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The December Meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, 10th December, 1958, at the National Fitness Council, 50 James St., Perth commencing at 8 p.m. sharp.

EDITORIAL:

After the trouble and time that your Social Committee spent on arranging the last picnic outing, in conjunction with our normal casting day, on Sunday 23rd November, plus the assured backing that was promised by the members at the last meeting, it was indeed, very disappointing, to say the least, to see only twenty members and their families attend the outing.

That this was through no fault of the committeemen concerned, was borne out by the fact that those members and their families who did attend the outing all voted the day an outstanding success. All events throughout the day were run smoothly and efficiently, and it

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was apparent that a lot of thought and time had been put into the organisation of the day.

The Committeemen mainly concerned, Bob Jensen, Hal Cook and Jim Strong, must have been very disappointed men indeed, at the very disappointing attendance on Sunday.

Our Club is very fortunate indeed, in having some very energetic and hard working men on its committee, and it would be a pity to lose even one of these very loyal club members through the apathy of the other members of our club in attending functions arranged by our committee.

All members have their field days arranged, and the majority of them manage to attend them at some time or another. Naturally in most cases our families have to be left at home on these outings, and our wives for these weekends, become what is known as "fishermen's widows". So why, when an outing is arranged for you that includes your wives and kiddies, to sort of balance the budget in family relations, that a good percentage of the members fail to attend, is beyond all comprehension.

If you want something different in the way of social outings, for goodness sake give your committee some inkling of what you require at our General Meetings. When you vote at these meetings in favour of outings that have been arranged, you might, at least, have the decency to back your committee's hard work by attending these functions.

Whilst I am having my annual grouch, what about some of our Life Members taking a more active part in the affairs of the Club. It doesn't appear right, to my way of thinking, that to most new members of the club that our Life Members are a name and not a personality. If our Life Members do not attend our meetings and functions, naturally new members haven't got a clue who they are, or what they have done to have done to have deserved such Life Membership. Naturally I don't expect Dudley Brown to make frequent fishing trips with us from his farm, but regardless of how busy the rest of our Life Members are, it is not an excuse for their continued absence from our official functions. After all, these number only three days a month, one meeting night, one field day, and one casting day. Surely the granting of Life Membership, the highest honour one can attain in an organisation, should encourage more activity in a Club, not less.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD:

To be arranged.

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FIELD DAY. NOVEMBER:

The November field day was held on the weekend of the 15/16th November, with 27 members and 4 juniors making the trip to Garden Island. Conditions were ideal for fishing, and it was disappointing, to see such a poor catch at the weigh in.

A number of members (including myself) failed to score, and even "Noisy Noel" was only just able to move the scales.

The parties were fairly evenly divided between the North and South ends of the island, with the honours being in favour of the North end anglers Jim Clark, Tom Hales and Tom Gifford being most outstanding with some nice catches of Tailer, Kingfish and Salmon.

Eric Sullivan and Felix Holywell were the only ones at the South end to show any promise with a few nice Tailer and a Salmon Trout, although Ray Porter was unlucky to lose a couple of big Tailer off the reef.

Mention must be made here, of Brian Hales and Mike Porter's angling efforts, as although these two boys are only pint sized, (both in age and stature) their catches put some of the adults to shame. Brian landed two Kingies of 2 and 2½ lbs and Mike was successful in beaching a number of Whiting and Herring. Their skill in handling their gear reflects great credit on their parents' patience and time spent in instructing the boys in the art of angling.

Winners in the various sections and details of individual catches were as follows:-

Heaviest Ray	Ron Shirley	19 lbs	£1
Heaviest Scale Fish	Jim Clarke	8 lbs Salmon	£1
Heaviest catch(excluding sharks & rays)	Tom Hales	17 lbs	£1
Best Junior Effort	Brian Hales	4½ lbs Kingie	5/-

Congratulations winners on your good efforts.

Ron Shirley	Ray	19 lbs
Tom Hales	Kingfish and Shark	19 lbs
Jim Clark	Salmon and Kingfish	14 lbs
Ray Spooner	Tailer and Kingfish	9 lbs
Bob Tucker	Tailer and Kingfish	8 lbs
Eric Sullivan	Tailer	7 lbs
Felix Holywell	Salmon and Tailer	5½ lbs
Phil Oldfield	Kingfish	2 lbs
Mick Doscas	Kingfish	1 lb
Evan Thomas	Tailer	1 lb
Ted Savage	Mixed	1 lb

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Noel Knight	Tailor 1 lb
Jim Strong	Shark 6 lbs
Brian Hales	Kingfish 4½ lbs
Tom Gifford	Tailor and Kingfish 16 lbs

A grand total of 114 lbs.

The fares for the boat trip have been increased by the new management to 8/- per head, and a levy was made on each member to cover the cost of fares, huts and sweepstakes. After expenses were met the club funds were increased by 3/-. An increase on the former sweepstakes distribution was made as I feel that those members who attend these field days should receive the benefit for all money subscribed on these days. Unless ALL members make some effort to attend at least some of these days, we can't expect to maintain the high standard of good fellowship and continued increase in membership we now enjoy.

The return trip from the Island was made at 8.45 p.m. and I feel sure that the prompt departure time was appreciated by all members and I will endeavour to have this time adhered to on future trips.

A stiff easterly made berthing operations difficult, and several attempts to tie up at the jetty were unsuccessful. Some members were doubtful about the prospects of getting ashore, when the helm was taken over by that well known club identity "Rear Admiral," alias Trout Stunner Phil Oldfield, and the "Ti Tu" was safely berthed although the bow was tied up where it had been intended to moor the stern.

Highlights of the weekend were:-

Jim Strong's outstanding effort of trying to play a fish and get out of his sleeping bag at the same time. After winding frantically for some time, he handed me his rod, while he evacuated his bow as the fish was too heavy to move any further. When I shone my torch down the beach, the reason was obvious, a small shark had been skulldragged to within a couple of yards of our feet.

Felix Holywell's excellent casting from his bed until a shark run brought him to his feet so fast a ricked back was the result. (The shark broke him up in more ways than one).

Noisy Knight hooked into a big one and fouling all the lines around him until he was broken off.

And finally one member who is known in the club as Ming the Mirthless getting into his usual strife (see special paragraph reserved as Ming's paragraph).

See you next Field Day.

HAL (Capt) COOK, Field Day Officer.

Hints to Club Members contemplating a trip to Garden Island to catch fish.

1. Don't go ! - No fish.
2. Don't take the morning boat - (too many bods).
3. Don't take the afternoon boat - it rolls with a westerly.
4. Don't mourn Capt. Cook.
5. Don't forget your Reel. (Shades of Shandy Gaff - what sacrilege).
6. Don't forget to take some fresh tomatoes.
7. Don't go North - Too far.
8. Don't go South - No transport.
9. Don't fish next to Neisy off a reef - he will probably push you.
10. Don't use your haversack as a sinker to get extra distance.
11. Don't fish - nothing there anyway.
12. Don't sleep near Ming - he snores.
13. Don't weigh in your catch without first adding your bait.
14. Don't forget to stand on the rope on the bottom of your bag while weighing in.
15. Don't get on the boat too early - you may have to load it.
16. Don't clean the hut before you leave.
17. Don't rock the boat.
18. Don't advise the Skipper how to handle his ship - he may have a ticket.
19. Don't learn how to moor a boat - You'll never need the knowledge.
20. Don't help to unload the boat - there's too many in the way already.
21. Don't forget it's on again this month.

S. GRAPES.

NEXT FIELD DAY:

The next field day of the Club will be held at Garden Island on the weekend of the 13/14th December 1958.

FISHING COMPETITION:

The entries recorded to date in the various sections of our fishing competition are as follows:-

Section 1: Best effort - weight of fish over line ratio (sharks and rays excluded) - Ron Shirleys 32 to 18 ratio a 32 lbs Mulloway on 18 lbs line still leads.

Section 2: Heaviest Mulloway - Ron Shirleys 32 lbs Mulloway caught on 10th October at Swanbourne.

Section 3: Heaviest Tailer - Aubrey Badgers 12½ lbs Tailer caught at the Murchison River on 15th October.

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Section 4: Heaviest Tarwhine - Felix Holywell and Noel Knight share the honours with a 2 lbs Tarwhine apiece.

Section 5: Heaviest Salmon - Bert Paynes 10 lbs 7 oz Salmon still leads.

Section 6: Heaviest Black Bream - Still no entries.

Section 7: Heaviest Shark or Ray - Hal Cook's 62 lbs Ray now leads in this section.

Section 8: Heaviest Trevally - Vic Davis' 5 lbs Trevally caught on 16th November now heads this section.

Section 9: Heaviest Fish other than above - a 12 lbs Snapper caught by Felix Holywell heads this section.

Section 10: Spinner double handed rod (artificial lure) - Jim Clarke's 8 lbs Salmon caught on the November Field Day is the first entry in this section.

Section 11: Single handed rod spinning (artificial lure) - Vic Davis' 6½ lbs Pike holds pride of place.

Section 12: Multiple Catch - Vic Davis now takes the lead in this section with 121 points taken on 16th November and comprising a mixed bag of 97½ lbs.

Section 13: Points per pound of fish caught.

1. Vic Davis	228	19. Tom Hales	19
2. Hal Cook	163	20. Bert Payne	19
3. Ray Porter	130	21. Ben Elliott	18
4. Ron Shirley	118	22. Doug Savage	17
5. Felix Holywell	94	23. Trevor Gifford	16
6. Nelson Smith	88	24. Jim Clarke	14
7. Alan Bunnett	57	25. Bob Tucker	14
8. Merv Britten	56	26. Aubrey Badger	13
9. Toby Grannery	55	27. Ted Savage	13
10. Eddie Flower	51	28. Eric Sullivan	12
11. Noel Knight	49	29. Marcus Coleman	11
12. John Bellman	40	30. Bob Jensen	10
13. Alf Rutland	39	31. Ron Spooner	9
14. Nick Crouch	34	32. Arthur Backhouse	7
15. Mick Doscas	29	33. Hal Screech	4
16. Charlie Crouch	28	34. John Graham	3
17. Jim Strong	26	35. Phil Neri	3
18. Henry Bester	23	36. Bob Tichbon	2

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37. Phil Oldfield	2	40. Don Wood	1
38. Norrie Cross	2	41. Terry Langley	1
39. Irvine Price	1	42. Evan Thomas	1

Section 14 : Ken Matthews Trophy - Heaviest fish caught on Field Days - 28 lbs Ray caught by Charles Crouch on the September Field Day at Garden Island.

Section 15: Vic Davis Trophy - Heaviest fish caught on a single handed rod bait fishing only - 3 lbs Black Bream caught by John Bellman at Belmont on 23rd October.

Will members please note when completing entry forms that "type of rod" means either single handed or double handed rod, and must be shown accordingly. Make or material etc. is not relevant.

CASTING DAY - SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER:

Only 20 members and their families attended Floreat Park oval and McLean Park for the Combined Casting and Picnic day arranged for November. A fairly warm day with a slight sea breeze, plus dozens of ice cream and gallons of GINGER Beer should have attracted twice as many starters, particularly as the refreshments were on the house.

The Open event was the first to be contested and in it we saw some excellent casting by John Bellman, Noel Knight and Alan Livesey. They averaged, 121, 122 and 107 yards respectively. However, Mick Doscas with his improved casting and 68 yds handicap, took the honours and earned himself 10 points. The Handicapper has been notified though, Mick, and I believe suitable action has been taken.

Another member who has been very consistent, is young Doug Savage, in the last three Opens he has scored 26 out of a possible 30 points. Keep it up Doug, and we hope that you score as well, if not better in the Junior for which, I believe, you are now sitting.

Bert Payne showed a vast improvement on his previous casts. It has been a long time since you cracked the 100 yards barrier Bert, but seem to be on the threshold once again. Noticed Ian McLennan well down the list. You seem to have lost a little confidence after a few break offs, Ian, but I'm sure you will be up with the leaders shortly.

Two others who improved sufficiently to earn good points, were Ron Shirley (6) and Les Shand (5), but Committeemen Jim Strong and Ray Porter dropped at least ten yards on their averages of last month.

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The full details of the Open are as follows:-

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Tot.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Hcp.</u>	<u>Tot.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1. Mick Doscas	92	83	96	270	90	68	158	10
2. Noel Knight	124	126	117	367	122	33	155	9
3. Alan Livesey	110	105	107	322	107	43	150	8
4. Doug Savage	83	89	84	256	85	65	150	8
5. John Bellman	132	120	111	363	121	28	149	7
6. Ron Shirley	82	70	79	231	77	70	147	6
7. Les Shand	93	82	80	255	85	61	146	5
8. John Sillelides	75	83	71	229	76	68	144	4
9. Hal Cobb	85	94	93	272	91	52	143	3
10. Bert Payne	91	89	95	275	92	50	142	2
11. Bob Tucker	100	103	95	298	99	43	142	2
12. Jim Strong	91	60	75	226	75	65	140	1
13. Tom Robinson	65	58	70	193	64	70	134	
14. Frank Van Zalen	65	50	71	186	62	70	132	
15. Ray Porter	84	73	68	225	75	54	129	
16. Norrie Cross	x	80	85	165	55	70	125	
17. Henry Bester	72	75	x	147	49	70	119	
18. Ian McLenna	73	75	70	218	73	47	117	
19. Bob Jensen	75	x	87	162	54	48	102	

The next event, the Bait Accuracy of 80 yards seems to be out of range of most club members, when a stiff sou-wester is blowing which seems to happen on most occasions. This event, in future, will be cast over a maximum distance of 75 yards and will probably be varied from month to month. This will also apply with S.H. and D.H. Blob Accuracy events.

The consistent John Bellman and Noel Knight scored heavily in the Bait event, together with late starter, Hal Screech, and Alan Livesey. Others reasonably accurate were Norrie Cross, Bob Tucker and Ray Porter. But compare this result with the one for the D.H. Blob !!!

The details of the complete casting are as follows:-

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Tot.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1. John Bellman	35	8	16	59	10
2. Hal Screech	11	44	13	68	9
3. Alan Livesey	28	32	10	70	8
4. Noel Knight	20	26	24	70	8
5. Norrie Cross	2	46	36	86	7

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		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Tot.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
6.	Bob Tucker	32	28	25	87	6
7.	Ray Porter	47	20	29	96	5
8.	Jim Strong	29	43	37	108	4
9.	Ian McEennen	58	40	40	138	3
10.	Bob Jensen	49	35	55	139	2
11.	Les Shand	49	42	48	139	2
12.	Doug Savage	39	47	53	139	2
13.	Hal Cook	60	56	39	155	1
14.	Mick Doscas	40	16	100	156	
15.	Tom Robinson	86	48	54	188	
16.	John Sillelides	100	51	57	208	
17.	Henry Bester	61	71	83	214	
18.	Frank Van Zalen	90	63	77	230	
19.	Ron Shirley	70	63	100	233	
20.	Bert Payne	99	100	74	273	

The S.H. Blob Accuracy, cast over 40 instead of 45 yds this month, saw no less than six competitors bettering 30 feet, and, I think, the reduction in the distance was mainly responsible for this, and for "us nohopers" getting top scores. (See November "R.T."):

A flick rod borrowed from Bob Tucker was the destroying angel, here. John Bellman again scored well, but his arch rival, Noel Knight, could only manage 4 pts. Another "No Hoper" of last month, Les Shand, was right on the target, and dual winner of this event. Norrie Cross gained fourth place this time.

Full details of this event are as follows:-

		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Tot.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1.	Bob Jensen	11	4	6	21	10
2.	John Bellman	5	14	3	22	9
3.	Les Shand	7	14	3	24	8
4.	Norrie Cross	12	7	7	26	7
5.	Alan Livesey	19	5	3	27	6
6.	Bert Payne	6	6	16	28	5
7.	Noel Knight	17	9	12	38	4
8.	Jim Strong	14	15	13	42	3
9.	Bob Tucker	3	33	18	54	2
10.	John Sillelides	17	19	18	54	2
11.	Ray Porter	42	11	11	64	1
12.	Hal Cook	44	10	13	67	

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		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Tot.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
13.	Tom Robinson	54	2	14	70	
14.	Ron Shirley	22	10	51	83	
15.	Hal Screech	29	34	24	87	
16.	Doug Savage	31	40	43	104	
17.	Frank Van Zalen	45	33	35	113	
18.	Henry Bester	43	40	37	120	
19.	Mick Doscas	53	66	32	151	

The reduction in distance of the D.H. Blob Accuracy was also instrumental in much improved figures this month, and saw all the place-getters and three others, break the 100 ft barrier. Only four managed this feat in October.

It appears that Norrie Cross only relinquished his singles title on the condition that he won the Doubles. But he could only manage a tie with Noel Knight.

Congratulations, anyway, Norrie, but now get cracking on that Open. Improve your flick rod technique, Noel, and you would be hard to beat for the President's trophy.

Alan Livesey with a total of 45 feet took second place honours for nine points. (Who is this dark horse?) He tied with Noel Knight to take first place on the day's casting. Thank goodness he doesn't attend every month.

Bob Tucker increased his total by 8 points, and Hal Cook, who up to this stage, had been handicapped by a sore throat and kitchen chores, pegged up 7 pts in this event.

Full details of this event are as follows:-

		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Tot.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1.	Noel Knight	9	20	8	37	10
2.	Norrie Cross	20	5	12	37	10
3.	Alan Livesey	16	6	23	45	9
4.	Bob Tucker	11	18	23	52	8
5.	Hal Cook	15	18	21	54	7
6.	John Sillelides	26	25	12	63	6
7.	Ron Shirley	20	9	35	64	5
8.	Ian McLennan	15	21	28	64	5
9.	Hal Screech	24	28	14	66	4
10.	Doug Savage	50	8	15	73	3
11.	John Bellman	35	33	9	77	2
12.	Jim Strong	26	11	44	80	1

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		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Tot.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
13.	Les Shand	33	36	12	81	
14.	Bob Jensen	25	25	48	98	
15.	Bert Payne	9	38	52	99	
16.	Ray Porter	39	31	33	103	
17.	Tom Robinson	27	51	32	110	
18.	Frank Van Zalen	37	31	44	112	
19.	Mick Doscas	32	38	57	127	
20.	Henry Bester	45	67	58	170	

The total points scored by members over the full programme make interesting reading and were as follows:-

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Total</u>	
1.	Alan Livesey	31	5	36
2.	Noel Knight	31	5	36
3.	John Bellman	28	5	33
4.	Norrie Cross	24	5	29
5.	Bob Tucker	18	5	23
6.	Les Shand	15	5	20
7.	Doug Savage	13	5	18
8.	Hal Screech	13	5	18
9.	John Sillelides	12	5	17
10.	Bob Jensen	12	5	17
11.	Hal Cook	11	5	16
12.	Ron Shirley	11	5	16
13.	Mick Doscas	10	5	15
14.	Jim Strong	9	5	14
15.	Ian McLennan	8	5	13
16.	Bert Payne	7	4	12
17.	Ray Porter	6	5	11
18.	Tom Robinson		5	5
19.	Frank Van Zalen		5	5
20.	Henry Bester		5	5

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At 12.30 p.m. we adjourned to McLean Park, the adjacent ground to Floreat Park Oval, for lunch and the rest of the programme. After a lovely picnic lunch under the shady trees which surround the whole of the oval, when the kids from 6 to 60 all enjoyed the Peters Ice Cream and Ginger Beer in bucket loads, we commenced the social side of the programme.

The Ladies S.H. Blob Accuracy was the first event, and eleven starters lined up to try their skill at knocking over that elusive red disc. Mrs. Screech got closest to it and took off the first prize with a total of 21 ft. Mrs. Cook was much more consistent than her husband and to take second place with 28 ft. but Hal did help later on in the day. Full details of this event were as follows:-

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Mrs. Screech	11	6	4	21
2. Mrs. Cook	12	8	8	28
3. Mrs. Cross	9	13	21	43
4. Mrs. Shand	6	16	32	54
5. Mrs. Strong	13	35	19	57
6. Mrs. Knight	46	9	5	60
7. Mrs. Tichbon	39	12	14	65
8. Mrs. Livesey	12	19	38	69
9. Mrs. Porter	41	19	50	110
10. Mrs. Holywell	50	40	33	123
11. Mrs. Shirley	36	44	48	128

Only seven girls contested their section of this event, and Dad will have to put more time into tuition here, as the winner's total was 102 feet, obtained by Cherry Cross. Gail Cook emulated her Mother to notch up second place. Mum, you get to work on Gail, while Dad concentrates on young Graham.

Mike Porter again took off the Boy's Section of this event, but only after a throw off with Ron Shand. They tied with 56 feet in the preliminary. Three other lads tossed the blob and only one exceeded 100 feet. So it looks as if we have some good material coming on.

In the running events Graham Cook and Bill Shand tied in the School Age Boys event. Margaret Livesey won the Under School age event, and we saw another dead heat in the School Age Girls event between Cherry Cross and Nola Shirley.

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Mrs. Screech completed a double by winning the Ladies Sprint, and Bob Tucker cantered in in the Men's dash without raising a sweat (much). Mick Doscas was penalised one yard in this event for breaking, but overcame this handicap by getting assistance from someone's belt - Mine.

The weather had taken its toll by this time, so the three-legged race was abandoned, and a mixed doubles casting event took place. But too many Cooks spoilt the broth (for the rest of us anyway). Their combined six casts totalled only 51 feet, but they were hotly pursued by the Shands (55 feet) and the Porters (57 feet). With the Ladies three casts being mentioned first, the full results were as under:-

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Cook	12	16	5	5	13	2	51
" Shand	13	17	4	16	1	4	55
" Porter	19	21	2	4	11	0	57
" Wright	15	5	7	19	21	10	77
" Tichbon	17	24	10	6	17	10	84
Gail Cook & Mr. Doscas	9	2	22	19	19	16	87
Mr. & Mrs. Livesey	15	13	16	16	18	12	90
" Tucker	40	17	30	10	8	4	109
" Knight	17	19	17	26	17	15	111

This event is a "must" for future picnics. (But how Noisy is going to live with his wife scoring better than him goodness only knows).

While the Adults events were being conducted, the usual Treasure Hunt was held for the kiddies. The lucky finder being Janice Shirley. Seems that the Shirley family have a habit of winning prizes within our club.

Fifteen gallons of Ginger Beer and 3 gross of Ice Cream had been consumed by four o'clock, apart from the refreshments brought by the respective families, and bags of lollies supplied to all competitors, so everyone packed up their rods and empty picnic baskets and wended their weary, but contented, way homewards.

BOB JENSEN, D.C.O.

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Before closing on the picnic day, there are quite a few members of the club who are to be thanked for the assistance in making the day the great success that it was. Firstly quite a few donors of prizes for the different events, namely Jim Strong, Mick Doscas, Hal Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Cross, Noel Knight and Les Shand. To Bob Jensen and his Wife the Club is indebted for the terrific amount of time that they must put into the organising such a day and also to Hal Cook for his capable effort throughout the day, and last, but not least, to those members, wives and families who continue to support these outings. When members can come from as far away as Bullsbrook and the Fremantle area, one wonders at the apathy of the rest of the Club who stay away. (Ed.).

One good friend of the Club whom I nearly overlooked is John Braithwaite who has done so much to assist our casting days. Unfortunately, I believe, that John is very ill at the present. All Club members wish you a speedy recovery John, and hope that we will soon see you down at the beaches again. (Ed.)

NEXT CASTING DAY:

There will be NO Casting Day in December, the next outing being in January, and the date will be published in the January edition of the Reel Talk.

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY:

The following is the progressive totals of the President's Trophy awarded to the Club Member scoring the most points on Casting Days.

1. Bob Tucker	129	12. Doug Savage	56	23. Hal Screech	18
2. Noel Knight	128	13. Hal Cook	49	24. Phil Oldfield	16
3. John Bellman	106	14. Bert Payne	47	25. Tom Robinson	15
4. Les Shand	97	15. Mick Doscas	46	26. Dick Burgess	14
5. Ian McLennan	86	16. Phil Neri	45	27. Ken Wiggins	9
6. Bob Jensen	66	17. Ken Matthews	39	28. Eddie Flower	9
7. Jim Strong	65	18. Alan Livesey	36	29. Doug Edward	8
8. Norrie Cross	63	19. Ron Shirley	35	30. Henry Bester	5
9. Felix Holywell	59	20. Tom Neil	30	31. Bob Tichbon	2
10. John Sillelides	57	21. Ron Flood	24	32. Arthur Back-	
11. Hal Neil	57	22. Frank VanZalen	18	house	1

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LES SHAND TROPHY:

The following are the progressive totals of the Les Shand Trophy awarded to the Club Member scoring the most points on Field Days and Casting Days combined.

1. Bob Tucker	153	25. Charlie Crouch	33	49. Henry Bester	6
2. Noel Knight	153	26. Ron Flood	31	50. Ted Horsley	5
3. John Bellman	108	27. Phil Oldfield	31	51. Horrie Muirson	5
4. Les Shand	19	28. Frank Van Zalen	28	52. Norm Fawbert	5
5. Bob Jensen	85	29. Nick Crouch	27	53. Garry Papineau	5
6. Ian McLennan	82	30. Hal Screech	27	54. John Grah	2
7. Jim Strong	81	31. Tom Hales	24	55. Toby Grannery	2
8. Vic Davis	75	32. Eric Sullivan	22	56. Irvine Price	1
9. Doug Savage	73	33. Eddie Flower	21	57. Terry Langley	1
10. Felix Holywell	72	34. Norm Giles	20		
11. Ray Porter	71	35. Jim Clake	19		
12. Norrie Cross	70	36. Alan Bunnett	19		
13. Ron Shirley	68	37. Ted Savage	18		
14. Mick Doscas	67	38. Ben Elliott	18		
15. Hal Neil	62	39. Tom Robinson	15		
16. Nelson Smith	60	40. Bob Tichbon	14		
17. Merv Britten	56	41. Ron Spooner	14		
18. Hal Cook	54	42. Dick Burgess	14		
19. John Sillafides	57	43. Bert Page	12		
20. Phil Neri	50	44. Merv Rayner	10		
21. Alf Rutland	44	45. Ken Wiggins	9		
22. Alan Livesey	41	46. Doug Edward	8		
23. Ken Matthews	39	47. Arthur Backhouse	8		
24. Tom Neil	35	48. Evan Thomas	6		

HANDICAP REVISIONS:

The following members who excelled themselves at the last Casting Day have had the handicapper on their wheel, with the following results:-

Mick Doscas	68 to 60 yards
Noel Knight	33 to 28 yards
Jim Strong	68 to 65 yards

Noel now joins John Bellman on the lowest mark in the Club.

The handicapper took pity on the following, who have now served their three month term in a handicap they are finding a little severe -

Bob Jensen	48	to	62 yards
Bob Tucker	43	to	51 yards
Les Shand	61	to	65 yards
John Sillescu	68	to	70 yards

MING'S PARAGRAPH:

Strange as it may seem, this month I have to start this paragraph off by congratulating our friend Ming on his excellent casting in the open event at our last outing. He all but broke, the sound barrier and cast very consistently to earn himself the pride of place in this event. Congrats Mick it's good to see your perseverance bearing fruit at last. When told that he had almost broke through the barrier, I heard him muttering in his beard, which sounded very much like, "you would have thought the lousy so and sos would have used a tape that could stretch a little".

Of course members, I am not going to let friend Ming off as light as that. It appears that on the last Field Day to the Island, Ming and his scribes had taken up their possies on the beach many hours before F.T. (fishing time), and if you can cast your minds back to the day the temperature was in the vicinity of the 100 degrees all afternoon.

So Ming and his Scribes decided to cool off in the surf (I would have thought he would have kept well away from the briny after his last tussle with it - remember when he tried that King Canute stunt). But alas, poor old Ming thought that the lesser of the two evils (the extreme heat or the sea) would be the briny so he hurled himself bodily into the waves thinking how cool he would be in a few minutes.

But the Ocean, playing like the old elephant - he never forgets - thought "This guy and I have had words before - don't they ever learn?" and so thinking, he promptly curled himself into a big wave and dumped poor old Ming back on the beach, but this time on his head. When Ming regained possession of his reeling senses - he screamed "Where is that (censored) Backhand Arthur, I'll murder him." It took his scribes some time to convince the hapless Ming that old Backhand was not on the Island, but ever since he has been giving Hal (Capt) Cook surreptitious glances, that makes one wonder if Ming thinks the Captain hit him on the back of the head when he wasn't

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looking.

You would think that Ming would have learned by this to give the Old Man Sea the best. But we will have to wait until the January edition to see what he has been up to.

NEW MEMBERS:

The club has accepted and approved of the following being admitted as a member -

Robert Norman FAIBERT

If any member has any reason why the following should not be accepted as members of the Club, would they please contact the Secretary immediately.

Howard J. McQUILLAN,
38 Oakdale Street,
FLORENT PARK.

Gilbert Thomas CLOHESSY,
286 Muntriss Road,
MITALOO.

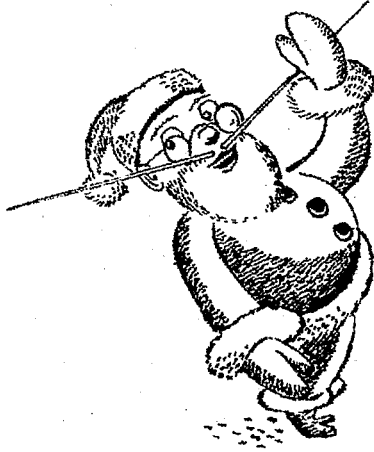
I must take this opportunity of sincerely thanking Norm Fawbert on behalf of the Club for the loan of a very good portable typewriter, which has materially assisted in the production of the Reel Talk. This is a very nice gesture on the part of a new member, and I can assure you Norm that it has made my job a lot easier. (Ed.)

LAST COMMITTEE MEETING:

This was held at the residence of Bob Jensen, and thanks to both he and his wife for a particularly nice evening. I think it is a good idea to get the members of the committee together after the meeting with a few friendly games. It helps to compensate for some of the heated arguments that one can get into at these meetings.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next Committee Meeting will be held at the Residence of Mick Doscas at 101 Shenton Road, Swenbourne, on Wednesday, 17th December 1958.



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GREETINGS

Your President and Members of your Committee wish to take this opportunity of wishing you one and all a very Merry and Happy Christmas and a successful and prosperous New Year, particularly in the field of our elusive piscatorial denizens of the deep.

(Ed.)