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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS The monthly GENERAL MEETING is usually held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 8pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meetings to keep up with club matters.

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

FIELD DAYS These normally follow each general meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign-on and the weigh-in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign-on. However only under very exceptional circumstances will failure to attend weigh-ins not be penalised with the loss of points acquired during that field day. It is the Field Day Officers duty to inform the Committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh-in. It is the Committees duty to decide what action is to be taken. Disputes may be taken to the Committee. Entries for Game Fish Badges, Club Records and Open Fishing Competitions must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture.

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

GENERAL ETIQUETTE If you intend to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Please assist the Treasurer by paying your subscription within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting. Arrears of 3 consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: M.Y.A.S.G. Club Room at the Inglewood Aquatic Centre
Alexander Drive, Menora
WHEN: WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER 1995 at 8:00pm
INSTRUCTION: There will be no instruction period as a Christmas get together
and sausage sizzle will be held instead
See details this issue.

DECEMBER CASTING

WHERE: Yokine Reserve, corner of Alexander Drive and Wordsworth Avenue
WHEN: SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER 1995 at 8:30am
EVENTS: 112 gram level line D/H Accuracy
56 gram level line S/H Accuracy
Artificial bait

**NEXT FIELD DAY**

WHERE: White Hills
WHEN: 16th - 17th December 1995
SIGN-ON: SATURDAY 1PM at the truck bay opposite white hills turn off on the
Bunbury Rd approx 6km past the Parkridge Hotel
WEIGH-IN: SUNDAY 10am as per the sign on
BOUNDARIES: SOUTHERN - Preston Beach Car Park as far as you can walk
NORTHERN - White Hills access Rd onto the Beach

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR DECEMBER

WHEN: 16th - 17th December 1995
SIGN-ON: Phone in sign-on to F.D.O. by 8:00pm on the THURSDAY night
LINES DOWN: SATURDAY 1:00 PM
WEIGH-IN: SUNDAY 10am at G. Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back
patio. Weights must be witnessed by an adult. F D Money to be left with the
scales in an envelope with name. Results to be phoned into the F D officer by
8:00pm that night.
BOUNDARIES: North Mole to Ocean Reef

FOLLOWING FIELD DAY

WHERE: Mandurah 500
WHEN: 6TH-7TH January 1995
SIGN ON: T.B.A.
WEIGH IN: T.B.A.
BOUNDARIES: SOUTHERN T.B.A.
NORTHERN T.B.A.

**LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR DECEMBER**

WHEN: 16th - 17th December 1995
SIGN-ON: Phone in sign-on to F.D.O. by 8:00pm on the FRIDAY night
LINES DOWN: SATURDAY 2:00pm
WEIGH-IN: SUNDAY by 10:00am at G. Holman's house. Scales will be available on his
back patio. Weights must be witnessed by an adult. F D Money to be left
with the scales in an envelope with name. Results to be phoned into the F D
officer by 8:00pm that night.
BOUNDARIES: North Mole to Three Mile Reef Moore River

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR JANUARY

NONE - MANDURAH 500 COMPETITION

LIST OF FIELD DAYS FOR BALANCE OF 1995 - 1996

DECEMBER	16th - 17th Dec	WHITE HILLS
JANUARY	6th - 7th Jan 1996	MANDURAH 500
FEBRUARY	11th - 12th Feb 1996	WEDGE ISLAND
MARCH	4th - 6th Mar (LWE)	BLUFF CREEK
APRIL	23rd - 29 Mar (1 week)	ESPERANCE



EDITORIAL

Well another month over and what a excellent day the car rally was. We had fun fishing through bins and around gutters in search of that elusive bus/train ticket among other things. My sister still hasn't got over the fact that she was five points shy of the winner after the ants my nieces collected escaped in the car! She imagines them sitting on her steering wheel taunting her every morning on her way to work. Anyway the weather couldn't have been better and there was a good turn out so I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Phil & Leanne for all their hard work in organising such a great social function.

With Christmas almost upon us I hope you have all written your letters to Santa. A fisherman is never hard to buy for as there is an endless amount of things needed to fill that tackle box. Maybe you could request a gift voucher as I'm sure most tackle shops have them.

Have a happy and safe Christmas. Take care on the roads and don't drink and drive - we want to see you back fishing next year!



Sue Brennan
Editor

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club if you sell anything.*

WANTED

Stories for the Reel Talk.

How about writing about your fishing experiences over the Christmas break? Everyone has at least one fishing story to tell.... so how about sharing them.

Once again we would like to thank "Fleets" Morley and "Joe's Tackle" Mt Lawley for their kind donation of tackle for the best Reel Talk entry.

Last month's winners were Rom Niciejewski for his First Mackerel story and Phil Brayne for the crossword brayne-teasers.

You've got to be in it to win it!



WISHING A

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

TO ALL

FROM THE

COMMITTEE



They're a Strange Mob

West Australians are divided into three different genders. There are.....male, female and of course **anglers**.

From my observations, it appears that the majority of West Aussie's are born as male or female, but fairly early in their life cycle , a sort of mutation slowly takes place and they undergo a marked mental change. This change is often quite rapid , but can be a fairly prolonged process, whereby the male or female concerned is actually unaware of the change. (It is only too obvious, to family and friends.)

Anglers , from their appearance are not unlike normal males and females. In order to identify them I am listing a few points on what to look out for.

The male anglers have girlfriend and wives, and provided they spend sufficient time at home, they've been known to have families as well.

An angler's wife and children look upon their father more as a casual lodger who occasionally remains in the homestead overnight , but is more likely to be absent for periods ranging , **from 24 hours to three weeks**.

When shopping , **anglers** are easily identified !!

A normal male will purchase a new suit or a pair of trousers, whereas a normal female , a new hat , stockings , gloves etc. etc. An **angler** will ask for a packet of fresh mulies which he/she will carry from the store with loving care, and place in a clean, air tight, ice box and guard them as avidly, as if they were the crown jewels.

An **anglers'** eyes will give them away !!

They are usually deeply lined around the eyes, caused of course by squinting and screwing them continuously , into the setting sun. The right thumb and fore finger are flattened and muscular, with an imprint of a torpedo reel-grip across the balls of each. The left arm has a spasmodic jerk , brought about by striking at fish , and the thumb and fingers are clenched in an unbreakable grip upon an imaginary rod.

If you could see the feet , it is quite possible that the toes are splayd and somewhat deformed from continual , violent contact with hidden rocks and hazards in shallow water and on reefs.

An **anglers'** vocabulary is unlimited , provided the subject is angling !!

Should the subject be altered in any way by some misguided conversationalist , the vocal chords become immobilised , and they then display a marked inability to utter a single word. This condition , well understood by the medical profession is known as " *vocalular tailoritis* " which is usually cured by reverting the conversation back to angling.

An **angler** finds it extremely difficult to stand erect and upright without the use of their balancing pole. This pole comes in two models , commonly called the fishing rod and a gaff. When mobile, the **angler** confines his/her perambulation to a stretch of foreshore approximately three metres long by four metres wide , which is invariably situated between the fishing gear and the edge of the surf line.

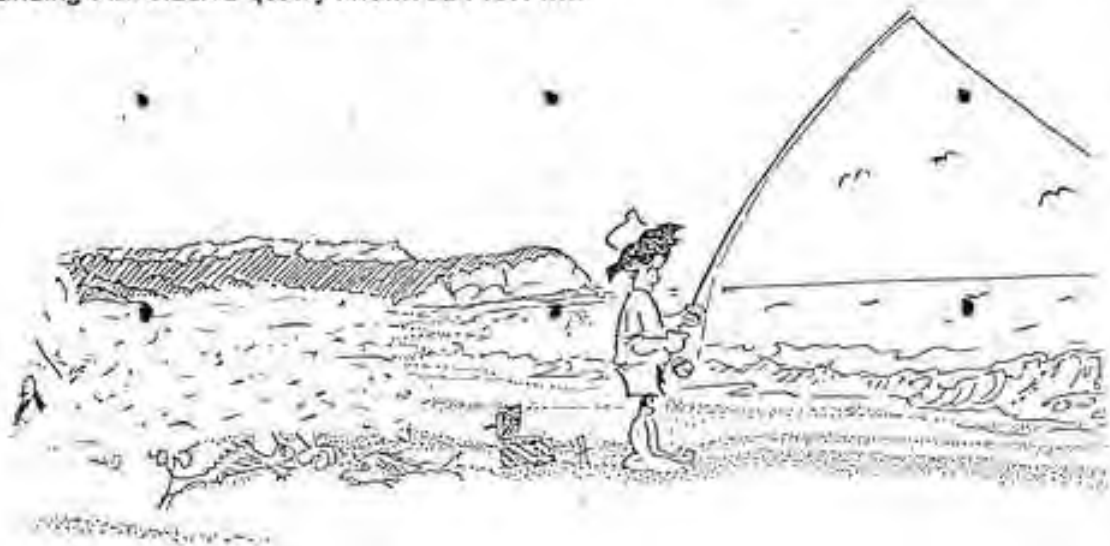
Anglers belong to various tribes otherwise known as 'angling clubs'. When not actually with their particular tribe , they can behave in an extremely inoffensive, anti-social manner and can be found on lonely stretches of beach front , standing completely (with the aid of their balancing pole) gazing in a fixed manner toward the setting sun. Now and again the left arm will be triggered by a long length of line , running from the tip of the balancing pole to the ocean , and the previously noted 'spasmodic jerk' will again be observed . This is known as 'striking the fish' , which the angler has fondly imagined has attacked his bait . The ritual/procedure just mentioned will be maintained for several hours, normally until the angler, (in common with normal male and female genders) is forced to replenish their own digestive system with food and liquid.

Of course it is commonly known that fish are a type of food , but experienced anglers are never known to rely on this particular course of replenishment, due to the large decline in numbers of his species in the past due to malnutrition.

Anglers are very rarely found further inland than 100 metres , and then only when moving from one fishing location to another. Anglers normally drive cars on these migratory habits and in common to the normal angler , their own cars have become unstable as well , so the balancing pole is securely affixed horizontally on the roof of their vehicles.

The tribes to which these anglers belong have their own form of democratic government , and are ruled by officials known as.... Pres., Sec., Treas., FDO., etc, etc. Similarly to normal politicians these officials are elected. This election is held each year at a function known as The Annual General Meeting and is the one day in the year when wives , friends etc, etc, can (if they wait outside the building) catch a glimpse of their husbands and boyfriends or whatever , just before they leave and set off to go fishing once again.

Anyway , from what you have read, I think you will agree that **anglers** are a **Strange Mob** and apart from a few notes given to you here , if you are interested enough and travel far enough, you will eventually find yourself an angler in action on a secluded beach. If you find yourself an angler in action, I feel sure that if you stayed around long enough you may , if you are lucky, observe one of these creatures catching and landing that elusive quarry known as FISH !!!!!



**FIELD DAY REPORT
HILL RIVER
11TH - 12TH November**

Beautiful coastline, great weather, good company and interesting fishing.....
End of report !!!

A group of members consisting of Alan Brayne, Phil Brayne and family, Tony Dalonzo and myself drove up on the Friday and pitched camp about 3 kilometres south of Hill River. We hung a few baits in the water late in the afternoon and landed some tailor, herring and a large flathead. I even caught a double header tailor with bait on only one gang of hooks. We falsely concluded that the fish were glad to see us and would be jumping at the opportunity to be caught on the field day. A few drinks and a great feed, we all retired early.

On Saturday morning there was a lot of members sussing out potentially good looking fishing spots. After the sign on we all started to fish very seriously. By night fall very few tailor had appeared. Both Tony and Alan lost small sharks in the shore slop. Tony and Alan worked hard for their tailor and we all fished till after midnight. Meanwhile Hans and his group were having to return excess tailor to the water (what luck!). We started again at 5.30 am and found that we couldn't give a bait away so had a leisurely pack up. On the drive back down the beach we found Hans and crew still catching skippy. Some nice bags of fish were presented at the weigh-in at Cervantes. Murray Shaw and John Bennett both had small bronze whaler sharks. the group who fished Cervantes did not present many fish but the effort put into fishing may have been minimal. We think socialising may have been more their aim. Everyone seemed to have had an enjoyable field day.

Hans, Karl, Terry & Scott Willison and myself decided to drive back to Perth via the coast. We went down through Grey to Wedge Island for a barbeque at Terry's cottage and continued on along the beach to Lancelin. There were some magnificent areas of reef and sand that looked to have lots of potential for fishing. A venue north of Wedge Island would not be a long trip and would be worth considering for one of next years field days. There was also some nice camping locations. It was a very relaxing and scenic drive down the coast with the occasional bit of serious 4 wheel driving (not Suburu country). We found that the distance to Perth was about 80 kilometres less by this route. Good fishing for White Hills.

The Cookie Monster

Jon Cook



FIELD DAY RESULTS

December 1995.....

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VENUE : HILL RIVER SATURDAY 11TH - SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 1995

ATTENDANCE SENIORS 29 JUNIORS 2 M/JUNIORS 2 VISITORS 1

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 34

TOTAL FISH WEIGHT 103.9 KGS

SENIORS

NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT	NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT
John Bennett	197	12.7kg	Dave Maxted	77	4.7kg
Murray Shaw	194	10.4kg	Eric Parker	76	1.6kg
Hans Wytenburg	186	8.6kg	Ian Cook	72	1.2kg
Tony Dalonzo	172	8.2kg	Roy Killeck	69	0.9kg
George Holman	170	8.0kg	Nick Anticich	64	3.4kg
Alan Brayne	131	7.1kg	Beau Derosario	57	1.7kg
Sid Whiting	118	2.8kg	Mark Farnay	53	0.3kg
Darryl Halton	110	4.0kg	Scott Willison	46	1.6kg
Ron Thompson	92	2.2kg	Derry Barber	46	0.6kg
Ian Mascarenhas	91	3.1kg	Bob Henderson	40	0.0kg
Phil Brayne	91	3.1kg	Peter Stoeckel	40	0.0kg
Terry Willison	89	2.9kg	Morris Kolman	40	0.0kg
Tom Anticich	88	4.8kg	Simon Dragicevich	32	1.2kg
Wayne Morris	84	2.4kg	Rhonda Morris	30	0.0kg
Lou Scibilia	79	1.9kg			

JUNIORS

Michael Scibilia	59	0.9kg	MINI JUNIORS		
Bill Scibilia	56	0.6kg	Darren Whiting	48	1.8kg
			Karl Wytenburg	10	0.0kg

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST SHARK	John Bennett
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	Murray Shaw
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	Dave Maxted
MYSTERY PRIZE	Beau Derosario
JUNIOR PRIZE	Mike Scibilia

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST SHARK	John Bennett	5.6kg Bronze Whaler
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	Dave Maxted	10.4kg mixed
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	John Bennett	0.77kg Tailor

SENIOR TOP TEN

Tony Dalonzo	1939
Alan Brayne	789
George Holman	679
Darryl Halton	635
Phil Brayne	618
Hans Wytenburg	609
John Bennett	586
Ian Mascarenhas	511
Morris Kolman	489
Ian Cook	354

JUNIOR TOP FIVE

Stephen Pilton	148
Brett Taggart	138
Grant Taggart	137
Bill Scibilia	108
Mike Scibilia	99

M/JUNIOR TOP FIVE

David Plaut	142
Darren Whiting	136
Karl Wytenburg	10
Ian Neal	0
Robert Gardener	0



FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1995-1996

1.	HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)
2.	HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)
3.	MOST MERITORIOUS FISH
4.	HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5KG MIN)
5.	HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1.0KG MIN)
6.	HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0KG MIN)
7.	HEAVIEST SALMON (3KG MIN)
8.	HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5KG MIN)
9.	HEAVIEST MACKERAL
10.	HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH
11.	HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY
12.	HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR
13.	HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H ROD 4kg or 9lb line 1/5 (max)
14.	HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 3-9, 13 (2KG MIN)

AS AT NOVEMBER 1995

T. DALONZO	MULLOWAY	6.55KG
D. MAXTED	TAILOR	0.77KG
J. BENNETT	BRONZE WLR	5.60KG
T. DALONZO	MULLOWAY	6.55KG
S. WHITING	TAILOR	4.55KG
T. DALONZO	SALMON	4.45KG
I. TAGGART	TREVALLY	1.2KG
T. DALONZO	MIXED	51.1KG
T. DALONZO	MULLOWAY	6.55KG
P. BOOTH	TAILOR	8.0KG
T. DALONZO	PIKE	3.58KG

SOCIAL REPORT

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN THIS MONTHS REPORT, BY THANKING EACH AND EVERY MEMBER, AND SOME MEMBERS GUESTS, FOR ATTENDING LAST MONTHS SOCIAL CAR RALLY. YOU ALL MADE IT A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THE DAY, AS MUCH AS I DID. A TOTAL OF 93 PEOPLE TURNED UP, (including the kids,) TO ENSURE WE HAD A GOOD SOCIAL GATHERING. THE WEATHER, COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ANY BETTER, (it rained for most of the next day). I MUST SAY A HUGE " THANK YOU ", TO MY BETTER HALF, LEANNE. LEA HELPED ME OUT AT EVERY TURN TO ORGANISE THE DAY, AND SETTING UP THE SITE AT WHITEMAN PARK. SHE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NIBBLIES WE ALL SCOFF ON MEETING NIGHTS. WHILE I AM HANDING THANK YOU,S AROUND, I MUST'NT FORGET MURRAY SHAW, AND PETER STOEKEL. MURRAYS ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP ME OUT, AND PETER DOES A GREAT JOB ON THE DOOR, ON MEETING NIGHTS, AND SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS. THANKS A LOT GUYS. A LOT OF PEOPLE HELP OUT WITH ALL SORTS OF TASKS, YOU ALL KNOW WHO YOU ARE, SO THANKS TO YOU ALSO.

WELL, WITH " CHRISSY " LOOMING, JUST AROUND THE CORNER, MY ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE DECEMBER 13th MEETING, THIS IS THE LAST ONE BEFORE XMAS. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NEWER MEMBERS, WE ALL TRY TO BRING A PLATE TO THIS MEETING, (PREFERABLY, WITH SOME FOOD ON IT!). WE GET THE CLUB BUSINESS OUT OF THE WAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN GET STUCK INTO IT. MURRAY SHAW HAS GIVEN ME THE USE OF HIS BARBIE (NOT THE DOLL,) AS I INTEND HAVING A SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS YEAR AS WELL. SEE YOU ON THE NEXT FIELD DAY..... PHIL.

BRAYNETEASER #3 RESULTS/SOLUTIONSACROSS

- 1 FLYING GAFES
- 7 LAW
- 8 SINKERS
- 11 BERLEY CAGE
- 15 AL
- 16 AID
- 18 BRASS
- 20 A.M.
- 23 LURE
- 25 TACKLEBOX
- 27 ROD

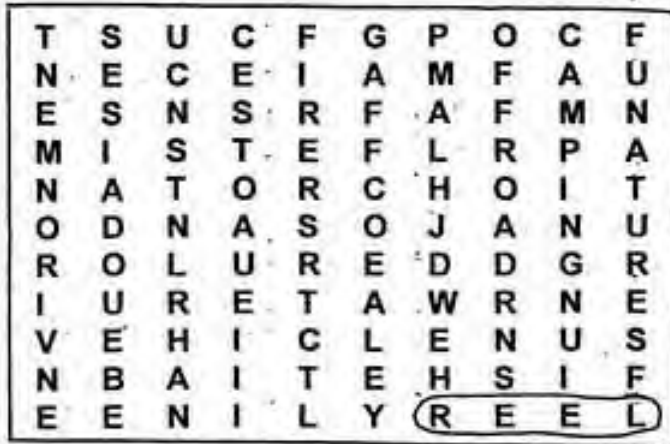
DOWN

- 1 FISH
- 2 INK
- 3 GAS
- 4 FLY
- 5 F.A.
- 6 SWIVELS
- 9 REEL
- 10 D.C.
- 12 LAW
- 13 A.A.A.
- 14 TAILOR
- 17 DART
- 19 RIVER
- 21 MEAL
- 22 PIKE
- 24 COD
- 26 B.O.



WORD SLEUTH


BY TANYA NICIEJEWSKI



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|------|-------|-------------|-------|
| TENT | TORCH | VEHICLE | FIRE |
| FISH | FUN | ENVIRONMENT | SUN |
| REEL | LURE | CAMPING | WATER |
| BAIT | TORCH | NATURE | GAFF |
| LAMP | LINE | OFFROAD | SAND |

All of the words listed appear in the puzzle above either up, down, backwards or diagonally. After you have ringed all the words the letters will make up a hidden message.


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Drycasting Report.

Hi , and welcome to another month of our clubs drycasting report. The numbers participating this month, were up on last months events , which is great to see.

Let's see if we can improve it just a little more !

A hearty welcome to Don Batchelor and Mark Farnay, as it is always good to see new faces at casting and them doing so well.

Sunday proved to be a day of fun and excitement. First of all , the wind was coming from the east, (this as you know is quite normal) but as the day went on, it gradually swung around to the north which made the 56 gm event very hard to score, as the sinkers were not sticking in.

On one occasion, the sinker rolled out of the V court.

When it came time for the 112 gm open , the wind turned around again from the west at 10 to 20 knots which is something that we dream of.

G. Holman was the winner of the day, with a cast of 176 metres , however the days honors went to a visitor **Darren Batchelor** with a massive cast of ... 183.6 metres.

At this stage it is a State Record and possibly a National Record as well.

To end , this brings us to the " State Titles ". I would like to say the best of luck to all casters who have made the team.

OPEN (Sect).

G. Gildersleeve
B. Henderson
H. Wytenburg
S. Whiting
G. Holman
I. Pilton
G. Reely

VETERANS

D. Batchelor
R. Killick
T. Stam
M. Head

JUNIORS

S. Pilton
D. Reid
D. Whiting

MINI-JNRS

D. Whiting
K. Wytenburg

I would like all casters to be there by 7.30 a.m on Sunday the 26th of November and be ready to cast by 8 a.m. Go get 'em .

Any member who is not casting your help would be greatly appreciated.

Tight Lines..... Hans W.



November Drycasting Results 1995

	SENIORS 112 Gram Cast			56 Gram Art/Bait			Dble/Hnd Accuracy	Sin/Hand Accuracy	DAY TOTAL
	Cast-1	Cast-2	TOTAL	Cast-1	Cast-2	TOTAL			
G.Reely	141	0	14	0	0	0	71	12	97
H.W'Burg	144	0	14	133	136	27	81	12	134
R. Hend'sor	0	109	11	107	110	22	85	11	129
I Cook	0	0	0	115	122	24	83	11	120
M Farnay	108	104	21	0	94	9	42	15	87
G.Holman	142	143	28	0	0	0	107	18	153
E.Parker	124	0	12	112	0	11	52	12	87
LADIES									
F.Dalonzo	0	103	10	90	84	17	118	6	151
Veterans									
Mal Head	113	99	21	0	99	10	117	18	166
J.Strong	100	0	10	93	85	18	89	16	133
G.Nye	50	70	12	0	0	0	8	0	20
Trev Stam	90	90	18	64	88	15	76	6	115
T. Dalonzo	0	114	11	0	98	10	120	24	165
R.Killick	89	104	19	6	87	9	107	11	146
Tom Lynn	0	70	7	0	64	6	79	8	100
D.Batchelor	107	109	12	101	105	21	121	24	178
Juniors									
	67	67	13	63	50	11	65	14	103
	101	0	10	53	0	5	108	7	130
Mini Juniors									
K.W'Burg	28	31	6	54	46	10	18	0	34

- 112 gram Winner
- Artificial Bait Winner
- 56 gm Winner
- D/H Accuracy Winner
- S/H Accuracy Winner
- 112 gm "Open" Winner
- S/H "Open" Distance Winner
- Winner of the Day
- Junior Winner

- SENIOR**
- G. Holman (28)
 - Nil
 - Hans Wytenburg (27)
 - Filomena Dalonzo (118)
 - G. Holman (18)
 - G. Holman (176)
 - Nil
 - G. Holman (153)
 - Steve Pilton (130)

- Veterans**
- Mal Head (21)
 - Nil
 - D. Batchelor (21)
 - D. Batchelor (121)
 - T. Dalonzo / D. Batchelor (24)
 - Nil
 - D. Batchelor (178)

Cast month	1995	August	September	October	November
G. Reeley		96	0	170	97
M. Head		201	168	146	166
T. Stam		115	150	141	115
J. Strong		114	120	120	133
D. Reid		106	158	114	103
T. Lynn		90	75	109	100
S. Pilton		169	136	124	130

Keen Kasting figures at the end of the day.



Casting Attendance

(Last Year)

August	September	October	November
13-(20)	18-(17)	15-(16)	19-(24)



1967 Reel Talk. (Archive)

**Why is This So ?**

1. **Why is it** when I have decided to travel 600 kms to catch fish , that when I arrive the wind howls at 30 knots just 10 seconds after I have baited my first hook..
2. **Why is it** that if I go 40kms to catch fish , that when I arrive , there is a thick brown weed , stretching for a further 560 kms , right to where I would have fished if I had gone 600 kms.
3. **Why is it** that if there are fish where I am fishing, that if I had 20 pkts of fresh mulies, they won't look at anything except mullet strips.
4. **Why is it ...** that if I rig a heavy rod and reel with 80kg steel trace, and half a kangaroo for bait , that it stays out there for a week and nothing touches it, whereas if I use my flickrod with a little lure for catching herring, a 6 metre bronze whaler shark takes my very first cast.
5. **Why is it.....** that the water trickles over the reef for a week, no higher than 20 mm, but the moment I walk to the edge to cast , a king wave comes out from nowhere.
6. **Why is it** I can walk into barbed wire a dozen times and nothing happens , but as soon as I put my waders on and walk into the water, a cigarette paper floats by and tears them from top to bottom.
7. **Why is it** that I can throw out spare bait on the beach and it stays there for a week, but the moment I'm down to my last packet , the bl...dy tailor come on , and I turn around to see a flamin' seagull flying out to sea, with the plastic bag and contents.

Well fellow comrades, if you can answer all these questions, it may not really do you much good but it may help me after 25 years of angling to at least catch my very first fish .

Signed

Desperate

STEEP POINT IN JULY

Organising your gear so it's sand-proofed and easy to get at is a priority when beach fishing. The Eskey doubles as a bait cooler and tackle box, and PVC pipes used either singly or in gangs can keep your rods out of the sand too. A small plastic bucket full of sea water and a hand towel keeps your hands (and your gear) free of scunge and a heavy duty lantern affords lighting. The whole kit is light, portable and inexpensive, but efficiently voids a frustrating battle with the elements.

