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General Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Buffaloes Hall, Onslow Rd, Shenton Park on Wednesday 11th December, 1974 at 8.00 pm.

Instruction Period

This has been cancelled because most members are full bottles on emptying bottles!!

Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Mirrabooka High School, Room 17, on Wednesday 18th December, 1974 at 8.00 pm.

December Field Day - 14th/15th - Lancelin/Wedge

South Boundary : Ledge Point jetty  
North Boundary : As far as you can drive on the beach  
north of Wedge Island  
Sign-on : Behind Lancelin Hotel on the track to  
Wedge 1 - 2 pm Saturday  
Weigh-in : Same place 9.30 - 10.30 am Sunday  
Fishing commences : 3.00 pm Saturday  
Fishing ceases : 8.30 am Sunday

December Dry Cast

Members please note that the cast will be held on the second Sunday, the 8th December, at our usual venue, Floreat Oval, 9 am sharp.

Application for Membership

The following applications for membership to our Club have been received. Any member having any reason why these persons should not be accepted as members of the Club, are invited to contact any Committee member:-

KELLY William Roy, 104 Shakespeare Avenue, Mt Yokine. 6060.

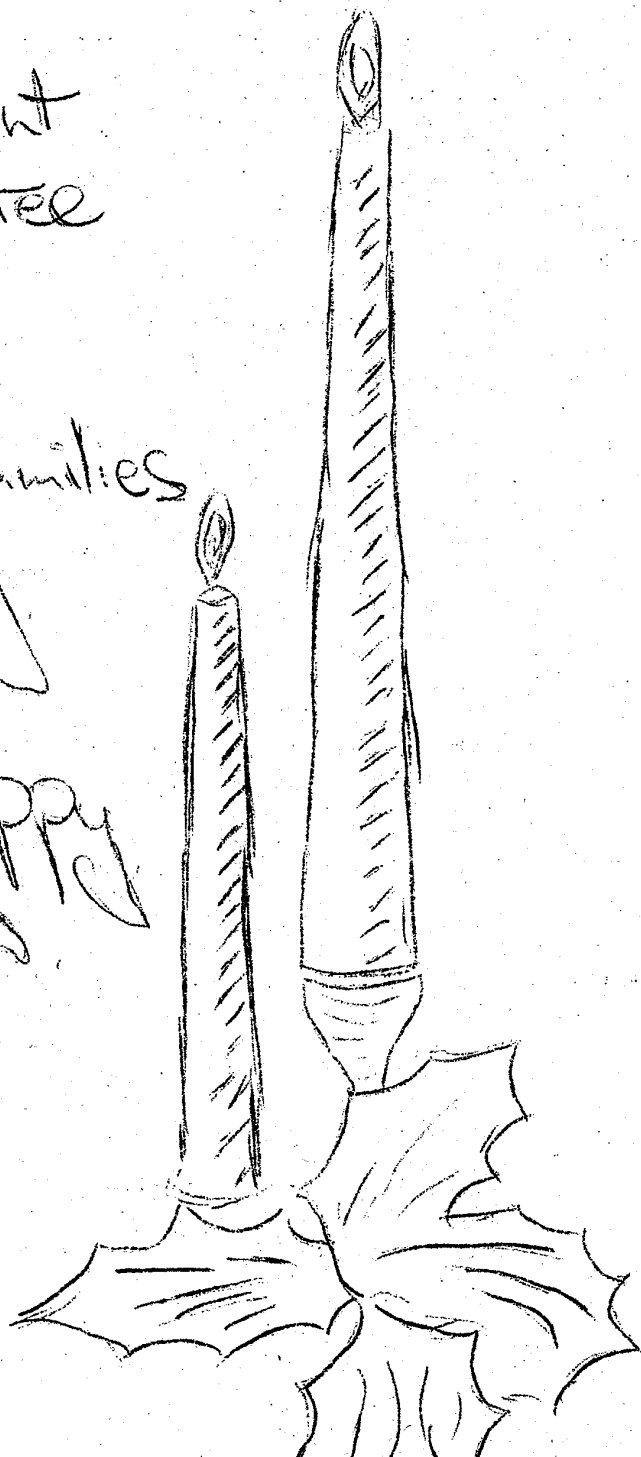
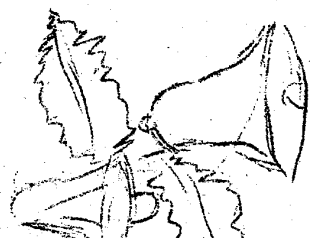
ANDREWS Enrol, 33 Circe Circle, Dalkeith. 6009.

BRAYNE Alan, Flat G6 Harler Place, Wellington Street, Mosman Park. 6012.

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The President  
and Committee  
wish all  
Members  
and their Families  
a Merry  
Xmas  
and a Happy  
New Year.



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Field Day Report - 16th/17th November - Cervantes

As A.F.D.O. my apologies for the sign-on in some of the worst dust I have seen. Fifty members attended and windwise Cervantes really turned it on.

The Cateby was once again the social clime for many members on the trip up, the highlight being the pool table and two of the fairer sex who certainly performed better than one of our members anticipated they would.

Congratulations to Len Singleton and party who led convey to Black Rocks but finished at Hill River. Incidentally Len has a new design of radio aerial which I am assured all members can have if they continue to follow him.

Will all members who intend going to Wedge on the next Field Day be sure they have a suitable flag for their vehicles. I was very surprised to see a lot of our members, both four wheel and conventional on the track without a flag!

Several of our younger members were missing from the trip, and the best wishes of the Club to Grant Singleton, Mark Tucker, Don Taylor and Geoff Renshaw, in their forthcoming examinations.

Lofty once again found use for his towing chain. Pulled Alan Roberts and Garry to petrol tank at Cateby.

Eventual Field Day winners were :- Colin Buchanan 13 Kg (Tailor and Shark); Ric Rowland 5.3 Kg (Tailor and Herring); John Lee 2.3 Kg (Tailor and Flathead) and T. Richardson 2.2 Kg (Tailor, Flathead and Herring).

Often wonder about my sanity when I leave comfortable bed etc. to spend weekend in wind and sand and could hardly believe my ears when at approximately midnight on Saturday I heard Club President talking with fish and the fish was heard to say, "For animals of reputed intelligence you humans do some silly things, and the fact that you do catch large numbers of my relations (.1 of a Kilo) only suggests that they are even sillier than you."

Toaster and Tea Cosy

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Field Day Results

Colin Buchanan	Tailor, Shark (10.2 Kg)	13.0 Kg
Ric Rowland	Tailor, Herring	5.3
John Lee	Tailor, F/Head	2.3
T. Richardson	Tailor, F/Head, Herring	2.2
Len Singleton	Tailor, Herring	1.8
Ernie Bailie	Tailor, Herring, F/Head	1.4
Stan Renshaw	Tailor, Herring	1.4
Darryl Retallack	Herring	1.3
Stan Rowe	Tailor, F/Head	1.3
Eric Sullivan	Tailor	1.0
Alan Brayne (v)	Herring, Y/Tail	.5
Robert Ingram (J)	Tailor, F/Head, Herring	.5
Dennis Green	Tailor	.1
Brian Rowland	Tailor	.1
	Total	32.2 Kg

Also in Attendance

E. Andrews (V) : George Bloomfield : Robert Brown :  
 A. Bunney (V) ; Graham Baskerville : S. Chambers (V) :  
 J. Griffiths : Ray Gibney : Mick Geddes : Gary Gildersleeve :  
 Hew Hoy Yew : John Harvey : Phil Isbister : Lynton Jaggs :  
 Bob Klein : Ron Kildahl : Dave Letto : Hugh Mitchell :  
 Bill Morrow : B. Marsh : Doug Newton : G. Norman (J) :  
 Reg Noble : A. Northey (JV) : P. Oliver : Norman Renshaw :  
 Eric Parker : Stephen Renshaw (J) : Allan Roberts :  
 Jim Strong : Ted Savage : Trevor Stam : Peter Swain :  
 Doug Talbot : Bill Utting .

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Field Day Results - continuedField Day Winners

1. Heaviest Scale Fish - Terry Richardson - 0.9 Kg Tailor
2. Heaviest bag of S/Fish - Ric Rowland - 5.3 Kg Tailor and Herring
3. Heaviest Shark - Colin Buchanan - 10.2 Kg Whaler
4. Heaviest Junior Bag - Robert Ingram - 0.5 Kg Mixed

Sportsman of the Year Points

1. Heaviest Bag S/Fish - Ric Rowland - 5.3 Kg Tailor and Herring
2. Heaviest Scale Fish - Terry Richardson - 0.5 Kg Tailor
3. Heaviest Shark - Colin Buchanan - 10.2 Kg Whaler

Senior Top Ten

1. Ric Rowland	195	6. Neville Risbey	118
2. Eric Sullivan	175	(7. Stan Renshaw	112
3. John Lee	137	(7. Brian Rowland	112
4. Len Singleton	135	9. Bob Brown	111
5. Phil Isbister	126	10. Craig Risbey (J)	98

Junior Top Ten

1. Craig Risbey	98	6. Malcolm Kelly	28
2. Michael Ogley	68	(7. Derek Jones	20
3. Robert Ingram	52	(7. Michael Sussmayer	20
4. Wayne Shaw	47	(7. Mark Tucker	20
5. Ralph Lerch	31	10. David Spaek	14

Venues for 1974/75 Season

December	14th/15th	Lancelin/Wedge
January	11th/12th	Greenough River
February	15th/16th	Lancelin/Wedge
March	1st/ 2nd	Murchison River
April	12th/13th	Margaret River

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Fishing Competition - Field Day Section 1974/75

Section 1 : Points include 10 points for attendance; 2 points per kilogram of legal length scale fish and 2 points per kilogram for eligible sharks, excluding Port Jackson, Wobbygon, Fiddle, etc.

Top Ten : 1. Ric Rowland 195 6. Neville Risbey 118  
 2. Eric Sullivan 175 (7. Stan Renshaw 112  
 3. John Lee 137 (7. Brian Rowland 112  
 4. Len Singleton 135 8. Bob Brown 111  
 5. Phil Isbister 126 10. Craig Risbey(J) 98

Section 2 : Heaviest Scale Fish - first six months.  
 Gary Gildersleeve - 16.5 Kg - Mulloway.

Section 3 : Most Meritorious Fish.  
 No entry.

Section 4 : Heaviest Shark (Min. weight 5 Kg).  
 Col Buchanan - 10.2 Kg Whaler - Cervantes.

Section 5 : Heaviest Mulloway (min. weight 1 Kg).  
 Gary Gildersleeve - 16.5 Kg - Wagoe.

Section 6 : Heaviest Tailor (min. weight 1 Kg).  
 Wayne Shaw (J) - 3 Kg - Wagoe.

Section 7 : Heaviest Salmon (min. weight 3 Kg).  
 Col Buchanan - 3.800 Kg - Walpole.

Section 8 : Heaviest Trevally (Skipper) (min. weight 1 Kg).  
 Len Singleton - 1.400 Kg - Walpole.

Section 9 : Heaviest Spanish Mackerel.  
 No entry.

Section 10 : Heaviest Bag Scale Fish caught on Field Day.  
 Gary Gildersleeve - 21.9 Kg - Wagoe.

Section 11 : Heaviest Bag of Mulloway.  
 Gary Gildersleeve - 16.5 Kg Mulloway - Wagoe.

Section 12 : Heaviest Bag of Tailor.  
 Hugh Gregory - 20 Kg - Jurien Day.

Section 13 : Heaviest Scale Fish caught on S/H Rod (max.  
 4 Kg or 9lb B/S line).  
 Terry Fuller - 3.150 Kg Salmon - Walpole.

Section 14 : Heaviest Scale Fish - other than above.  
 P. Oliver - 1 Kg Barracouta - Walpole.

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Fishing Competition - Open Division 1974/75

- Section 1 : Most Meritorious Fish.  
No entry.
- Section 2 : Heaviest Shark (min. weight 5 Kg).  
No entry.
- Section 3 : Heaviest Mulloway (min. weight 3 Kg).  
No entry.
- Section 4 : Heaviest Salmon (min. weight 3 Kg).  
Eric Sullivan - 3.6 Kg - Walpole.
- Section 5 : Heaviest Jewfish.  
No entry.
- Section 6 : Heaviest Tailor (min. weight 1 Kg).  
Don Bibby - 3 Kg - Cape Naturaliste.
- Section 7 : Heaviest Samson Fish.  
John Lee - 21.5 Kg - Esperance.
- Section 8 : Heaviest Scale Fish caught on S/H Rod (max.  
4 Kg or 9lb B/S line).  
No entry.
- Section 9 : Heaviest Snapper.  
Jim Strong - 12.03 Kg - Leeman.
- Section 10 : Heaviest Tarwhine (Silver Bream).  
No entry.
- Section 11 : Heaviest Spanish Mackerel.  
Graham Baskerville - 22.70 Kg - Cape Cuvier.
- Section 12 : Heaviest Trevally (Southern) (min. weight 1 Kg).  
P. Pages-Oliver - 1.362 Kg - Garden Island.
- Section 13 : Heaviest Trevally (Northern) (min. weight 1 Kg).  
Dennis Green - 9.08 Kg - Cape Cuvier  
(Club and State record).
- Section 14 : Heaviest Pike.  
Don Bibby - 1.4 Kg - Cape Naturaliste.
- Section 15 : Heaviest Scale Fish, other than above, excluding Section One.  
No entry.



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### November Dry Cast Report

Sunday 3rd November looked like being a very dismal day, with very clouded skies and a slight wind. As the morning progressed on, the weather looked like being alright. The weather being good like it was, Graham Baskerville should have recorded more than 146 M. There seems to be a rumour going around that Graham has cut 10" off his stick (dry-casting rod), but others seem to think that a misguided lawnmower may have done the trick instead and this seems to be the reason for Graham's better casting. Anyway, Graham has pledged 150 M + next month!!!

### L.L. Distance

This event was won by Graham Baskerville with 42, running a close second was Hew Hoy Yew with 40 and third was D.C.O. with 38. Penalties plagued a lot of the casters with 9 out of 28 not being penalised.

### D.H. Accuracy

This turned out to be two very long casts for those casting and a clear leader in this event was Ron Kildahl on 57, second Dennis Green on 53 and third was Stan Renshaw with 52. Good to see Stan in the high scores for a change.

### S.H. Accuracy

This turned out to be quite a closely fought battle with Brian Leicester on 27, second Graham Baskerville 24 and third Bill Utting 23. Maybe if the targets were closer the scores would be tighter?

### S.H. Open

It was a bit disappointing the number of casters who stayed behind for this event, but we ended up with 10 casters eager to have a go. Winner of this event was George Holman 83 M, second was Hew Hoy Yew 79 M and third was Dave Latto 78 M.

Last, but not forgotten, the markers. Thanks again!

See you at Drycasting in December.

Eric and Roy

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Name	Pty	<u>L/L Distance</u>			Total	Ave	Pts
		1	2	3			
B. Leicester	20	126	125	113	344		34
S. Renshaw	10	94	102	85	271		27
R. Kildahl	20	96	95	96	267		27
D. Green	10	105	104	100	299		30
G. Baskerville		136	146	134	416		42
H.H. Yew	10	134	136	137	397		40
J. Oxley	10	90	92	103	275		28
W. Utting	10	110	116	100	316		32
D. Latto	10	101	101	100	282		29
M. Tucker (J)		98	106	101	305		30
W. Shaw (J)		114	114	114	342		34
T. Corcoran	10	100	110	104	304		30
T. Fuller	10	97	96	94	277		28
R. Lerch	10	112	100	103	305		30
E. Sullivan	10	86	93	95	264		26
J. Strong	10	90	90	90	260		26
J. Devitt	10	144	130	134	268		27
H. Barret		94	95	92	281		28
G. Holman		127	120	120	367		37
E. Parker		123	124	129	376		38
L. Reid	10	105	114	114	323		32
R. Lerch (J)		94	90	95	279		28
M. Dawson	30	96	96	101	263		26
T. Sta		112	117	130	229		23
D. Taylor	20	101	94	94	269		27
G. Sussmayer	10	102	99	99	290		29
B. Brown		130	74	96	170		17
M. Sussmayer (J)	10	53	46	46	135		14

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Drycasters please note that there will be TWO February casts in 1975 as the Club is obligated to the Convention being held in Albany during March. The dates are the 2nd and 23rd February for our casts.

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<u>D/H Accuracy</u>					<u>S/H Accuracy</u>					Total Pts	Includ. Attend.
1	2	1	2	Pts	1	2	1	2	Pts		
17	-	18	11	46	2	10	8	7	27	107	117
12	18	7	15	52	0	8	5	5	18	90	107
14	16	10	17	57	1	8	0	4	13	97	107
16	8	10	19	53	5	-	1	5	11	94	104
-	13	-	15	28	4	5	6	9	24	94	104
-	16	10	8	34	0	4	6	7	17	91	101
15	3	17	4	39	4	8	5	4	21	88	98
7	7	7	11	32	5	8	5	5	23	87	97
11	16	4	13	44	-	5	6	-	11	84	94
7	9	7	17	40	4	-	1	8	13	83	93
9	9	13	4	35	1	1	4	3	9	78	88
4	7	7	13	31	6	-	3	6	15	76	86
8	8	11	3	29	7	-	5	6	18	75	85
-	8	1	18	27	1	10	-	7	18	75	85
-	14	-	14	28	-	8	8	4	20	74	84
17	4	10	9	37	-	4	-	4	8	71	81
-	12	5	13	30	-	2	7	3	12	69	79
-	6	-	16	27	8	1	5	3	17	67	77
5	-	-	12	17	-	6	6	-	12	66	76
1	-	-	12	13	1	7	6	1	15	66	76
-	7	7	6	20	3	1	5	5	14	66	76
7	12	10	-	29	-	-	3	5	8	65	75
-	13	10	13	36	-	-	-	-	-	62	72
10	4	-	-	14	-	-	7	3	10	47	57
-	2	-	16	18	-	-	-	-	-	45	55
7	3	-	-	10	4	1	-	-	5	44	54
9	-	-	-	9	2	5	-	-	7	33	43
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	24

Life Members

Dudley Brown  
Vic Davis  
Doug Edward

Noel Knight  
Lloyd Dunn

Les Shand  
Jim Strong

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November Dry Cast Results

Attendance - 24 Seniors and 4 Juniors

Top Twenty

1. Brian Leicester	787
2. Ron Kildahl	750
3. Dennis Green	698
4. Graham Baskerville	692
5. George Holman	677
6. Tom Corcoran	664
7. Mark Tucker (J)	629
8. Dave Latto	618
9. Les Reid	612
10. Rudy Lerch	579
11. Mike Dawson	578
12. Bill Utting	568
13. Eric Parker	545
14. Jim Oxley	532
15. Hew Hoy Yew	503
16. Trevor Stam	472
17. Stan Renshaw	450
18. Roy Lundy	410
19. Gus Sussmayer	404
20. Wayne Shaw (J)	403

L.L. Distance

1. Graham Baskerville	42
2. Hew Hoy Yew	40
3. Eric Parker	38
4. George Holman	37
(5. Wayne Shaw (J)	34
(5. Brian Leicester	34

D.H. Accuracy

1. Ron Kildahl	57
2. Dennis Green	53
3. Stan Renshaw	52
4. Brian Leicester	46
5. Dave Latto	44

S.H. Accuracy

1. Brian Leicester	27
2. Graham Baskerville	24
3. Bill Utting	23
4. Jim Oxley	21
5. Eric Sullivan	20

S.H. Open

1. George Holman	83 M
2. Hew Hoy Yew	79
3. Dave Latto	78
4. Les Reid	73
5. Brian Leicester	70
(6. John Devitt	64
(6. Eric Parker	64
(8. Bob Brown	57
(8. Trevor Stam	57
9. Mike Dawson	43

Day Winners

Brian Leicester	117
Mark Tucker (J)	93

Longest Cast

Graham Baskerville	146 M
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"Tit Bit"

Whale Beachings

The following report by Tom Hamrick in the National Fisherman indicates that the age old belief of whales suiciding on the beach is a fallacy and that the deaths are brought about by a minute parasite.

"Do whales commit suicide - often by the dozens at a time - by intentionally beaching themselves.

For centuries, many fishermen have insisted suicide was the only apparent conclusion, when entire "herds" played follow-the-leader onto hard, deadly beaches across the world.

But a team of Smithsonian Institution marine scientists in Washington, D.C., has now reported for the record that the whale wants to live just as badly as any other mammal, human or otherwise.

An enemy too small to be seen by the naked eye has been killing him over the years. In plugging ashore to death, the whale has become a victim of misdirection - caused by a tiny parasite which turns into a giant killer.

After setting up fatal housekeeping in the ears of whales and other ocean mammals, the pinpoint-sized round worm has the abilities to jam an otherwise trustworthy sonar system. The bounce-back echo location apparatus, which permits bats as well as ocean mammals to "see" in the dark, quidly becomes inoperative, once the parasites infest the ear canals.

The mystery was finally unravelled here, on this tide-washed island just a few miles south of Charleston, when a hurriedly-organized expedition from the Smithsonian rushed down to perform immediate seaside autopsies on many of 35 pilot whales which had propelled themselves high onto the beach.

The incident was only one of hundreds of similar sightings over the years along the Atlantic seaboard. In the past, by the time marine scientists were advised of strandings, the bodies of the mammals had become gigantic, stinking messes which made examination a stomach-retching experience and rendered a

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Whale Beachings - continued

conclusive finding all but impossible.

Hardly taking time to separate night from day, the scientists - aided by the state-employed marine experts - spent six days at seaside before their open-air explorations were finished. The parasite, the Smithsonian and South Carolina mammal specialists concluded, was finally nailed as the killer cause.

"With their sonar system blocked by the parasites, the whales simply blundered up on the beach and were stranded by the tide," the chief of the eight-man Smithsonian team stated.

Starvation Loomed

And the whale which beached here were also in the process of starving to death, according to Dr James G. Mead, curator of marine mammals for the Smithsonian. Those which died here hadn't eaten a good meal in days.

"The presence of the parasites also explains the empty stomachs," Mead said in a report published by the S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department.

"These whales were unable to locate food and would no doubt have starved if they hadn't beached first."

The worms which were discovered, it must be pointed out, were the same parasites which had been found in the ear canal s of white-sided dolphins which had undergone autopsies a few months earlier after a school became stranded at Cape Cod. Charlie Potter, an aide to Mead, headed the team of examiners at Cape Cod.

It was Potter's discovery which is credited here with leading to a solution of the mystery of the "suicidal whale". In checking to determine if the two death scenes had anything in common, the Smithsonians promptly found similar infestations in the whales' ears.

"Whales have relatively good eyesight but they depend much more on echo-location to help them navigate, particularly in murky waters or at great depths where there is little light," the published Mead report contended.

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Whale Beachings - continued

Much of the final stages of the autopsy operation was performed under the microscopes at the Smithsonian. Some of the whales were decapitated and the heads transferred to Washington for the painstaking examination.

The lives of 11 of the 35 whales, incidently, were saved by staff members of the S.C. Marine Resources and Wildlife Department, who rushed to the beach from the state marine centre at nearby James Island. Working with volunteers, they tugged and shoved 11 of the sea-going monsters back into the boiling surf before death could win the race.

The deceased hulks of the other two dozen oceanic denizens provided the two teams of scientists a saltwater mother lode for examination.

Aids Understanding

"The very nature of their environment (has made) it extremely difficult to study living whales under natural conditions," said Pete Laurie of the marine staff of the state centre at James Island. "Strandings" have therefore become our primary source of information about the physical characteristics of these intriguing animals.

"While mass beachings are not uncommon, many take place in remote parts of the world and go unnoticed by man. Here on Kiawah Island was a unique opportunity to learn a great deal about a rather common but little known animal," Laurie said.

Among those happiest that the mystery is solved is Dr Mead, who made known that "the old idea of whales committing suicide has never been popular with the scientific community."

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Sixteen Years Ago This Month

The November field day was held on the weekend of the 15th/16th November with 27 members and 4 juniors making the trip to Garden Island.

Conditions were ideal for fishing but as in present times fish were scarce and quite a few members failed to move the scales.

It's interesting to note that due to new management the boat trip was increased to 8/- and after expenses were met, the Club fund was increased by 3/-.

Winners of the various sections were:

Heaviest Ray	:	Ron Shirley	-	19 lbs
Heaviest Scale Fish	:	Jim Clarke	-	8 lb Salmon
Heaviest Bag Scale Fish	:	Tom Hales	-	17 lbs
Best Junior Effort	:	Brian Hales	-	4½ lb Kingie

A total of 114 lbs of fish were caught.

A combined Picnic and Casting Day was held at Floreat, with Ginger Beer and ice cream flowing.

One of the improvers on the day was Bert Payne who nearly cracked the ton, two others to earn good points were Ron Shirley and Les Shand.

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Hints to help 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).