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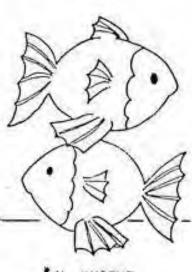
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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MELTINGS

The monthly GENERAL MESTING is usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

DRYCASTING

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

FIELD DAYS

These normally follow each general meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign-on and the weigh-in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign-on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign-on. However, only under very exceptional circumstances will failure to attend weigh-ins not be penalized 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 the committees duty to decide what action is to be taken. Disputes may be taken to the committee. Entries for Game Fish madge, Club Records and Open Fishing Competitions must be lodged with the recorder within 30 days of capture.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

If you intend to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary.

Please assist the Treasurer by paying your subscription with-in 28 days of the Annual General Meeting.

Arrears of 3 consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

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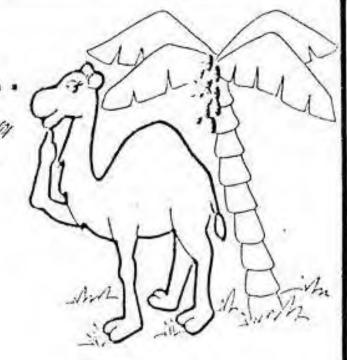
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MEMORANDA

NEXT GENERAL MEETING NEXT GENERAL MEETING DIANELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE LIGHT STREET, DIANELLA WHEN: TUESDAY AUGUST 14 INSTRUCTION: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NEXT CASTING DAY WHERE: YOKINE RESERVE WHEN: SUNDAY AUGUST 5 EVENTS: 112 GRAM LEVEL LINE 56 GRAM LEVEL LINE D/H ACCURACY S/H ACCURACY NEXT FIELD DAY WHERE: CAPE TO CAPE WHEN: AUGUST 18-19 SIGN-ON: DUNSBOROUGH CARPARK 12 NOON SAT WEIGH-IN: DUNSBOROUGH CARPARK 11AM SUN LOCAL FIELD DAY WHERE: WHEN: TO BE DECIDED AT NEXT MEETING SIGN-ON: WEIGH-IN: NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WHERE: DIANELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE LIGHT STREET, DIANELLA

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22

Dates to Remember...



FIELD DAYS 1990-91

JULY LOCAL (OPEN)

AUGUST CAPE TO CAPE

SEPTEMBER ROTTNEST

OCTOBER FLINDERS BAY (L.W.E)

NOVEMBER SWAN RIVER

DECEMBER WHITE HILLS

JANUARY GRENOUGH (L.W.E)

FEBRUARY GUILDERTON

MARCH FLINDERS DAY (L.W.E.)

APRIL MARGARET RIVER

Optional local fishing will be available on all Field Days excluding July and November.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The annual Dinner Dance is over for this year and what a night it was. Everyone enjoyed themselves especially one person who comes to mind like M. Head.

Now down to something which is particularly special to the club members. It is election time again. there is seven committee members standing down, one of which is me.

It is time for you, the members, to get off your BUMS and get to this meeting or I can see this club closing its doors. So get to this meeting and get a committee together.

Some of the committee have been on so long they would like a break.

There was a suggestion that the committee be cut down to seven and the balance come from general members. President, Secretary, Treasurer, F.D.O., D.C.O., Reel Talk Editor and Social Editor. Its up to the members to get this meeting and pull this club out of the SHIT. It's the only club we have.

G. REELEY

ANNUAL GENERAL

MESTING

TUESDAY 14TH AUGUST

Please -try to make - the effort

DRINKS WILL BE SUPPLIED BY THE CLUB. NOWEVER, A PLATE OF SUPPER WILL BE APPRECIATED. PAGE SIX

FIELD DAY

FIELD DAY RESULTS

VENUE: LOCAL AS DATE: 14TH-15TH JULY ASI GROYNE TO WOODMAN POINT

ATTENDANCE: SENIORS: 9 VISITORS: JUNIORS: 1 TOTAL: 10

TOTAL FISH WEIGHT:.....KG

NAME FISH WEIGHT

T. D'ALONZO 10.100 KG P. D'ALONZO 5.180

ALSO IN ATTENDENCE

M. HEAD G. HOLMAN H. HOLMAN E. PARKER

D. BARBER MICHAEL HEAD (J)

P. OSBORNE I. COCK

FIELD DAY PRIZES

BEST BAG SCALE FISH T. D'ALONZO 10.100kg

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH...... HEAVIEST JUNIOR BAG.....

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH - 1ST T. D'ALONZO 10.100kg - 2ND P. D'ALONZO 5.180kg

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - 1ST T. D'ALONZO PILCHARD

- 2ND P. D'ALONZO YELLON EYE

JUNIOR TOP FIVE

SENIOR TOP TEN

T. D'ALONZO 965 S. REELEY 111 P. D'ALONZO P. OSBORNE 368

B. REELEY 87 300 164 N. REELEY 10 D. BARBER

H. HOLMAN 127 M. HEAD 105 MINI JUNIORS

I. COCK 100 P. BOOTH G. HELLEY 98 95

S. OJBORNE 73

FIELD DAY REPORT 14TH-15TH JULY

In one word "Rugged". The weather was rainy with west to south west winds gusting to 45 knots. The D'Alonzo's decided to fish at Woodmans Point which let them fish with the wind behind them which was good thinking.

The rest of us fished the ASI Groyne with the wind and water in our faces and everything else as well. Malcolm & Michael Head fished the north end of the Groyne with Peter Osborne inbetween them and Derry Barber and myself. Peter left two rods out overnight, to no avail. Mal White gave it a try for a couple of hours on Saturday night and George and Heath fished Sunday morning.

Tony and Philomena produced good bags of small fish while the rest of the group did'nt register a bite, except Eric Parker. Eric had a fish on for a few minutes which was quite large. It could have been a snapper or equally well a stingray.

Even with the weather conditions everyone enjoyed the field day.

Tight Lines COOKIE MONSTER

FUN WITH FLEETS

Fleets Tackle & Cycle has offered to sponsor our clubfor a Swan River event. This is to be a fun event, held separate from our field days. The suggestion has been for a one day event (Sunday), with anglers being able to fish from either the shore or from boats. The winner would be the angler with the three heaviest fish, but these would have to be of different species. Club members felt that if we timed it right, we could end the day with a family type barbeque.

Looking at our calendar, the second Sunday in November (the 11th) looks the most promising. This has the added adventage of giving us a bit of estuary practise for the state estuary championships the following Sunday.

The club has voted to take Fleets up on their most generous offer, so mark Sunday, November 11th in your diary. Bring the kids on this one and make it a real fun day.

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DRYCASTING JULY

Hi Folks.

After a icy cold start it turned out a beautiful day for drycasting.

Thanks to all the people who made an extra effort to come down and get in some last minute practise before the State Championship on the 29th July. A special thanks to Trever Stan for filling in for Jim Strong in the Veterans section. Jim slong with Basil Marsh and Bill Utting will be looking for warmer weather up north. Hope you all have a good time and some good fishing.

All the people in the teams for the Champoinships, please be at Yokine Reserve by 7.30am on the day as we want a nice early start as its going to be a long day.

MAL HEAD

DRYCASTING RESULTS

ATTENDANCE 8 SENIORS 2 JUNIORS 1 VISITOR

112 GRAM WINNER GEORGE HOLMAN 145 METRES

56 GRAM WINNER HEATH HOLMAN 116 METRES

56 GRAM OVERALL WINNER F. D'ALONZO 21 POINTS

D/H ACCURACY WINNER ERIC PARKER 139 POINTS

8/H ACCURACY WINNER GEORGE HOLMAN 29 POINTS

WINNER OF THE DAY ERIC PARKER 239 POINTS

JUNIOR WINNER OF THE DAY MICHAEL HEAD 242 POINTS

NEXT CASTING DAY

WHERE YOKINE RESERVE

WHEN..... SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST 9AM

EVENTS......D/H ACCURACY
S/H ACCURACY
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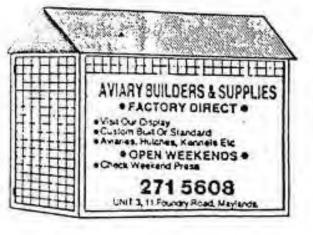
OPEN COMPETITION 1990-1991

- 1. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH
- 2. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 KG MIN)
- 3. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (3.KG MIN) T. D'ALONZO 14.6 KG
- 4. HEAVIEST DALMON (3 KG MIN)
- 5. HEAVIEST DHUFISH
- 6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1 KG MIN)
- 7. HEAVIEST SAMSON FISH
- 8. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ROD 44G OR 9LB B/B LINE HAX
- 9. HEAVIEST PINK SPAPPER
- 10. HEAVIEST TARAHINE
 - 11. HEAVIEST MACKERAL
 - 12. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (SOUTHERN 1 KG MIN)
 - 13. HEAVIEST PREVALLY (NORTHERN) 1 KG MIN
 - 14. HEAVIEST SNOOK/PIKE (1 KG MIN)
 - 15. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 2-14 (2 AG MIN)



FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1990-1991

- HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST 6 MONTHS) T. D'ALONZO MULLOWAY 11.5KG
- HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND 6 MONTHS)
- MOST MERITORIOUS PISH S. REELEY AMBERJACK 9.65 KG 3.
- 4. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 KG MIN)
- 5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1KG MIN) T. D'ALONZO 11.5 KG
- 6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1 KG MIN) T. D'ALONZO 1.60 KG
- 7. HEAVIEST SALMON (3 KG MIN) T. D'ALONZO 3.5 KG
- 8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (1 KG MIN) T. D'ALONZO 1.60 KG
 - 9. HEAVIEST MACKERAL
- 10. HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH T. D'ALONZO 49.90 KG
- 11. HEAVIEST BAG MULLOWAY T. D'ALONZO 21.CO KG
- 12. HEAVIEST BAG TAILOR T. D'ALONZO 1.60 KG
- 13. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ROD D. BARBER SALMON 3.00 KG 4AG OR 9LB B/S LINE (MAX)
 - 14. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH T. D'ALONZO-SAMPSON 10.5 KG OTHER THAN DECTION 4-13





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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1989-90

MEMBERS

This season, 1989-90, has been a favourable one for the club. Your committee has performed well, looking after all the club's interests.

Ideas were put forward by the members and were carried out during committee meetings.

COMMITTEE

This season Dennis Stiglmayer held the position of Vice President, job well done Dennis.

Our secretary and AAA Delegate Sharon Osborne has done a very good job, in both positions. Many thanks to Sharon for keeping the correspondence up to date, plus the work on Recreational Pishing Committee. Many thanks.

Our treasurer, Ric Parker always on the ball, has again proved his worth to the club where many matters are concerned. Thanks Ric for a good effort. Well done.

Drycasting this season was run by Malcolm Head and son Michael and assisted by J. Strong. Both have made a great effort in the preparation on casting days, but have experienced poor attendances. The same as field days.

Recording this season was done by Dave Maxted. He carried out his task the best way possible, well done.

Reel Talk editing was carried out by Frank Sutton and Eric Bombardieri who have applied themselves to the job and put new ideas into the Reel Talk. Frank worked hard at making sure the Reel Talk is always out on time.

Our librarian, Bruce Bennett did his job well. Thanks Bruce for a job well done.

Kalbarri property has once again been looked after by John Resley John has looked after bookings on the house and helped to keep the house in good condition. John has been keeping in touch with matters concerning the house with Kalbarri accommodation.

Peter Osborne was one of our AAA Delegates and looked after matters concerning the club, and Recreational Fishing.

Our Field Days were run by Ian Cook and Heath Holman. They did a great job in keeping the books up to date with new points. Breat Job keep up the good work.

George Holman was this season immediate past president, and has assisted in all sub committees regarding all matters concerning our club.

With not having a Social Organizer I would like to thank John Reeley in doing the organizing for the Dinner Dance and Dennis Stiglmayer and Eric Bombardieri, drink sales and selling raffle tickets each month. Thanks.

Your committee this season has worked well as a team and I am proud to be part of the team.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL DINVER DANCE

The club armual Dinner and Dance was a great success, with approximately 71 members and their friends in attendance. A most enjoyable time was had by all. As was earlier said, the committee and some of the general members did all the preparation. Many thanks go to John Reeley for the work on making the Annual Dinner Dance and trophy night so successful. Trophies were generously donated by the tackle trade and also members of the club. This was most appreciated by myself who had the task of collecting the trophies with Ric Parker.

AAA EVENTS

Our club had a go at taking on the Mandurah 500 with a great success, so we have taken it on again next year.

The Rock and Beach section was also great with us winning the mini section, ladies and vets section and mens runner up, to the Fremantle Club. The boat section was attended by a great number of club members with 5 boats participating. Not being a boat club we did as good as we could.

FIRLD DAYS & DRYCASTING

Both these sections of the club have been very poorly attended this season. It is up to you, the members of the club to do something about this important matter. Both Ian Cook and Malcom Head have put the efforts into their sections, now the members must do the same to make these positions a more enjoyable job, so all join in.

KALBARRI PROPERTY

Our club house at Kalbarri is in a very good condition. The busy bee that are held make sure of that. We had the deep sewerage connected this year, plus the fence has been put down the right hand side of the house.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Our membership this season has held its own with new members. We have often talked on committee meetings about trying to get more members. This will have to be a project where a member who introduces a new member, looks after him or her and keeps them under their wing for 3 or 4 months.

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FUTURE OF THE CLUB

Members it is up to you to attend club activities, help where you can. Don't be the type of member who sits back and does nothing. If we all pull together, we will have a great club, and we will be a strong club in the future. If not I can see the club closing it's doors, so all pull together.

GRAHAM REELEY PRESIDENT

P.S. Don't forget it is office election time again, there will be positions vacant so don't be afraid to go on the committee, there is always someone who will help you out.

TROPHY DONORS

The Surfcasting and Angling Club wishes to thank the following trophy donors for their support.

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CLUB

Ken Jones Basil Marsh Bill Utting Malcolm Head Heath Holman D'Alonzos George & Kaye Holman Eric Parker Graham Reeley Ian Cook Eric Bombardieri Charlie Gadie Osborne Family Bill Harries Ron Wintle Jim Strong

SUBS ARE NOW DUE

Club subscriptions are once again due as from the first of July. It would be appreciated by our treasurer if members would attend to this as soon as possible. Subs are as follows:

Seniors \$33-00 Family \$45-00, Veterans \$12-50 Juniors \$12-50. For each additional junior on the senior (father's) subscription \$5-00.

A.A.A. REPORT - JULY 1990

1.0 Peter Rogers from the Fisheries Dept. gave an update on: - inshore fisheries are now under WA law and management. Various boundaries, e.g. rock lobster, line fishing, and trap fishing to the continental shelf edge (200m depth). Continental shelf edge to 200 mile zone is generally under Commonwealth jurisdiction.

-fairly complex controls over local trawling exist, with major areas of trawling now allowed. The intent is to gradually reduce this (licences are not transferable).

-the Commonwealth allows Russian trawling in very deep water (2000m+, the Naturaliste Plateau). Research indicates a potential fishery at this depth, but species are not those targeted by recreational fishermen.

-foreign trawling up north is gradually being reduced (was down to Shark Bay area). Dept of Fisheries aim is to completely eliminate this by 1992.

-in the last 18 months there has been a buy back of some 50 boat licences in the commercial fishing industry.

- -aim is to reduce local purse seing netting boats to 8 boats. 17 boats operate in the Albany area full time at the moment, and 8 part time. A long term management plan isin effect, a copy of which is with AAA .Closed areas are approximately 1 km from the shore line.Warnborough and Cockburn Sound have more extensive areas.
- AAA criticism of the Minister and Department of Fisheries regarding the recent salmon fishing events was tabled, but no formal response as to what caused the salmon Mill in the Cheynes Beach area. Clubs are encouraged to comment to the minister.
- 3. The fishing clinic has offered to have clubs promote themselves via brochures.
- 4. AAA has asked for comments/ideas for thee AAA Fishing Handbook for 90/91 publication.
- 5. Request for the club newsletter to be directed to John Curtis.

ATTENTION TO ALL ANGLERS

Ralph Keller has written to say he has recently purchased some pure whale dil from the governments old stocks through tender. This is now for sale at \$7.00 per litre (uncut). It comes in cartons of 24 1 litre bottle, which allows for convenient handling and use. Those interested can contact Ralph on 459-5397.

TROPHY JINNERS FOR THE FIGHING YEAR 1989-90

BROTION	FIELD DAY	DONOR & TROPHY
OPEN SECTION 1 FIRST	T. D'ALONZO 1879 PTS	G. HOLMAN ROD STAND & SINGLE BURNER
SECOND	P. OSBORNE 1161 PTS	J. EDDIE AGENTENCE REEL
THIRD	P. D'ALCNZO 1084 PTS	J. STRONG CURAMIC PLATE & ROD & LINE
JUNIORS FIRST	M. READ JR. 1100 PTS	J. ALVEY ALVEY REEL
SECOND	M. REELEY 350 PTS	M. HEAD SHIMANO REEL
MINI FIRST	B. RETLEY 3:0 POINTS	E. PARKER FLICK ROD HILLS THADING TACKLE BOX
SECOND	S. REELEY 231 PTS.	OSBOTNE FAMILY FLICK ROD HILLS TRADING
STOTION 2 H GAVINST CALE FIGH 13T 6 MONTH	M. HEAD SKIPPY 3.10KG	TACKLE BOX TONY D'ALONZO S/GAFF & LINE KEN MATHEYS TROPHY
200 6 200 3	S. OSBORNE MULLOWAY 11.8KG	TONY D'ALONZO S/JAPF & LINE
SECTION 4 HEAVIEST HARK 1ST	L. CLIFTON SHARK 6.6KG	TONY D'ALONZO FISHING REEL
RECTION 5 HEAVIEST TULLOWAY	S. OSSORNE MULLO AY 11.8KG	TONY D'ALONZO GAFF & LINE
SECTION 6 HEAVISH TAILOR	P. OSBORNE TAILOR 1.30KG	TONY D'ALONZO KNIFE & STEEL
RECTION 7 HEAVIEST BALMON	T. D'ALONZO SALMON 4.3KS	SID WHITTING FISHING REEL
8 KOLTOS 8 H SAVI (ST TREVALLY	MAL HEAD TREVALLY 3.1Kg	SID WHITING SINGLE BURNER STOVE

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SECTION	FIELD DAY WINNERS	DONOR & TROPHY
SECTION 10 HEAVISST BAG SCALE FISH	T. D'ALONZO MIXED BAG 27.65KG	SID WHITING FISH SCALES
SECTION 11 HEAVIST BAD NULLOWAY	T. D'ALONZO MULLOWAY 19.85KG	LOFTY GRIFFITHS KNIFE SET
SECTION 12 HEAVISST BAG TAILOR	T. D'ALONZO TAILOR 14.5KG	MORELY GLASS L/GAFF & STEEL
SECTION 14 HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTION 4-13	M. KELLY DHUFISH 2.90KG	BILL UTTING CHINA BOWL

SECTION	OPEN WINNERS	DONOR & TROPHY
SECTION 2 HYAVIEST SHARK	D. MAXTED B/WHALER 22KG	HALCO LURES HILLS TRADING TACKLE BOX
SECTION 3 HEAVIEST MULLOWAY	T. D'ALONZO MULLOWAY 13.4KG	HALCO LURES HILLS TRADING TACKLE BOX
SECTION 6 H/TAILOR	P. D'ALONZO TAILOR 2KG	HALCO LURES HILLS TRADING TACKLE BOX
SECTION 7 H/SAXSON FISH	W. HARRIS SAMSON FISH 19K3	HALCO LURES HILLS TRADING TACKLE BOX
SECTION 9 H/9INK SNAPPER	H. HOLMAN PINK SNAPPER 5.75KG	HALCO LURES HILLS TRADING TACKLE BOX
SECTION 11 H/MACKERAL	H. HOLMAN MACKERAL 22.0KG	HALCO LURES HILLS TRADING TACKLE BOX
SECTION 13 H/TREVALLY (NORTHERN)	D. MAXTED TREVALLY (MORTHERN) 6.0KG	HALCO LURES HILLS TRADING TACKLE BOX
SECTION 14 H/SNOOK/PIKE	T. D'ALONZO SNOOK 1.35KG	HALCO LURES HYLLS TRADING

PACE EXCHTEEN

SECTION	DRYCASTING WINNER	DONOR & TROPHY
MINI JUNIOR FIRST	BRETT REELEY 525 PTS	MORLEY GLASS FISHING REEL
SND	NICOLE RRELEY 307 PTS	E. BOMBARDIERI HTAD LAMP & ROD HOLDER & TACKLE BOX bo
JUNIOR FIRST	M. HEAD 1312 PTS	B. MARSH REEL BAG GAFF HILLS TRADING
SND	C. MAXTED 285 PTS	E. BOMBARDIERI TACKLE BOX HOOKS & TORCH CAMBELL SPORT STORE
OPEN FIRST	3. HOLMAN 2581 PTS	CHUB TROPHY
OPEN	E. PARKER 2186	CLUB TROPHY TACKLE BOX & LINE
OPEN 3RD	G. REELEY 1997 PTS	CAMBELL SPORTS STORE CLIFF GAFF
112 G LEVEL LINE	G. HOLMAN 286 PTS	CAMBELL SPORTS STORE TACKLE BOX & TORCH & HOOKS & S/GAFF
56 3	E. PARKER 175 PTS	CLUB TROPHY FISHING KNIFE & CRIMPING PLIRES
112 G A/BAIT	G. HOLMAN 122 FTS	MORLEY GLASS FISHING LINE
DOUBLE HANDED ACC	1337PTS	JACK HARVEY FISHING REEL
SINGLE HANDED	E. PARKER 244 PTS	INTER SPORT FISHING REEL
112 C OPEN DISCANCE	3. HOLMAN 305 PTS	CLUB TROPHY HAAD LAMP
GINGLE HANDED OPEN DISTANCE	7. ECLMAN 184 PTS	B. MARSH REEL BAS ROD HOLDER FROM CLUB
MOST IMPROVED CASTER	G. REELEY	R.J. FRANKLAND FISKING LINE
CASTER OF THE YEAR	3. HOLMAN 21 FTS	CLUB TROPHY FINHING REEL

SECTION	WINNER	DONOR & TROPHY
WOODEN SPOON AWARD	G. HOLMAN	G. REELEY SPOON
CLUB PERSON OF THE Y	EAR P. OSBORNE	J. STRONG G. REELEY FISHING REEL
SPORTS PERSON OF THE	YEAR G. HOLMAN 108 POINTS	FLEETS CYCLES AND TACKLE

GAME FISH BADGES

W. HARRIS

SAMSON FISH 19KG

SCOTT REELEY

AMBER JACK 11.4KG

EDITORS NOTES

We request all members to attend the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14th August. We would like to see a lot of maminations for the committee as this will facilitate the running of the club in the coming year.

As the new fishing year has now started it would be appreciated if any members who have not paid their subs do so as soon as possible.

September field day is Rottnest, so anybody that intends going please pay at the next meeting.

The Editors would like to thank all the members who have contributed articles over the last twelve months, especially Sharon Osborne who has made our job easier by being a regular contributor. Keep the articles coming in as they are always appreciated.

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STEEP POINT SAFARI 88-89

Mid June 98, dusk was falling as we traversed the causeway across Useless Inlet, Carrarane Station.

Well the end of yet another long awaited week of fishing and an adventurous and memorable one at that. Sitting out a cyclone within 24hrs of arrival - repitching camp and fishing again within 3hrs - introduction to balooning, only to see a Mako rise, take the bait, corkscrew and disappear, shreding 1201b wire trace as though it was cotton - playing a shark for two hours it came to look us over, gave us a wink saying he had had enough and promptly busted me off. - My first Mackeral but only 4 kg (no game fish badge this year Dave) - Introduction to fishing the Gibbon Hole which left me quite stunned for an hour before I was able to cast into its hungry, foamy abyss - Mackeral, Spanish & Sharky, - Blue Bone Balchin - N.W. & Pink Snapper - Taylor Sweet Lip. What more could a Surfcaster ask for. Somehow, sometime I just had to visit this Fishes Kingdom again.

January 89, and I guess my other mates had felt my stated sentinents for we had set a date for May, all eager to try our fishing abilities at the most westerly point of N.A.

It wasn't until April that we got together, some serious programming to be worked out. Head count was six in two Toyota's, Rics & Georges. Date and time set, each of us had a list of gear we would be responsible for.

Thursday May 11, 8.30 two Toyotas, six bodies all packed and ready to go. What we hadn't got we would do without. Two other parties were to join us on route. Dennis Green we would catch up, Mal Thompson was coming up from Mandurah and would catch us up. After the first 20klm we checked the security of loads (each vehicle towing a fully loaded trailer) and settled to 12hrs concentrated driving.

It was 5 am as we pulled into the Overlander, stiff, eyes a little sore. George and I had driven alternate 100klm stretches. Heath being our passenger rotated with us sleeping on a made up bed. We have found this set up ideal giving us all the least pressure with maximum rest for concentration on the night driving.

Dennis had arrived a few hours previous and as we sat down to breakfast of bacon and eggs Mal arrived. We now had our outfit complete ready for the last 70klm to the point. We departed at 6.30 am and after a minor soft sand problem arrived at Steep just after 10.30 am. By 12.30 pm Mal White's bait hit the water - camp was almost complete - evening meal sorted - George shoring away recouping - the rest of us tackel sorting in anticipation of a ripper fishing week.

George started the ball rolling with a nice 12kg Sampson, Heath not to be out done followed suit with a pup from dad's mitting the scales at 92kg. This gave him his game lish badge.

was he "cocker hoop" with himself. Snapper and Gardies completed the rest of the evenings fishing.

Saturday Secame a day of rest, wind blowing in the wrong direction not much doing - Good opportunity to catch up on sleep - weather overcast, some showers. The day was saved by a few snapper and gardies at dusk.

Sunday Weather brighter, cloudy, norwester blowing, so besides to make for the Gibbon Hole - Flenty of white water windy but did't stop us landing a good bag of Balchin, Snapper and sweet lip.

Monday Heath, George, Dennis & Mal Thompson departed for the Gibbon Hole, the rest of us fished the front. Weather still overcast, spinning was dead - around 11 am wind turned allowing us to set ballons. Still not many fish about. I had two good hookups, the first played for 30 minutes then managed to get my line around the handle of my reel. Result= classic bust off. Second strike held for 15 minutes, thought I was winning on retrieve but fish knew better and sped off like a churchill tank down deep. Another bust off experience. Dave next time for sure.

Mal Head meantime had missed two runs due to absence from rod vicinity. Was he spitting chips, then to crown it off the mob arrives from the Gibbon Hole boasting of their bag, snapper-balchin-trevally-sweetlip. Heath promptly sets a balloon then disappears. You guessed it, the balloon goes off. When he eventually outs in an apprearance he reels in a nice spaniard to 5kg, which as you can guess went down like a stick of dynamite to Mal and myself especially as later that night Mal lost an additional two good runs with break offs.

Tuesday Wel and Dennis departed for Perth. Mal white and Ric stayed in camp the rest of us hit the Gibbon Hole. I amused myself taming a 22% shark, gaffed admirably by George and Heath. This got my adrenalin pumping, restoring a little faith to experience needed. Wal landed two rice N.W. snapper but lost some good strikes. They were a little too strong for him. A few more snapper and sweetlip completed the day.

WEDNASDAY Weather better, a little sunshine, wind slight and true easterly, no ballooning, spicning couldn't raise a thing. All of us were a little lethargic and tired. All except of course our George, the ever persistant. This fellow goes up to fish and fish he does. Armed with balloon and spinning gear he trundled off to the Point on his own. He managed to get a balloon out blowing straight out into the ocean. Around 10cm off she goes and within 20 mins a sailfish 8'6" tip to tail was gaffed up and laying on the ledge. What was the burry George. "Well the poor critter had half a dozen sharks up his tail so had to get him out quick". Even so the sharks still managed to bite a chunk out of him. Unfortunately for George and the critter, that chunk prevented any rewriting on the record books.

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This was the first sail I had seen perform it's tail dance for a minimum of 30 metres. It was a sight anyone of us would be privileged to observe, a truly magnificent sight. Fadly this performance, performed under the predicament this sail was in leaves a very bitter empty feeling. On reflection and some thought the words in this paragraph reflect to me everything this particular area of our coastline has to offer a man.

To George, a fish well handled, an experience we all will remember. A yarn worthy to relate with any hot night cap.

What more to be related of the day. By mid afternoon we were fishing the Gibbon Hole again. Heath landed a fine Spanish Mackeral. I lost a good strong hookup due to faulty knot tying. Mal White scored Trevally and Snapper. Mal Head persistantly gave them heaps, but just couldn't stop their tearway rune, he got his own back that evening, bagging two fine Snapper off the front.

Thursday No wind, back to the Gibbon Hole which produced Trevally, Balchin & Blue Bone for Heath and George. Mal Head scored with Snapper. I excelled myself with a fine Trevally that tiped the scales to give me my club game fish badge. Mal, the stage is yours, but to no avail that game fish did't have his name on it today. That evening we didn't fish. All of us were feeling the worse for wear. Early night, early start in the morning for our last fishing session.

Friday Up at newn, tea and toast and off to the Gibbon Hole. Heath and I scored some nice Balchin- George stuck to according but couldn't raise a follow. My old mate Mal beating the water to foam but with no luck. Two good runs but couldn't hold them. Wal my heart bleeds for thee It's taken me four trips north to get that badge. Sure is a great fealing when it comes off keep trying.

Back to camp, Hic and Mal white had brunch ready for us and by 3.30 we had struck camp, packed and were ready to leave for home.

On dusk. - Pumping up tyres on the causeway. A Sailfish broke the surface water no more than two hundred metres out. Three times he surfaced and danced the finest finale carrarang station could have laid on for anyone.

An invitation to come again, must be. What more can be maid of a truly grand week of lishing. With a great bunch of guys, in an area of our state that is Gods own country.

This report was written some time ago but is advertantly misplaced. Thought it would make for interesting reading for surfcasters less fortunate than I. Good fishing.