

YOUR COMMITTEE 1963 - 1964.

June
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NEXT GENERAL MEETING (JUNE)

Our June General Meeting will be held at the National Fitness Council Annexe, 50 James Street, Perth on TUESDAY the 9th June, 1964 and will commence at 8.0 p.m. SHARP.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD

As was promised several months ago, this months instruction period is to be conducted by Mr. Roley McKay from the Museum. The subject is to be identification of fish and Mr. McKay's previous experience with the Fisheries Department together with his present occupation makes him a recognized authority on this subject.

This should prove to be a most interesting and instructive evening and members are urged to show their appreciation by attending in force.

LAST COMMITTEE MEETING (MAY)

Many thanks are due to Ian McLennan and his wife for the use of their residence for the May Committee Meeting.

Business was dealt with very efficiently and the Meeting was concluded by 10.30 p.m.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING (JUNE)

The next Committee Meeting will be held Friday, 19th June at the residence of:-

BOB LILLY,
39 Yilgarn Street,
SHENTON PARK

ANNUAL LANCE

AND

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

TICKETS £1. 1. 0. SINGLE

To be held at HACKET HALL, FLOREAT PARK

on SATURDAY, 20th JUNE

at 6.15 P.M.

With only a couple of weeks remaining to this important social event, those members who intend to be there but have not yet informed our Social Organiser are requested to do so as soon as possible.

Although the May General Meeting was to have been the deadline for members wishing to attend and catering arrangements are now in hand, Ken has stated that a few more can be fitted in so contact him without delay.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Next month will see the election of officers and committee with us again and members are urged to give serious thought to this important meeting. Nominations are to be seconded and with the approval of the nominee submitted in writing to the Secretary by the July meeting.

For the benefit of newer members the committee members are delegated to various jobs such as Field Day Organiser, Drycasting Organiser, Librarian, Recorder etc., and meetings are held at each members home in turn once a month on the Friday following the Field Day.

DRY CASTING 3RD. MAY, 1964

The first day of our current Drycasting competition started with an excellent roll up of members - 31 seniors and 2 juniors and with a medium to strong north east breeze behind us some excellent distance casting resulted. The best casts for the day came from Bill Bridger 419ft., A Bunnett 399ft., and Hugh Gregory 367ft. Robin Ellis was the eventual winner of the L.L. event scoring 319 - 180 - 499, Ken (Pathfinder) Jones second with 312 - 172 - 484 and Geroge Greenham third with 332 - 151 - 483. As I said last month I would like to see Norm Clark casting without half the beach in his reel. Norm told me he had brought a brush to casting to clean his reel with the result he averaged 320ft. and exceeded his handicap by 29ft. (nice casting Norm).

Five members scored all four casts in the D.H. Accuracy event and they were A. Bunnett, R. Kildahl, N. Knight, R. Lilly and L. Tate. I was lucky enough to top score this event with 59/80, second was Alan Bunnett 50/80 and Bill Bridger third 44/80. There were no bulls recorded in this event.

The S.H. Accuracy event resulted in a tie for first between Bob Tucker and Ian McLennan with 27/40, Ron Kildahl second 26/40 and Noel Knight third 23/40. Nine members scored all four casts and Arthur Horton recorded the only bull.

Bob Lilly, N. Knight and R. Kildahl were the only members to score all eight accuracy casts.

The Senior Total Points scored for the day are as printed in the centre page. Alan Bunnett is out to prove it was no fluke last year.

JUNIOR COMPETITION

There were only two juniors present (Ken Hunt is now in the Senior Competition) but these two lads are certainly casting well especially in the accuracy events. Rick top scored in all events but Don only finished 18 points behind him on the day.

<u>JUNIOR POINTS</u>	R. Jensen	122	D. Bridger	106
S.H. OPEN	R. Jensen	143	D. Bridger	141

SINGLE HANDER OPEN DISTANCE

Bob Tucker has already gone to the lead in this event breaking his own record by 14ft. Noel Knight with 232ft. was second, closely followed by Hugh Gregory 227ft.

Following is a list of scores after the first days casting:

R. Tucker	270	E. White	198	G. Greenham	174
N. Knight	232	R. Jensen	195	H. Bester	170
H. Gregory	227	R. Tichbon	190	J. Harvey	168
A. Bunnett	217	D. Talbot	189	J. Strong	165
B. Payne	216	A. Horton	187	I. McLennan	159
R. Shirley	211	L. Tate	184	E. Sullivan	159
A. Ticklie	203	K. Jones	184	D. Beadon	153
R. Lilly	201	K. Martin	177	W. Utting	149
R. Kildahl	201	R. Ellis	177	H. Barrot	144

After that excellent Distance Casting we must expect some pruning to be done. Notably Robin Ellis 56 off, George Greenham 40 off and Ken Jones 34 off.

HANDICAPS ADJUSTED

W. Bridger	90 - 68	K. Martin	180 - 170
A. Bunnett	101 - 74	J. Strong	155 - 152
N. Clark	159 -130	E. Sullivan	153 - 128
R. Ellis	180 -124	D. Talbot	180 - 172
G. Greenham	151 -111	E. White	180 - 174
J. Harvey	172 -171	W. Utting	144 - 115
K. Jones	172 -138		

Next Casting Day includes another OPEN event the D.H. Level Line Distance, so come along and see just how far you can cast. Remember, attach your line direct to sinkers - no swivels please.

Events for 7th June at Floreat Park Oval 9.45 SHARP.

WEIGHT L.L. DISTANCE

WEIGHT D.H. ACCURACY

WEIGHT S.H. ACCURACY

OPEN L.L. DISTANCE

R. KILDAHL I.C.O.

FIELD DAY - YALLINGUP - 16TH & 17TH MAY, 1964

Weather conditions: Fine and mild with north easterly winds. Calm seas with a moderate swell although the wind swung westerly Sunday morning and the seas began to rise. The fish generally were hard to locate although several salmon were caught at Eagle Bay and Smith's Beach. The herring were in short supply, no doubt awaiting the winter blow to stir them into action. Tailor were caught at both ends of Smith's Beach, the outstanding effort being a seven pounder caught by Bob Lilly.

There was an excellent roll up of members considering the short weekend, an attendance of 44 members, 5 senior visitors, 3 juniors and 4 junior visitors making a grand total of 56 in all. I was pleased to see our good friend Ben Elliott along on the venue and he celebrated his return by taking off the heaviest scale fish award. Arch Ticklie received quite a cheer when he staggered in with his catch of salmon to take off the heaviest bag of scale fish.

Norm Clark, Phil Neri and myself drove down Friday night and stopped at Cowaramup Bay, intending to fish for herring early Saturday morning, however they failed to show and we returned to the car with empty bags. This area is usually noted for the weed banks which breed wogs, enticing the herring close to shore. Several seasons ago I visited this spot and was treated to the sight of the locals with long poles jaggng the herring and tossing them up on the beach by the hundreds.

Back at camp I noticed Tom Smith telling several members of the likely hot spots he had discovered during his holidays and (another member apparently taking his leave (he couldn't possibly serve customers with a beard like that!) was Andy Mulgrave. After checking in, most members scattered far and wide and reports were hard to come by. Doug Talbot and Eric Sullivan were very active at Smith's Beach, where Norm, Phil and myself settled in for the evenings fishing. In the distance could be seen winking lights as bods scrambled over the rocks at the other end of the beach. Next morning Ron Shirley remarked that his party consisting of Ron Kildahl and Bob Klein performed more like mountain goats than fishermen.

Sunday morning saw our party awake about 5.45 a.m. to find the camp deserted - these lads are really on the job. We headed for Canal Rocks where the rising seas made fishing extremely difficult, heavy swells crashing in all along the channel area. We managed to land about 15lb. of herring, Phil Neri being the master of this type of angling despite my attempts to tangle his line and the break off caused by a large buff bream.

Back for the weigh in at 10. o'clock and although there were no outstanding captures, considering the dearth of fish, a total of 211 lbs. was quite good. In fact the Collie Club who were also having a field day at Yallingup were amazed at the efforts of our lads and expressed a desire to accompany us on a field day again some time and perhaps pick up a few hints on the finer points of angling.

Reports were hard to come by owing to the widespread area covered but I did hear Don Webb caught a buff bream of about 9lb. or so but did not weigh it in thinking it was not eligible. If anyone has any doubt as to whether a fish is eligible or not, bring it in and let the field day officer decide. A fine gesture was made by Bob Lilly who raffled his catch and donated the proceeds to the building fund.

I noticed Alf Rutland has finally taken Horrie Muirson's advice and purchased a Kombi Van and Doug Savage really did it in style and stayed at the Hostel. A notable absentee from the Field Day was Bertie Payne and his wife Pearl who has been ill I believe. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery, Pearl.

So closed our first Field Day for the year, the awards were certainly well earned and my congratulations to the winners. The lucky numbers were 31, D. Webb and 2 which was not collected so the claimant can see me at the next meeting. A note re parking at Palm Beach next Field Day - petrol has been stolen from cars parked in the street so an investment of 4/- at the store and park your car in the yard may be worth while. Hoping to see you all there -

JIM STRONG F.D.O.

NEW MEMBER ACCEPTED - the following application for membership to the Club has been received and accepted:-

John MATTHEWS, 48 Point Walter Road, BICTON.

FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY 16TH & 17TH MAY, 1964

A. Ticklie	3	Salmon, 3 Tailor	28 lbs.
R. Lilly		Tailor, Salmon and Wirra	16 "
T. de Jussing	10	Tailor	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
B. Elliott	2	Salmon	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
H. Cunningham (Vis)		Salmon and Tailor	13 "
R. Klein	9	Tailor, 1 Silver Bream	12 "
N. Clark	2	Tailor, Herring	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
D. Savage		Salmon, Skipjack, S. Bream	10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
T. Vincent (Vis)	7	Tailor	9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
A. Horton		Salmon, Tailor	9 "
P. Neri		Herring	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
J. Strong	1	Tailor, Herring	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
R. Shirley	4	Tailor, Herring	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
L. Tate	1	Tailor, Wirra	5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
W. Bridger		Skipjack	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
H. Gregory	2	Tailor	4 "
N. Wilkerson	1	Tailor, Herring	4 "
K. Hunt	2	Tailor	4 "
R. Jensen	2	Tailor, Herring	4 "
E. Sullivan		Herring, Flathead	4 "
R. Hancock	2	Tailor	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
R. Tucker	3	Tailor	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
R. Kildahl	3	Tailor	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
B. Mews	2	Tailor	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
T. Smith	2	Tailor	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
A. Livesey		Tailor	2 "
I. McLennan	1	Tailor	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
D. Talbot		Herring	1 "

Total weight of fish caught 211 lbs.

All members are reminded that casting instruction is available to any member at Casting Days. A quiet word to the Casting Day Organiser and he will tee up a suitable instructor for any type of casting that a member desires to brush up on.

MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED FIELD DAY 16TH & 17TH MAY, 1964

A. Bunnett	I. McLennan	T. Fuller	J. Strong	
D. Talbert	E. Brown	J. Windus	A. Horton	
E. Sullivan	W. Utting	D. Rogers	L. Tate	
R. Lilly	R. Kildahl	L. Webb	A. Livesey	
R. Jensen	R. Shirley	R. Tichbon	H. Gregory	
K. Hunt	L. Griffiths	L. Newton	T. De Jussing	
K. Clugston	R. Hancock	T. Ellis	N. Wilkerson	
H. Muirson	S. Demitro	A. Mulgrave	H. Cunningham	
W. Bridger	B. Mews	P. Neri	J. Tobin	(Visitor)
R. Tucker	M. Dawson	L. Savage	N. Dvorak	"
T. Smith	B. Elliott	A. Ticklie	T. Vincent	"
R. Klein	A. Rutland	N. Clark	R. Rushforth	"
<u>JUNIORS</u>			J. Henderson	"
D. Bridger	R. Jensen	L. Newton (V)		
G. Clark	G. Newton (V)	F. Ellis	" R. Whittington	"

AWARD WINNERS

<u>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</u>	B. Elliott	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Salmon
<u>HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH</u>	A. Ticklie	28lb. Salmon & Tailor
<u>HEAVIEST SHARK</u>	No entry	
<u>JUNIOR SECTION</u>		
<u>HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH</u>	G. Clark	8 oz. Herring

FIELD DAY FISHING COMPETITION MAY 1964 TO APRIL 1965

SECTION 1. Points per pound. BOANS TROPHY
Ten points for attendance. One point per pound of Scale Fish. All fish to be LEGAL LENGTH. Half a point per pound for all eligible sharks (excluding Port Jackson, Wobby's, Carpet, Fiddle Sharks etc.)

A. Ticklie	38	L. Tate	15
R. Lilly	26	H. Gregory	14
B. Elliott	26	R. Jensen	14
T. de Jussing	26	N. Wilkerson	14
R. Klein	22	K. Hunt	14
N. Clark	22	R. Hancock	14
D. Savage	21	R. Kildahl	13
P. Neri	19	R. Tucker	13
A. Horton	19	B. Mews	13
J. Strong	18	A. Livesey	12
R. Shirley	16	T. Smith	12
W. Bridger	15	I. McLennan	11
E. Sullivan	15	D. Talbert	11

SECTION 2. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH KEN MATTHEWS TROPHY
May to October

B. Elliott 81b. 6 oz. Salmon (May Field Day)

SECTION 3. MOST MERITORIOUS CATCH
(To be nominated by Committee at the end of the current fishing Competition)

SECTION 4. HEAVIEST SHARK
(Excluding Port Jackson, Wobby's, Carpet, Fiddle Sharks etc. Field Day Officer to decide. Minimum weight 10lb.)

No entry

SECTION 5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY
(Minimum weight 5lb.)

No entry

SECTION 6.

HEAVIEST TAILOR

(Minimum weight 51b.)

R. Lilly 71b. Tailor (May Field Day)

SECTION 7.

HEAVIEST SALMON

(Minimum weight 71b.)

B. Elliott 81b. 8 oz. Salmon (May Field Day)

SECTION 8.

HEAVIEST SKIPJACK

(Minimum weight 21b.)

D. Savage 21b. 4 oz. Skipjack (May Field Day)

SECTION 9.

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE

L. Tate 21b. 4 oz. Wirra (May Field Day)

SECTION 10.

HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH ON A FIELD DAY

(All fish to be LEGAL LENGTH. Minimum weight 201b.)

A. Ticklie 281b. Salmon & Tailor (May Field Day)

SECTION 11.

HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR

(All fish to be LEGAL LENGTH. Minimum weight 201b.)

No entry

SECTION 12.

HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY

(All fish to be LEGAL LENGTH. Minimum weight 201b.)

No entry

		L.L. DISTANCE							D.H. ACCURACY					S.H. ACCURACY					Tot. Inc.			
		Pty.	1.	2.	3.	Tot.	Ave.	Hcp.	Tot.	Pts.	1.	2.	1.	2.	Tot.	1.	2.	1.	2.	Pts.	Pts.	Att.
A. Bunnett	21	399	399	330	1107	369	101	470	30	17	2	17	14	50	6	5	1	8	19	99	109	
W. Bridger		419	367	360	1146	382	90	472	32	17	8	19	44	1	6	5	8	20	96	106		
R. Kildahl		268	265	269	802	267	157	424	6	15	16	12	16	59	7	9	3	7	26	91	101	
R. Ellis	21	304	341	333	957	319	180	499	40		10		18	28	4		8	3	15	83	93	
N. Clark		326	314	320	960	320	159	479	34	6	11		14	31	9	2			11	76	86	
K. Jones		291	309	337	937	312	172	484	38		11		3	14	5	5	8		18	70	80	
R. Tucker		313	333	320	966	322	92	414	2		16	15	8	39	9	2	8	8	27	68	78	
N. Knight	21	361		366	706	235	80	315		17	12		9	43	3	9	5	6	23	66	76	
R. Lilly		333	354	347	1034	345	91	436	12	7		7	18	33	9	4	2	4	19	64	74	
G. Greenham	21	337	341	338	995	332	151	483	36	7		13		20	5				5	61	71	
R. Jensen	63	333	354	326	950	317	100	417	4		19	8	12	39	5	5	1	6	17	60	70	
A. Ticklie		257	253	269	779	260	180	440	16	12	17	9		38		5			5	59	69	
W. Utting	21	319	339	348	985	328	144	472	32	2	4	5		11	6	7		1	14	57	67	
H. Gregory	21	367	333	358	1057	346	81	427	8		17	15	3	35	1	2	7	1	11	54	64	
J. Strong	21	295	298	301	873	291	155	446	18	8		8		16	3	5	2	9	19	53	63	
E. Sullivan	21	285	335	347	946	315	153	468	28		5		18	23		1	1		2	53	63	
E. White		238	376	315	829	276	180	456	24	19	8		1	28						52	62	
L. Tate		292	297	320	909	303	145	448	20	5	3	8	4	20		5		6	11	51	61	
I. McLennan		221	202	220	643	214	169	383		1	8		12	21	5	6	7	9	27	48	58	
H. Barrot		276	B.O.	253	529	176	180	356			19		14	33		7	1	7	15	48	58	
B. Payne	42	251	265	283	757	252	177	429	10		16		16	32	1	7			1	43	53	
J. Harvey		340	275	223	838	279	172	451	22				9	9		2		6	8	39	49	
R. Shirley	42	297	296	282	833	278	134	412			11	2	13	26	5	4		3	12	38	48	
D. Talbot	63	266	280	289	772	257	180	437	14	12		12		24						38	48	
R. Tichbon	21	265	285	312	841	280	129	409		17		18		35						38	48	
K. Martin		281	274	286	841	280	180	460	26								1	6	7	35	45	
E. Beadon	21	B.O.	281	287	547	182	153	335			7	1	13	21	1			4	5	33	43	
M. Walsh	42	200	186	B.O.	344	115	180	295			1			15						26	36	
A. Horton	42	249	B.O.	180	387	129	180	309											10	10	20	
H. Bester		256	244	B.O.	500	167	180	347											2	2	12	
T. Lawson		192	180	258	630	210	180	390													10	
JUNIORS																						
A. Jensen	63	252	263	250	702	234	193	427	40		19	17	15	51	2	4	7	8	21	112	122	
D. Bridger		B.O.	273	239	512	171	185	356	38	11	13	11	7	42	5	6	5	0	16	96	106	

OPEN FISHING COMPETITION MAY 1964 TO APRIL 1965

Entries to be submitted on correct form and in the hands of the Recorder within 30 days of capture. Entry forms are available from any Committee member.

SECTION 1. MOST MERITORIOUS CATCH

(To be nominated by Committee at the end of the current fishing competition)

SECTION 2. HEAVIEST SHARK

(Excluding Port Jackson, Wobby's, Carpet, Fiddle Sharks etc.)

No entry

SECTION 3. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY

No entry

SECTION 4. HEAVIEST SALMON

R. Tichbon 11 lb. 8 oz. Salmon (Golden Bay)

SECTION 5. HEAVIEST TAILOR

No entry

SECTION 6. HEAVIEST JEWFISH

No entry

SECTION 7. HEAVIEST YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH

No entry

SECTION 8. HEAVIEST GROPER

No entry

SECTION 9. HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT ON S.H. ROD
 (Maximum 12lb. B.S. line)

No entry

SECTION 10. HEAVIEST SNAPPER

No entry

SECTION 11. HEAVIEST TARWHINE (SILVER DREAM)

No entry

SECTION 12. HEAVIEST SPANISH MACKERAL

No entry

SECTION 13. HEAVIEST SKIPJACK

No entry

SECTION 14. HEAVIEST PIKE

No entry

SECTION 15. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE
 (Excluding Section 1.)

No entry.

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DON'T FORGET JULY

MEETING IS THE ELECTION OF OFFICE

BEARERS

JUNIOR FISHING COMPETITION - MAY 1964 TO APRIL 1965

FIELD DAY FISHING COMPETITION

SECTION 1. Ten points for attendance. One point per pound of Scale Fish. All fish to be LEGAL LENGTH. Half a point per pound for Sharks.

G. Clark 11 D. Bridger 10 R. Jensen 10

SECTION 2. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (May to October)

G. Clark 8 oz. Herring (May Field Day)

SECTION 3. HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH

No entry

SECTION 4. HEAVIEST TAILOR

No entry

OPEN FISHING COMPETITION

SECTION 1. HEAVIEST TAILOR

No entry

SECTION 2. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY

No entry

As winner of the Dry Casting Competition I feel I must take this opportunity to express my thanks to all those fine sportsmen who participated in this competition.

I cannot say the best man won, as there is always that element of luck that creeps into any sport and is very apparent in our particular pastime.. The competition is never won or lost until the final cast.

It is difficult to express one's feelings at having won the title of "Outright Winner" of a competition contested by so many excellent casters and good sportsmen. The willing handshakes and congratulation received from the runners-up and other contestants, the keen interest, the ready wit and good fellowship experienced at these outings, make it a most enjoyable day and well worth the effort of devoting one Sunday morning every month to participate, in this very interesting and informative activity. The "ifs" and "buts", the ups and downs experienced throughout the year and the costly mistakes made by all and sundry, make it all the more interesting. Believe me, this is where and how one learns to cast!

In my capacity of Assistant Drycasting Organiser, I would like to express my thanks through "Reel Talk" to those members of my team (and the opposition) who so readily assisted in scoring and helping to make each day a success and hope they see fit to compete again next year.

Without wishing to appear boastful, I may be in a position to offer some helpful hints to newer members in gaining a higher degree of accuracy. With the Double Hander, I find that if the rod is held directly above the head, with the butt pointing straight at the target, (this can be done by sighting along the butt of the rod) then by pulling straight down with the left hand and up with the right, the right should travel straight for the target and the rest is up to you. The position of the hands is reversed for left handers. Only with constant practise and experience will you be able to judge how hard to cast and when to stop your weight. With the Single Hander, I find the most accurate method of casting as follows: Most of the top casters in the club cast in this manner - point the rod tip straight at the target sighting along the rod, lift the rod back over the head to load it and without hesitating, flick the weight toward the target. For a greater degree of accuracy the rod should traverse directly overhead.

In conclusion I would like to say I am already looking forward to next years competition.

ALLAN DUNNETT.

Following is an extract from a letter received from Norrie Cross and as usual his exploits in the North of Australia make excellent reading :-

Our safari outfit is nearly complete now. To the Toyota Land Cruiser I have added a Cargill caravanette, modified to my own needs. So far, we've made two trips in this outfit. The first one was a single night stand, on a short weekend. We camped overnight at Hot Springs, then trekked as far as Butterfly Gorge to photograph wildlife on the 400mm lens. 'Roos, wallabies, dingoes, jabiru, buffalo and perenti, with many different species of birds were all victims of the shutterbug! A detour on the way home took us to the Douglas and Daly rivers. Near Daly River we had some interesting moments when the vehicle burst into flames. A plate protecting the gear box had accumulated dry grass which came into contact with the hot exhaust pipe and ignited. When I rolled under the Cruiser, flames were licking from end to end, bubbling the bitumenised proofcoating. A few squirts at the seat of the fire quickly extinguished the flames, but I received a few burns raking out the hot embers. We were extremely lucky as we met no other humans in our 250 mile detour off the bitumen, and at the time we were 60 miles from anywhere in tall, tinder-dry kunai grass. After that scare we stopped every twenty miles or so to check for accumulations of grass. A point of interest is that we later discovered that other Toyota owners have had similar experiences, and now the distributors, Thiess Bros., of Brisbane, have brought out a modified plate which excludes the exhaust pipe.

Our next trip was taken at the May Day long weekend. We arranged to travel, more or less in convoy, with Pancho and two of his Army mates named Dick and Bill, respectively, to the region of the Mary River where Pancho and I had camped at the end of last Dry season. As the Wet has barely finished it seemed wise to have two 4-wheel drive vehicles to tackle the flood-plains that lay beyond Mt. Bundy, and as it happened, we needed them!

On the Friday night, we rendezvoused with Pancho at the Adelaide River crossing on Marrakai. After supper, and with the children tucked in, we investigated the river by torchlight. With frogs on setlines we caught a large saratoga and a barramundi, and amused ourselves by twitching a lure past the head of a barramundi

who lay in nine inches of water quite near us. Four times he struck at the lure without getting hooked, and each time he would swim indignantly away, but after switching off the light for a minute or so he would reappear in the same spot, tail idly moving in the current. Two six foot snakes also reclined in the shallow water, and Bill must be a perpetophobe because he took off when I picked one up by the tail! I knew, but he didn't, that they were harmless file snakes.

Early next morning we headed across the Marrakai plain raising plenty of bulldust - so early in the Dry! Near the abandoned homestead I cursed my luck when eight wild pigs took off into the scrub near us. A truck was in the yard of the homestead and I thought that this may have belonged to Cyril Lyons who has the buffalo-shooting lease on Marrakai. His two pet hates are servicemen and .303 rifles. My only weapon was a jungle carbine intended for croc-shooting, and I wasn't game to start blazing away with this even though the boar had the best set of trophy tusks I've seen yet.

Four miles past the homestead we ran into big trouble. Pancho was an hour ahead of us, investigating Scotch Creek for barramundi. We were confronted with our first serious obstacle, 100 yards of water-covered quagmire, with deeply-rutted wheel tracks showing that two vehicles had passed this way since the Wet season. I elected to take it in 2nd High ratio, and now I'm sadder and wiser. Bouncing and splashing our way along, my knee knocked the lever out of 4-wheel drive and very soon we slowed, then stalled as the right side of the vehicle and trailer sank to the bodywork. I had every confidence of Pancho coming to the rescue within a couple of hours, but we all pitched in and started scooping mud out from under the wheels with our hands, the spade being used as a base for the jack. The children gathered brushwood to jam down under the wheels, and by the time we heard the welcome sound of the Landrover we were back on a reasonable keel, albeit plastered in mud from head to foot. At one stage of our mud-lark we had been joined by an 8-foot snake, but he didn't linger as he slithered through the ooze into the scrub on the far side of the track. With my long cable and both vehicle in low ratio we were out of trouble in two ticks, but I received a deal of rubbishing regarding the performance of the Toyota - despite the fact that it had attempted the crossing in two-wheel drive whilst towing a heavy trailer.

Thirty miles further, after travelling through ant-hill plains and forest scrub, passing plains turkeys, buffalo and many kangaroos, we came in sight of Mt. Bundy. At the fork in the track where the

left hand track led on to Clarke's Crossing, we held a conference. Pancho asked me to lead, and I headed off the track on a compass bearing across Old Man plain. This stretch was sheer murder on a vehicle. At one mile per hour we ploughed through high grass, lurching madly from side to side in hidden wallows and churned-up buffalo tracks baked hard into the dried-out flood plain. After a couple of miles we were able to speed up to about five miles per hour, and we had the feeling of sailing through a sea of verdant rye-grass. Pancho expended many feet of film as our Cruiser eased through herds of buffalo, maintaining a constant speed so as not to let their disturbed trot develop into a wholesale stampede. () the sea of grass diminished into bare claypan we sighted our next obstacle. This was a 25ft. deep wadi, dry at the end of the season, but at present with a ten-foot wide stream at the bottom. Pancho explored to the East for a crossing and I ventured westwards. Selecting a likely spot, I broke down the two-foot deep sheer edge with the spade, then tested the water-course with my feet. Marge and the kids crossed over on foot, I selected 2nd Low ratio, eased over the edge at a breathtaking angle, bored in the 'erbs to cross the muddy stream, then roared up the far side and over the rim like a bird. Pancho had crossed some two miles away and was waiting patiently for us to catch up and lead the way. I had some trouble picking my way around more erosion gullies whilst looking for the old trail around the foot of Mt. Bundy. There was no sign of the trail in the chest-high dry wild mint, but we picked our way through trees and round gibbers until we eventually pulled up on the bank of the Mary River and held another conference.

Our target was last years camping spot, between the river and a clear billabong, some five miles to the south. However, we found the track impassable due to waterlogged floodplain, so we turned back and made camp under ghost gums on the plain, near where we first struck the river. While I erected the Mary River Hilton, Pancho and the other lads cut steps in the 25ft. clay bank, drove stakes and made two bamboo jetties - one for ablutions and the other for a boat mooring. Having photographic proof of my encounter with an 18 foot crocodile near this spot, Marge and the kids were fairly nervous of the waters edge, and their ablutions were performed with a bucket and rope - until the last day, when they all plucked up courage and had a quick swim before leaving!

On the first night, Pancho and I took Anita and Peter croc spotting. Altogether we picked up three in the beam of the spot

light. The kids reckoned it was 'creepy' when Pancho took the pram within six feet of one as it lay at the waters edge, but they both enjoyed the experience and had something to tell their school-mates when they returned. After landing them safely, Pancho, Lick and myself headed downriver to shoot a croc. Some two miles north of our camp we spotted three on the bank and Pancho headed the boat along the beam of Dick's spotlight whilst I sighted the carbine on the best pair of ruby eyes. To our dismay we ran aground whilst still ten yards out in the river. The crocs escaped while we sorted out our predicament. We couldn't fail to note barramundi darting in all directions around the boat when we stepped out and dragged it ashore. The sandbank had interesting possibilities since for miles and miles the river had sheer, high banks, usually densely covered in bamboo and most unsuitable for threadline spinning. We decided to return at dawn to flog this spot, irrespective of the crocs whose slides and handprints everywhere showed that this was a favourite basking place.

Only Bill and myself surfaced for the dawn session, but we arrived rather late and came back to report several large but unproductive strikes on our Bellbrook swaybacks. Undeterred, Bill and I returned to this spot in the late afternoon, bringing Cherry along as gaffer and croc spotter. This time we were rewarded with all the furious sport that feeding barramundi can provide, the swirl of water and the pistol-like sound of chopping jaws showing that the fish were feeding just on the outer edge of the bank. Each time the lure was cast well beyond the bank into the deeper part of the river, and nothing would happen until it approached the bank with a hula-like action, its vibrations transmitted up your rod arm, then suddenly - SMASH! 14lbs. of glistening barramundi cartwheeling in the air and your line singing as you lift the tip. Bill, an old Murray River fisherman from way back, was bellowing with glee as he laid into fish after fish with borrowed threadline tackle. My largest was around 18lbs. and it was almost in the frying pan when it gave a dying heave in the shallows and threw the lure. What a comical sight it must have been as all three of us charged into the water and hurled ourselves upon it! Anyway, it writhed out of all our grasps, like a greasy pig at the fair, and I just hope he grows a little bigger for my next crack at him.

Continued next month.

CLUB NEWS AND NOTES

The members who have so far lodged their applications for Game Fish Badges are to be presented with their awards at the Annual Dinner and Dance. So to those who have not yet applied, get your entry in quickly so that you can be rightfully acclaimed as a top angler in our Club.....

Congrats to Tom and Helen Vivian on their recent family addition - a future gaff boy Tom? Judging by way Grandad Horrie has been behaving it's a toss up who is the proudest - Dad or Grandad.....

I was very sorry to hear of Noel Knight's unfortunate accident on his bike, when he suffered a broken arm. However Noel reckons that will only make him go twice as hard at Casting when he gets back into the firing line - it certainly hasn't interfered with his barracking for Subi.....

Somebody told me that Commander Doug Newton has been relieved of duty after a recent excursion to the Murchison. He was found sitting up in bed belting at a poor inoffensive mouse with a pillow. The mouse, by the way, suffered no actual bodily harm.....

The Murchison apparently levels out all anglers sooner or later. Ian Brown was seen fishing for Mackerel (?) with a Single Hander.....

A new sinker mould has been prepared and sinkers are again available for members to purchase at Lrycasting. Norm Clark is the man to see.....

The Librarian has reported that business has been somewhat slow at the last few meetings. Don't forget any financial member is entitled to take out books, provided they are returned at the next meeting and there is no charge.....

GARDEN ISLAND FIELD DAY

Boat Timetable - 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. depart from Palm Beach jetty and return from Garden Island at 10.0 a.m. Sunday. Fare is 8/- seniors, 4/- juniors payable to the skipper. Jim Strong will be travelling on the early boat and Norm Clark on the afternoon boat and fees of 2/- sweep, 1/- registration and 5/- for the hut (juniors 1/- sweep and 2/6 hut) can be paid to either Jim or Norm - don't forget to try and have the correct change.

The field day will commence at 4.00 p.m. and weigh in between 8.15 and 9.15 a.m. Sunday morning.

A few do's and don't's to make the outing more enjoyable for all:
DO help with the loading and unloading of gear and cleaning up of the hut

DO put your name on your packs

DO keep your gaff point covered

DONT leave unused bait or any other rubbish lying around

DONT forget to wear your club badges.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

The following application for membership to our Club has been received. If any member or members have any reason or reasons why the nominee should not be accepted as a member of the Club they should contact and notify the Secretary or any Committee member immediately:-

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Harold CUNNINGHAM

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FIELD DAY VENUES FOR 1964 - 1965.

MAY	Yallingup
JUNE	Garden Island
JULY	Garden Island
AUGUST	Lancelin
SEPTEMBER	Garden Island
OCTOBER	Moore River or Ledge Point
NOVEMBER	North Head (Jurien Bay)
	- Long week-end -
DECEMBER	Lancelin
JANUARY	Preston Beach
FEBRUARY	Garden Island
MARCH	Rottneest
APRIL	Garden Island

Field Day venues are held on weekend after General Meeting night of each month. Boat timetables and other relevant information in current month issue of "REEL TALK".

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DRY CASTING DAYS

are conducted on the FIRST Sunday of each month and are held at Floreat Park Oval. Starting times and programme for casting in current month issue of "REEL TALK".

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The above Field Days and Casting Days are subject to alteration or cancellation by the Committee. (Notice of Motion passed at Annual General Meeting 8/7/59.)

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