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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS

The monthly GENERAL MEETING is usually held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 8 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting to keep up with all the club matters.

DRYCASTING:

Drycasting competitions is usually conducted on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month. Instruction is given to all new members and a competition is conducted to improve and maintain the standard of our members casting.

FIELD DAYS:

These normally follow each general meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh - in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or for other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign - on. However, only under very exceptional circumstances, will failure to attend weigh-ins not be penalised with the loss of points acquired during that field day. It is the Field Day Officers duty to inform the Committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh - in. It is the Committees duty to decide what action is to be taken. Disputes may be taken to the Committee. Entries for Game Fish Badges, Club Records and Open Fishing Competition must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

GENERAL ETIQUETTE:

If any member intends to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Please assist the Treasurer by paying your annual subscription within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting. Arrears of three consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

LIFE MEMBERS:

V.DAVIS, J.STRONG, D.EDWARDS, B.KLEIN
L.DUNN, G.HOLMAN, E.PARKER

THE SURF CASTING AND ANGLING CLUB OF W.A. (INC.)

GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 9/7/97

The meeting was opened at 8-03 p.m. by President Alan Brayne with 21 members present.

Apologies were received from:- Eleanor Bennett, Mal. Head, Dave Maxted, Bob Henderson, Ian Mascarenhas, Trevor Stam, Peter Osborne, Derry Barber, Jimmy Strong, Don and Darren Batchelor.

2 Visitors:- Greg Pearson and his son Robert were made welcome to the club.

Minutes of the last general meeting were read and accepted.

Business arising from the last general meeting:- Nil.

Minutes of the last committee meeting were read and accepted.

Business arising from the last committee meeting:- Club rules pertaining to country members applying for open club records were discussed after Harry Brayne of Geraldton applied for a club record with a 25kg Mackerel. Current rules state that to claim a record, the member must attend 3 club functions during the current fishing year. George Holman pointed out that it could be very difficult for any country member to attend 3 club functions in any given year especially if the member happened to live in Derby, for example. After discussion amongst the members present it was moved Alan Brayne, 2nd George Holman that this rule be relaxed and amended. Carried.

Inward correspondence:- A.A.A. meeting minutes, plus notification from the A.A.A. about their A.G.M. being held on the 19-8-97 commencing at 8-00pm and their presentation night being held at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club on Sunday the 31-8-97 commencing at 4.30pm. Letter received from Vic. Davies regarding articles for the Reel Talk magazine. Letter received advising us that live firing will be in progress in the Lancelin area on Friday the 11-7-97. Another letter from the Rottneest Express with prices etc on their trips to Rotto.

Outward correspondence:- Letters sent to, The City of Stirling regarding the dry casting oval, The Minister of Fisheries, re the commercial license buy back, plus letters sent the Director of the State Museum and Ian Stables of the Western Angler, thanking them for their kind donations towards our trophy night held on the 28-6-97. Secretary to contact Vic. Davies regarding his enquiry.

Treasurer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.

Business arising from the Treasurer's report Nil.

Property officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.

Dry casting officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.. More dry casters needed !!!!

Field-day officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.. A discussion on changing the L.W.E. field-day at the end of September from Wagoe to the Denmark area, to co-inside with the A.A.A. State Beach and Rock Championships met with mixed feelings with only 11 of the 21 members present deciding to vote. 9 for the change, 2 against. As this does not represent 75% of the members present, the issue will have to be raised again at the A.G.M. This weekend has already been changed once, however, at the time, committee had know knowledge of this event. Committee feels that we should be attending more of the A.A.A. events than we have been in the past, so give it some thought and cast your vote at the A.G.M. on the 13th of August. Your attendance would be appreciated.

Reel Talk Report:- Nil. Editor absent.

A.A.A. Report:- George Holman reported to the meeting that an article in the latest issue of the Western Angler is worth reading as it tells us just what has happened to some of the fish stocks along the coast in recent years. In particular, Salmon and Herring. George further stated that the Fisheries Dept. has about \$8 million dollars in the kitty to buy back fishing licenses and if it is not used shortly, you can bet that the funds will be used else where. It was further suggested that all members write a letter to the Minister of Fisheries congratulating them on the recent purchase of a fishing license in Bremer Bay area and that we are concerned at the report written in Western Angler. If you do not buy the Western Angler, borrow one and have a read.

It is in our own best interest if we all write a letter advising them of our concerns about the depleting fish stocks and our delight in the Dept. buying back the license at Bremer Bay. Encourage them to buy a few more.

Notice of Motion:- Nil.

Recorder:- Nil. Recorder absent.

Social Report:- Phil. gave a brief report on the Trophy night and suggested that a change of venue for next year might be a good idea.

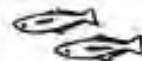
Instruction period / guest speaker :- Fly fishing was the topic, Daryl Halton is his name.


Daryl gave the members present an insight into the world of fly fishing as he knows it. Rods, reels, flies and related tackle were described and how to use them. If you missed this meeting and would like to know something in regard to fly fishing, have a talk to Daryl, I am sure he would be only too happy to help you out.

A most informative instruction period. Well presented Daryl.

General business:- Morris Kolman and Daniel Stoeckel were presented with trophies which were not collected at the Trophy night.

The meeting closed at 10-12 pm.



VENUE:  **OPEN**
ATTENDANCE: **VENUE:** **SENIORS: 17** **JUNIORS: 2**
LOCAL: **SENIORS: 0** **JUNIORS: 0**
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 19 **TOTAL FISH WEIGHT: 7.55 Kg**

<u>SENIORS:</u>			<u>SENIORS:</u>		
<u>NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
George Holman	118	4.80Kg	Andy Thorgerson	50	0.00Kg
Ian Cook	80	2.00Kg	Derry Barber	40	0.00Kg
David Anticich	65	0.475Kg	Tom Anticich	40	0.00Kg
Allan Brayne	50	0.00Kg	Rob Gilford (V)	40	0.00Kg
Darryl Holtan	50	0.00Kg	Bernard Price	40	0.00Kg
Greg Pearson (V)	50	0.00Kg	Julie Rogers (V)	40	0.00Kg
Robert Pearson (V)	50	0.00Kg	Harry Brayne	40	0.00Kg
Peter Stoeckel	50	0.00Kg	Hans Wytenburg	0	0.00Kg
Murray Shaw	50	0.00Kg			

<u>JUNIORS & MINI JUNIORS</u>		
<u>NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
Daniel Stoeckel	40	0.00Kg
Andrew Stoeckel	40	0.00Kg

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	Ian Cook	1.40 Kg	Tailor
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	George Holman	4.80 Kg	Mixed
MYSTERY PRIZE	Nil		
JUNIORS PRIZE	Nil		

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	Ian Cook	1.40 Kg	Tailor
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	George Holman	4.80 Kg	Mixed

SENIOR TOP TEN

Darren Batchelor	476
Ian Cook	345
Derry Barber	282
George Holman	251
Mark Farney	248
Bob Henderson	177
Eric Parker	177
Hans Wytenburg	176
Peter Booth	157
Ian Taggart	152

JUNIOR TOP FIVE

Grant Taggart	56
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M/JUNIOR TOP FIVE

Daniel Stoeckel	40
Andrew Stoeckel	40

**FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1997 - 1998**

1. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)	Mark Farney	Yellowtail King	9.90Kg
2. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)			
3. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH			
4. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)			
5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1.0 Kg MIN)			
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)	Peter Booth		1.40Kg
7. HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)	Darren Batchelor		3.85Kg
8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)	Darren Batchelor		0.72Kg
9. HEAVIEST MACKERAL			
10. HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	Mark Farney		15.80Kg
11. HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY			
12. HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	Hans Whytenburg		7.60Kg
13. HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s line max)	David Anticich	Flathead	0.475Kg
14. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 3-9, 13 (2 Kg min)	Mark Farney	Yellowtail King	9.90Kg

SUBS ARE NOW DUE

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AUGUST - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING


WHERE: M.Y.A.S.G. Club Room at Ingelwood Aquatic Centre Alexander Drive
WHEN: Wednesday 13th August 1997 at 2000 hrs
INSTRUCTION: AGM



AUGUST DRYCASTING

WHERE: Yokine Reserve corner of Alexander Drive and Wordsworth Avenue
WHEN: Sunday 3rd August 1997
EVENTS: 112gm Artificial bait D/H Accuracy & S/H Accuracy, 112gm Open

AUGUST FIELD DAY


WHERE: Rottneest 
WHEN: 16th - 17th August 1997
SIGN ON: (E T D From North Port is 0930 hrs 16th August...Please be there 30 minutes prior to
WEIGH IN: Departure to load gear into crates.....One vacancy still available.... Please contact the Field Day Officer.....)

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR AUGUST

WHEN: 16th - 17th August 1997
SIGN ON: Phone in sign on to F.D.O. by 2000hrs Friday Night
LINES DOWN: Saturday 1300hrs
WEIGH IN: Sunday 1000hrs G.Holmans House. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by a adult. FD Money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name.
NO MONEY NO POINTS. Results to be phoned into F.D Officer by 2000hrs that night.

BOUNDARIES North Mole to Ocean Reef.

SEPTEMBER FIELD DAY

WHERE: JURIE AREA 
WHEN: 13th - 14th September 1997
SIGN ON: Saturday 1200Hrs
WEIGH IN: Sunday 1000Hrs
BOUNDARIES South Point Jurien to TBA



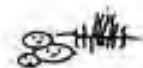
LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR SEPTEMBER

WHEN: 13th - 14th September 1997
SIGN ON: Phone in sign on to F.D.O. by 2000hrs Friday Night
LINES DOWN: Saturday 1300hrs
WEIGH IN: Sunday 1000hrs G.Holmans House. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by a adult. FD Money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name.
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REMAINING FIELD DAYS FOR 1997/98

October	TBA	27 th to 29 th SEP
November	Cervantes	16 th to 17 th NOV
December	Local	13 th to 14 th DEC
January	White Hills	10 th to 11 th JAN
February	Moore River	14 th to 15 th FEB
March	Bluff Creek	28 th to 2 nd MAR
April	Margaret River	11 th to 12 th APR



Kalbarri House Vacancies.....

August 1997	-	1 st to 14 th , 22 nd to 31 st
October 1997	-	5 th to 17 th
November 1997	-	15 th to 30 th
December 1997	-	13 th to 31 st



SOCIAL REPORT

Hi all,.. I have just returned from a little trip up to False Entrance, (please see report this Reel Talk)

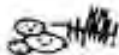
Firstly, at the time of this writing, a few of our members are in Queensland, competing in the National Drycasting events.. Lets all wish them well, and hope that they do the Surfcasters proud....We know they will.

Also, congratulations to all that collected trophy's and prizes at the Dinner/Dance.

Ok, the Boating and Fishing Show, is on this month (August) and as most of you already know, we have got a little space to advertise ourselves, and to hopefully make a couple of dollars on a raffle that we are conducting. The main purpose of our participation is to run a membership drive, we need to bolster our numbers a little to ensure our club keeps growing. We need members to commit themselves for a couple of hours each day, from Thursday, the 21st to, Monday the 25th of August.. A few members have already given me their names but, We still need a few more, to take the load off the others,. Please contact me on, 94476669, if you can give your club some time over the above period. Many thanks to George Holman, for donating his time in making us a superb beach rod, (which he brought along to the last meeting) as the first prize in the raffle, We have attached a lever drag Alvey surf reel to this rod and, also supplied a spool of Ande tournament line. Value of this prize is around \$450.00... 2nd prize is a "Trophy" brand tackle box with an assortment of lures, and tackle. Value of this is about \$250.00. We have only had 3,000 tickets printed so the odds of winning this, are very good. Well worth buying a book, at \$10.00. Anyone that attended the June meeting, will agree with me I'm sure, that George, has done a splendid job on the rod, and that whoever wins this prize, will have added a class piece of equipment to their tackle. I have the tickets available now so give me a call, if your interested.

The next Club meeting, is the A.G.M. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting, and to bring a plate, (with something on it preferably) Your vote is very important in deciding who is going to be on the club committee for the next year. You might even consider becoming a committee member yourself. Throw your name in the ring... and make a difference. I personally feel that the committee needs new ideas, and our club needs to adopt a fresher approach to the way we are conducting ourselves. This will not happen if the same people are running it year after year. Give it some thought. This will be my last year as Social Organiser.. And I will take this opportunity now to say **Thank You** to all that have helped me over the last 2 years.. I think We have all done a good job as far as functions go... the car rally was a good function... The mystery bus tour, held its own. The 2 Mouse nights were a great success, The night social drycasting events were well supported. We now possess our own bar.b.que to have sizzles and barbies whenever the weather permits. I guess what I am saying is that, I hope we all had a good time, and we even made a few dollars along the way....to all that supported these events and bought raffle tickets and generally helped out ... a big **Thank you** from myself, and a bigger **THANKS** from the Surfcasting and angling club. Tight Lines

Phil Brayne





DRY CASTING

Welcome to another month of Casting. I would like to congratulate all of the winners on our presentation night - which was another great social event. For those who did not attend, you missed out on a good night. Thanks to Phil and all the crew for your efforts.

Back to dry casting: Well it was wet, extremely wet. When I arrived (Mind you I was late as I had just moved house) there was only one caster, and that was Gary at this stage, I thought it was going to be a wash out, but as time rolled on and the rain poured down the members arrived, to partake in our events. All in all we had eight members.

The winner of the day was R. Killick with a score of 209. At this stage G. Holman may have broken a state and/or National record for the 56 gram distance with a cast of 154.6 meters, which is a mighty cast. The prevailing wind may have been some assistance in this cast. Well done to all casters, and we see you next month.

Hans Whytenburg

PLEASE NOTE:



The October field day venue will be voted on at the AGM. The venues will either be the gazetted venue of Reef Beach or The Reef & Beach Classic at Denmark.



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting is once again upon us. Please attend to have a say in your club. Nominations will be made on the night, voting and conditions the same as last year.



DRYCASTING

6th July 1997

	112 gra:		Total	56 gram		Tots	D/H	Acc.	S/H	Acc	Day Totals
H. Wytenberg	0	147	15	135	141	28	74	7			124
G. Gildersleeve	141	132	27	121	0	12	105	27			171
E. Parker	123	126	25	0	108	11	122	27			185
G. Holman	154	152	31	0	155	15	131	23			200
P. Stoeckel	0	0	0	0	67	7	21	13			41
A. Thorgeson	0	89	9	66	60	13	67	8			97
R. Killick	98	99	20	90	96	19	141	29			209
Mini Juniors	26	15	3	25	23	5	0	8			16

112 Gram Winner G. Holman
56 Gram Winner H. Wytenberg

D/H Accuracy Winner
S/H Accuracy Winner

R. Killick
R. Killick

WINNER OF THE DAY Roy Killick

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Shark finning may well be the cruelest trade of the decade. At \$500 a kilo these are the gourmet cuts that have outlaws and government agents running the gamut right across North Australia.



Thousands of tons of sharks fin, poached from Australian waters are supplying a world wide market. Giant sharks fin - particularly those targeted by the high tech Japanese and Taiwanese vessels - are often tortuously hacked from living sharks.

Three hours is the official estimated survival time for a bleeding shark which has been attacked with a 'stunner' (a blow to the head), had its fins severed and been dumped to sink without its 'rudder' which of course means death by drowning. The proof of this is seen in these photos and a QuickTime video on these pages of a live finning of a shark - Asian fishermen caught on the Internet.

With the fins of an adult shark worth up to \$1,000 wholesale, few bother to process the carcass or intestines.

As hundreds of vessels pilfer Australian waters each day for large clams, trochus, trepand and 'big white' sharks (the pelagic or bottom species), it's clear that the survival of ocean species is not an issue while there is money to be made.

In biological terms, attrition rates of tropical sharks and associated by-catch are exceeding the species ability to reproduce, leaving fewer sexually mature sharks, rays, celaceans and reptiles **with each year that passes.** In terms of marine ecology, the hammerhead shark may pup 20 offspring. But the hammerhead - a favourite target of shark poachers - is late to mature. The hammerhead may not reproduce until the age of 12 or 13 years.



In today's heavy fishing conditions an adult hammerhead is likely to become a bowl of soup before it can reproduce.

This scenario is not confined to tropical waters or pelagic reef sharks. Even in southern Australia, CSIRO Hobart says Japanese longliners finned 34,000 black tipped sharks last year in just two months of fishing inside Australia's 200 nautical mile zone. The difference in the south is that the Japanese are licensed. And although they are not permitted to engage in the fin trade, they have continued to do so regardless.

Few target species in the world have survived the onslaught of the big oriental gourmet trade on land or sea.

Mick Munn from AFMA in the Northern Territory says the impact of the shark fin trade on Australian fishing grounds is huge - and getting worse. "On the Indonesian side of the Arafura Sea the Taiwanese are out there pair-trawling - that is a pair of vessels 500 metres apart, trawling non-stop.

Then they're long lining - five thousand hooks on 28 mile of long line just off the sea bed. And they're gill netting. Take a six inch mesh, 13-18 nautical miles with a 20 foot drop and not much gets through that?

"To my mind" Munn continues "gill netting and pair trawling ought to be banned outright. Illegal. Full stop. Pair trawling makes a mess of the bottom that might take 50 to 100 years to repair. Gill netting kills turtles, dolphins, dugongs - the works.

In the port of Darwin, many in Fisheries Management see that getting sentimental over sharks is no way to earn a dollar. Darryl Gray, Northern Territory Government, believes the fin trade is an industry which the NT should manage - and market to its advantage.

Mr Gray who is head of fisheries confirmed that north Australian shark boats in the north have a strict 100 ton per annum per vessel limit. But whether a shark is dead or not when its finned, is not an issue.

Brutality, he said, was an accepted part of the trade - for most.

Sharks Out -Jawed : (Cont....)



Where dealers are concerned, there is no reason to stop.

Sakib Awam, who expanded his fin dealership from Singapore into Darwin, opening in 1994, is one who believes Australia will soon rule the sharks fin market. "I believe Darwin is the global hot spot for premier sharks fin " Sakib says. "We are pleased to open a processing factory here, so that we no longer have to send our raw product to a Shanghai factory before it comes on the market back here; Australia has 300 Chinese restaurants and they're all serving sharks fin soup!"

But the economic and environmental pressures are closing in to crisis point. With hundreds of Indonesian boats arriving on the shallow continental shelf to catch 'bottom' sharks, and Australians keyed up to join in the huge profit taking of finning, marine biologists say there is no telling how long tropical waters will continue to prosper.

The noted shark researcher and author John Stevens says northern waters are uncharted when it comes to shark populations. "The southern Shark Fishery was hammered to hell" says Stevens "and of course the northern waters are presumed full of shark. but at this we ought to be taking serious stock of this link in our marine environment."

The destruction and plunder has raised concerns at high levels. In February of 1995, a nine member delegation travelled through Indonesia, its members made up of Indonesian Government Fisheries officials, Australian Embassy officials and one Australian Fisheries agent, Mr Col Mellon. They were attempting to educate fishermen of the region on new values and standards for species survival. Just whether the talks will stop rapacious voyaging into Australian waters can only be measured in time.



"We found that the Indonesian fishermen were quite ill informed about where the 'borders' ran, and were confused about line" reports Mellon. "Generally Indonesian fishermen we met believed that the grass was greener on the other side and Australia had a lot more fish than Indonesia and that our fishing grounds were just more plentiful than theirs."

In fact we have similar species but different depths of water to fish them from,



"We made statements" concludes Mellon. "We mentioned all species - sedentary, swimming, turtles, bi-valves, sharks, cetaceans. And in reply to their questions we made it clear that we all have a moral and professional obligation to preserve these species for future use."

Article Written By Edwina Fiershannon
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World News

Angler's Skill Plays Role in Mortality Rate Of Striped Bass Hooked & Released in Salt Water

During the 1970's and early 80's sharp declines in landing of striped bass along the eastern coast of the United States began. The main reason was poor production of the Chesapeake Bay stock which was in turn due primarily to overfishing by increasing numbers of fishermen, both sport and commercial.

In response to the decline in landings, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and coastal states from Maine to Florida began to implement regulations to reduce fishing mortality. Typically, the regulations included increases in minimum size requirements and reduction in bag limit to one fish per angler per day or in some cases complete closure of the fishery.

The new regulations were successful in increasing numbers of small (sub-legal) size fish, but also increased catch and release fishing. This in turn raised questions about the survivability of released fish.

A recent study conducted by Paul J. Diodati and R. Anne Richards was designed to estimate hooking mortality of sub-legal size striped bass in a marine environment and to examine factors influencing hooking mortality. In a report in the Transactions of the American Fisheries Society, the predicted mortality ranged from 3% under the most favorable conditions to 26% for the worst set of conditions. The observed mortality for the entire experiment was 9% which is much lower than reported striped bass hooking mortality studies conducted in freshwater.

Several factors were found to be significantly related to hooking mortality. The depth of hook penetration in the oral cavity, anatomical site of hooking, gear type (treble or single hooks) and angler experience were significantly related to mortality in striped bass. Fish caught by experienced anglers had a far lower probability of dying than those caught by inexperienced anglers.

The highest mortality was associated with single hooks, hooks lodged deep in the mouth and inexperienced anglers. Of special interest, hook size, handling technique and time from hook-up to release were not significantly related to mortality.

At the end of the experiment, the general condition of the fish that survived being hooked and released declined significantly compared with control fish. These results suggest that hooking stress may contribute indirectly to mortality making a fish more susceptible to disease, parasites or predation.

Experiments like this can be used to identify critical factors influencing

hooking mortality. However, before a model can be developed to predict hooking mortality in fish populations, other factors such as fish size, temperature, salinity and other environmental variables must be included.

A comprehensive model could be a useful tool in developing appropriate management strategies for coastal populations of important recreational gamefish like striped bass.—GLENDA KELLEY.



White Sharks Given Measure of Protection!!

On two sides of the globe, the beleaguered White Shark is finally gaining some protection.

Australia has just recently granted protection for the White Shark after eight years of intense lobbying by conservation organisations.

The sale of White Sharks is prohibited and sportfishing will be largely a Catch and Release fishery.

Burleying (Chumming) for whites, for viewing from cages will still be allowed.

Unfortunately, the largest threat to the little understood

White Shark is probably the by-catch on long-lines and

also in nets. The New regulations may not prevent this by-catch.





LEAN PICKINGS



Hi everyone, ...I have just returned from a short stint up at False Entrance, went up with Ian Mascarenhas ... first two days were glorious, weather wise, and the action off the rocks was second to none We were both hooking into Spaniards and yellow tail kings, .. but the odds, and luck, were against us....if " they" didn't bite us off, the Sharks would grab a free feed... We lost them at the gaff....or the swell was too great for us to use the cliff gaff.

I had a major blow out on an Alvey which cost me a superb Mackerel.....It looked big in the water... and that was from about 20 feet up....Ian scored full points from me, for his efforts in trying to land, what can only be described as a bloody big shark.... His Alvey stripped the spindle, (although I think, this really did him a favour). He was battling this baby for over an hour, and, now that we are back home Ian, I think I can safely say that we had Buckley's of bringing it to the gaff. The swells started building up to dangerous proportions, and after sitting around for most of the day, not being able to even wet a line, I decided to head for home... For anyone that has been to False Entrance, you will know how big the waves had to be, to be coming over the top of the point, ..It was awesome to watch and you were putting your life on the line trying to fish in those conditions. On my last night there I did a little bottom fishing, and I managed a few of those famous False Entrance Tailor off the point at dusk, and threw back a 2 kilo Spangled Emperor, (decided to catch him next year when he was a little bigger). I, caught this ugly sucker, that I thought was a flathead at first but, upon dropping it at my feet, realised it wasent at flathead at all. In fact I didn't know what it was. There were a few other guys, from another fishing party, along side me, and they didn't know what it was. So waiting for our trusty Recorder, Ian, to come and join me, I asked him what it was.. Same story. He didn't know either. So, ...carting the carcass back to our campsite. We got out the trusty identification books ..it turned out to be a Large Scaled Grinner ... never heard of it. Anyway, under instruction from Ian. It was weighed, its length and girth taken, a couple of happy snaps, and the form filled out. All this taken care of, I whacked a couple of 7.0 hooks through its limp body and attached a 75 centimetre balloon, filled with helium, to it, and sent it back to where it had come from. The identification book, had informed me that the Grinner, was a favourite bait for Spanish Mackerel, and Cobia. The book was correct. It wasent out there for very long, when something took a fancy to it, I was running 100 pound wire trace, and whatever it was that grabbed it, the wire certainly wasent any deterrent. It may as well have been 6 pound leader. The balloon was dragged to the waters surface at a great rate of knots... its attachment line was busted and the balloon was off on its maiden voyage... Great! I thought. I'm on, but as quickly as I thought I was on. I was off... I dragged it back in, and everything was gone, except for about 6 inches of 100 pound wire.. bitten through. This was pretty much the story of the whole trip. Plenty of action... no results.. not when it mattered anyway. Oh well, theres always the next time, and the next time wont be that far away.

Phil Brayne



Sashimi (Raw Seafood).



The important thing to remember about sashimi is that the fish should be saltwater fish, not freshwater fish. (Freshwater fish may contain parasites that are killed by cooking. Saltwater fish do not contain these parasites.) I would not eat raw freshwater fish, but would not hesitate to eat raw saltwater fish. Several years ago, a friend of mine who worked for the FDA investigated a series of food poisoning cases in the L.A. area. The common denominator was that each person had eaten in a sushi bar, and he further learned that each had eaten salmon. He was able to trace the salmon to a specific lake in Alaska, where the salmon carried a parasite. The parasite, which would have been destroyed by cooking, caused the illness. So, I am a little leery of salmon.

I have prepared sashimi for friends, selecting tuna, halibut and red snapper from a fresh fish market. Other popular fish for sashimi is yellowtail, mackerel (too fishy for me), albacore and the infamous fugu. Personally, I haven't had the fugu, which is the one you hear about that must be prepared exactly right or it is fatal. The tuna and yellowtail are quite rich, but not at all fishy tasting. The lighter fishes, such as halibut and red snapper, are almost bland. Only the mackerel is fishy tasting, and that only slightly. Just get the freshest fish available, from a fish market on the wharf, not from a supermarket.

Fish for sashimi is usually sliced into pieces about 1 inch wide by 1-1/2 inches long by 1/4 inch thick. A serving is four slices in a sushi bar, but at home you can indulge.

- *maguro*, tuna
- *toro*, fatty tuna belly
- *shiro maguro*, albacore
- *hamachi*, yellowtail
- *katsuo*, bonito
- *kohada*, Japanese shad
- *saba*, mackerel
- *sake*, salmon
- *tai*, porgy, red snapper
- *hirame*, halibut
- *kobashira*, small scallops
- *kaibashira*, large scallops
- *kani*, crab
- *ebi*, cooked prawn
- *ama ebi*, raw prawn
- *ikura*, salmon roe
- *uni*, sea urchin roe
- *tobiko*, flying-fish roe
- *masago*, capelin roe
- *tamago*, hen's egg omelet
- *suzuki*, sea bass
- *unagi*, freshwater eel
- *anago*, sea eel
- *tako*, octopus
- *ika*, squid
- *awabi*, abalone
- *mirugai*, geoduck clam
- *torigai*, Japanese cockle
- *aoyagi*, Japanese red clam
- *akagai*, peptonia clam



Birthday Notices and Congrats *from all the Surfcasters.*



July 6th... Tom Anticich. August 2nd... Lisa Anticich.
Aug. 8th & 22nd .. Bob Henderson and Darryn Batchelor



<i>I.G.F.A. New World Records Update as of July</i>					<i>Australian.</i>
Species	Line Class	Weight	Place	Date	Angler
Kahawai	3kg (6lb)	3.06 kg	Tauranga	Jan 25 1997	Debbie McNamara
Aust. Salmon		6lb 110z	N.Z		
Queenfish	3kg	7.8kg	Pt Headland	Dec 1 1996	Gavin Jones
		17lb 3oz	W.A.		
Queenfish	10kg	13.6kg	Edalgout Is.	Oct 20 1996	Alan Richardson
		30lb	Australia		
Trevally	1kg	2.2kg	Exmouth	Nov 3 1997	Jan Prince
Big-Eye		4lb 13oz	W.A.		

Reel Talk. (Archive).



Why is This So ?

1. **Why is it** when I have decided to travel 600 kms to catch fish , that when I arrive the wind howls at 30 knots just 10 seconds after I have baited my first hook..
2. **Why is it** that if I go 40kms to catch fish , that when I arrive , there is a thick brown weed , stretching for a further 560 kms , right to where I would have fished if I had gone 600 kms.
3. **Why is it** that if there are fish where I am fishing, that if I had 20 pkts of fresh mulies, they won't look at anything except mullet strips.
4. **Why is it** ... that if I rig a heavy rod and reel with 80kg steel trace, and half a kangaroo for bait , that it stays out there for a week and nothing touches it, whereas if I use my flickrod with a little lure for catching herring a 6 metre bronze whaler shark takes my very first cast.
5. **Why is it**..... that the water trickles over the reef for a week, no higher than 20 mm, but the moment I walk to the edge to cast , a **king wave** comes out from nowhere.
6. **Why is it** I can walk into barbed wire a dozen times and nothing happens , but as soon as I put my waders on and walk into the water, a cigarette paper floats by and tears them from top to bottom.
7. **Why is it** that I can throw out spare bait on the beach and it stays there for a week, but the moment I'm down to my last packet , the bl....dy tailor come on , and I turn around to see a flamin' seagull flying out to sea, with the plastic bag and contents.

Well fellow comrades, if you can answer all these questions, it may not really do you much good but it may help me after 25 years of angling to at least catch my very first fish .

Signed



Desperate

4wd Access , Ethics and Ecology.



Back in the good ol' days you were allowed to drive onto any beach, anywhere, and if you got stuck or tore up half the beach getting out of "the bog " that was your own affair. Those days are long gone as is the case of Pippidinnny and some areas around Exmouth. Government bodies such as CALM are looking in the direction at all users of the beach and also more importantly, the environment and ecological management of the beaches.

Part of the management has meant restricting access of vehicles onto beach front country. Native species of grasses such as spinifex and fescue provide a fragile, yet effective barrier to sand movement. But their tenuous hold on shifting sand are easily broken by indiscriminate drivers who are tempted to drive over the "easier " grassed areas. Significantly, sand dune destabilisation has a far more reaching effect on the front dunes themselves. A huge loss of stability in sand between the waterline and the beach itself.

Storms and natural seepage can dramatically reduce the width and increase the steepness of the long strand areas of the beach, making it subject to severe seaward erosion. The result being, it gives you less beach to drive on and that steep profile means a less fishable surfline to fish from.

What we need to grasp is quite simple. Protect and take care of the vegetation and avoid driving on grassed areas or we will all suffer the consequences.

In other parts of the globe and also in the east a permit is enforced, as it is necessary to know who is using the beach, so that the interests of responsible beach users can be protected against the abuse of other inconsiderate drivers.

We still have the opportunity to drive on most of our beaches without a permit for some time to come, providing we stay on marked tracks and only drive on unvegetated areas with the correct tyre pressures....



CANS! CANS! CANS!

Please help raise some money for the clubs social fund. Keep all those aluminium cans and bring them along to Mal Head at the general meeting.

THE BEAUFORT SCALE

MEAN WINDS		WAVE HEIGHTS			OPEN SEA
Beaufort force	kmh	Knots	Metres	Feet	INTERNATIONAL CODE
1	1- 5	1- 3	0.0- 0.1	0.0 - 0.25	CALM (GLASSY)
2	6-11	4- 6	0.1- 0.3	0.25- 1.0	CALM (RIPPLED)
3	12-19	7-10	0.3- 1.0	1.0 - 3.0	SMOOTH (WAVELETS)
4	20-28	11-16	1.0- 1.5	3.0 - 5.0	SLIGHT
5	29-38	17-21	1.5- 2.5	5.0 - 8.5	MODERATE
6	39-49	22-27	2.5- 4.0	8.5 -13.0	ROUGH
7	50-61	28-33	4.0- 5.5	13.0 -19.0	VERY ROUGH
8	62-74	34-40	5.5- 7.5	19.0 -25.0	HIGH
9	75-88	41-47	7.5-10.0	25.0 -32.0	VERY HIGH

1 knot = 1.85 kmh = 1.15 mph

THE TALE OF THE YELLOWTAIL.



The last field day was my 5th fishing trip to Rottneest. Three previous trips with a couple of mates and one with the club last August.

Rottneest is one of those places where you just don't know what you might catch. In April and May you might well expect to catch a Salmon or two, although they have been surprisingly scarce over the last couple of years. Tailor on the other hand are reasonably plentiful these days after being absent for some time. But I think the thing that draws me back to West End, and Radar Reef in particular is the chance of tangling with a Yellowtail Kingfish. Anyone who reads the national fishing magazines published in this country, will be aware that Yellowtail Kingfish are a reasonably common species caught by landbased anglers in the east, but here in the West they are certainly far from common. The only other place I know of where they are encountered on a regular basis is Steep Point. Yellowtail Kingfish are certainly a worthy adversary for any keen fisho. Their crash diving when hooked habit generally sees most encounters with a Yellowtail end rather abruptly with lost tackle and chafed line.

I think I had an encounter with a Yellowtail on the last club field day. I say think, because it was all over as quickly as it happened. I had a hit about halfway across the Radar Channel. The fish then tore off about 50m of line in a run to the right and then it was gone. I was beginning to wonder if I would ever catch a Yellowtail at Rotto. As it turned out I needn't have worried because the May field day would see a big change of fortune, though not without some drama. In my haste to get off the bus and down to the reef, I forgot to unload my esky, containing the bait, off the trailer. Luckily though, the bus had made a stop out at West End. So after a quick jog down the road to retrieve the offending esky I was able to start rigging up my gear. By the time I got down to Radar, Derry Barber was already casting away, so I took up a position about 30ft to his left. On my second cast I had a fish on. I reeled in a Tailor of about a kilo but dropped it before I could get it in the bag. I kept casting away and about half a dozen casts later, just as the bait was about to be lifted out of the water, I saw the flash of a four foot fish. A Yellowtail. It hit my bait but I thought it had missed the hooks. A couple of seconds later and it was off, blasting out about 50m straight out. I hung out there for some time without really going anywhere, so I pumped it back in almost to the edge before it took off again. This time going to the left, dragging my line under a nasty looking limestone projection. With the rod tip stuck under water and with a bit of side pressure the fish was worked back again. Hans was standing by, ready with the gaff and by now thought he might be able to get a shot in, but the Yellowtail stayed just out of reach before diving straight down. We stood on the edge watching it roll on the bottom and knew it was just about beaten. A bit more pump and wind and it was back on the surface ready for the gaff. Hans made no mistake with the shot and lifted the fish from the water. I could hardly believe my luck, a Yellowtail Kingfish at long last. I carried it back to the rocks and stood there for sometime admiring its streamline form. It was a beauty. At the weigh-in the next day it weighed 9.9kgs gilled and gutted and measured 1220mm.

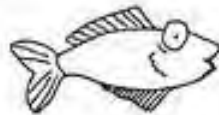
BY the time you read this story the August Rottneest trip will be just about upon us. So dont delay book a spot today.


MARK FARNAY.



S.C.A.C. Recorders Report

For July/Aug 1997

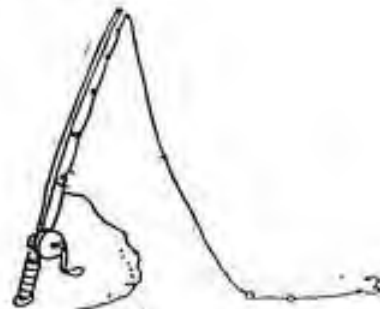


Greetings

There has been a fair bit of action this last month, we have had Rom going to the Mackerel Islands, Phil, Murray, Morris and yours truly doing a trip to False Entrance. You would be expecting a lot of fishing being done a a heap of entries for the Open Competition. Moore about our trip to False in the next Issue, as I have been requested to put in a Report for this issue of the Reel Talk !!!!! there was a time if it were late it did not go to print. Well here's the listing entries have been received from Rom Niciejewski for a Tarwhine Sect 10, N Thredfin Salmon Club Record, N.W Snapper Sec. 15, Giant Trevally Sec's 8 & 13, Phil Brayne Large Scaled Grinner Club Record, Murray Shaw Pink Snapper Sec 9, Sweetlip Emperor Club Record and Sec 15, and Ian Mascarenhas Gold Spotted Sweetlip Club Record, all pending verification. As you cansee that if you are interested there are all possibilities. As a matter of interest I caught a Tarwhine that was well worth an entry in the open, but I used it as strip bait.

OPEN COMPETITION ENTIRES

1. Most Meritorious Fish
2. Heaviest Shark 4.5kg Min
3. Heaviest Mulloway 3.5kg Min
4. Heaviest Salmon 3kg Min
5. Heaviest Dhufish
6. Heaviest Tailor
7. Heaviest Samson
8. Heaviest Fish S/H Rod (4 kg L.class)
9. Heaviest Pink Snapper
10. Heaviest Tarwhine
11. Heaviest Mackerel
12. Heaviest Trevally (S)1kg Min
13. Heaviest Trevally (N)1kg Min
14. Heaviest Snook/Pike
15. Heaviest Scale Fish 2kg Min other than sections 2 thru 14.



Harry Brayne 25.00 kgs

Quabba.

Ian Mascarenhas

Ian "MACCA" Mascarenhas

