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The Official News Letter of  
THE SURF-CASTING AND ANGLING ASSOCIATION OF W.A.

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 11th August at 8 p.m. sharp, National Fitness Rooms (next Traffic Office) James St., Perth.

INSTRUCTION: Nylon knots (Vern Pocklington)  
Rigs (Vic Davis)

FIELD DAY: The next Field Day will be held next Sunday 15th August at the North Mole, from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can now take your transport all the way up so NO reason why we should not have a really good turn up.

COMMITTEE MEETING: The Committee is reminded that on all occasions the meeting is held on the Wednesday night after the General Meeting.

DRY CASTING: We are really getting organised now, and appeal to all members to take part. The rear oval at the University is available to us which is both central and suitable. To speed up

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the competition, 2 events will be conducted to enable each member to have the maximum casts. Dry casting will be held regularly on the Sunday immediately after the Field Day at 10 a.m. sharp.

Congratulations to Lloyd Dunne. The Committee have seen fit to bestow on Lloyd a Life Membership for his services as Secretary of the Club during the last 18 months.

Congratulations also to Fred Goss. Fred won the Surf Master Reel raffled by the Bunbury Club.

Noel Knight also deserves applause for his faultless exhibition of dry casting with an average of  $118\frac{2}{3}$  yds. and best cast of 123 yds. John McNerney averaged  $94\frac{2}{3}$ . Young Ted Horsley averaged  $83\frac{2}{3}$  with a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  weight to run second to Noel Knight in that event. They tell me Noel will be casting with a blood worm next meeting.

Get ready to hear full details about the fishing competition which this club agreed to conduct. If all goes well, the competition should get under way by the 1st September and will run for 6 months to 28th February.

The following is by Laurie Fry, now a welcome member to the Club.

HOW TO KEEP FISH ON HOT WEATHER:

Many fishermen find difficulty in preserving their catch during hot weather, and as a result many pounds of fish are destroyed each season. In order to help the angler eliminate this hazard, the following tips are given. Water is the worst enemy, and dead fish should never be allowed to lie in it. A yard or two of hessian or cheese-cloth, dampened slightly, wrapped around the fish in such a manner as not to let them touch each other, is good. Keep in a box out of sun's rays. The slimy film found on the fish should not be removed if they are to be kept any length of time. This film acts as a protection to the fish both in and out of the water.

An old method of preserving fish is to sunbake them for a few minutes, until the skin is dried stiff, then keep from sun and wet. In this state the fish do not present a very beautiful appearance, but remain fresh. However, in the event of one

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wishing to photograph his catch after reaching the shore, or the next day, it is well to keep the fish on a stringer if possible. Run the point of the stringer needle through both lips of the fish, which will permit it to close and open its mouth at will. Keeping the fish's mouth open at all times will drown or strangle it.

In all cases where fish are to be 24 hours or more on the journey, rub with salt. Cleaned fish, well salted and wiped dry, then wrapped individually in cloth, the whole bundle then sewn up in a stout canvas or other material, will keep for a long time without ice.

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DO IT RIGHT:

It is most important when preparing your cray for bait, to tear out the tail from the head and not cut in out; also to break the shell and tear out the flesh from the tail. If you break it out by hand you will notice the red skin will adhere to the flesh, your bait will go much further if it has this skin to hold it together. Also be sure to cut it lengthwise with the grain and not across the grain.

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R E M E M B E R :

Keep a taut line, but do not try pulling your fish in by mere strength. Play the fish and you will get the most fun and thrills when fishing.

Be a good sport and return to the water any undersized fish you may catch. Remember that you have twice as much fun catching the "big ones" as you do the "little ones".

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