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REEL TALK

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## Forget-Me-Knots ...

- . Casting day FIRST Sunday of each Month unless otherwise noted. - Starting Times will be Strictly adhered to.
- . Monthly General Meetings are usually held on the SECOND Wednesday night of each month at 8 p.m. SHARP.
- . Field Days are held generally on the Weekend after the General Meeting.
- . Annual Dance and Presentation of Trophies is held in June. Time and Place to be determined.
- . OPEN; Club Records; Line Ratios Badges applications must be in to the Recording Officer within 30 DAYS of Capture.
- . Give your Committee any ideas you have. Don't sit on them.
- . All Library Books MUST be returned at following Monthly Meeting unless permission is given to hold Books longer.

NEXT DRYCASTING DAY:

At the Yokine Reserve (Wordsworth Ave) on June 10th at 9 a.m. Practice casting from 8.30 a.m.

NEXT FIELD DAY:

Open Field Day, 2/3/4 June.

Fishing time is from 1 p.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Monday.

Weigh-in: Household scales, or shop scales may be used.

Information required:

- 1) Weight of total bag
- 2) Weight of heaviest scale fish and species
- 3) Weight of heaviest shark and species
- 4) Weight of heaviest scale fish and species caught on single handed rod

Species of fish caught ....., Location fished .....

Bring this information to the June General Meeting or to 7 Glover Place, Dianella, F.D.O.'s residence.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Will be held at the Dianella Community Hall on June 13th at 8 p.m.

Please note, not the Hall where it is usually held, but at the hall on the other side of the sporting field.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

At the Dianella Community Hall on Wednesday, 20th June at 8 p.m.

FIELD DAYS FOR 1979/80 SEASON:

June 2/3/4	Open based
July 14/15	Margaret Rr/Yallingup
August 11/12	Rottneest
Sept. 15/16	Jurien Bay to Greenhead
Oct. 6/7/8	Greenough
Nov. 17/18	Jurien to Cervantes
Dec. 15/16	Open, christmas party afterwards
Jan. 26/27/28	Greenough
Feb. 16/17	Wedge Island
Mar. 1/2/3	wago/West Cape Howe (split field day)
April 12/13	Rottneest

DRY CASTING DATES:

June 10th; July 1st; August 5th; September 2nd; October 14th.

TROPHY DONORS:Business Houses:

Fleet Cycles  
Crackle for Tackle  
Alroh Eng. (Alan Hair)  
S-Bend Caravan Pk (Greenough Rr)  
Halco Engineering  
Boans  
R.J. Franklin (Agents)  
Tropical Traders  
Campbell Sports Store  
L&V Harvey, Cartage Contractors

Individuals:

Ron Kildahl  
Kit & Keith Wilkerson  
Lesley & George Holman  
Bob Klein  
Jim Strong  
Trevor Stam  
Bob Fredericks  
Robert Ingram  
Stan Renshaw  
Brian & Fran Leicester  
Hew & Hilary Hew

W. Utting  
Darryl & Marie  
Retallack  
The Freind  
Family

MAY GENERAL MEETING:

Was held at the Dianella Community Hall on May 9th.

New Members: Mrs. Retallack & Mrs. Ward received their badges.

Visitor: Mr. Grant Medbury.

Next General Meeting will be held at a smaller hall, behind our present hall. The smaller hall is more suitable to us and is cheaper and our hall is more suitable to the others.

Treasurer: General Fund is \$750.85 and the Building Fund \$702.31.

Mortgage stands at \$2700.00; Debentures \$360.00.

F.D.O.: The new fees for field days are \$1.00 for seniors; \$1.50 for a family and 40 cents for a junior (unaccompanied).

An Open field day is held on June 2/3/4.

The field day after this is the Margaret River/Yallingup on the 14/15th July.

D.C.O.: The new fees for drycasting is \$1.00 for a senior; \$1.00 for a family and 40 cents for a Junior, if on their own.

Notice of Motion: Bob Klein: A junior shall be under 16 years of age and pay a fee as fixed by the Committee from time to time.

A.A.A. Several members went to a meeting where the main issue was "Salmon and Herring" used for craybait and what to do to prevent it. There is the old story of the dollar. The crayfish industry is a multi million dollar industry. But it is overlooked that the amateur fishing is just as big when one measures the recreational value. Then there is travelling, caravans, caravan parks and the millions spent on fishing tackle.

At the General Meeting and at the Committee Meeting it was looked into and discussed how to find a better way to assess the Sportsman of the Year.

The best fisherman or the best drycaster, without reaching any conclusion.

It looks for certain that more emphasis has to be laid into participation, onto giving each field day more equal value.

The annual dinner dance and presentation night is approaching fast. You can bring friends along. Junior friends of members, 16 years and under have to pay an entrance fee of \$10.00.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

To the members who were not at the May General Meeting and intend coming to the June Meeting, please note the meeting will be held at the smaller hall about 100 metres from the present hall. This hall will give a better atmosphere to our meetings because of its size; it also has grassed areas adjacent which will be excellent for our Christmas Meeting when the weather is extremely hot. Another pleasing aspect is that it will be cheaper in its hiring. Where we were paying \$5.00 for the large hall the smaller hall will only cost \$2.00 per night. The only thing that the members will need to watch is the floor, it has carpet tiles, so smokers would you make sure you use the ashtrays provided.

State Drycasting Teams events will be held on August 26th and a sub-committee has been formed to select a drycasting squad. The reason for a squad will give the three selectors a chance to view those members before making a decision on the final team to represent this club.

Last months Instruction Period conducted by George Holman and Hew Hoy Hew on the use of gear to use on the Big One's up north was excellent, especially the line testing demonstration. I think it sent away a lot of members thinking about the type of gear they should use. Well done George and Hewie. Anyone who missed this Instruction Period missed quite a treat.

S.C.A.C. has committed its members to assist the Geraldton Angling Club with the running of the A.A.A. State fishing championships to be held at Greenough in October L.W.E. 6/7/8th. Those members who intend attending and can give up some of their time, please ring or contact Peter Conroy. Helpers are desperately needed. Remember it is also our Field Day that weekend.

The Dinner Dance is to be held at the Wembley Lodge on June 23rd; the cost is very small on today's prices, only \$30.00 a double and \$15 single, with Juniors \$10.00. As last year, you are permitted to bring your friends, so be there and have a real good time. Juniors, please note:- you are permitted to bring your Junior friends along at the same price as yourself. (A junior friend must be 16 and under).

Car stickers are again available at 50 cents each, so buy a couple and display them with pride.

Membership Cards are to be printed for members to carry with them to identify themselves when buying gear from sports stores and receive their discounts. This will be on a trial basis and Trevor Stam has offered to donate the first 100 cards. Thanks Trevor for your kind offer.

As I will not be at the next two meetings, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for allowing me the honour of being your representative on the Committee as President, a position I have enjoyed very much, serving you the members. Remember the July Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting with the Election of Officers. Don't sit-on-the-fence fill in a Nomination Form and join in the decisions which rule the Club.

The main positions becoming vacant are:-

- 1) Vice President
- 2) Treasurer
- 3) Field Day Officer
- 4) Ass. Field Day Officer
- 5) Dry Casting Officer

PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT'D:

- 6) Ass. Drycasting Officer
- 7) Reel Talk Editor
- 8) Social Organiser
- 9) Recorder

While those sitting members who have indicated their willingness to stay on Committee and serve, their positions are also open to election. So, please feel free to nominate for any position on Committee.

E. Leicester  
President

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AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION - W.A. DIVISION:  
ANGLING RECORDS RATIFIED .. MAY 1979.

SPECIES	WEIGHT		PLACE	ANGLER
	LENGTH	GIRTH	DATE METHOD	
DUSKY SHARK ( <i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i> )	6.500 kg 112.0 cm 40.5 cm	kg cm cm	ex Whitfords 6.5.79 H/L Boat	A. Moon, 25 Pascoe St, Karrinyup
TASSEL-SNOUTED FLATHEAD ( <i>Platycephalus cirronasus</i> )	0.220 kg 29.5 cm 15.5 cm	kg cm cm	ex Quinns 1.4.79 H/L Boat	W.E. Liddell, 20 Daley St, Mt. Yokine
SOUTHERN FUSILIER ( <i>Caesiocorpiis theagenes</i> )	0.70 kg 17.0 cm 10.5 cm	kg cm cm	Rottnest 16.4.79 H/H Jetty	T. Mason, 21 Clevedon Pl. Kallaroo
STRIPEY ( <i>Lutjanus carponotatus</i> )	1.375 kg 45.5 cm 38.5 cm	kg cm cm	Steep Point 23.4.79 R/R Shore	J. Sluymers, 185 Torquil Rd, Coolbellup.
MAKO SHARK ( <i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> )	118.500 kg 2.42 m. 1.13 m.	kg m. m.	ex Two Rocks 29.4.75 R/R Boat	A. Horwood, Dress Circle Farm, Dayrell Rd, Neerabup.
TUNA, SOUTHERN BLUE FIN ( <i>Thunnus maccoyii</i> )	7.250 kg 74.0 cm 52.0 cm	kg cm cm	ex Saddle Islands (Casuarina Isles) 29.4.79 H/L Boat	J.A Clarke, Lot 125 Park Ave, Salpole.
SENATOR WRASSE ( <i>Pictilabrus laticlavus</i> )	0.125 kg 19.0 cm 12.5 cm	kg cm cm	ex Whitfords 11.3.79 H/L Boat	T. Mason, 21 Clevedon Pl, Kallaroo

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The Recorder A.A.A. (W.A.), P.O. Box 6, North Beach 6020 W.A. 447 3759  
Of the above applications the following are eligible for Australian records and will be applied for by the Recorder. Dusk Shark; Tassel Snouted Flathead, Southern Fusilier, Stripey, Mako Shark.

A.A.A. REPORT:

A.A.A. Meeting 15.5.79.

Drycasting Report:

Northern Districts to run Drycasting Championships 26th august, 1979. Teams Comp. (no date) November 1979, Open Competition to be held at Wordsworth Oval.

Fund raising for Convention was discussed- decided to send letter to all clubs seeking a meeting to finalise a type of levy.

Elections moved to be held in July and not August. Reminded that vacancies will occur in Secretary and Treasurer's jobs. Moved that a letter be sent to all clubs advising of this.

A complaint from a Club that Boating Competitions had big prizes. Asked why Beach Competitions don't have big prizes. It was suggested that the clubs report back to A.A.A. their opinions on large prizes for A.A.A. run events.

Notice of Motion re clubs being allowed to have more than one team entered in Drycasting Competitions run by A.A.A. was defeated.

Peter Conroy

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MAY DRYCASTING REPORT:

In perfect weather the new season got off to a flying start with a grand total of 38 casters. The only thing lacking was our Junior attendance (only 3) but here's hoping, if all goes well we will shortly have a handicap system which will bring all the Juniors much closer with their scores, particularly in L/L distance events. So keep at it kids, come down, be in the fun and who knows, with the right handicap, you could be the winner.

Good to see the keen participation by some of the newer members, the Freind family and Ian Campbell. Good also to see some of the older members- Bob Fredericks, Roy Lundy, Ken and Derek Jones, Bob Brown who is still casting pretty consistently. Derek Jones, as usual, beat the other Jones member and finished overall 8th on the day. Not bad for 1st year in Seniors. Andy Tuvik who has been steadily improving his casting, gave us a sample of his ability with a magnificent 33 to top score in S/H accuracy. D/H accuracy saw a tie between two of our consistent casters in Stan Renshaw and Dave Latto, both with a total of 58 points. Ar-so Hew had longest cast of the day, won the L/L distance and the 56g. open, so he certainly hasn't lost his touch. Pressy Jester Leicester had to be content with 2nd place in S/H accuracy and 56g. open, and 3rd place in the D/H accuracy, but overall accumulated enough points to take 1st place. Wasn't much between him and Hewie though, only 2 points.

Clayton Freind had an easy victory in the Junior section but Troy Latto had a bit of bad luck, I suspect faulty line, with 2 breakoffs in L/L distance. Joanne Tomsitt never gives up, still plugging away against fairly stiff opposition, and certainly deserves some sort of recognition for her consistent attendance. Mrs. Freind and Mrs. Tomsitt had quite a keen tussle, with Mrs. Freind emerging the winner of the day by a narrow margin of 4 points.

One of our visitors, Grant Medbury, (friend of Dave Latto), had a go in all events and overall turned in very good results for first time up, seemed to enjoy himself and I'm sure we'll see some more of him.

Congratulations to all winners, a hearty welcome to our visitors. Thanks to all our many helpers. Till next cast, June 10th, cheers!

Keith & Brian

P.S. For those who wish to practise or require instruction, the course will be ready for use at 8.30 a.m.

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MAY CAST RESULTS:

Attendance: 33 Seniors, 3 Juniors, 2 Senior Visitors. Total 38.

Senior Winner: B. Leicester, 131 points

Junior Winner: C. Freind, 76 "

Longest Cast: H. Hew, 147 metres

L.L. DISTANCE:

1. H. Hew 427 pts  
2. E. Parker 408 "  
3. G. Holman 399 "

D.H. ACCURACY:

1. S. Renshaw 58 pts  
1. D. Latto 58 pts  
2. R. Kildahl 54 "  
3. B. Leicester 49 "

S.H. ACCURACY:

1. A. Tuvik 33 pts  
2. B. Leicester 32 "  
3. H. Hew ) 29 "  
D. Green) 29 "

56 GRAM (2oz) OPEN:

1. H. Hew 135 metres  
2. B. Leicester) 130 "  
2. P. Conroy ) 130 "  
3. G. Holman 129 "

SENIOR TOP TEN:

1. B. Leicester	131	6. D. Green	106
2. H. Hew	129	7. G. Gildersleeve	106
3. S. Renshaw	119	8. D. Jones	105
4. D. Latto	116	9. G. Holman	103
5. R. Kildahl	109	10. A. Tuvik	98

JUNIOR TOP PLACINGS:

1. C. Freind 76  
2. J. Tompeitt 48  
3. T. Latto 44

LADIES:

1. Mrs. Freind 63  
2. Mrs. Tompeitt 59

Next Cast June 10th. Usual events plus S.H. Open. Yokine Reserve 9a.m. sharp.

MAY CAST:L.L. DISTANCE:

Name	Pty.	1.	2.	3.	Total	Ave.	Pts.
B. Leicester		129	132	135	396	396	40
H. Hew		140	147	140	427	427	43
S. Renshaw		125	127	122	374	374	37
D. Latto		125	127	B.O	252	252	25
R. Kildahl		92	86	93	271	271	27
D. Green		124	122	119	365	365	37
G. Gildersleeve		126	126	130	382	382	38
D. Jones	20	127	126	120	373	353	35
G. Holman		130	134	135	399	399	40
A. Tuvik	20	94	99	95	288	268	27
R. Ingram	30	125	129	126	380	350	35
K. Jones		115	130	126	371	371	37
A. Norman		115	100	111	326	326	33
G. Sussmayer		87	106	95	288	288	29
T. Richardson	10	109	118	119	346	336	34
J. Strong	10	95	103	97	295	285	29
P. Isbister	10	109	112	111	332	322	32
R. Brown		108	103	108	319	319	32
B. Waddams		124	125	103	352	352	35
R. Lundy		102	101	95	298	298	30
R. Fredericks		96	93	96	285	285	29
C. Freind (JM)		98	105	105	308	308	31
K. Wilkerson		110	110	110	330	330	33
E. Parker		130	140	138	408	408	41
T. Stam		97	84	90	271	271	27
P. Conroy		121	124	128	373	373	37
Mrs. Freind	20	83	89	83	255	235	24
W. Core		104	75	83	262	262	26
I. Campbell	20	81	80	75	236	216	22
Mrs. Tomsitt	20	77	74	73	224	204	20
G. Tomsitt		82	87	85	254	254	25
G. Reeley		B.O	94	100	194	194	19
R. Flynn	10	95	99	92	286	276	28
J. Tomsitt (JF)		70	75	77	222	222	22
G. Freind	30	76	79	67	222	192	19
T. Armstrong (V)	10	81	83	87	251	241	24
T. Latto (JM)	10	B.O	B.O	89	89	79	8
G. Medbury (V)	20	B.O	49	50	99	79	8

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<u>D.H. ACCURACY:</u>					<u>S.H. ACCURACY:</u>						
1.	2.	1.	2.	Pts.	1.	2.	1.	2.	Pts.	Tot.Pts.	Inc.Att.
8	14	9	18	49	10	6	9	7	32	121	131
0	16	19	12	47	7	6	7	9	29	119	129
15	12	14	17	58	5	6	0	3	14	109	119
9	16	16	17	58	2	7	8	6	23	106	116
8	11	19	16	54	0	9	4	5	13	99	109
7	11	12	0	30	5	10	5	9	29	96	106
5	7	17	4	33	0	7	9	9	25	96	106
4	19	17	7	47	0	4	2	7	13	95	105
15	5	2	10	32	0	8	9	4	21	93	103
17	0	0	11	28	4	10	9	10	33	88	98
17	8	0	8	33	3	0	7	3	13	81	91
13	0	0	11	24	6	8	0	5	19	80	90
3	5	13	15	36	0	4	0	5	9	78	88
0	16	3	19	38	0	1	2	4	7	74	84
0	14	0	18	32	0	6	1	0	7	73	83
11	9	0	6	26	3	5	0	8	16	71	81
3	13	13	2	31	0	0	0	8	8	71	81
6	16	13	0	35	0	0	1	2	3	70	80
14	0	3	0	17	0	7	0	10	17	69	79
4	20	0	2	26	0	8	2	3	13	69	79
0	13	12	5	30	0	2	0	6	8	67	77
1	9	0	7	17	0	10	1	7	18	66	76
7	1	11	0	19	9	0	5	0	14	66	76
0	6	0	11	17	2	0	0	0	2	60	70
16	0	0	0	16	0	8	4	2	14	57	67
0	0	0	0	0	7	5	3	4	19	56	66
0	0	0	15	15	0	7	3	4	14	53	63
1	15	6	1	23	0	4	0	0	4	53	63
0	7	0	16	23	0	0	0	7	7	52	62
0	16	0	0	16	5	0	8	0	13	49	59
2	1	7	0	10	4	0	2	7	13	48	58
0	0	4	12	16	6	0	0	4	10	45	55
4	0	0	0	4	0	9	0	0	9	41	51
J	16	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	38	48
9	0	0	0	9	7	0	0	0	7	35	45
0	4	7	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	35	45
6	0	6	0	12	0	5	0	9	14	34	44
0	0	0	9	9	2	0	0	8	10	27	37

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MAY FIELD DAY REPORT: MARGARET RIVER:

The May field day saw a total of 33 members sign-on in very pleasant, sunny conditions.

Andy Tuvik and Paul Horton had the misfortune to break the windscreen in their vehicle, which made their trip down very "cool".

The majority of members fished Boranup. After a very cool night we saw the members back at the weigh-in on Sunday morning. The main catch was Herring and Ric Rowland won the event with 8.35k, with Andy Tuvik as runner-up with 6.35k. Troy Latto caught the heaviest scale fish which was a Buff Bream and weighed 1.4k. He also took off top junior bag of 3.7k.

It was Col Buchanan's turn this month- he landed three very good Skippy and this unfortunately was Iris's downfall. Never mind Iris- you have to admit defeat on the rare occasion.

Surprisingly there was a lack of Salmon in the area for this time of year and on our way home we stopped off at Dunsborough to see a professional fisherman and he told us that the salmon had seemed to give this area a big miss this year and that they had only had one haul of them for the season.

The June open field day- I would like all weights, fees (\$1 Senior; \$1.50 Family; 50 cents Junior), forms, etc. handed to meet the June meeting.

The July field day sign-on is to be outside the Smith's Beach Caravan Park at 12.45 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. and the weigh-in at the same location on the Sunday at 10.00 a.m. This event will be conducted by the new F.D.O. and I would like you all to co-operate with him as you have done with us!!

Good fishing everyone.

Ron and Stan.

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MAY FIELD DAY RESULTS: MARGARET RIVER:

R. Rowland	8.35	27
A. Turvik	6.35	23
T. Richardson	5.3	21
B. Waddams	4.85	20
P. Houghton	4.75	19
G. Reeley	4.35	19
A. Norman	3.85	18
C. Buccanan	3.75	17
T. Latto (J)	3.7	17
C. Waddams (J)	3.65	17
B. Rowland	3.6	17
P. Isbister	3.25	16
G. Medbury (V)	3.1	16
D. Shaw (V)	3.00	16
R. Flynn	2.65	15
J. Reeley	2.2	14
W. Core	1.9	14
B. Cusack	1.8	14
B. Marsh	1.45	13
P. Conroy	1.3	13
I. Buccanan (L)	1.15	12
D. Latto	1.00	12
K. Jones	.9	12
C. Norman (J)	.6	11
A. Carr	.5	11
G. Holman	.2	10
C. Freind (J)		

TOTAL MASS: 78.50

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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE & RECEIVED 10 PTS:

P. Neri  
 T. Corcoran  
 S. Corcoran (J)  
 D. Corcoran (J)  
 J. Lee  
 G. Lee (J)

Heaviest Bag Scale Fish:

R. Rowland, 8.35

Heaviest Scale Fish:

T. Latto, 1.4

Heaviest Junior Bag:

T. Latto, 3.7

Sweep:

C. Waddams, 3.65

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS:Heaviest Bag Scale Fish:

R. Rowland, 8.35, Herring

Heaviest Scale Fish:

T. Latto, 1.4, Buff Bream

Attendance:

Seniors 25

Juniors 6

Visitors 2

Total: 33

FIELD DAY SECTION 1979/80:Section 1: TOP TEN: SENIOR:

1. R. Rowland	27	6. G. Reeley	19
2. A. Turvik	23	7. A. Norman	18
3. T. Richardson	21	8. C. Buccanan	17
4. B. Waddams	20	9. B. Rowland	17
5. P. Houghton	19	10. P. Isbister	16

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JUNIOR PLACINGS:

1. T. Letto	17
2. C. Waddams	17
3. C. Norman	12
4. C. Freind	10

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- Section 2: Heaviest Scale Fish (1st 6 months)  
 Section 3: Most Meritorious Fish  
 Section 4: Heaviest Shark (Min. weight 5kg)  
 Section 5: Heaviest Mulloway (Min. weight 1kg)  
 Section 6: Heaviest Tailor (Min. weight 1kg)  
 Section 7: Heaviest Salmon (Min. weight 3kg)  
 Section 8: Heaviest Trevally (Skippy) (Min. weight 1kg)  
 C. BUCCANAN, 1.15  
 Section 9: Heaviest Spanish Mackerel  
 Section 10: Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish caught on a Field Day  
 Section 11: Heaviest Bag of Mulloway  
 Section 12: Heaviest Bag of Tailor  
 Section 13: Heaviest Scale Fish caught on a S.H. Rod (Max 4kg on 9lb B/S line)  
 Section 14: Heaviest Scale Fish other than above

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OPEN DIVISION: 1979/80:

- Section 1: Most Meritorious Fish  
 Section 2: Heaviest Shark (Min. weight 5kg)  
 Section 3: Heaviest Mulloway (Min. weight 3kg)  
 Section 4: Heaviest Salmon (Min. weight 3kg)  
 Section 5: Heaviest Jewfish  
 Section 6: Heaviest Tailor (Min. weight 1kg)  
 Section 7: Heaviest Samson  
 Section 8: Heaviest Scale Fish on S/H Rod (Max B/S line 4kg)  
 Section 9: Heaviest Snapper (Pink)  
 Section 10: Heaviest Tarwhine (Silver Bream)  
 Section 11: Heaviest Spanish Mackerel  
 Section 12: Heaviest Trevally (Southern) (Min. weight 1kg)  
 Section 13: Heaviest Trevally (Northern) (Min. weight 1kg)  
 Section 14: Heaviest Snook (Min. weight 1kg)  
 Section 15: Heaviest Fish other than above excluding Section One (Min. 2kg)

ON T.V.'S, FISHES, AND THINGS:

A few weeks ago our T.V. made some odd noises, went black in the face and started smoking!

We haven't replaced it yet, (Mainly due to the lack of the necessary). The first thing we've noticed since then is that the family all talk to each other during the evening meal- I'm getting to know my kids again.

The other thing that has happened is that we have all started reading books again and I've found time to write this for Reel Talk.

After reading all the likely books around, the other night- in desperation, I picked up Grants 'Guide to Fishes' and Hutchins 'Fishes of Rottneest'. I have never taken the time to really look through them before- just a quick flip through and then put them aside for future reference. So I've been 'boning up' (pardon the pun) on the technical terms for the anatomy of fishes- I've found out what 'Labrate' means and what 'Branchiostagals' are! (I knew you'd be impressed). I noted too that the experts cannot agree, Grant has the Grey Nurse as family ~~Carcharias~~ and Hutchins has family Odontaspidae- I wonder who's right!

The thing that surprised me was the large number of varieties of small sharks (up to 4ft) there are. I counted 13, NOT including the Hammerhead, Mako, Grey Nurse, ~~Brown & Black~~ Whalers, Threshers, Wobby's or Leopards and Gummy. I suppose some of the small sharks we catch and refer to as a 'small bronze' etc. might well be one or another of these small type of shark.

I was trying to identify some small fish caught down south over Easter off the beach, but found it very difficult. They were obviously a type of cod; the fins, shape, spine and ray count in the dorsal fins all matched the Wirrah but the colour was more like an Estuary Cod. You'd be surprised how many different cods there are and how they can vary in colour. Grant touches on this in his 'Notes for Students', he says, "The student should be beware of attempting to achieve an entirely precise comparison between any given specimen and its taxonomic description. Variations in body proportions and meristic characters may occur, and only experienced can indicate whether these variations are significant."

I guess you are pretty safe with the bulk of the fish we see but it seems the only sure way to identify something new, and to be absolutely sure is to take the specimen to the museum. (Mr. Neal Sarti). A photo might not be enough because some of the differences can be quite small and need to be searched out by close examination. I counted 32 Trevally's in Grants Fishes and noted the difference between our Skipjack Trevally and the White Trevally in 3 rays. (25 to 27 against 22 to 24) in the second dorsal fin. Before our T.V. packed up I didn't know what Pays were!

The other thing that grabbed me was the scientific names:-

How about:- *Arripis Georgianus*?

Herring ... or Tommy Rough as it is correctly called by Hutchins. (There is no Tommy Rough in Grants).

How about:- *Arripis Trutta*?

Australian Salmon ... that is related to the Canadian Salmon (That isn't really a herring anyway!)

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ON T.V.'S, FISHES AND THINGS CONT'D:

And:- Promottomus Saltatrix?  
Tailor ... no problems there except that they are called  
Bluefish in America.

Or:- Chromis Westaustralis?  
West Australian Puller ... and I'm not pulling your leg!

And the stone end:- ...!

Vinculum Sexfastiatum?  
Moonlighter ... somebody has got to be joking?!

It looks as though I'll just have to get our T.V. fixed!!

Your own (budding) Ichthyologist.

Ken Jones

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MEMBERS ...

DON'T FORGET DINNER DANCE THIS MONTH

SATURDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1979.