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CLUB ETIQUETTE

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 9-12-98

The meeting was opened at 8-13 pm by President George Holman with 29 members in attendance.

Apologies were received from; Julie Kember, Bob Henderson, Pat Mulreaney and David Freeman

4 visitors, Nella and Lee Clifton plus Kim and Mason Watts were made welcome to the meeting.

Minutes of the previous General and Committee meetings read out. Business arising, nil.

Correspondence in: Xmas cards received from Jim Strong, plus Roy Killick and his wife.

Letter received from Rottnest Island Board acknowledging our letter regarding price increases.

Treasurers report: Written financial report given to members. No Questions on the report at the meeting.

Accounts for payment for Kalbarri House—Western Power \$120-55, Advertising \$19-50, October house

cleaning \$76-00. Other accounts for payment: December Reel Talk \$133, A.A.A. affiliation fees \$395-00

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

Property Officers report: 6 bookings have resulted so far from the Boat Show. Bookings in general have been very good. Murry Shaw has suggested that the club have a busy bee at the house sometime

early in the new year. Odd jobs need to be done in and around the house. Volunteers required and I

am told that a spot of fishing will also be on the agenda.

Notice of Motion proposed by Andy Thorgerson and featured in the Oct / November editions of the Reel Talk

was voted on with members being in favour of changing the due date for subscriptions to 1st May each year.

Members will still have until the 1st August to become financial. Any member not fully paid up by 1st August

will not be eligible for any Drycasting or Field-day points, nor will they be able to stand for committee selection.

General business: George Holman reported on his visit to the residence of Alan Capes who is one of the

partners in Williamsons Lures. Steve Whitman, who represented Williamsons Lures last month is going to

return with his lures to our January meeting. **DO NOT MISS THIS MEETING ON LURES.**

President wished all members and visitors a Merry Christmas on behalf of the committee and invited all to stay

for some Christmas cheer.

The meeting closed at 9-12 pm.

"One Born Every Day"

After spending a few weeks in Kalbarri with Roy and Nita then Wayne Morris, I headed north towards the Fortescue River.

I was supposed to meet a small group and spend a few days at the river mouth. Promises of dinghy's and good fishing appeared too good to miss. For some reason this trip was cancelled whilst I waited at the Fortescue River Roadhouse. Still, I thought I would head out there and have a look at the place anyway.

At the turn off I met up with a group heading back out and I enquired about the track and river crossing. "No worries - straight though and no problems" they said. Would you believe them?

The track was quite good and the river crossing looked no problem. Still, I decided to walk across to check for myself. Walked three quarters of the way over and the water only came to shin deep. "No worries" I thought, and started to cross over.

"Ten feet". All I had to go to get across. Yep - a bloody great hole and I nose dived into it. Water rushed over the bonnet and I stalled. "Oh blast" I casually mentioned, as water started to seep into the ranny. I jumped out, ripped the trailer off, opened the bonnet, disconnected the belts and drowned the electrics in CRC. Got it going and ploughed on through to the river bank. Water pouring out of the car, tapes, lollies and bits being flushed out.

Trembling, because of my near disaster, I searched the river and found a clear crossing about 80 metres up/down river. Chucking stuff back in the car, I crossed over and grabbed my trailer, then headed back out to the turn off, cursing myself for my stupidity.

Stopped at a parking area and dragged all the floor mats and every sodden piece out of the vehicle to dry off. Sopping wet tapes, wallet, maps and bits and pieces. A high tide inside my camera. My lollies a little sodden and tasting salty.

You don't want to hear what else happened in regards to this episode. In the bush, if you break a rule, you suffer the consequences.

HENDO

P.S.: I can persevere with salty lollies, replace bits and pieces and maps, but I can't stop shedding a tear due to the loss of my tapes. "Sorry Willo".

Dirk Hartog Island Club Run

As a result of a recent trip to the Island, Fred and Ian Neal and their report in the Reel Talk and subsequent meeting after their return, a great deal of interest was shown by members, and as a result contact was made with Kieran Wardle, the Island manager.

Negotiation began with a view of arranging a club run for the Surfcasters.

It is necessary to get to the Steep Point Rangers house and from there, Kieran takes the vehicles and trailers over to the island by barge. A price has been negotiated which you will be happy with. (Ask George Holman, Wayne Morris, or any committee member). The barge takes groups over to the island on Saturday mornings, early, and returns you the following Saturday morning, so you are on the island for one full week. There is a cost per head, per day, of \$10.00. Normally he will allow only 5 vehicles at any one time on the island but as he feels he will be dealing with a responsible group in the Surfcasters, he is willing to allow 10 vehicles on the island, this time around.

The barge can only take one vehicle or 2 or 3 trailers over at a time, so it will take a little organising before we all get over to the other side.

The plan is to get 2 vehicles over first and then all the trailers, followed by the rest of the vehicles.

Kieran has suggested we fish at a place called the BLOCK. This is about a 4 hours drive from where we are landed from the barge. The block can fish twenty people with more off the cliffs either side. The fishing there is excellent and only huge swells will hamper fishing and is ideal for the less experienced angler.

Upon his recommendation we have booked the last week in May 1999. The 22nd to the 29th as this month, the swells are the lowest and the weather the best. It will be from the first quarter of the moon, to a full moon. This means that members can fish a lot easier and safer at night. We would like to see a minimum of 3 persons per vehicle and trailer so we may maximise the opportunity and help with the cost. If we all camp together we will be able to use bigger KVA's and less of them, and the other members only have to supply fuel for them instead of supplying their own KVA's. Kieran can also arrange fuel to be left on the island at a negotiated cost.

To facilitate planning, a working committee will be set up to coordinate, and plan our trip.

All we need from you is Early commitment, cooperation, and communication.

A non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 per person will be required, and must be paid to Wayne Morris before February 1999. Wayne has volunteered to handle all the monies and the bookings. It will need to be run on first come first served basis due to the limited spaces available. The balance of all monies must be paid to Wayne by the April General Meeting.

Because there are some members that cannot make the trip in May it is proposed that we book again in the first week of the September/October school holidays if enough interest is forthcoming.

Fred and Ian Neal will be starters for this trip and if the numbers are right, the same price benefits may apply. This is obviously a club trip of a difference and should create a lot of interest. The planning and arranging, involved, are the very things that make clubs like ours great. This is a very exciting project and if handled properly will set up a pattern that may go on for a few years. Kieran has said that these trips will be available for at least 3 years and hopefully longer.

By going on a trip such as this, members will learn a lot from others. There will be a lot of other obvious benefits but most of all, there is the enjoyment and camaraderie of a group working together on a single project.

Make your booking early to Wayne or George. (Numbers in the front of your Reel Talk).

Thanks... George Holman.

President S.C.A.C.



FALSE ENTRANCE

Hi all,

In last months Reel Talk, I made mention of taking a trip up to False Entrance for a spot of ballooning with a few other SCAC members. We departed Perth on Thursday night the 19th of November at about 9.30pm and drove straight through to False. We arrived there at about 10.15 on the Friday morning. I wanted to try out my Nissan Patrol, which has hardly been out of the metro area. It performed perfectly, with not so much as a flat tyre in over 2000 kms travelled in the 5 days we were away. Saw a few roo's along the way, but no action (thank the Lord) in that department. Our group consisted of myself, my brother Alan, Murrey Shaw, and Dave Anticich. All our gear was dragged behind in a trailer.

Ian Mascarenhas and his son Viv, were already firmly entrenched into the prime camping spot, but didn't mind too much when we set our camp right on their doorstep. Ian informed us that the fairly strong Sou'wester that we were now experiencing, had not let up since he arrived two days before us. This was not what we wanted to hear. Anyone that knows False Entrance can tell you that a Sou'wester will blow your balloon right into the bay facing the beach. Its still fairly good water, but certainly not Mackerel water, and that's what we had come for. We hoped that this wind would shift direction at some stage of our stay, but it didn't.

The direction of this wind also restricts the number of balloons that can be launched, We tried 4 but this proved a nightmare due to line tangles, and 3 seemed to be about the limit. I have been to False Entrance a number of times now, and have witnessed all types of species caught there, but I have never seen Pink Snapper caught, in the numbers that they were, this time around. This made up, I guess, for the lack of Mackerel, in fact we didn't see one for the whole trip. The Pinkies were in the 4-5-6-kilo range, not huge, but certainly nice.

I was bait casting mulies off the point with Dave Anticich when we both hooked up simultaneously, Murrey Shaw was the gaff man on this occasion and informed us both that we had snared Cobia. My ears nearly fell off when I heard this, as I have been chasing one for so long now. I made my way to the edge of the rocks to snatch a look at my prize.

I had played it out, and it was at the bottom of the cliffs. It looked to be about 8 or 9 kilos, a beautiful black kingfish. My first.

Dave's was smaller, but was still a nice size. Murrey sent the cliff gaff down on mine and... I don't really know what happened next, I do know the words, "SORRY PHIL", echoed in my Prince Charlie's for a fair while after that.

There were a couple of fishermen we didn't know, on the point also, and they attempted to gaff Dave's, for him, but the same result was forthcoming. I don't blame you Murrey (much). I know you tried your best, (pity it wasn't good enough).

I'm only joking, it's a hard job gaffing anything at False Entrance when the swells are pounding around the point. This wasn't to be the only fish lost on this trip. Not by a long shot.

Dave hooked up on a good-sized sailfish on our second day there; it treated him, and his gear, with contempt and busted him off about 500 metres out. Leaving his 650c Alvey looking rather bare and a beauty of a line cut in his finger that resembled Pamela Anderson's cleavage. I will say at this point that he whinged about it for the rest of the trip. (I don't blame him though; it was nearly to the bone.) The Long Toms were in plague proportions, I have never seen them this bad, and they just about took anything within a 50 feet radius of the point. I will never forget the sight of my brother, Alan. Standing on the tip of the point for all of us to see, his shirt was off, exposing ample belly, baggy shorts and runners, doing the Kiwi Maori dance (Whatever that dance is called) with fishing rod in hand, simulating a spear, Screaming the chant, "Comonsee Comonsee... LONG TOM." We all nearly fell off the rock laughing so much; he was even doing the Kiwi actions with his tongue. In the words of Rex Hunt... Idiot. Heaps of 2 to 3 pound Tailor were around and we all had our quota of these. I picked up a 4.0 kilo morwong (Sand Snapper). Murrey picked up a couple of nice Mulloway, and, as I mentioned before, plenty of Pink Snapper were coming up, especially at night. I wont bore you with all the details of this next passage, lets just say that Ian Mascarenhas had a stainless steel cliff gaff manufactured before he went up on the trip. A lot of man-hours went into the making of this gaff, firstly by Ian Cook, and then by Fred Neal.

Murrey Shaw had a decent hook up about 3 days into the trip. 45 minutes of grunting, swearing and sweating, and he finally, had a decent sized Bronze Whaler at the base of the cliffs, he had it belly up and it was ready to claim. (I currently hold the Open Competition record for one of these at 33.0 kilos, and I don't mind admitting that this clearly was a bigger specimen.) I was the chosen gaff man, and asked "Macca" to give me his, as yet, untried, brand new, shiny gaff. He passed it over, and I sent it down. It hit its mark perfectly. Ian was so proud. I called for reinforcements to haul this monster up the wall. Alan jumped in to help me, along with Ian Mascarenhas. Murrey was even asked to put his rod down, and give us a hand as this was one was proving to be a little too much for the 3 of us. We had it two thirds of the way up the cliff face (about 25 feet I guess) when, the rope busted, sending old toothy, and Ian's shiny new gaff, back into the foamy water below. The last time we saw it, it was heading out to deeper water. Ian was most upset, and we all showed him lots of sympathy. (Amongst the laughing) Truth be known Murrey, I secretly cut the rope in payback for losing my Cobia.

We had a great trip even though we couldn't balloon like we wanted too. The company was great with no problems at all. Murrey did the cooking for us in the evenings, and did a STIRLING job. We took a Weber bar-b-que up with us, and on the Sunday, Murrey did a roast lamb and pork, roast spuds, pumpkin, peas, gravy. All washed down with Black Label, Johnnie Walker, what more could you ask for. Thanks for the time guys, We will do it again I'm sure, in the not so distant future.

PS. Murrey Shaw and myself are planning a trip to Steep Point, probably around June-July or August 1999. For those that can't make the Dirk Hartog Club run in May, for whatever reason, cost, time whatever. An invitation is extended to all. We have 6 persons on board already.... Call Murrey or me if interested. More info later. Phil

JANUARY 1999 GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: M.Y.A.S.G CLUB ROOM AT INGLEWOOD AQUATIC CENTRE ALEXANDER DRIVE
WHEN: 13TH JANUARY 1999 AT 8:00PM
INSTRUCTION WILLIAMSON LURES

JANUARY DRYCASTING

WHERE: YOKINE RESERVE CNR ALEXANDER DRIVE AND WORDSWORTH AVE
WHEN: SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 1999
EVENTS: 112GM DISTANCE, 56GRM DISTANCE, D/H ACCURACY, S/H ACCURACY

JANUARY FIELD DAY

WHERE MANDURAH 500 FOLLOW MAND 500 SIGNS
WHEN 23/24 JANUARY 1999
SIGN ON 11.30AM AT MANDURAH FISHING CLUB SEE MAND 500
LINES DOWN 12:00PM AFTER SIGN ON FOR MAND 500
LINES UP 9:00AM AS PER MAND 500
WEIGH IN SUNDAY AFTER MAND 500 AT FISHING CLUB
BOUNDARIES AS PER MAND 500

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR JANUARY

WHEN: 23/24 JANUARY
SIGN ON: PHONE IN SIGN ON TO F.D.O BY 2000HRS FRIDAY NIGHT OR AT GENERAL MEETING IN SIGN ON BOOK PROVIDED.
LINES DOWN: SATURDAY 1400HRS
WEIGH IN: SUNDAY 1000HRS G.HOLMANS HOUSE. SCALES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON HIS BACK PATIO. WEIGHTS MUST BE WITNESSED BY AN ADULT. FD MONEY TO BE LEFT WITH THE SCALES IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME. **NO MONEY NO POINTS.** RESULTS TO BE PHONED TO THE FDO BY 1800HRS THAT NIGHT.
BOUNDARIES: SOUTH MOLE TO MINDARIE KEYS *EXCLUDING* THE SWAN/CANNING RIVER

FEBUARY FIELD DAY

WHERE OPEN BOUNDRIES
WHEN 13/14 FEBUARY
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 T.B.A.

NOTE:- OPEN BOUNDRIES IS DEFINED AS ANY TIDAL WATERS INLCUDING RIVERS, INLETS OPEN OCEAN ETC. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE DAMS, CREEKS OR ANYOTHER 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 FEBUARY

AS PER OPEN BOUNDRIES

REMAINING FIELD DAYS FOR 1998/99

JANUARY	MYALUP TO PRESTON	SAT 23 / SUN 24
FEBRUARY	OPEN	SAT 13/ SUN 14
MARCH	BLUFF CREEK L.W.E.	SAT 27 / MON 1
APRIL	MARGRET RIVER SOUTH	SAT 17 / SUN 18

VENUE :	LOCAL	SENIORS	10	JUNIORS	8
ATTENDANCE :	VENUE	SENIORS	0	JUNIORS	
	LOCAL:	SENIORS	0	JUNIORS	
	TOTAL:	18			

MEN		NO FISH	NO SPEC	WEIGHT	POINTS
BATCHELOR	DARREN	9	4	2.74	117.4
HOLMAN	GEORGE	8	3	1.35	93.5
WOODFORD	ANDY	7	3	1.13	91.3
MAXTED	DAVE	3	3	0.75	87.5
WOODFORD	ANTHONY	3	3	0.50	85.0
NEIL	FRED	4	2	0.60	76.0
WHYTENBURG	HANS	2	2	0.30	63.0
STOECKEL	PETER	0	0	0.00	50.0
BLACK	KEN	0	0	0.00	50.0
FARNEY	MARK	0	0	0.00	50.0

JUNIORS					
SNEDDON	MATHEW	8	2	0.75	77.5
NEIL	IAN	2	2	0.38	73.8
SAUNDERS	CAMERON	6	1	0.65	66.5

MINIS					
STOECKEL	ANDREW	0	0	0.00	50.0
STOECKEL	DANIEL	0	0	0.00	50.0
WHYTENBURG	KARL	0	0	0.00	50.0
WOODFORD	EMILY	0	0	0.00	50.0
WOODFORD	MOLLY	0	0	0.00	50.0

	FISH	KG	LAST YEAR	FISH	KG
TOTALS	52	9.14	LAST YEAR	81	19.90
NO PEOPLE	18		NO PEOPLE	13	
AVE/MEM	2.89	0.51	AVE/MEM	6.23	1.53

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	DARREN BATCHELOR	MULLOWAY	0.8KG
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	GEORGE HOLMAN	MIXED	1.35KG
MYSTERY PRIZE	NIL	NIL	
JUNIORS PRIZE	MATHEW SNEDDON	MIXED	0.75KG

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	DARREN BATCHELOR	MULLOWAY	0.8KG
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	DARREN BATCHELOR	MIXED	2.74KG

FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY

SPECIES	NO	WEIGHT	SPECIES	NO	WEIGHT
HERRING	21	2.38	MULLOWAY	1	0.80
TAILOR	6	1.55	PILCH	2	0.75
S/S PIKE	10	1.40	MACKERAL	1	0.25
WHITING	8	1.03	TARWHINE	1	0.25
GARDIES	2	0.25	FLATHEAD	1	0.20
WRASSE	1	0.25			

YEAR TO DATE

MEN		
BATCHELOR	DARREN	1421.4
KOLMAN	MORRIS	989.0
WOODFORD	ANDY	835.3
WHYTENBURG	HANS	829.0
HOLMAN	GEORGE	697.5
FARNEY	MARK	485.0
HENDERSON	BOB	342.5
TAGGART	IAN	315.0
BENNETT	JOHN	313.5
FREEMAN	DAVE	281.5

LADIES	
ELEANOR BENNETT	151
LARA WOODFORD	100
KIM FREEMAN	67.5

JUNIORS	
MATHEW SNEDDON	226.5
MAISON WATTS	88.5
CAMERON SAUNDERS	86.5
ANITA KING	70

MINI JUNIORS	
ANDREW STOECKEL	231.5
DANIEL STOECKEL	231.5
EMILY WOODFORD	172
MOLLY WOODFORD	150
KARL WHYTENBURG	150

FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1998/99

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)	DON BATCHELOR	4.4KG MULLOWAY
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)	MORRIS KOLMAN	0.95KG FLATHEAD
MOST MERITORIOUS FISH		
HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)		
HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (2.0 Kg MIN)	DON BATCHELOR	4.4KG
HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)	DARREN BATCHELOR	2.35KG
HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)	HANS WHYTENBURG	3.0KG
HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)	DARREN BATCHELOR	1.05KG
HEAVIEST S/FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE	DAMIEN D'MELLO	1.5KG BLACKFISH
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	DARREN BATCHELOR	16.15KG MIXED
HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	MARK FARNEY	11.8KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY	DON BATCHELOR	9.95KG
HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s max)	DARREN BATCHELOR	0.8KG MULLOWAY
HEAVIEST MACKERAL (3KG MIN)		

LOCAL FIELD DAY

Well, it all started out with my fishing partner for the weekend pulled the pin and decided he wasn't going fishing. It seems he has landed himself a full time job and he was going out to celebrate. It got worse from here. I had to go and dig worms on my own, wind surfers were tearing around where I wanted to fish for Herring. Later on, prawners were walking around in my Whiting spot. Blowfish were a pain (like always). Fishing was slow but it was a nice night to be out. In the morning the Bonito at the Mole were just playing with the baits and the Flathead didn't show in the river, even though we go and catch them in the same place every other time we go and fish there. (Don't you know you won't catch them on a field day Darren? Ed) Anyway, I have always said it is great just to go out and try to catch a fish, if you catch one, it's a bonus.

Later in the evening, at George Holmans place, it was great to see everyone gathered around socialising and enjoying themselves. I would like to thank everyone that fed me on the night. After the barbecue, the night cast social started and was interesting to say the least. I thank Mark Farney for lending me his rod to have a go with. I'm glad Mark doesn't come drycasting because he hit the target first time, (then again, maybe he should come down). I am sure there will be a report on the night cast elsewhere in this Reel Talk.

The next field day is in line with the Mandurah 500 on the weekend of 23/24th January 1999. Start times are on the upcoming events page in this Reel Talk. Please remember that if you intend fishing the Mandurah 500, AND our own club field day, that you need to weigh in your catch WHOLE for the 500, and then gutted and gilled for our own comp. Time will be given for you to gut and gill your fish. Our weigh-in will be in the near vicinity of the 500 weigh in.

The February field day is the open boundary field day. This, obviously means that you can fish wherever you like and as far away as you want to travel, (as long as you fish tidal waters, and can make it back for the weigh in on time, please see more information on events page).

More information on February's Field Day will be given at the January and February meetings.

****PLEASE NOTE****

THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST FILL OUT A SPECIAL SAFETY SIGN-ON FORM THAT WE HAVE DESIGNED. WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE YOU MIGHT BE IF YOU DON'T MAKE IT BACK. THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY SO PLEASE ADHERE TO THIS REQUEST.

This trip has the potential to be a great one. I'm undecided where to go as yet, but I will probably head south. If anyone would like to go with me please don't hesitate to ask. These trips have worked very well for other clubs, because they use them for trying new places for future reference. They also usually have a barbecue after the weigh in. This has not been discussed as yet, but is what I will be recommending.

I'm a bit pushed for time this month so I will have to finish off here. Please come along to the next General Meeting for more info on field days that are coming up, or see your Reel Talk. I would like to see a few more members turning up for field days, because, lets face it, that's what we joined the club for...to go fishing.

Merry Christmas to all members, Keep well, see you in January.

Tight lines

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F.D.O.

SOCIAL REPORT

Hello all,

The December night cast and barbecue was a great success. I'm sure that all those who attended will agree. I would like to thank George's wife Kaye for putting up with us yet again, I know that there is a lot of work involved with hosting such an event. Peter and Jenny Stoeckel also deserve a vote of thanks for organising and ensuring the smooth running of the night cast.

The clubs next Social event will be a club barbecue and cricket match. (Couldn't be any worse than the pathetic display the English are showing in the current Ashes tour).

There will be no cost attached to this, as you will have to bring your own food and drinks. This means that there will be no excuses for not attending. The date for the Surfcasters Ashes series 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.

Hope to see you all there.

Seasons greetings to you all from my Family and myself...Andy Woodford.



NIGHT CAST

A very hot day was followed by a balmy evening for the Club's Christmas barbecue and Night Cast. I got to the oval and chucked a couple of targets at about 'that far' and went back up for a drink. It was cooler on the oval than anywhere else!

We had a good turn out with a few new faces and everyone enjoyed catching up. The smell of the barbecue soon drew the casters up from practice on the oval. After eating dinner and losing more money on the Chocolate Wheel, we went down to the oval at about 9:00pm and got stuck into the Night Cast.

Winner of the night was **Eric Parker** and no less than **four** people in second place – **Roy Killick, Hans Wytenburg, Jim Strong** and **Gary Gildersleeve**. Winner of the Mini-Juniors was **Karl Wytenburg** and **Matt Sneddon** won the Junior section. Congratulations to all.

Thankyou to George and Kaye Holman for once again opening their home to everyone.

Peter
A.D.C.O.

December Drycasting Report

I arrived at 7.00am to greet a very cloudy but fine morning. With the help of Daniel, Terry and Jimmy, we managed to have the courts set up on time. And – of course – just as we were starting to cast, the rain started as well! What is it about the 1st Sunday of the month? Does 'dry' casting send out a challenge, or what?! At least it wasn't cold. There was hardly any breeze, apart from a light gust every now and then.

Jim Strong had one of his best days scoring 143. Roy Killick hit the single handed target twice, getting a good score of 34 in single hand accuracy. Roy has matched the Club Veterans record for Single Hand Accuracy with this score. Congratulations Roy! Mal Head had an off day going out and breaking off – must have been too much Christmas cheer the night before! A good day was had by all and we'd like to see some more Vets in the New Year. No records were broken by the Seniors, but all put down some good casts. Well done to Karl Wytenburg in his distance casting – all good distances and all with good accuracy. Daniel did well again with his double handed accuracy. Keep up the good work, kids!

Congratulations to George Holman for being the Single Hand Open Distance winner.

Thankyou to all who helped on the day – rain and all !! Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Best New Year wishes to all Club members and their families from myself and my family.

PETER
A.D.C.O.

DRY CASTING RESULTS
6/12/98

SENIORS	112 gram			Art. Bait			D/H Acc.	S/H Acc.	DAY TOTAL
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
K. Black	0	83	8	66	78	14	13	2	37
H. Wytenburg	0	0	0	95	120	22	84	26	132
D. Batchelor	130	136	27	106	112	22	109	20	178
E. Parker	130	104	23	99	95	19	60	17	119
G. Holman	145	145	29	0	106	11	122	22	184
T. Willison	131	136	27	0	0	0	113	15	155
A. Aubrey	113	115	23	92	0	9	23	5	60
G. Gildersleeve	132	120	25	99	100	20	152	9	206
P. Stoeckel	99	93	19	0	55	6	58	11	94

VETERANS

M. Head	0	101	10	0	90	9	135	21	175
T. Stam	89	95	18	75	76	15	63	26	122
J. Strong	80	53	13	75	69	14	143	13	183
D. Batchelor	111	112	22	81	90	17	118	29	186
R. Killick	94	98	19	79	81	16	116	34	185

JUNIORS

M. Sneddon	89	84	17	0	0	0	65	16	98
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MINI JUNIORS

K. Wytenburg	73	77	15	54	42	10	0	6	31
D. Stoeckel	39	39	8	30	16	5	35	8	56

112 gram Winner	G. Holman
Art. Bait Winner	Darren Batchelor / H. Wytenburg
D/H Acc. Winner	G. Gildersleeve
S/H Acc. Winner	R. Killick
S/H Open Distance Winner	G. Holman
Winner of the Day	G. Gildersleeve
Junior Winner	M. Sneddon
Mini Junior Winner	D. Stoeckel

NEXT CASTING DATE : 3/1/99. START 8:30am
January Events : 112gm; 56gm; D/H Acc.; S/H Acc.

OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES**December 1998**

1	Most Meritorious Fish				
2	Heaviest Shark	4.5 kilo min	Phil Brayne	33.0 kilo	False Entrance
3	Heaviest Mulloway	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.

There are a number of members who have started to accumulate entries in both the Grand Masters and the Species Competition. Keep up the good work. It would be great to see some more entries over the Christmas New Year break. The complete list of entries will be in the January Reel Talk.

Notable Entries.

Ian Mascarenhas and Dave Anticich both caught good Parrotfish on a recent trip to False Entrance. Dave's will be submitted as club *record* and *possibly State record* once we get a positive identification from the State Museum.

Please Note. Good quality photographs make for easy positive species identification.

Photograph the fish without the angler. Place the fish flat on a neutral colored background with its fins extended and make sure the whole fish is in direct light. Photograph the fish from directly side on without shadows and with your measuring tape or ruler laid along the bottom of the fish. Using your fill in flash makes for a better quality photo. Fill the whole frame with the fish. Entries have knocked back because the fish could not be identified due to the poor quality of the photograph or no reference for size. I am happy to help anyone who would like to improve their photographic skills. We hope to have a short instruction period on taking good quality photographs in the New Year. For those participating in the Dirk Hartog Island trip this could be of some assistance as I expect to be receiving a lot of new entries.

Christmas Greeting and best wishes for the New Year to all members and their families.
From Cookie + Hunter



***YOUR COMMITTEE
FOR 1998/99
WISHES ALL MEMBERS A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS***



AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

There was only seventeen delegates present at the December meeting of the above. George Holman represented our club. Two state records were passed. A black Bream caught by Eric Tai in the Swan River weighing 2.98 kilos, and a Twin Spot Flounder, caught by Richard Gordon Palmer at Exmouth gulf weighing in at 1.2 kilos. A letter sent to Recfishwest asking what they were doing regarding the proposed Tuna farming at Esperance got a very poor response. The context was that they were waiting to see what response the people from Esperance got from the group they had set up to deal with this issue. A wait and see approach from our representative body is a worry.

The response from a letter to Recfishwest from the Association asking what they were going to do to help recreational anglers obtain permission to camp out overnight or weekends received a negative response as they felt it wasn't their job to deal with this matter. The Association has obtained a deal of correspondence from a Mr. Perry who has done a lot of homework on this matter concerning travelers and caravaners in our northern region. He will follow up on this matter. The Association is also going to contact the 4 wheel drive Association who are actively dealing with this issue at present and a combined effort would lead to a more positive result. The fundraising "Mouse Night" has now been brought forward to the end of April, and we will see more details a little later. The Surfcasters look like being involved in this.

The Mandurah 500 scheduled for the 23rd - 24th of January 1999 is progressing but the Association still needs a few more sponsors. Even more important is a more positive response from other clubs in the Association, and a large attendance from the public. Otherwise it won't give us a financial return. Advertising will commence after the 1st of January in the papers and on the radio.

The next State Event is the Estuary to be held in the Leschanault inlet on the 29th - 30th of May 1999.

Mr. Norm Halse, from the Recfishwest, who is our representative on the group, empowered with reviewing recreational fishing and coastal water management for the Jurien Bay zone. This zone takes in an area from Ledge Island to Green Head. Mr. Halse has been asked to come to our next delegates meeting, to be held on the 19th of January, at the Sportsman's Association premises in Stancliff Street, Mt. Lawley, to give us an update. Any club member is welcome to attend, as some of the proposals are a worry, particularly dealing with small boat usage.

The President thanked the delegates for their efforts over the past 12 months and wished all seasons' greetings and the hope for a successful 1999.

Thanks George Holman
A.A.A. DELEGATE

JANUARY INSTRUCTION PERIOD

Steve Whitman from Williamson Lures along with Allan Pace will be present to do the follow-up he promised when he conducted the November instruction period. As this was very well received and informative, we are assured of an even more interesting time and it will be well worth members' time to be present at this meeting.

FEBRUARY INSTRUCTION PERIOD

With the proposed club trip to Dirk Hartog Island taking shape and with the amount of interest shown and questions to be answered, we will have Kieran Wardle, the manager of the Island and the organiser of the fishing trips to the Island, present to give us a complete report on our proposed trip and what we need to do and also cost and special arrangements. This will be a top instruction period even for those who aren't putting their hands up this time as it will wet your appetite and you will have the necessary information to make arrangements for later on. Let's see a good roll-up!!

George Holman

PRESIDENTS NOTES

The years seem to be going by very fast, or maybe I'm just getting older quicker. We have just seen 1998 fly by and are nearly into 1999 already. Last year we did a lot, and achieved a lot and there is a lot planned for this year. To make it all work we need shoulders to the wheel and a positive and unselfish attitude. With all of the above we can't help but reach our goals.

As I announced at the last General meeting. We are organising a club trip to Dirk Hartog Island.

This will take place on the 22nd to the 29th May 1999. I have detailed the proposal and planning elsewhere in this Reel Talk, and to ensure it all runs smoothly, a sub committee has been formed comprising of Myself, Wayne Morris, Hans Wytenburg, and Darren Batchelor. We would also like to invite Fred Neal to participate, as he has not long returned from there.

We are also looking at another group visit to the island in the first week of the school holidays in September, so if you would like to get involved in this one, please contact Fred Neal.

This type of trip, binds club members together, not only when away but, in the planning and lead up to departure.

To give you all an insight into the island trip, we will have present at our February General Meeting, Mr. Kieran Wardle who is the Island Manager.

He will give us a full run down on what is required, what will happen, and how to make it happen. This should be a very interesting even for those that are not able to go. Make sure you get your name in A.S.A.P. and you will need to confirm this with a \$150.00 per person, deposit that will be non-refundable if you change your mind. Once we make the commitment, we have to put the money on the table, so give it some thought and lets go for it.

If there is enough interest shown, we are looking at a family holiday trip to Esperance for later in the year, Please let myself or the committee know if any interest is there.

The January instruction period will see the return of Steve Whitman and Alan Pace of Williamsons Lures. They will match Lures with particular fish, at our request, and you will be given a form to take notes on for your benefit. Hoping for a top attendance for this meeting.

Our two competition officers in Darren Batchelor (FDO) and Peter Stoeckel (ASSISTANT DCO) Along with Andy Woodford combined to make our December field day barbecue and night cast, a great success. All who attended really enjoyed themselves, as the organisation was very smooth and competent. However it would have been nice to see a few more of you present. The request is for more of these events.

Darren Batchelor expressed his disappointment at our last General Meeting (and he was justified in doing so) at the poor response to his Lamington drive fund-raiser. Only 7 members participated. He handed over nearly \$200.00 to the clubs coffers. Imagine what would have happened if we had all dipped our toes into the water.

Our Recorder Ian Cook, is going to a lot of trouble to get our fish entry forms right and he has now got on top of it all.

He reckons we will need a lot of these forms for our trip to Dirk Hartog Island and also members need to get cracking to get their Surfcaster Species Badges. Give him some work to do (as if he hasn't got enough).

Murrey Shaw, our property officer has put a lot of effort into our Kalbarri House and the booking rate is going along quite nicely at this time of the year.

Please Note*** We have found it necessary to charge members as well as non-members a \$50.00 bond on the Kalbarri House.

Murrey has also got some ideas to make the house a little more family orientated by suggesting we put in a shaded sand pit area for the kids along with a set of swings.

A new refrigerator has been organised and thanks to Eric Parker for this.

Want a holiday in Kalbarri? Contact Murrey Shaw.

I would like to thank all members who made the effort and sent out the letters ECT regarding the Tuna Farming. This seems to be the way we need to go in the future as there is a lot in the wind and we need to let the powers that be, know that the Surfcasters are around and on the ball. What we would like to see happen. It is our future.

Let's get into 1999, and more importantly, let's make it a good one.

George Holman

Fish Puffs

Makes approx. 30

750g (1½ lb.) fish fillets
3 slices bread
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 tablespoon flour
1 egg

salt, pepper
1 egg, extra
2 tablespoons milk, extra
flour, extra
packaged dry breadcrumbs
oil for deep frying

Curry Sauce

30g (1 oz) butter
1 tablespoon flour
2 teaspoons curry powder
1 cup milk

¼ cup sour cream
1 tablespoon parsley
salt, pepper

Remove skin and all bones from fish; chop fish finely. Remove crusts from bread; break up bread roughly; cover with the milk and let stand 20 minutes. Combine chopped fish, soaked bread and milk, curry powder, flour, egg, salt and pepper; mix well. Refrigerate 1 hour. Form mixture into balls; coat with extra flour, then combined beaten egg and extra milk; coat well with breadcrumbs. Refrigerate 30 minutes to firm. Deep-fry in hot oil until golden brown. Serve hot with curry sauce.

Curry Sauce: Melt butter in small pan; add flour and curry powder; stir until smooth. Cook 1 minute; remove from heat. Add milk gradually; stir until smooth. Return to heat; stir until sauce boils and thickens. Add sour cream, chopped parsley, salt and pepper.

Escabache

Serves: 6

750g to 1kg (1½ to 2lb.) fish fillets
seasoned flour
oil for frying

1 egg
2 tablespoons milk

Sauce

2/3 cup dry white wine
2/3 cup white vinegar
2/3 cup oil

2 teaspoons dry mustard
salt, pepper

Vegetable Pickles

250g (½ lb) small carrots
250g (½ lb) turnips or parsnips
250g (½ lb) small onions
1 red pepper
1 green pepper

2 sticks celery
approx 3 ¾ cups white vinegar
¼ cup sugar
1 teaspoon celery seeds

Skin and bone fillets. Toss fillets in seasoned flour, then in combined egg and milk mixture, then in flour again. Fry in hot oil until golden brown on both sides. Drain well on absorbent paper, cool. Break fillets up into large bite size pieces and place in deep serving dish. Pour over the sauce and vegetables; refrigerate.

This is an excellent hot weather dish; good, also, on a buffet table.

Sauce: Combine all ingredients, mix well. Add drained pickles.

Vegetable Pickles: Scrape carrots, peel onions. Wash peppers, celery and turnips. Leave onions whole, cut carrots into 5cm lengths. Cut celery and turnips into 5cm lengths; dice peppers, removing pith and seeds.

Place onions, turnips and carrots in saucepan, add sufficient vinegar to cover. Add mustard and celery seeds and sugar. Bring to boil; reduce heat, simmer 15 minutes. Add remaining vegetables with additional vinegar to cover, cook 3 minutes, drain.

Butter-Fried Bream

Serves: 6

6 bream fillets (or other fish) seasoned flour
butter

Egg Butter

90g (3oz) butter parsley
2 hard boiled eggs

Lemony Butter

90g (3oz) butter parsley
1 to 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Skin and bone fillets, dip in seasoned flour. Melt butter in frying pan; fry fillets until cooked on one side, turn and cook on the other side. Serve with Egg Butter or Lemony Butter, or with Sauce Remoulade

Egg Butter: Melt butter in pan. Add finely chopped eggs. Pour over fish and garnish with parsley.

Lemony Butter: Melt butter in pan, add lemon juice to taste. Pour over fish, garnish with lemon slices and fried parsley sprigs. Or lemon slices can be sauteed in the hot butter and used as garnish.

Sauce Remoulade:

1 cup mayonnaise	2 teaspoons finely chopped parsley
2 tablespoons finely chopped dill pickle or gherkin	dash of worcestershire or anchovy sauce
2 teaspoons finely chopped capers	2 tablespoons whipped cream
	1 teaspoon prepared mustard

Combine all ingredients except cream, mix well. Stir in cream. Serve with any seafood.

Fish Cocktail

Serves: 4

500g (1 lb.) fish fillets	salt, pepper
¼ cup lemon juice	½ cup cooked green peas
white vinegar	¼ cup red pepper
1 large white onion	¼ green pepper
½ to ¾ cup mayonnaise	

Skin and bone fish, cut onto small pieces. Peel onion and cut into thin slices. Put fish and onion into glass or china bowls, pour over enough white vinegar to cover, stir in lemon juice. Cover and let stand to marinate overnight. Next day drain liquid from fish.

Combine fish and onion with peas and enough mayonnaise to hold mixture together; season to taste. Place spoonfuls of fish cocktail into lettuce cups in cocktail glasses. Sprinkle over the finely chopped or sliced peppers.

Note: The fish in this cocktail is not actually cooked; the acid action of the vinegar and lemon juice, as the fish stands overnight, simulates the cooking process.

Yellowtail Kingfish [kings] (*Seriola lalandi*)

Size :

2kg - 40kg. can reach up to 54kg.

Habitat :

Yellowtail Kingfish are an oceanic surface fish congregating over inshore reefs, around rocky headlands, deepwater jetties and channel markers as well as offshore over ocean rocks, offshore reefs and around islands. They inhabit the coastal waters of Australia's southern shores from south Qld. to the mid-coast of W.A., including north Tas. Kingfish are particularly abundant along the eastern seaboard. They prefer turbulent water and tidal rips and have known to school up over sharp pinnacles of reef, around wharve pylons, bomboras and rocky headlands. They appear during the warmer months of summer and autumn and can be found lurking under schools of slimey mackerel in large bays and estuaries during autumn.

Qualities :

Well regarded light tackle sportfish. They are a tough fighter, fast and rugged and are renowned for powerful deep diving runs to reefy areas once struck.

Record :

Australian record 47.25kg.

Best Bait :

Dead, live, strip or cube baits such as slimey mackerel, yakkas, pike, garfish, mullet, squid, cuttlefish, octopus, prawn, bonito, whiting.

High speed lures for trolling and spinning such as plastic squid, red and white feathers, Rapala minnows and surface poppers.

Jigged lures such as plastic squid and weighted feathers.

Saltwater Flies such as Clousers and Deceivers.

Tackle :

Line : 10kg main line with 3m of double line followed by a 20kg 2m monotrache.

Hook : 6/0 - 10/0 Mustad 9175.

Rig : Rod should have high speed guides and tips. Bait is suspended under a float (balloon) at about 2m depth. A 100 - 150g running sinker can lower the bait to deeper water if required. Trolling and Lure rig. Fly gear.

Hints :

Kingfish can be moody so try a variety of retrieves and lure types. When surface fishing allow the fish to run for 20m before striking but if deep fishing a fast sure strike is best. Trolling whole fish baits can be productive. When fish are found in schools try a slow trolling technique through the school using small whole fish or fish strips. Suspending live baitfish under a big float or balloon is a successful technique from headlands or jetties. Berley of chopped fish and tuna oil works well. Best eating fish are less than 8kg., release larger fish. Smaller fish (7 - 10kg) form large schools whereas the larger fish become loners.

50" World Record Rainbow Trout

12-09-98

There was a priest that loved to stream fish. One year there was a problem every time he had a chance to go fishing the weather was bad or it was on Sunday, when he had to work. All year he was unable to go. Finally it was the last week before the streams closed. The weather was bad all week > until Sunday, when the weather was great. The priest could not resist, he called a fellow priest claiming to be very sick and asked if he could take over his sermon. The flyfishing priest drove over 200 miles, not wishing to see anyone he knew. An angel seeing the priest playing hooky went to God and said "Your not > going to let him get away with this are you?". God agreed he should do something . > The first cast the priest made was perfect. The fly floated past a log and a huge mouth gulped the fly down. For 45 minutes the priest ran up and down the stream fighting the mighty fish. At the end he held a 50" world record rainbow trout. Confused the angel asked God, "What are you doing?". God replied "Think about it, who's he going to

REEL TALK EDITORS REPORT

Hello fellow members, not a lot to report on this month...I have been away on my lightning quick fishing trip to False Entrance with a few of the boys, (see report this issue) and we had a ball. Many thanks to Peter and Jenny Stoeckle for doing the Reel Talk for me last month while I was away. You both did a great job.

I have asked the rest of the committee if it would be OK if I offer an incentive prize to any member/or non-member, for input into the Reel Talk. They have given me the go ahead, and in the case of more than one article being submitted, (I wish). I will make the choice on who will receive the prize.

Ian Neal won a good quality rod bucket belt last month, for his article on Dirk Hartog Island. Well done Ian.

I have put an article in this edition, but unfortunately I am not eligible for the prize...what a bummer. If any member is not receiving their edition of Reel Talk, could they please inform me as soon as possible. If any member is not happy with what they are reading in their Reel Talk please let me know as soon as possible. It's very hard to please everybody. What someone else finds funny and harmless, someone else might find offensive and not funny at all. It's hard to find the happy medium. The Reel Talk Editors in the past, and including myself, are constantly asking, and looking for articles to put in the Reel Talk each month to try and make it at least interesting. The response to this request is usually Nil, so please, at least give the articles that you are not happy with, a bit more thought. Try to read them in the context that they are written in. I find the people that DO have a whinge, never put anything into the Reel Talk themselves, so please don't knock the ones that DO bother. I certainly will not allow any offensive language into the pages. I just feel that some people are a little too thin skinned sometimes. My opinion, and I'm entitled to it.

Well that's enough of that.

Leanne and myself would like to use this space in the Reel Talk to wish every one of you the very best for Christmas. We hope you all have a great New Year. Please take it easy on the roads. We want to see you reading next month's edition of Reel Talk.

Don't put too much weight on, it's too hard to get rid of it later...

. All the best ... Phil Brayne.



Interline Rods.

You've probably seen and heard about these new rods called interline so we thought we'd give you a bit of info about them that some tackle stores aren't.

Interline are those kooky rods without guides that you feed the line up the middle. It's not just a blank they run through - there are 50 or so little guides all the way up the blank. These guides are both the reason you should and shouldn't buy these rods (depending on what you're using them for).

Firstly, the good points. If you are using mono these rods are FANTASTIC. They're smooth, they cast well and you can't break your guides off in the boot. It's when you use braid or dacron that you can get into trouble.

With braid you must put a mono backing on the reel for a number of reasons and join it with a knot. If you hook into a monster fish like a Sail, Sambo or Spaniard that runs fast and you get down to your backing, we have heard of a number of times where the knot catches on an internal guide and busts you off. This means you lose the fish, your line and, possibly, the rod as well due to weakening.

So remember, it's horses for courses with rods and reels. Interline are great rods and we recommend them highly if your reel is spooled with mono but if you're not careful with how you use them it could be a mistake.