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MEETINGS: The monthly general meeting is usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8.00 PM. All members should endeavor to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

DRYCASTING: Dry casting competitions are usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. instruction is given to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of the 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 officer's duty to inform the Committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh in. It is then the Committees duty to decide what action shall 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 club Recorder within 30 days of capture, and using the approved club forms.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Please notify the Treasurer and the Reel Talk Editor of any change or incorrect listing of address or phone numbers.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE: If any member intends to resign from the club, A letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Please assist the treasurer by paying your annual subscription within 28 days of the annual general meeting. Arrears of three consecutive months may result in forfeiture of membership.

LIFE MEMBERS

VIC DAVIS-D. EDWARD-L. DUNN-E. PARKER-J. STRONG-B. KLEIN-G. HOLMAN

The Surfcasting and Angling Club of W.A. (inc.)

General meeting held on the 13-1-99

The meeting was opened at 8-10 pm by President George Holman with 34 members in attendance.

Apologies were received from ; David Freeman and Alan Jones

10 visitors, Sheila and Steve Whitman, Alan Capes, Ray Mollett, Ken Brinsdon, Peter Sucksmith, Peter and Elliott Snowdon plus Mason and Kim Watts were introduced and made welcome to the meeting.

Minutes from the last general and committee meetings were read and accepted. Business arising, nil.

Correspondence in: A.A.A. delegates meeting minutes for November and December plus a report from the A.A.A. State Estuarine / Beach and Rock committee. News letter on the Phillip Island competition.

Brochures received from the Water Corporation and the Fisheries of W.A. Letters were also received from the Minister for Fisheries on the proposed Tuna farm at Esperance. The City of Stirling regarding a sports development funding scheme plus a letter and magazine from the Australian Fishing 'N' Field company.

A draft copy of the proposals being put forward by the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee on competition fishing for fisherpersons and clubs in W.A.

Correspondence out: Copy of changes to the constitution complete with a payment of \$15-10 has been sent to the Minister of Fair Trading. No reply received, as yet.

Treasurers report: Accounts for payment for Kalbarri House— Bond refunds - \$100-00, Lawn mowing -\$50-00, December house cleaning \$75-00. Other accounts for payment are; December Reel Talk \$84-00, Cloth badges - \$308-75, Constitution changes \$15-10.

Moved Jim Strong, 2nd Ian Cook that all of the above accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

Property Officers report: Kalbarri busy bee has been placed on hold.

A.A.A. Report:- George Holman expressed his concern about the proposals being put forward by the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee on competition fishing for all members of the community. This could have a dramatic effect on all competitions being run by any organisation. Watch the Reel talk and if you are asked to help out by way of a sending a letter or signing of a petition, Please do so as it is in your best interests.

Instruction period was conducted by Steve Whitman from Williamsons Lures. Once again Steve showed us a selection of lures he brought with him and explained what colours to use, where to use them and how they work. Steve also had information sheets available for the members which contained most of the information required.

As a thankyou to Steve, Sheila and Alan for presenting Williamson Lures to us, a Surfcasters cloth badge was presented to each of them plus an invitation to attend our B.B.Q. and night cast which is to be held after the open field-day weigh-in on Sunday the 14th February at George Holmans house. Refer to your Reel Talk.

Next months instruction period will be Keiran Wardle with a discussion on Dirk Hartog Island.

General business: Not a lot of interest has been shown in the Dirk Hartog Island fishing trip planned for May 22nd - 29th 1999. Perhaps the cost of this trip is putting some people off going, however if you can find the money it would certainly be worth it. We must have definite starters going by the next general meeting.

If you would rather go at a different time of the year please let the committee know so we at least know you are interested in going. It is most frustrating when you are trying to arrange a trip and nobody says anything.

Darren Batchelor asked if outsiders could go to Dirk Hartog Island. Outsiders would be permitted to go, but club members would obviously be given first preference. This would also help to get the reduced rates being offered by Keiran Wardle. Non club members would have to observe all club rules. To be discussed.

Mal Head gave the Treasurer \$82-00 and \$21-00 respectively from sale of cans and sinkers. Many thanks Mal.

The meeting closed at 9-56 pm.

Ooops !!!

It was incorrectly reported in the last issue of

Reel Talk that a non refundable deposit of \$150-00 was required by the February meeting if you were going to Dirk Hartog Island. The amount should have read \$50-00.

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER??

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the field days and mingle with the flock, or do you stay at home and criticise and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the competition along, or are you simply satisfied to only just belong?

Do you join the committees to see there is no trick, or leave the work to just a few and talk about "the clique"?

Don't be just a member - take an active part! Come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart.

Think it over members, you all know right from wrong, are you an active member or do you just belong?

REEL TALK EDITORS REPORT

Hi all, I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Years, and speaking of that, wasn't it only last week that we were sitting down to Christmas dinner? I can't believe we are approaching the end of January already. The end of this coming year starts the new millennium, The year 2000. I wonder what this new century will bring to us all. A little scary isn't it? Its going to be hard to let "19Whatever" go. Its been with us all for all of our lives and next year it will be gone. I suppose some people will be glad to see the back of it. I also wonder what the future holds for our club. I would love it to get bigger and stronger, and that will only happen through member participation. There is so much else going on behind the scenes at the moment, which makes the future of fishing clubs such as ours, look doubtful. I don't want to bore you all with the political side of the angling scene. (Heaven knows, I don't know the half of what is going on myself) you probably didn't even realise that there is a political side to angling. How can I put this simply? Let's try this. It's great to go out to the shed, grab your fishing rod, a bit of tackle, off to the tackle shop for a block of mulies, down to the favourite fishing hole, and away you go. Sounds familiar doesn't it? And that's how it should be. OK, now lets try this. After loading your vehicle up with what you need, down to the tackle shop for a block of mulies. Only to be told that "Sorry we don't have any, due to the virus". (Introduced, by the way, through bad management and decisions, but that's another story.) So you decide on some other bait, no big deal. Off you go, to the favourite spot, only to be greeted by a Ranger telling you that you can't fish here anymore. Grumbling your "whatsits" off, you scoot off somewhere else, park on the beach, and set your camp. Half an hour into your fishing trip and another Ranger from the next shire pulls up. He tells you to move again as it's against the law to park on the beach anymore, "go to the Caravan Park" he says, or "Ill fine you". (NOTE:It has happened to me twice at Whitehills). He checks your esky's for legal catches (nothing wrong with this) and then asks you for your fishing license, Oh! "Don't have one ay?" Well "cop this fine as well then". Sounds a bit extreme doesn't it, well most of the above happens now anyway, and it's only the Fishing License that has yet to come, and you just wait and see, I bet you my last dollar, they try to introduce it, in the not so distant future. Look! It's not my place to mention it in this report; I will leave that side of things to George and Hans, who represent us at AAA and Reefishwest level. I know that the A.A.A reports are usually the time to go to the loo, or nip outside for a smoke at the General Meetings, and how many of us honestly read the A.A.A. Reports in the Reel Talk? I am only mentioning this because, there is some pretty disturbing activities abounding at this time and we had all better sit up and take a little more notice of what's transpiring. Hey! I don't want to get involved in this either, I just want to go for a fish when, and where, I want to. If I have to attend a couple of boring meetings, or fill in a petition form, and post it off now and again to ensure that I can, then I will, and I hope you will too. You don't have to be a member of a club to be affected either, this applies to us all.

No doubt George Holman and Hans Wytenburg will keep us all informed, so please, lets all pay a little more attention. These two blokes put in a lot of effort, and a hell of a lot of time, into attending these meetings for us all. Lets at least show some interest and maybe share the load a bit.

OK, that's the heavy side of my report over, Phew!

Now then, If "they" haven't shut Steep Point down by Tuesday 10th of August 1999, that's when Murray Shaw, and myself have decided that we will be going. The angler's almanac tells us that this is the prime time in August. A few people, (members and non-members) have indicated that they wish to accompany us, and that's great. The more the merrier. At last count, there are ten persons on the list, and I expect this to grow before we leave. That's the beauty of Steep Point, it can accommodate a heap of people. If you have never been to Steep, or never tried gas balloon fishing, jump on board. If you know Steep like the back of your hand, and love gas balloon fishing, as well as excellent bottom fishing, your welcome too. This will be a great trip. We will be going for seven days. For those that need to book holiday time with employers, tell them August 10th for sure. Ring Murray Shaw or myself, and you're in. A bit closer to the date, we will hold a couple of meetings to discuss plans. We have checked this date (10th August) against other club events, and yes, you will miss a field day. It is also the time of the A.G.M. but you can always vote before the event, or nominate by proxy if you want to nominate for a position on the committee. Hope to hear from you soon.

I know I say this every month but you never know, I might actually get a report from someone if I ask enough times. I am always looking for anything to put in the Reel Talk to make it a little interesting. If you have been off somewhere and would like to tell a few people about it, drop me a few lines, you might even pick up a little prize for doing so. If you haven't been anywhere, but want to tell a few "porkies" that you have, then go ahead. Any input from the members is good input, so don't be bashful, start penning now.

Tight lines

Phil Brayne.

Protect the Chain

The food chain is a very delicate chain and we, as Surfcasters must protect this at every opportunity. When you catch that Blowie, or that nuisance Long Tom, put them back. Don't stomp on the blowie, don't snap the Long Toms jaws, it's not really funny when you think about it. The Stingray that drags you up and down the beach for an hour, stretching your patience as well as your line. Don't sink the gaff in to drag it up the beach. Get as close as you can to it, and cut your line. Okay, you might lose a dollar or two in a bit of tackle, but that's a damn sight cheaper than that creature's life. The hooks will rust out in no time. Everything on this planet has a part to play and we should all play our part too. Heaven knows we do enough damage to the place with everything else we touch. If you don't want to keep it, be as careful as you can, and put it back. You'll feel good about yourself if you do. Just a thought.

Phil Roove

PRESIDENTS NOTES

I was pleased to see a great roll up of Surfcasters at the January meeting which was highlighted by an instruction period on Williamsons Lures, presented by Steve Whitman.

Alan Pace ably assisted Steve.

Steve went to a great deal of trouble to prepare handouts with answers to a list of questions prepared by Wayne Morris. Along with these, and also his talk on lures, members should have learnt a lot, and we all benefited. A couple of people also learnt a lot more about fishing rods as well!!

In my notes last month and also a report I prepared on the forthcoming club trip to Dirk Hartog Island.

There was an amount of \$150.00 mentioned as a non-refundable deposit, the correct amount should have read \$50.00. I don't know whether this was a contributing factor or not, but the numbers took a dive and we are battling to get more than three vehicles for the May trip at this time. If we don't get a better response, we can't expect to get a discounted rate. There is a group of four vehicles going there in July and at present three vehicles for the first week of the September school holidays. We will see if Kieran Wardle will be able to look after us a little. He is coming along to our February meeting, to give us a talk and run down on going fishing on Dirk Hartog. He will be in action first up as he also has another talk to give elsewhere. Make sure you are present. There is a loose sheet in this Reel Talk for you to give some attention to. It is a proposed list of venues for the forthcoming competitive year, and committee needs your input to help select these. The committee is currently looking at our club fees, the tariffs for the Kalbarri house property, fees for both field days and the casting days. If you have comments to make, please discuss them with a committee member so that they can be noted and discussed at committee level.

As it was mentioned at our last meeting, the AAA of WA meeting held on the 19th January was to be devoted mainly to dealing with a draft put out by the Recreational Fishing Advisory Council (RFAC). In which they proposed to control all fishing competitions under a permit system. It included points such as clean up charges, restocking charges, compulsory, or otherwise catch returns, codes of ethics ect. This was a "heavy" document with a lot of ramifications if the power is granted. Even though Lindsay Harbord, the Chairperson of RFAC, was present and stated it was more to control big commercial interests. The word CONTROL is what worries us. There is too much going on around the traps, and far too much power going to both, RFAC, and Reefishwest. When an association such as ours has only one vote on Reefishwest and none on RFAC we should be very worried. Lindsay also stated that there were another 15 documents under consideration and five coastal management proposals to come, in the near future and some of these are frightening.

There is also legislation going to Parliament on Animal Liberation, which has a fishing section included. We are also going to look into this as well, and try and get the fishing portion transferred to the control of Fisheries. As you can see, there is too much happening at one time and the bottom line is, to make sure the Angling clubs and the Association do not have any real power, so we have to become very active and be very vocal. I was pleased with the response from our club members who came along to the AAA of WA meeting as this is the only way can see first hand what is happening, and also have your say. Those who I noticed there were Wayne Morris, Derry Barber, Ian Cook, Hans Wytenburg, Don and Darren Batchelor, Phil Brayne Murray Shaw, Dave Maxted, Jim Strong, as well as myself. Thank You.

Don't forget Andy Woodford, (social organiser) club bar-b-que, and cricket match on Sunday 31st January, at Mawsons Park at Hillarys. Details elsewhere in this issue.

Also don't forget the Barbie, and night cast after the weigh in for the February Open Venue.

Venue is again at the rear of my place, address in the front of the Reel Talk, Sunday the 14th February, at 6.00pm. Details elsewhere in this issue also.

Great to see membership nomination from Peter Sucksmith and family.

George Holman

PS: Best wishes to Mal Head Jim Strong, and Trevor Stam for the forthcoming Nationals at Phillip Island in Victoria.

(REEL TALK EDITORS NOTE) RE: Dirk Hartog Island Club Run in May.

Although I accept the blame for mistakenly quoting a \$150.00 non-refundable deposit, instead of \$50.00. I hardly feel that this is the "contributing factor" to why the numbers are down for this trip. With so many members going to Dirk Hartog Island in July, and again in September, plus the 10 or so members that are going to Steep Point in August. Also not discounting that quite a few members simply, cannot afford to go, or cannot get the time to go, even at a discounted rate. We only have so many "active" members in the club and I feel this is more closely associated to the reason why the numbers are down. If you had planned to go on the May trip anyway, it shouldn't matter whether the deposit was \$150.00 or \$50.00. Phil Brayne)



BLUFF CREEK

Looking forward to February field day, which will be the long weekend of Feb 27/28 and 1st of March this is a family field day location so bring the wife and kids and come along to this trip. This is one of the best locations we go to for a field day, and has all the right ingredients for a great weekend. The camp is protected from most of the wind, and is near a fresh water creek where you can wash off the salt. It is recommended that you bring plenty of fresh water for drinking and cooking.

Bluff creek is only accessible for a 4WD vehicle and is east of Albany. There are kilometres of open beach for fishing. Some reef spots are within easy distance of the camping area where skippy, herring, whiting, salmon are caught and blackfish on the edge of the reef when the weather is calm. The beach and water is in pristine condition so it is really a very pleasant spot just to relax and take it all in. We will be having a club B.B.Q. on Sunday at 12:00 hrs until 2:00pm. fishing will be prohibited during this time so that all members can participate in this event. I would recommend this field day to new members as the fishing is easy and there will be plenty of experienced members on hand to answer any questions and to fish with.

A group of members will be going in convoy to Bluff Creek on Friday night so if anyone wishing to join in please ask at the February meeting. I hope to go down to Bluff on Friday morning, if anyone else is interested in travelling down with me. This is a take your own everything type of spot but if you need power to run freezers, lights, etc you may be able to plug onto someone else's generator if it is pre-arranged.

There are many ways to get to Bluff as can be seen by looking at any map of the area but I will offer the easiest to follow for the benefit of the new members:

Travel south on **Albany Hwy** to **Mt Barker**, go straight through heading towards **Albany**, at **24km** there is a turn on the left onto **Millbrook Road**, follow this to the end, turn left onto the **South Coast Hwy**, **2km** up the road take the **right fork** (*this is the last fuel stop so if you need it, get it here*) follow this for **43km** to **Bluff Creek Road** turn right and follow this until the road turns into a track follow the track to the beach turn left and travel up beach until you reach **Bluff Creek** approx 5km maybe a bit more it will be running across the beach (usually) turn up into sand hills into camp area. *Use caution when travelling the beach as small creeks run across in places and are hard to see sometimes.*

The easiest way to find it, is to travel with somebody that knows where they are going. As already mentioned, there are many ways to get there, so its up to you to choose the way that suits you, I will be going the above way because its easy to follow, and bitumen all the way.

Last year this field day was our highest attended field day and a lot of good fish were caught, we had herring, skippy, salmon (up to 6kg), tarwhine, sharks and assorted reef fish just to mention a few, so as you can see, it is a field day not to be missed. If anyone has any questions regarding this field day please don't hesitate to call me (9337 9169)and I will assist in any way I can.

Tight lines
Dasa

FEBRUARY 1999 GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: M.Y.A.S.G CLUB ROOM AT INGLEWOOD AQUATIC CENTRE ALEXANDER DRIVE
WHEN: 10TH FEBRUARY 1999 AT 8:00PM
INSTRUCTION DIRT HARTHOG

FEBRUARY DRYCASTING

WHERE: YOKINE RESERVE CNR ALEXANDER DRIVE AND WORDSWORTH AVE
WHEN: SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 1999
EVENTS: 112GM DISTANCE, 112GM A/BAIT DISTANCE, DM ACCURACY, SH ACCURACY, 112GM OPEN

FEBRUARY FIELD DAY

WHERE: OPEN BOUNDARIES
WHEN 13/14 FEBRUARY
SIGN ON **SAFETY FORMS MUST BE FILLED IN AT THE MEETING**
PHONE IN SIGN ON UNTIL 8:00PM THURSDAY NIGHT

LINES DOWN 1:00PM SATURDAY
LINES UP 12:00PM SUNDAY
WEIGH IN 6:00PM SUNDAY AT GEORGES HOUSE FOLLOWED BY BYO BBQ AND NIGHT CAST

NOTE:- OPEN BOUNDARIES IS DEFINED AS ANY TIDAL WATERS INCLUDING RIVERS, INLETS
OPEN OCEAN ETC. **IT DOES NOT INCLUDE DAMS, CREEKS OR ANY OTHER NONE TIDAL AREA**

SAFETY FORMS MUST BE FILLED IN AT THE MEETING WITH ALL DETAILS
THESE ARE FOR **YOUR SAFETY** SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN TO YOU WE
KNOW WHERE YOU ARE TO COME AND GET YOU.

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR FEBRUARY

AS PER OPEN BOUNDARIES

MARCH FIELD DAY L.W.E.

WHERE BLUFF CREEK
WHEN FEB 27/28 MARCH 1 LONG WEEK END
SIGN ON SAT 27 IN CAMP AREA 12:00 NOON
LINES DOWN WHEN YOU PICK A SPOT AFTER SIGN ON
LINES UP 12:00 NOON SUNDAY FOR BYO BBQ
LINES DOWN 2:00PM SUNDAY AFTER BBQ
WEIGH IN 9:00 AM MONDAY

REMAINING FIELD DAYS FOR 1998/99

FEBRUARY	OPEN	SAT 13/ SUN 14
MARCH	BLUFF CREEK L.W.E.	SAT 27 / MON 1
APRIL	MARGARET RIVER SOUTH	SAT 17 / SUN 18

PLEASE NOTE : THERE IS NO MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO FIELD DAYS SO IF YOU
WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT EITHER OF THE TRIPS PLEASE BE AT THE NEXT
MEETING FOR MORE DETAILS.

SAFETY SIGN ON FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR FEBRUARY FIELD DAY

****PLEASE NOTE****
THE SURFCASTING & ANGLING CLUBS
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MARMION W.A. 6020

DRY CASTING RESULTS

3/01/99

SENIORS	112 gram			56 gram			D/H Acc.	S/H Acc.	DAY TOTAL
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
A. Aubrey	116	0	12	102	106	21	84	16	133
H. Wytenburg	164	166	33	134	0	13	75	19	140
K. Black	0	0	0	0	97	10	11	5	26
G. Holman	159	158	32	133	0	13	120	30	195
T. Willison	153	157	31	136	136	27	117	10	185
R. Parker	148	0	15	133	138	27	36	9	87
D. Batchelor	0	161	16	153	142	30	102	27	175
R. Henderson	143	146	29	0	0	0	98	21	148
P. Stoeckel	0	0	0	91	92	18	71	2	91

VETERANS

M. Head	108	124	23	101	109	21	117	13	174
T. Stam	104	106	21	97	101	20	90	17	148
J. Strong	104	91	20	0	90	9	108	26	163
D. Batchelor	123	0	12	106	120	23	163	28	226
R. Killick	104	105	21	99	110	21	99	21	162
H. Swarbrick	0	65	7	0	55	6	91	9	113

JUNIORS

M. Sneddon	91	86	18	102	110	21	70	22	131
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MINI JUNIORS

K. Wytenburg	70	0	7	59	62	12	11	2	32
D. Stoeckel	32	44	8	44	43	9	27	4	48
A. Stoeckel	23	29	5	33	31	6	6	8	25

112 gram Winner

56 gram Winner

D/H Acc. Winner

S/H Acc. Winner

Winner of the Day

Junior Winner

Mini Junior Winner

H. Wytenburg

Darren Batchelor

Don Batchelor

G. Holman

Don Batchelor

M. Sneddon

D. Stoeckel

SPECIAL EVENT

FEBRUARY.

112gm OPEN

NEXT CASTING DATE : 7/2/99 START 8:30 am

February Events : 112gm; Art. Bait; D/H Acc.; S/H Acc.

DRYCASTING REPORT

January 99

Summer produced a clean fresh Sunday morning with light cross breezes for all competitors to enjoy. Even our Vice President /Reel Talk editor came down to observe the gathering and converse with fellow club members. It was also pleasing to see that fellow caster Andy Thorgeron is on the mend and we look forward to him returning to the competition soon.

With the seniors heading to the accuracy court, George Holman led the way but was pressured by Terry & Darren. At the end of the day, our "classic vet" Don Batchelor took the honors in this event. Don also ran a close second in the single-handed event. Well done, Don and George.

During the distance events, a smooth casting action by Hans Wyteburg produced the longest distance. Roy Killick was grinning from ear to ear and was pleased with the new rod he was using. Terry Willison is the one to watch as he is starting to equal the distances on some of our top guns, (remember your stance in the single handed for even better scores Willo!).

The rest of the competitors must have missed breakfast or something as quite a few snap offs and out of bounds were recorded. I later found George's 56 gram sinker buried in the turf at around the 270 metre mark. I know I suffered "knot" problems and when using Berkley Fireline, the knots must be perfect or you will lose it.

Special praise must go to Matthew Sneddon for setting a new club record in the junior section of the 56-gram distance event. Since starting with the club, Records show that Matthew has gone from 61 metres to 110 metres all within 6 months. Matthew is a quiet and courteous young man with great potential and with continual guidance of fellow casters, will surely rise to the highest level. To Matthew a very big WELL DONE. Congratulations to all other section winners also.

To the club members who are venturing over to Victoria next month for the National Titles, We wish you all a safe journey and the very best of luck, and we know you will do the club proud.

Tight lines:

Hendo & Stokes.

PS: Don't forget the night cast after the Bar-b.que and weigh in at the end of the February field day.

KALBARRI HOUSE VACANCIES

The Kalbarri house has become vacant due to a cancellation for the 2nd week of the April school holidays.

Vacancies also from the 1st February to the 14th of Feb.

20th Feb to the 27th Feb

March 21st to the 31st March

All of May is vacant at the time of this print.

The school holidays in July are still available

25th of September to the 10th of October are still available.

Christmas school holidays are still available.

Book early to avoid dissapointment.

OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES

1	Most Meritorious Fish				
2	Heaviest Shark	4.5 kilo min	Phil Brayne	33.0 kilo	False Entrance
3	Heaviest Mollway	3.5 kilo min	Harry Brayne	16.0 kilo	Hutt River
4	Heaviest Salmon	3.0 kilo min	Mark Farnay	4.2 kilo	Perth
5	Heaviest Dhufish				
6	Heaviest Tailor		Ian Neal	4.5 kilo	Hartog Is
7	Heaviest Samson		George Holman	13.4 kilo	False Entrance
8	Heaviest fish. S/H/rod	4.0 kg line class.	George Holman	4.4 kilo	False Entrance
9	Heaviest Pink Snapper		Ian Mascarenhas	4.4 kilo	False Entrance
10	Heaviest Tarwhine		Mark Farnay	0.6 kilo	Perth
11	Heaviest Mackerel		George Holman	20.5 kilo	False Entrance
12	Heaviest Trevally (S)	1.0 kilo min			
13	Heaviest Trevally (N)	1.0 kilo min	George Holman	5.1 kilo	False Entrance
14	Heaviest Snook/Pike				
15	Heaviest Scale Fish	2.0 kilo min	George Holman	5.1 kilo	False Entrance
	(Other than sections 2 thru 14)	Cobia			

There are some excellent catches in the Open Competition. Good luck on trying to better these entries.

MASTERS COMPETITION														
Minimum weight	Kilo	Salmon	Mulloony	Skijack	Flathead	Tailor	Whiting	Tarrhine	Sardine	Pitch	Shark	Snook	Eye	number
Archieb	Dave	4.5	5.0	0.9	0.5	1.8	1.0			0.4		1.1		1
Baichele	Darren	5.0								0.4				6
Baichele	Den	4.2								0.4				2
Bennet	John					2.0								1
D.Melto	Damien	4.6								0.4				2
Farny	Mark					1.6								1
Freeman	Dave	4.2												1
Holman	George	5.9				1.1								2
Kember	Ross	3.6												1
Killack	Roy	4.2												1
King	Seah			0.7										1
Kolman	Morris			0.6		1.3	0.4							3
Maxted	Dave	4.2												1
Morris	Wayne	3.8												1
Taggart	Ian			0.6		1.2								2
Wyseburg	Hans	4.2				2.1								2

GRAND MASTERS																
Minimum weight	Kilo	Salmon	Mulloony	Skijack	Flathead	Tailor	Whiting	Tarrhine	Sardine	Shark	Snook	Blackfish	Yellow Tailed	Bonito	FREE	number
Baichele	Darren	4.5	8.0	1.0	1.0	2.5	0.6	1.0	10.0	15.0	1.4	1.0	4.0	1.5	12.0	3
Brayne	Phil	6.1		1.1						33.0			0.0		18.5	2
Henderson	Bob								13.4							2
Holman	George		9.6			4.4								20.5		4
Wyseburg	Hans					2.6				30.0						2

STEEP POINT TRIP AUGUST 10TH to 17TH 1999

For those that have not been to Steep Point,
 And haven't made their mind up yet
 Whether to join Murray Shaw, eight others, and myself.
 Grab yourself the latest copy of Western Angler (Feb/Mar.99)
 This edition features Steep Point, and is a good read,
 You never know, it might even help you to make your mind up.
 Tight lines, Phil Brayne

HEADING Off (again)

Mal and Jenny Head are taking off again for Victoria to the National Championships at Phillip Island. They then plan to cruise along the ocean road heading up to Canberra, to await the birth of their first grandchild due in May.

Mal will obviously not be able to collect the aluminium cans. (Of which he does a great job, and raises a considerable amount of money for the club). Peter Stoeckle has kindly offered to take over for Mal while he is away, please give Pete as many cans as you can at the next meeting.

Mal doesn't know, at this stage, when he will be turning the car around and heading back to W.A. (wouldn't it be great to have that flexibility) but he would like to wish all members the best of luck for the coming years competitions.

Tight lines,

Mal Head.

(All the best to you too Mal,

Have a safe journey mate, Hope all goes well with the birth of your grandchild.

See you both when you return.)

Surfcasters.

SOCIAL REPORT

Hello all,

The clubs next social event will be a club bar-b-que and cricket match. The last one was a great success and so, due to overwhelming demand, we are going to do it again.

There will be no cost attached to this event as you will be asked to bring your own drink and tucker, so no excuses for not coming. The date will be Sunday the 31st of January 1999 from 12 noon onwards.

The venue will again be Mawsons Park at Hillarys.

Teams will be picked on the day.

Thanks, Andy

JUST A REMINDER

We have club polo shirts, Tee shirts, and baseball caps in all sizes. If yours is looking a bit shabby, or maybe carrying a few too many mulie stains, please contact me (Andy Woodford) at the General Meetings or contact me at home in the evenings, (my phone numbers are in the front of the Reel Talk)

The polo shirts are \$20.00. The Tee shirts \$15.00, and caps \$5.00. This represents excellent buying.

Thanks, Andy.

LOUIE!!!! WHERE ARE YOU?

A report at the last General meeting from George Hofman, told us that a favourite member in Louie Scibilia, has not been too well of late and that 1998 was not a good year for Louie and family. I was sorry to hear this Lou, and if we can do anything at all to help out, please contact us via George or Phil Brayne.

All the best to Lou, Angie and the boys. Hope that 1999 is a better year for you all and also hope to see you all soon at club events, whatever they may be.

Phil Brayne.

Dirk Hartog Deposit

In last months Reel Talk I incorrectly stated that the non-refundable deposit payable by all interested people going to Dirk Hartog Island on the club run was \$150.00. This should have read \$50.00 and I apologise for the mistake. Hoping that this error did not effect those wanting to participate.

Thanks Phil Brayne

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Committee has received an application for membership from,

Peter Sucksmith

Robyn Sucksmith

Brad Sucksmith

Curtis Sucksmith

Kelsey Sucksmith.

Any reasons for not accepting the above applicants please contact The President or Vice President.

DIRK HARTOG CLUB RUN

As stated in last months Reel Talk, the club is organising a club run to DIRK HARTOG ISLAND. This club run will commence on the 22nd of May 1999 and conclude on 29th of May. This will give you seven days (less travelling time) of what promises to be the best fishing of your life. If you only ever go on one club run, go on this one. This will be once in lifetime stuff. (I personally know of 6 people that have been to Dirk Hartog before and they can't wait to get back up there again. Ed:) The fishing on the island will not be allowed to continue for much longer so if you are even thinking about going on a trip, go on this one. Another good reason is, that if we get enough "bums on seats", we will incur a discount, so not only will this be the trip of a lifetime, it will also cost you less, than if you went on your own. A deposit of \$50.00 must be paid to Wayne Morris (our secretary) before February 1999, (or last chance will be at the Feb meeting). Kieren Wardle, who manages the Island, will be at our clubrooms at the February General meeting, to give us a brief rundown of what we can expect. (I think a video will also be shown). If you have any lingering doubts about going on this trip, and cant make your mind up, come along to the February meeting, and listen to Kieran. I think you will decide to go after hearing what's in store for you. Hope to see as many of you on board.
George Holman

ROTTNEST FIELD DAYS

Just a comparison for all members to consider: For the members that do not attend the Rotto field days because of the cost, usually around \$60.00. This is pretty good value when you consider you get the ferry ride over to the island and accommodation once you get there. The Rottnest field day is probably one of the cheapest of all our field days, to participate in.

Once you work out how much it costs you in fuel to get anywhere else, and the accommodation ECT. Plus the hours and hours driving time getting there.

I'm sure it would cost you more than going to Rottnest. One more important thing to note, it is very rare to go to Rotto and not catch something, (just check our records). Good sized Tailor, Yellow Tail Kings, King George Whiting, and good Herring just to mention a few. It is also a great spot for the club camaraderie as we all pretty much fish together.

So give Rotto a go the next time it is our field day location, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

SUGGESTION BOX

A suggestion box will be at the meetings from February onwards. This is for all of us to put in whatever we feel would be a good idea for the club. Any suggestions regarding Field Days, Social events, Drycasting, anything really! Please take advantage of the box. New ideas will be welcomed.

Thanks:

Darren Batchelor

INSTRUCTION PERIOD FOR FEBRUARY

Kieren Wardle, Manager of Dirk Hartog Island will be our special guest at the above meeting to give us a rundown of what we can expect from our club run to Dirk Hartog. Please attend this meeting, as I'm sure you will be interested in what he has to say.

OPEN BOUNDARIES FIELD DAY

As the name suggests the next field day is an open boundaries field day. This means that you can go anywhere in W.A. but you must only fish in tidal waters this means you can fish in rivers, inlets, and oceans etc and not in dams or anywhere none tidal. Sign on for the field day will be at the next general meeting and if you intend to fish YOU MUST FILL IN A SAFETY SIGN ON FORM and leave it in the box provided. You can then leave to go to your fishing spot straight after the meeting if you wish but you can only start fishing from Saturday 1:00pm, stop fishing is at 12:00pm Sunday with a weigh in at Georges house (see front of reel talk for address) at 6:00pm followed by a BYO BBQ and then a NIGHT CAST. You can phone in sign on but only your name will be recorded so please advise somebody ie: your wife as to where you are going. If you go fishing and decide not to come to the weigh in please phone either DARREN 0419903872 or GEORGE 94475106 and let us know you are all right.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:-

- 1 FILL IN SAFETY FORM AT GENERAL MEETING
- 2 START FISHING 1:00PM SATURDAY
- 3 STOP FISHING 12:00PM SUNDAY
- 4 WEIGH IN 6:00PM SUNDAY
- 5 BYO BBQ
- 6 NIGHT CAST. GLOW STICK+ S/HAND ROD

TIGHT LINES

Thai Style Fish Cakes

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 10 minutes

Makes 24

2 dried kaffir lime leaves, soaked (see note)	1 green chilli, seeded
1 small onion	350g white fish fillets, skinned
3 thick slices ginger	1 egg
1 tblspn chopped coriander leaves, roots and stems	1 ½ tblspns fish sauce
1 x 2cm piece lemon grass root	8 green beans, very thinly sliced
	1 large garlic clove
	vegetable oil for shallow frying

1. Drain kaffir lime leaves and shred them very finely, discarding the stiff centre rib.
2. In a food processor, chop the onion, ginger, coriander, garlic, lemon grass and chilli to a paste.
3. Cut fish into cubes and chop in the food processor until the mixture is quite smooth. Add 3-5 tablespoons cold water, the egg and fish sauce and process until the mixture is smooth.
4. Add beans and shredded lime leaves, mixing well.
5. Heat shallow oil. Add tablespoons of the mixture and fry on both sides until golden and cooked through.
6. Remove and drain on absorbent paper. Serve hot on a plate garnished with lemon wedges and parsley, and accompanied by a dish of cucumber sauce.

NOTE: Soak kaffir lime leaves for at least 15 minutes in hot water. Fresh lemon or lime leaves, blanched quickly in boiling water, can be used instead.

Fish With Pineapple and Ginger (Microwave)

Serves 4

4 white fish fillets	1 small carrot
½ small onion, chopped	1 small stick celery, chopped
½ cup (60g) roasted, unsalted cashews	2 teaspoons grated green ginger
2 teaspoons butter	½ x 450g can crushed pineapple, drained
1 small red pepper, chopped	¼ cup stale wholemeal breadcrumbs
½ cup thickened cream	2 teaspoons soy sauce
4 green shallots, chopped	

Remove skin and bones from fish. Chop carrot into fine strips; combine in bowl with onion, celery, cashews, ginger and butter, cook on HIGH 3 minutes. Stir in pineapple, pepper and breadcrumbs. Divide filling evenly over fish, fold fish over to enclose filling, secure with toothpicks. Place fish into a greased dish, the fold in the fish should be toward the outside edge of the dish. Pour over combined cream and soy sauce, cover, cook on HIGH 7 minutes, or until fish is tender, sprinkle with shallots.

Australian Bonito [horse mackerel] (*Sarda australis*)

Oriental Bonito (*Sarda orientalis*)

Leaping Bonito [Watson's leaping bonito] (*Cybiosarda elegans*)

Size :

500g - 4kg.

Habitat :

Bonito are common to southeast coastal waters of the continent but can be found from Qld. around to W.A. The Australian Bonito continuously migrates along the east coast from southern Qld. to eastern Vic., Tas. and S.A. Similar species like the Oriental Bonito are found only in the southern coastal seas of W.A. and the Leaping Bonito, a tropical species, can be found from northern Australia and occasionally further south along the east and west coasts. They prefer coastal waters attracted mainly to inshore and offshore reefs, inshore islands, rocky headlands, rocky inshore waters, ocean rocks and wharves often forming into large schools. The Leaping Bonito is known to frequent estuaries in search of baitfish populations during the winter months.

Qualities :

Surface feeding fish with the ability to fight hard and fast. Good sport on light gear.

Record :

Australian record Australian Bonito 7.500kg.

Australian record Oriental Bonito 3.500kg.

Australian record Leaping Bonito 1.150kg.

Best Bait :

Livebaits such as slimey mackerel, yakkas.

Whole, cut or strip baits of slimy mackerel, yellowtail, garfish, pilchard, herring, small baitfish and squid.

High speed chrome baitfish lures, chrome spoons, plugs, flathead jigs and plastic squid for trolling and metal lures such as Juro Shiners and Halco Hex slices work for spinning.

Saltwater flies such as Clousers and Deceivers.

Tackle :

Line : 3 - 7kg main line.

Hook : No. 2/0 - 6/0 Mustad 34007 Stainless Steel.

Rig : Whole live or dead bait under a float. Light to medium trolling and spinning gear. Fly gear.

Hints :

Fish frequent wash areas of rocky headlands and inshore reef areas so fish close to rocks. Best fishing is at dawn. Trolling over reefy areas and around headlands. Trolling speed of around 5 knots works best. Summer and autumn produce good fishing.

SCOOBES LURE COMPETITION

Remember that the Scoobes Lure competition still has three months of the field day season for this year left to run. We have Bluff Creek and an open field day that will give ample opportunity to enter a few more fish. Both these field days have good potential to score a few worthwhile entries and shake up the current contenders. With the increase in price as well as the lack of mulies it is the ideal time to get those lures working for you.

Recorder

Cookie

4 WD VEHICLES ONLY

Accommodation:- Camper trailers or tents amid sand dunes. A fisherman's shack, built by the Manjimup Fishing Club is situated not far from the ocean and can be used if you are the first to arrive, however do not rely on it being vacant.

Cost:- Nil.....Camping on the beach is good, however it can be quite windy and finding a place out of the wind can be a hassle due to directional wind changes at any time during the day.

If you do decide to use the shack, a note of thanks accompanied with a cheque for a few dollars would be most appreciated by the Manjimup Fishing Club to help with maintenance costs.

Type of fishing:- Surface, sinker and lure fishing from the long stretches of sand with occasional broken on shore reef.

Where to fish:- This section of Hassel Bay where we fish is approximately 13.5 klms long with the camping area situated in the centre. There are many good places to fish along this stretch of coastline, it's just a case of right place, right time and the right conditions. Look for holes and gutters which may have been recently formed. Rocks to the Eastern end of the bay can produce good fish and is often fished when there is a strong easterly blowing. Western end is not very good for fishing. Obviously some months of the year are better than others for the many different species of fish caught here.

Fish you might catch, (refer to species list):- 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23,

Beach conditions in the area are usually good, however they do change from year to year and from season to season.

Let tyres down to 18 psi when ever the need arises to preserve the environment.

This will also help to reduce fuel costs and there will be less strain on your vehicle's engine.

Food and water:- B.Y.O. Creek water is fresh water and is suitable for drinking if **boiled**. Most people use it just to wash in. Some fresh water may be available from the water tank at the fisherman's shack. Be water wise !! Take only what you need.

Fuel:- 35 klms to nearest garage at Manypeaks, however, their business hours leave a lot to be desired.

46 klms to Cheynes Beach caravan park by road. About 12 klms through the sand hills and along the beach if you know the way.

100 klms to BP garage at Mount Barker. My suggestion is to fill up here, or carry extra fuel with you.

How to get there:- Refer to map for directions, field-day boundaries, plus sign on / weigh in places.

The camping area is able to be reached by using either the Warriup Road or the Bluff Creek Road which both run off the South Coast highway, just a few klms east of the Cheynes Beach caravan park turn off.

Via the Warriup Road: Travel down this road approximately 15 klms and lookout for a 44 gallon drum painted white and fixed to a pipe frame on your right hand side. **This turn off is (Y shaped) and is not the track to the beach.**

The track to Bluff Creek is the first one after the Y shaped turn off. [About 15 metres further on.]

If you go past the turn off, you will only travel about 0.5 klms and come to a locked gate.

Turn around and the track into the beach will be the first one you come to on your left. Only 6 klms to the beach.

If you are on the right track, you will pass a lake on the right within 5 minutes. Further on, another lake, follow a fence line for some distance and travel over some gravel / granite rocks which have been eroded and washed away by the wind and rain.

Closer to the ocean the bushes become quite overgrown, so watchout for your rods. Vehicles will become scratched.

After travelling about 5.7 klms you should come across the fishing shack I mentioned earlier.

Drive to the left side of the shack and into the creek. Don't worry, the creek bed is firm and is rarely more than 150mm deep.

Follow the creek for 75 metres, where you will exit the creek to your right and find the camping area we use.

A word of caution. When exiting the creek, make sure you know where you are going before you leave the creek.

Not all tracks are usable. Check them out first, especially at night. Ask some one to walk ahead if necessary.

NOTE:- Generally, tyres are not deflated, however, this will depend on previous traffic and if you have a trailer or not.

Do not take this track into Bluff Creek if you are worried about scratching your vehicle.

Via the Bluff Creek Road: Follow the gravel road for 10.5 km until you pass the Bluff Creek farm. [Sign on gate.]

After passing the sign, follow track heading east. Do not take track going around the farm property to the right.

About 1.0 to 1.5 km from the farming property you should come to a loop in the track.

Stop at this point and let your tyres down to 18 psi, as you will have to negotiate a sandy hill about 50 metres ahead.

Once over this hill you will have 2 other hills to ascend and one hill to descend, and this one can be rather bumpy going down.

Rocky track to the left at top of the hill going down to the beach can be used, if other tracks are full of bumps / holes.

Follow sand track straight ahead to the beach and turn left. Camping spot is around 5.6 klms further down the beach.

Look for a creek running into the ocean and watch out for wash aways when travelling down the beach, especially at night.

You should cross over 3 or 4 of these fresh water outlets before reaching the spot where we camp.

Turn left at the creek, travel inland 50 metres and the camping spot is on your left.

If you intend to leave this way, you can take a track to the right just before the base of the hill you descended on the way in.

This is a rocky track, but much easier on your vehicle, especially if you have a trailer. Check it out before you leave.

This track is much easier on vehicles and about 7 klms shorter.

ANIMAL WELFARE ASPECTS OF RECREATIONAL FISHING

The following was taken from a Fisheries of W.A. document and deals with a new Animal welfare act. It was released in November 1998 for public comment until April 30th 1999.

To put it simply, its aim is to prescribe measures to prevent the cruelty to fish and to provide for the welfare, safety, and the health of fish. In addition, Fisheries Officers will be given the power of animal welfare inspectors for the purpose of enforcing regulations made under the FRMA. (Fish Resources Management Act. 1994).

Consistent with an individual's responsibility to treat all vertebrate animals humanely, this position statement provides guidance on humane practices in recreational fishing and some commercial activities, which involve recreational fishers.

Fish should be included under the protection of State and Territory animal welfare legislation.

1. Any damage to a fish will impair its ability to survive if released, and should be avoided

HOOKING:

The selection of hooks and their arrangement should be made on the basis of minimising damage to the fish, so their use is encouraged. Particularly if the fish are to be released.

LANDING:

Fish should be landed quickly in order to minimise damage.

Soft, Knotless landing mesh nets should be used where appropriate rather than a gaff, if it is expected that the fish will be released.

The handling of live fish should be minimised. In particular, fish should not be picked up by the tail or gills.

If fish are to be returned to the water, handling, and time out of the water should be minimised as much as possible.

Wet cotton gloves (if available) or wet hands should be used to minimise damage to the fish.

Captured fish must be killed as soon as possible, by either a blow to the head or by using the sharp end of a knife to destroy the brain.

Care should be taken when removing hooks. If internal damage may result from hook removal, the hook should be left in place and the line cut as short as possible.

Where practical, fish should be released without removal from the water

TETHERING OF FISH:

Tethering through the gills or mouth of live fish for any purpose is unacceptable and should be phased out

LIVE BAITING (The use of live fish for bait)

Live baiting is to be discouraged on animal welfare grounds. While live baiting continues, it should be carried out in such a way as to minimise damage to the baitfish.

FISHING COMPETITIONS:

Fishing competitions involving temporary stocking of fish in an unsuitable environment (e.g. public swimming pool contaminated with chlorine) and/or which involve excessive handling, inappropriate transportation, repetitive capture and/or overcrowding, should be avoided.

COMMERCIAL "FISH OUT" RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Commercial "fish out" operators are encouraged to provide unskilled fishers with instructions on humane handling and killing of captured fish. A program of instruction and monitoring is desirable.

FISH TAGGING:

Only identification methods, which are humane and cause minimal disruption to fish, should be adopted

THE MANDURAH 500

Just a short blurb on the Mandurah 500. Quite a few Surfcasters supported this competition, and it was great to see you all there. The AAA ran the comp this year and did a great job.

The weather was terrible the night before the start time, (remember the storms) and we all thought this might effect the comp, but the Saturday lined up beautifully. Although we could always use more starters, the turn up wasn't too bad. The best news always comes last, our very own John Bennett took off the thousand-dollar prize money that was up for grabs, and was heard to say he can now make the Dirk Hartog trip.

Congratulations from all the Surfcasters John...good onya.

Phil Brayne.