeting for a decision.

The price anticipated at the moment is \$5 per couple (visitors) and will include liquid refreshment.

CLUB RAFFLE:

At 8.00 p.m. on Friday the 16th February, at the residence of our President, Mr. T.P. Corcoran, the drawing of our raffle was conducted.

Those present were:-

- TOM CORCORAN (Chief Supervisor)
- GEORGE HOLMAN (Chief Scrutineer)
- MYSELF (Chief Indian) and our President's charming wife, Margaret, who was asked if she would kindly oblige in drawing out the winning tickets.

The winning ticket was NO. 1913 sold to Mrs. Hatfield of Floreat by Harry Barrott.

Ticket No. 2112 won second prize and was sold by John Devitt to John Devitt

Now for the climax- third prize, ticket no. 816 was sold by Roy Lundy to Margaret Corcoran!! Instantly this occurred, our Chief Scrutineer was on the spot, checking the tickets, checking the box holding the tickets, the numbers on the tickets, in fact, he checked everything he could find but all was in order. So, congratulations to the lucky winners.

The total proceeds were \$514.60 and after expenses of \$112.34 our net profit was \$402.26. Half of this profit is going to our Building Fund and the other half is going to help reduce the cost to Members for our Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation night.

On the whole, the support received from Members was very good. All it needed was each Member to sell one book of tickets and the raffle would be a success. I do admit that the task of approaching friends etc. to buy a ticket is not an enviable job, but we must remember, a raffle certainly makes money and is a sure way of increasing Club revenue. At this stage I would like to draw to your attention the particularly fine effort of "Lofty" Griffiths who with the help of his wife, May, sold seven books of tickets.

Finally, on behalf of the Club, I would like to thank all Members for their assistance.

DENNIS GREEN, TREASURER

MEMBERS ACCEPTED:

The following nominations have been accepted as members of our Club.

<u>SENIORS:</u> BALL: Keith Gordon 62 Jupiter St. Carlisle. 6101.	FLYNN: Ronald George 7 Glover Place, Dianella. 6062.	LEE: John Robert 3 George Ave. Claremont. 6010.
MITCHELL: Hugh 11 James Ave. Hazelmere. 6055.	ROWE: Stan Lot 44 Wynne St. Hazelmere. 6055.	

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

The following applications for membership to our Club have been received. Any member having any reason(s) why these persons should not be accepted as a member of this Club, are invited to contact a Committee Member.

<u>JUNIOR :</u> SMITH: Stephen Mitchell 78 Marlow St. Wembley. 6014.	ROWE: John E. (SENIOR) 138 Arlunya Ave. Cloverdale. 6105.
	GEDDES: Michael Richard (SENIOR) 5 Glover Place, Dianella. 6062.

FORTHCOMING SEASON'S VENUES:

Once again we print the proposed list of the coming season's venues with a blank space alongside the month's that need your attention. If you have any suggestions about these months, on one of those already proposed; please write them to the Secretary.

MAY	AUGUSTA/MARGARET RIVER
JUNE	- Moor Riv - Ledge Point
JULY	-
AUGUST	ROTTNEST
SEPTEMBER	-
OCTOBER	WAGOE
NOVEMBER	CERVANTES
DECEMBER	LANCELIN/WEDGE
JANUARY	LANCELIN/WEDGE
FEBRUARY	- Moor Riv - Ledge Point
MARCH	MURCHISON
APRIL	ROTTNEST

FEBRUARY CAST:

The morning got underway with 27 members turning up for the February cast.

The Level Line distance event, which commenced the morning, saw some very competitive casting as the scores will indicate. GEORGE HOLMAN, with 3 consistent casts and no penalties, finished first with 39 points; followed by BILL UTTING 35, who is fast becoming an exponent of the geared reel, or should I say, has become well adapted to using the reel to cast accurately; 3rd with 34 points was modest BRIAN LEICESTER, who cast with an Eggbeater reel and showed you don't need an Alvey for distance; and filling 4th place with 33 points, D.C.O., DENNIS "TRUMP" GREEN (who incidentally is still blaming his rod), LES REID and BOB FUCKER (taking it easy). Interesting to note that in this particular event, 2 of the juniors in GEOFF RENSHAW and BRETT NENER, both scored 31 (Geoff having no penalties). These are very good casts for juniors and it is good to see them improving their casting.

Two of TREVOR STAM'S mates in JIM STRONG and ROY LUNDY, both had B.O's and it was later revealed that these were due to Trevor's voice over-riding everything else with his usual humorous attitude.

D.C.O. was lucky to take off the D.H. Accuracy event with 49, Assistant D.C.O. 45 (conspiracy here), followed by ever trying GEORGE HOLMAN 44 and still with a lot of consistency and showing his supremacy once again with geared reel, BILL UTTING also 44, next JIM OXLEY 43 and flashing back into the limelight using his new rod and reel, BILL MORROW with 41.

In this event there was only one bulls eye scored- needless to say, it was BILL "GEARED" UTTING.

Eric Parker, not having one of his best days, had Trevor Stam back from holidays doing his best to annoy him. This was evident because LES REID who was standing 50 yards from the target had to run as Eric's cast was slightly off line. Needless to say, he didn't register a score with that cast. To further discourage Eric, he was "attacked" in a friendly wrestling match and thrown to the ground by one of the smaller members of the casting fraternity.

BRIAN "the brute" LEICESTER had two mediocre casts and was on the mat ready for his 3rd cast, lined it up, let it go, and as he did so, one of the markers decided to straighten up the tape and needless to say, Brian stopped his cast midway through, and then turned around to ask the D.C.O. if he could have another cast. Hewas promptly told "no" because he was leading in overall points! After his jaw had come up off the ground he was allowed to have another cast which delighted him when he scored 12.

I would like to take this opportunity to point out to all markers, even though they do a tremendous job and assist greatly at a morning's cast, please take more care when marking and at all times have somebody watching the person who is casting, as a sinker could inflict a lot of damage even though helmets are worn.

In the S.H. Accuracy, GEORGE HOLMAN, with 4 very consistent casts, took the event out with 29, followed once again by BILL UTTING 27 (it seems these two were following one another all morning), BILL MORROW, still making his presence felt with 26 and BOB TUCKER filling 4th place with 24.

It seems in this event there is always one person who steps up to the casting line and casts without flipping over the bail arm on his reel. Up until this stage of his casting, DAVE LATTO had two 5's and a bulls eye and with one more cast, he could have been right in there. Take more care Dave.

Another good score was registered by one of the juniors in GEOFF RENSHAW with 22 points. Keep up the good work.

The morning concluded with the S.H. Open Event which has been very closely contested throughout the year by G. HOLMAN and B. TUCKER. Bob Tucker needing at least 19 points to tie with George, made up a new rod especially for the S.H. Open- what some people will do for pots! However, it proved to Bob's advantage as his best cast was 310', whereas George's best cast of 289' was not sufficient to hold the lead in the S.H. Open; thus BOB TUCKER ran out the winner for the year with 1230; GEORGE HOLMAN 1228. As was seen last year with only a point separating them, this year has been no exception. Coming from a virtually impossible position to run 3rd for the year, was TOM CORCORAN with 1019, but he was not trying!

Others to cast well on the day- B. LEICESTER 265; D.C.O. 255 with borrowed rod and reel, but needless to say, didn't have the ability to use it as Bob Tucker does; ERIC PARKER who was ribbing Tom Corcoran all day, put down a cast of 249 to Tom's 221 and then turned around and called him a mug.

As there is only two more casting days to go, it would be very nice to see a lot more members roll up and take part in this very enjoyable morning.

GRAHAM & RIC

FEBRUARY CAST RESULTS:L.I. DISTANCE:

1.	G. Holman	39
2.	W. Utting	35
3.	B. Leicester	34
4.	G. Baskerville	33
4.	L. Reid	33
4.	R. Tucker	33
4.	D. Green	33

D.H. ACCURACY:

1.	G. Baskerville	49
2.	E. Sullivan	45
3.	G. Holman	44
3.	W. Utting	44
4.	J. Oxley	43
5.	W. Morrow	41

LONGEST CAST:

G. Holman 395'

S.H. ACCURACY:

1.	G. Holman	29
2.	W. Utting	27
3.	W. Morrow	26
4.	R. Tucker	24

DAY WINNER:

1.	G. Holman	122
2.	W. Utting	116
3.	G. Baskerville	110

S.H. OPEN:

1.	R. Tucker	310
2.	G. Holman	289
3.	T. Corcoran	265

TOP TWENTY:

1.	B. Leicester	1065	11.	W. Utting	840
2.	G. Holman	1023	12.	D. Green	826
3.	G. Baskerville	1019	13.	J. Devitt	822
4.	D. Latto	987	14.	L. Reid	814
5.	R. Lerch	955	15.	G. Renshaw (J)	752
6.	R. Kildahl	921	17.	J. Strong	728
7.	T. Corcoran	917	17.	M. Dawson	702
8.	E. Sullivan	910	18.	E. Parker	677
9.	J. Oxley	870	19.	M. Tucker (J)	604
10.	R. Tucker	846	20.	R. Lerch (J)	586

FINAL SCORES FOR S.H. OPEN:

1.	R. Tucker	1230
2.	G. Holman	1228
3.	T. Corcoran	1019

L.L. DISTANCE

	Pty.	1.	2.	3.	Total	Ave.	Pts.
G. Holman		387	395	380	1162	387	39
W. Utting		344	347	352	1043	347	35
G. Baskerville	63	354	347	357	995	331	33
W. Morrow	42	274	259	351	842	280	28
B. Leicester	42	356	374	345	1033	344	34
L. Reid		316	344	341	1001	333	33
J. Oxley	42	304	308	328	898	299	30
R. Tucker	21	339	345	328	991	330	33
E. Sullivan		279	277	300	856	285	29
D. Latto	42	336	301	335	930	310	31
R. Lerch		340	318	316	974	324	32
D. Green	42	345	340	351	994	331	33
E. Parker	21	288	301	307	875	291	29
T. Corcoran	21	331	298	326	934	311	31
S. Renshaw		261	302	280	843	281	28
R. Kildahl	42	294	296	299	847	282	28
G. Renshaw (J)		302	304	318	924	308	31
T. Stam	42	302	297	295	852	284	28
D. Taylor (J)		B.0	224	B.0	224	74	7
M. Dawson	42	309	351	303	921	307	31
B. Nener (J)	21	301	320	320	920	306	31
J. Strong	21	268	B.0	291	538	179	18
R. Lerch (J)		255	230	233	718	239	24
M. Geddes (V)	63	255	230	288	710	236	24
M. Tucker (J)	42	271	306	286	821	273	27
R. Lundy	42	257	B.0	278	493	164	16
R. Flynn		301	264	B.0	565	188	19

VENUES FOR 1972/73:

May 13/14	Margaret River
June 17/18 (Not L.W.E.)	Garden Island
July 15/16	Garden Island
August 12/13	Rottneest
September 16/17	Garden Island
October 7/8/9/ (L.W.E.)	Wagoe
November 11/12	Jurien Bay
December 16/17	Lancelin/Wedge
January 13/14	Flinders Bay
February 17/18	Moore River/Seabird
March 3/4/5 (L.W.E.)	Murchison
April 14/15	Margaret River

D.H. ACCURACY

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BANNING OF NETTING AT ROTTNEST:

It was noted that the Minister for Fisheries has placed a netting ban on areas of Rottnest.

I'm sure that other than the Rottnest Island Board, our members would be just as pleased, as this netting certainly has contributed to the present scarcity of herring and salmon over the last few years.

We must say thank you to the A.A.A. of W.A. for supporting the Rottnest Island Board on this move, even though it sometimes takes awhile for these things to eventuate.

A.A.A. of W.A. REPORT:

At the last meeting of the W.A. Division of the A.A.A., our only representative present was Jim Strong, as I was unable to attend because of work.

A few of the matters dealt with at the meeting were as follows:-

A motion was passed recommending that registration of angling buggies become compulsory through the Recreational Vehicles Association, should this become practicable.

Notice of Jack Harvey being unable to be a nominee for the State Team was accepted.

It was decided that a paid Minutes Secretary be appointed so that a better record of the Association's Minutes may be kept and forwarded onto member clubs.

The National Fitness Council is to become redundant and a new title to be given to this body.

A recommendation was put that the affiliation fees to the A.A.A. of W.A. be increased. This point will be brought up at our meeting next month.

My apologies to the members for not being able to be present at the last meeting and thanks to Jim Strong for passing on this information.

GEORGE HOLMAN

EXODUS TO MURCHISON:

This month quite a number of our club members and their families will be going to Kalbarri for annual holidays. A lot generally arrange this to fit in with the March Field Day.

Lofty Griffiths and family are there at present and some of those that I know of that are either there also, or who are going, are Dennis Green and family, Graham Baskerville and family, Eric Sullivan and family, and Lesley, Heath and myself. There is possibly quite a number of others that I don't know about, but to all, have a good holiday!

SUN, SURF AND BIG BITIES by TERRY O'HARA

My mind was not on my work as I watched the hours slip by. This time tomorrow I'd be wetting a line 400 miles north, away from the "rat race" with only fish as adversaries.

On this trip to Wagoë there would be Rudy and Ralph Lerch, Charlie Walsh and myself and Bill Schapp, whom we would meet at Halfway Camp.

Thursday night was spent loading the Toyota and trailer ready for an early rise and start the next morning. After a yarn and a drop of Rudy's Munich beer, we hit the sack for some shut eye.

Up at 3.30 a.m. we were off by 4.00 a.m. and travelling easily; the dawn just opening the horizon to us. Time passed quickly as the miles passed, the Toyota making it a cakewalk. We hit the Jurien gravel about 8.00 after which we made good time to the bitument out of Eneabba. Dongara and Geraldton passed and were on her doorstep, Northampton. After a yarn with Laurie Clark- it seems as though the snapper have been on at Wagoë; things look good.

The track in is in good condition and we are at halfway at 12.05, after a nice easy trip. In the settlement itself is an assortment of Range Rovers (3 of them!) and Land Rovers, so something must be in the air. One spot of shovel work when the trailer dug in and then we saw Bill's Toyota and caravan. Here we stayed for awhile and relaxed. Bill had not been to Wagoë but had plenty of tailor and mullock which he had caught close to camp. Besides this, he said it had been hot most of the time; this we were just appreciating, boy those beers tasted good! We then set up camp in the proximity of Bill's camp then off for a look at Wagoë.

After an accelerator cable snapped near Disaster we felt we were rushing a bit. Wagoë must wait.

So Friday night we decided to fish close to the camp, right in front. The tailor then decided to turn it on and in 2 hours we filled our bags with fish, sizes ranging from 1½ to 7lb- Bill claiming the biggest! Then the mullock came around. They were only small, but Bill's wife landed a 14 pounder; the rest were schoolies up to 9lb. (Rudy and myself both lost good fish, in both cases, the hooks just came out). So what would Wagoë be like if it was this good here. We then resigned to fish up there next morning. After some tucker, into sleeping bags, anxiously awaiting morning.

Saturday morning we were up at 5.00 and the sun was already creeping into the sky. The wind was E-SE, the time was ripe, Wagoë here we come. Off we went with a sense one can't really describe only in that it is there when one is in big fish territory.

We made good time up the track and were soon at our objective, the Cutting. The water looked good, very good, there was a swell alright and this ruled out fishing the reefs, but we didn't need to as the best water was at our feet. Then, as I climbed out of the Toyota, I noticed them, about 8 sets of gills strewn about the sand and only one fish has gills like these, Mulloway; big mulloway. This was the detonator to get us moving. Wow you should have seen the boys move!!

In a minute flat I was rigged and in the water. The burley went in and all was set. Then it started, bang, bang and on came the tailor. All the boys got stuck into them. Young Ralph seemed to have a spot close in because we cast right out whereas he dropped his behind a breaker and wham! I'd do it- nothing; throw right out and wham again.

At about 10.30 all went slack, then Bill's reel ran hot. Big mulla? After 15 minutes we picked it up in a wave, whaler and a good one. Then as Bill had no wire the inevitable happened, breakoff.

Rudy was next, but his fish wasn't to be outdone. It smashed the bait with utmost ferocity and hurled itself 6' out of the water spinning as it went in Mako fashion. We were all dumbfounded by the incredible power and beauty of this creature and agreed it had won its freedom when the line parted.

Bill must have been touched, because he was soon into something else. Off it ran, 50, 100 yards then the line arced up and a silvery block body with vertical slashes arced out of the water, mackoral! Bill was ecstatic, but just as this happened, his line went limp. Poor Bill, he looked so dejected.

We packed up and headed back to camp for lunch. Had a snooze during the afternoon, resigned to fish in front in the evening.

Late afternoon and the sea breeze hasn't yet materialised, only gentle zephyres blowing intermittently from the SE. We didn't need encouraging; Wahoo, here we come.

We headed for the Cutting again, ready for battle with 2 bags of tailor guts and 3 of mashed sardines, white bait and mullet guts brought up from Perth.

Already there, when we arrived, were 2 Northampton boys; George Puls and a friend, but no bites as yet. No sooner had we stopped than George's friend was jerked out of his inactivity and his rod pulled into a tight bow. The big fish made easy work stripping 150 yards off his side cast. Boy, we were getting used to quick rigging up. I was in the water in about 60 seconds. We all put out mulies and in came the tailor. Suddenly something began fiddling with my bait, then wham, a run of 100 yards and minus one rig. George's friend was again given the thick, this time the

the brute ripped off a good 200-250 yards of line. Again I got smashed up on 19lb. Blast this, out came the 700 E2 loaded with 35lb super x. Just as I was trying to do the knots in the rig, Bill's rod bent to an angle which had to be seen to be believed. Off went the fish with a one way ticket to South Africa. For the next 35 minutes that fish took Bill on a merry chase 200 yards up the reef, back and forwards (at one stage the line got stuck in a fissure, Rudy pulled it out with a gaff! (A great ad for Platapus), and all this on an Eggbeater). Eventually he got it into the wash and it was his, a black tip whaler between 100-120lb (next day it weighed 96lb gutted) not bad on 26lb.

By now I was rigged and in the water, a half tailor for bait. It hadn't been out 2 minutes before something was playing with it. I took up the slack and felt the brute move off, then I gave him curry. Did I say I gave it out, that fish dragged me stumbling down the beach, drag applied, reel humming. If ever I learnt respect for a fish, I did then. For the next 25 minutes the battle seesawed until I managed to get it within gaff range. Then he was ours, a fine whaler a bit larger than Bill's, $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet from tip to tail in the 110-130lb category.

Rudy was next into action. He really gave that shark hell, every move the shark made, Rudy gave it something more. It was in the breakers in 10 minutes. I did the honours this time but I don't know if I should have. The shark was green. I struck the gaff home and Vesuvius erupted cartwheeling, somersaulting, the 5" gaff straightened like copper wire. Bill's forged one was rushed down, this did the job and got a permanent set in it for the trouble. I think I was as tired as Rudy after that. The shark, a whaler, was in the same 100+ category. Soon after I notched my second, about 90lb.

The sharks then went quiet and tailor and small mullo way began to make things interesting again. Bill's wife, at this point, got a really good strike from something. It wasn't a shark, could it be a good mulla? In it came, a double header tailor, top hook on the rig a $6\frac{1}{2}$ pounder, bottom hook a 4 pounder, not bad, but this heralded the sharks return. Rudy was using nylon and got bitten off time after time.

Young Ralph at this point looked into and landed a whaler of about 35 pounds- a great effort!

I had 49 strand and two 10/0 Seamasters attached to a half a mullet out when the rod was just about wrenched from my hands. I had the drag fairly right but it didn't make an ounce of difference. I tried to loosen it but got bruised knuckles in the process. That fish, after 40 seconds, was still running. The two big handles were a spinning blur as line was stripped, a good 700 yards was taken off before the line suddenly went twang. On reeling in, I found the 49 strand had been snipped like spaghetti.

It is these fish that really excite me and for which I'd fish anywhere. A point worth raising is that all sharks were caught and brought in without wire, my two on 95lb nylon trace!

By this time we called it a night after a very exciting 5 hours of fishing.

The next morning we prepared to return home and were packed and ready by 7. For two days fishing we had a large freezer box and a large ice box full to the brim of tailor and mullogay, all we could carry. One thing we dearly regret is that we didn't take the club scales, for we all would have collected 3/1's as well as at least 1 club record. So remember, if you got to big fish country, don't forget the scales, or you'll inevitably regret it.

So time to set off home, time to say adieu to Wago who has again produced the goods for what we have of this trip are fond memories, of good company, of a pleasant weekend, in the sun and the surf and of a dash with the big bities!

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

The Committee that has been formed from the Surfcasters to look into the proposed hall building project with the Offshore Club are as follows:-

- President - Tom Corcoran
- Secretary - Terry Fuller
- Treasurer - Dennis Green
- Bob Klein
- Alf Rutland

A meeting of the two committees- Surfcasters and Offshore, is being arranged and we look forward to their first report.

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

One of our members who is only seen on rare occasions, in Tony Howson, had the misfortune to roll his "Range Rover" vehicle over whilst on a trip to Kalbarri to do a spot of fishing.

He had with him a few friends and his daughter and I'm happy to report that all escaped without injury, although they were shaken up. The "Range Rover" was extensively damaged and I venture to say it will be sometime before Tony will be able to use it.

COMPETITION ANGLING:

"I cannot understand how clubs can justify large scale slaughter of fish for competition points". Some of you may remember the occasion on which the above quotation was made. For those who cannot, it was made by Roley McKay at an instruction period during 1972. It is a quote that has never left me alone, and one that is to some extent an indictment of club competition angling in general. Our own club, great though it is, fosters a competition which relies on brute force, not a little luck and some skill. The skill referred to is mainly the ability to read the beach because if the line is heavy enough, the reel good enough and the angler patient enough, the fish is doomed! On really big fish a little extra skill is required- but how many of those do we catch?

How is such a competition commensurate with our aims and objectives in particular (a) which refers to sport and art and (b) which refers to conservation?

We have all heard so much clap-trap about ecological protection, pollution and environmental protection, but how many of us feel just a little uneasy when 50lb or more of small tailor or small mulloway are weighed in, or 1800 lb of small shark, or 2400 lb of salmon..... Quite often we hear members talking about how they used to catch fish here and there but can no longer do so.

To its credit this club has made two token contributions to conservation namely the bag limit on salmon and gilling and gutting fish to be weighed. This is not enough!

An Alternative.

Let's examine in very general terms an alternative way of coping for the angler who wishes to maintain a strong competitive spirit within our club. I feel this can be done with far more relevance and interest than that which exists at the present time.

Many of our members are familiar with the operations of the Australian National Sportsfishing Association (ANSA)- although this group seems to be operating fairly quietly. Their competition is based on one concept, that of man versus fish- the points resulting from a conquest being computed from weight of line, weight of fish and fighting quality of the fish. Could the Surfcasters do something along these lines? Could members be encouraged to fish light, to compute their points honourably and to compete in a stimulating contest. I do intend to examine these possibilities and prepare a further "instalment" for a later edition of "Reel Talk" and I sincerely hope that some members will come forward with some constructive practical suggestions.

COMPETITION ANGLING CONT'D:

Objections.

One major objection or obstacle such a revolutionary change would face would be prejudice. Nobody will deny that change in an established, smooth running organisation such as ours is often viewed with closed bias. It is hoped however that members will keep an open mind so that the concept outlined will gain support and be closely examined to give this club a more desirable and envied competition structure.

One can foresee much paperwork and mathematical computing necessary, but perhaps some format can be adopted to keep this to a minimum. How does the chap get on if he catches 60 fish? Does he do 60 separate calculations? Does he only use his best ten fish? Do averages become operative? This is one area where such a scheme may become onerous and cumbersome.

Once the points have been computed, the monthly and annual tallies can still be followed up. The angler who fishes for points, although he will now have to prove his skill as an angler, not a butcher, will have to fish lighter and take a risk on losing a fish or two. The winner of this competition can truly be dubbed a sportsman.

The clubs angling contest survives on an honour system now and no objection could be raised in this regard, surely. The anglers word regarding his line weight would have to be taken on trust, as so many aspects are done now.

Summary.

Gentlemen, I have written this article in all sincerity as being in the interests of our club. It is appreciated that many anglers will fail to see the advantages on the surface but on further examination may have a change of heart. Imagine what a great "first" the Surfcasters would have if we formulated a club competition which was practical and unique, and the envy of many clubs and associations. I would be very grateful if any member has any suggestion or criticism as I do intend to draw up a more specific competition structure to present later. At this stage it is only food for thought but I believe in its concept and feel strongly that something could be done.

TOM CORCORAN
