

GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 10/6/98

The meeting was opened at 8-12 p.m. by President George Holman with 30 members present.

Apologies were received from: Jim Strong, Hans Wytenburg, Julie Morgan, Ian Taggart and Murray Shaw.

3 Visitors, Ken Black, Harry Swarbrick and Martin Lockett attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last general meeting were read and accepted.

Inward correspondence:- Meeting minutes from the A.A.A. and the State Beach and Rock sub committee. Letters received from the Australian Fresh Water Fisherman's Assembly Incorporated which included two books of raffle tickets for us to sell, and one from the Jurien Bay Volunteer Sea Rescue Group (inc) asking for an item to auction at an auction to be held in January. All monies raised are to be used in the relocation of their new building. A donation to our trophy night was also received from the State Museum.

Treasurer's report:- Read out and accepted. Bills paid are, Kalbarri house cleaning - \$25.00, water - \$8.85 and power - \$139.25. Jiffy Print, \$163.80 for the publication of 90 issues of the June Reel Talk plus \$250.00 for the printing of 5000 raffle tickets for the Boat, Dive and Fishing Show to be held in August. Moved Trevor Stam, 2nd Darren Batchelor that all bills presented be passed for payment. Carried.

A.A.A. report: George Holman advised that the State Beach and Rock Championships scheduled for Wagoe over the long weekend in September may not go ahead as no organisers have come forward to run the competition.

Recorder:- Entries for the Scoobs Lures Competition for 97/98 close on the 31st May. Ian has received several entries from members who have recently been on trips to the northwest (to many to mention). Details will be in the Reel Talk.

Social Organiser:- Trophy night the 27th June. Tickets available at \$25.00 each. Refer to your Reel Talk.

Instruction period:- George Holman, with input from the members present discussed the various types of reels on the market, their drag systems and how they work including possible problems one might encounter when using these reels. The discussion, which was most informative, covered Alvey reels, spinning reels and overhead reels.

The meeting closed at 10:30 pm.

Helpers required to assist in the running of the Boat, Dive and Fishing Show. If you can spend an hour or two, to help out when the show is on, please contact Phil Brayne or Hans Wytenburg so a roster system can be arranged. Show will run from the 20th August to the 24th August.

Membership Applications

We welcome the following application for membership to our club. Should any member have any reason why membership should not be granted to any applicant, they should contact a committee person and state their reasons.

Harry Swarbrick, 26 Second Avenue, Claremont, WA, 6010

Presidents Notes.

There are times whilst I have been in this club (33 years) that I have seen what camaraderie and support within a club is all about. Such was a time at 2.30pm on Thursday afternoon the 18th of June, when a great group of Surfcasters, both present and past, gathered to support one of the clubs greatest and longest serving stalwarts in his moment of grief. Jim Strong, is the member concerned and the occasion was his dear wife of 53 years, Helen's funeral. Jim lived up to his surname. STRONG. To you Jim, goes our heartfelt sympathy on your loss from all the Surfcasters, both present and past. Our thoughts are with you Jim.

On the occasion above, I had the privilege of renewing acquaintance again with Phil Neri and Doug Edward. Who, 'as Doug said' are getting on in years. Both asked to be remembered to club members, and Doug also kindly donated a trophy toward our presentation night. The club is always in their thoughts, as is the freindships they have made.

Talking about the trophies, I would like to thank all trophy donors, both trade and members for their generosity, and the recipients will appreciate their support.

One of our members who isn't frightened to take on responsibility and look after our interests is, Hans Wytenburg. Not only is he our Dry Casting Officer, and a delegate to the Australian Anglers Association, of which he is junior vice president, he has taken on the job of representing us as our delegate on Recfish West, Short term, until a more permanent appointment can be made. My thanks go to you as a fisher, Hans, as a lot of people wouldna't know the importance of this move and the responsibility that goes with it.

As a reminder, Hans is also coordinating our effort at the forthcoming Boat Show, from the 20th to the 24th of August. We need the support, of all our members for this so, if you can give this some thought to when, and how long, you can make yourself available at the event, to man our Surfcasters stall, please let Hans know as soon as possible, so that a roster can be drawn up to share the load. We did a great job last year, lets try and make this year, even better. We have been asked to run a series of mini demonstrations, or talks, and these will be announced over the P.A.system. They need to be around 5 to 10-minute duration. We will also have the raffle prize on display, (TV & video) and of course, sell the remaining tickets at the show. In the meantime we ask that you all sell as many tickets as you can so that we can start the 98/99-year in a good financial position, and all our projects may be achieved.

Phil Brayne is also doing his bit toward compiling a club video, which will be shown at the boat show. He will be taking more footage at the next general meeting, and the next drycasting day (5th July). Please attend both venues in numbers and wearing your club colours. Phil will also be taking footage at the dinner/dance, we aim to show all aspects of the clubs activities in the video. We will then combine, and edit the footage as appropriate. If you want to be a part of this video then attend the meetings. We are looking at making this available for sale to all club members for their personal benefit. Be a part of your clubs history.

Bob Henderson and Don Batchelor, in their usual enterprising manner, are selling our raffle tickets at different shopping centers and therefor setting an example for us all.

As was obvious at our last General meeting, Darren Batchelors report on the recent Bremer Bay field day, showed the potential of this venue for the long weekend. Even though the attendance was not great, the camaraderie enjoyed by the group socially, and fishing, was a feature, and the accommodation at the chalets was also very comfortable. Darren mentioned a price of \$15.00 per head, per night, which is very reasonable. His comments on the abundance of great fishing locations were also noted. Darren has also volunteered to conduct our next instruction at the next General Meeting. This instruction period will take us through the different baits we use, along with your own input and tips on what baits work best for different species. Hooks will also play an important role in this instruction period. I feel this is a very good and informative topic to discuss, and one we can all participate in. We are also going to try and do a quick feature on one of the species we are targeting for the Surfcasters badge each month, and the first will be Whiting, (Got a feeling we might see Derry Barber there). Our last instruction period (on the 3 different types of reels) was a very active one and I appreciate the involvement of all members present. If anyone has any ideas or comments to make, or they would like discussed at a meeting, please let me know so that we can continue the interest shown, (What might seem like old hat to some of us, is new and fresh information to newer members), lets see more members attending club meetings and club events so that the clubs workers continue their good work.

Thanks.... George Holman.

SURF CASTERING & ANGLING CLUB OF WA (inc)

DRY CASTING RESULTS**June**

7/6/98

SENIORS	112 gram			ARTIFICIAL BAIT			D/H	S/H	Day
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Acc	Acc	Total
Robert Henderson	131	120	26	95	97	19	86	6	136
George Holman	-	154	15	118	126	<u>24</u>	120	20	179
Terry Willison	-	-	0	107	-	11	108	19	138
Hans Wytenburg	171	150	<u>32</u>	-	121	12	96	2	142
Eric Parker	126	123	25	106	101	21	69	12	127
A. Aubrey	104	106	21	96	94	19	57	0	97
Gary Guildersleeve	120	126	25	95	98	19	116	27	180
Peter Stoeckel	-	-	0	-	-	0	62	0	62
Darren Batchelor	-	-	0	-	117	0	101	20	133

VETERANS	112 gram			ARTIFICIAL BAIT			D/H	S/H	Day
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Acc	Acc	Total
T. Stam	56	88	11	-	74	7	69	17	104
J. Strong	77	94	17	77	80	16	94	10	137
R. Killick	96	-	10	81	84	17	100	23	150
M. Head	114	100	21	94	90	18	143	14	<u>196</u>
Don. Batchelor	-	-	0	-	-	0	<u>147</u>	<u>28</u>	175

JUNIORS	112 gram			ARTIFICIAL BAIT			D/H	S/H	Day
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Acc	Acc	Total

MINI JUNIORS	112 gram			ARTIFICIAL BAIT			D/H	S/H	Day
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Acc	Acc	Total
D. Stoeckel	35	21	6	37	39	8	<u>37</u>	11	<u>62</u>
A. Stoeckel	16	20	4	14	24	4	10	6	24
K. Wytenburg	70	66	<u>14</u>	63	59	<u>12</u>	18	<u>15</u>	59

112 Gram Winner:	Hans Wytenburg	Artificial Bait Winner:	George Holman
56 Gram Winner:		Double Handed Accuracy Winner:	Don Batchelor
Single Handed Accuracy Winner:	Don Batchelor	112 Gram Open Winner:	
S/H open distance Winner:			
Winner of the day:	Mal Head	Junior Winner:	
Mini Junior winner:	D. Stoeckel		

NEXT DRY CASTING**Sunday 5th July 1998****Events: 112 gram, 56 gram, D/H Accuracy, S/H Accuracy, 112 gram Open.**

SURF CASTING AND ANGLING CLUB OF WA (inc)

BREMAR BAY

JUNE VENUE

ATTENDANCE:		VENUE:	Seniors	8	Juniors	2
		LOCAL:	Seniors	6	Juniors	0
		TOTAL:		16		
SENIORS			# Fish	# Species	Weight	Points
Batchelor	Darren		30	7	12.80	248.00
Andy	Woodford		30	9	9.20	232.00
Damien	D'Mello		30	6	9.90	199.00
Dave	Freeman		30	6	9.20	191.50
Morris	Kolman		30	5	7.40	174.00
Bob	Henderson		11	4	5.60	145.50
Shaun	Hooper		21	4	5.50	144.50
Wytenburg	Hans		7	5	2.20	92.00
Holman	George		9	3	3.30	83.00
Cary	Paddick		5	2	2.20	62.00
Dave	Maxted		3	2	1.90	59.00
Ian	Taggart		6	2	1.80	57.50
Mark	Farney		0	0	0.00	20.00
LADIES			# Fish	# Species	Weight	Points
Lara	Woodford		0	0	0.00	50.00
MINI JUNIORS			# Fish	# Species	Weight	Points
Emily	Woodford		1	1	1.20	72.00
Molly	Woodford		0	0	0.00	50.00

FIELD DAY PRIZES**HEAVIEST SCALE FISH**

Damien D'Mello

Black Fish

1.50Kg

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH

Darren Batchelor

Mixed

12.80Kg

MYSTERY PRIZE

NIL

JUNIORS PRIZE

Emily Woodford

Bonito

1.20KG

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS**HEAVIEST SCALE FISH**

Damien D'Mello

Black Fish

1.50Kg

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH

Darren Batchelor

Mixed

12.80Kg

FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY

SPECIES	#	WEIGHT	SPECIES	#	WEIGHT
Skippy	107	33.15	Pilch	4	0.85
Herring	40	6.30	Leather Jacket	3	1.85
Tailor	11	5.45	Bonito	2	2.40
Black Fish	10	5.25	Flathead	1	1.15
Sweep	10	3.60	Mulloway	1	0.85
Salmon	8	6.75	Red Snapper	1	0.20
Tarwhine	6	1.90	Mackerel	1	0.15
Wrasse	5	2.15	Whiting	1	0.10
TOTALS	211	72.10	LAST YEAR	121	50.97
AVE/MEM	13.90	4.50	AVE/MEM	17.29	7.28

GRAND MASTERS FISH

Bob Henderson	Flathead	1.15KG	Damien D'Mello	Black Fish	1.50KG
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BREMAR BAY (cont)

JUNE VENUE

MOST SPECIES	Andy Woodford	9 species
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BEST BAGS OF SKIPPY			
Darren Batchelor	18 @ 7.50KG	Dave Freeman	20 @ 6.10KG
Damien D'Mello	20 @ 5.75KG		

OTHER MERITORIOUS CATCHES					
Andy Woodford	Bonito	1.20KG	Emily Woodford	Bonito	1.20KG

OTHER NOT SO MERITORIOUS CATCHES		
Darren Batchelor	Eagle Ray	50-60KG

SENIOR TOP TEN		LADIES TOP FIVE	
Darren Batchelor	469.0	Lara Woodford	50.00
Andy Woodford	393.0		
Morris Kolman	364.0		
Damien D'Mello	199.0		
Dave Freeman	191.5		
Mark Farney	189.0		
Ian Taggart	181.5		
Peter Booth	169.0		
Bob Henderson	145.5		
Shaun Hooper	144.5		
		JUNIOR TOP FIVE	
		MINI JUNIOR TOP FIVE	
		Emily Woodford	72.00
		Molly Woodford	50.00

FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1997 - 1998

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|-----|---|------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1. | Heaviest scale fish (1 st six months) | Mark Farney | Tailor | 1.60Kg |
| 2. | Heaviest scale fish (2 nd six months) | | | |
| 3. | Most meritorious fish | | | |
| 4. | Heaviest shark (4.5Kg min.) | | | |
| 5. | Heaviest Mulloway (1.0Kg min.) | | | |
| 6. | Heaviest Tailor (1.0Kg min.) | Mark Farney | Tailor | 1.60Kg |
| 7. | Heaviest Salmon (3.0Kg min.) | | | |
| 8. | Heaviest Trevally (0.5Kg min.) | Darren Batchelor | | 0.70Kg |
| 9. | Heaviest Mackerel | Andy Woodford | | 0.15Kg |
| 10. | Heaviest bag of scale fish | Darren Batchelor | Mixed | 12.80Kg |
| 11. | Heaviest bag of Mulloway | | | |
| 12. | Heaviest bag of Tailor | Mark Farney | | 7.20Kg |
| 13. | Heaviest fish on S.H. rod (4Kg b/s max.) | Darren Batchelor | Skip Jack | 0.60Kg |
| 14. | Heaviest scale fish other than Sections 3-9, 13 (2Kg min) | | | |

JULY 1998 GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: M.Y.A.S.G. Club Room at Ingelwood Aquatic Centre Alexander Drive
WHEN: Wednesday 8th JULY 1998 at 2000 hrs
INSTRUCTION: Basic principles of rigs, ie types, hook selection, baits, targeting fish species.

JULY FIELD DAY

WHERE: YANCHEP
WHEN : 11th - 12th July
SIGN ON: Phone in sign on to the FDO by 2000 hrs on the Friday
LINES DOWN: 1300 hrs Saturday
LINES UP: 1000 hrs Sunday
WEIGH IN: 1100 hrs Sunday at the FDO house.(see front page for address)
BOUNDARIES Dog beach sign 600 metres south of Yanchep lagoon to Two rocks

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR JULY

There will be no separate local field day in July.

JULY DRY CASTING

WHERE: Yokine Reserve corner of Alexander Drive and Wordsworth Avenue
WHEN: Sunday 5th JULY
EVENTS: 112gm distance, 56gm distance, D/H accuracy, S/H accuracy, Open 112gm distance

AUGUST FIELD DAY

WHERE: ROTTNEST ISLAND
WHEN : 15th - 16th August
SIGN ON: Caroline Thompson camping area
LINES DOWN: Saturday
LINES UP: Sunday
WEIGH IN: 1300 hrs Sunday at Caroline Thompson camping area immediately on return from West End
BOUNDARIES 360 degrees of the island

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR AUGUST

WHEN: 15th - 16th August
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 South Mole to Mindarie Keys *including the Swan River*

KALBARRI VACANCIES

JUNE 1998 13th to 30th
JULY 1998 15th to 31st
Other bookings available

Reminder that subs are due from the 1 st July

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ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE 1998

FIELD DAY COMPETITION

SECTION ONE WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Scale Fish (1 st 6 months) George Holman 18.25KG Samson fish Replica from the Pilton Family. Gas bottle from the Brayne Family
SECTION TWO WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Scale Fish (2 nd 6 months) Darren Batchelor 6.10KG Salmon Replica from the Pilton Family. Ken Matthews Cup. Gas bottle from Doug Edwards.
SECTION FOUR WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Shark Darren Batchelor 4.50KG Shark Gaff from Mako Tackle. Fishing line from Mark Franklin Agencies.
SECTION FIVE WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Mulloway George Holman 1.05KG Mulloway Fishing knife from the Club. Fishing line from Mark Franklin Agencies.
SECTION SIX WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Tailor Hans Wytenburg 3.08KG Tailor Cooler bag from the Morris Family.
SECTION EIGHT WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Trevally Darren Batchelor 0.90KG Trevally Hooks from Ross Kember & Julie Morgan. Fishing line from Mark Franklin Agencies.
SECTION NINE WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Mackerel Julie Morgan 3.40KG Mackerel Fish smoker from Darren Batchelor
SECTION TEN WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish Darren Batchelor 32.80KG Mixed Bag Reel mate from the Club.
SECTION TWELVE WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Bag of Tailor Mark Farnay 12.45KG Tailor Rod holders from the Club.
SECTION THIRTEEN WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Scale Fish Caught on Single Handed Rod Dave Anticich 0.47KG Flathead Fish book from WA Museum. Fishing line from Mark Franklin Agencies.
SECTION FOURTEEN WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Heaviest Scale Fish Other Than Sections 3 to 13 Mark Farnay 9.90KG Yellow Tail King Fish Knife sharpener & hooks from Ross Kember & Julie Morgan.

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OPEN FISHING COMPETITION

**SECTION TWO
WINNER
TROPHY/DONOR**

Heaviest Shark
Phil Brayne 6.60KG Shark
Lures from Halco. Canvas wear from Basil Marsh.

**SECTION THREE
WINNER
TROPHY/DONOR**

Heaviest Mulloway
Mal Head 7.20KG Mulloway
Lures from Halco. Canvas wear from Basil Marsh.

**SECTION SIX
WINNER
TROPHY/DONOR**

Heaviest Tailor
Dave Anticich 5.90KG Tailor
Lures from Halco. Canvas wear from Basil Marsh.

**SECTION EIGHT
WINNER
TROPHY/DONOR**

Heaviest Heaviest Fish Caught on Single Handed Rod
Rom Niciejewski 2.75KG Giant Trevally
Lures from Halco. Canvas wear from Basil Marsh.

**SECTION NINE
WINNER
TROPHY/DONOR**

Heaviest Pink Snapper
Hans Wytenburg 4.50KG Pink Snapper
Lures from Halco. Canvas wear from Basil Marsh.

**SECTION ELEVEN
WINNER
TROPHY/DONOR**

Heaviest Mackerel
Harry Brayne 25.00KG Mackerel
Lures from Halco. Canvas wear from Basil Marsh. Lure from the Club.

**SECTION THIRTEEN
WINNER
TROPHY/DONOR**

Heaviest Northern Trevally
Mark Farnay 7.95KG Northern Trevally
Lures from Halco. Canvas wear from Basil Marsh

**SECTION FIFTEEN
WINNER
TROPHY/DONOR**

Heaviest Scale Fish Other Than Sections 2 to 14
Mal Head 7.30KG Baldchin Groper
Lures from Halco. Canvas wear from Basil Marsh

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DRY CASTING COMPETITION

SECTION	112 Gram Distance Event
WINNER	Eric Parker 354 points
TROPHY/DONOR	Fishing knife from the Barber Family. Fishing line from Mark Franklin Agencies.

SECTION	56 Gram Distance Event
WINNER	Hans Wytenburg 124 points
TROPHY/DONOR	Fishing knife from the Barber Family. Fishing line from Mark Franklin Agencies.

SECTION	112 Gram Artificial Bat Event
WINNER	Roy Killick 95 points
TROPHY/DONOR	Hooks from the Barber Family. Fishing line from Mark Franklin Agencies.

SECTION	Double Handed Accuracy Event
WINNER	Roy Killick 1488 points
TROPHY/DONOR	Subscription to Western Angler Magazine.

SECTION	Single Handed Accuracy Event
WINNER	Don Batchelor 236 points
TROPHY/DONOR	Tackle box from Mako Tackle.

SECTION	Open Section First
WINNER	Eric Parker 1887 points
TROPHY/DONOR	Fishing Rod from the Holman Family.

SECTION	Open Section Second
WINNER	Darren Batchelor 1734 points
TROPHY/DONOR	Thermos flask from Eric Parker. Fishing line from Mark Franklin Agencies.

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DRY CASTING COMPETITION (cont.)

SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Open Section Third Hans Wytenburg 1557 points Tackle box & gaff from Mako Tackle. Fishing line from Mark Franklin Agencies.
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SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Veterans Section First Roy Killick 2358 points Tackle box from N. Gillies & Co. Jim Strong Shield.
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SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Veterans Section Second Don Batchelor 2120 points Tackle box & gaff from Mako Tackle.
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SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Mini Juniors Section First Daniel Stoeckel Tackle box & gaff from Mako Tackle. Fishing line from Mark Franklin Agencies.
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SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Most Improved Caster Peter Stoeckel Stainless steel pliers from Allsports O'Conner. Hooks from the Barber Family.
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SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Caster of the Year George Holman Fish smoker from Mako Tackle.
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SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	Junior Section First Sara King Torch from Andy Thorgersen.
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ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE 1998

SPECIAL AWARDS

SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	DRIBBLER AWARD David Anticich Certificate.
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SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	SERVICE CERTIFICATE Jim Strong Certificate
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SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	SERVICE CERTIFICATE Peter Stoeckel Certificate
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SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR PHIL BRAYNE Snatch strap from T.J.M. Products O'Connor
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SECTION WINNER TROPHY/DONOR	SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR GEORGE HOLMAN Tackle box from Fleets of Morley.
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ROTTNEST FIELD DAY IN AUGUST

This can be a real BRASS-MONKEY weather field day. Actually the weather can be very good. Calm fine and the fishing very pleasant. The water is cool, so you do need a wet suite or fish in a location that is safe for using waders.

Fishing and camping together makes for real club spirit, and the camaraderie is great. Especially after a few warming Whiskies or ports on returning from West End on the Saturday night

At this time of the year we expect to hook into some Yellowtail Kingfish as well as the usual trevally, large tailor, tarwhine etc.

If you are a new member, and are hesitant about what to expect, just ask one of the older members about what a great trip this is. Some one will gladly extol the virtues of participating on a Rotto expedition. Rottneest in winter is away from the mad crowds and it is really great. Hope to see some happy new faces over here.

Mark Famay and the FDO have caught some really large tailor from a location near Cathedral Rocks in August of the last two years. We are talking of 3 kg and larger tailor and one was caught and released that was estimated to be in excess of 5 kg.

There will be a talk on Rotto. This will cover topics such as what gear to bring, facilities available, fishing locations, rods reels and rigs to use. The cost will be similar to the May Rotto trip \$75 which covers ferry, accommodation and transport on the island. Payment will be required no later than the July general meeting. Remember first in best dressed. Those who pay early will have a guaranteed spot.

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SOCIAL REPORT

Hi all, Well this months Social Report is basically a report on the Dinner/Dance.

If you didn't know, we held this year's function at the Marmion Angling Club, and I must say I think this was a great choice of venues. Every member that attended the show has given it the thumbs up. The food was good, it was hot, and there was plenty of it. I didn't receive one complaint for the whole evening! Oh I tell a lie, there was one member that wanted to make a complaint, I pretty much ignored him for most of the evening, but he finally caught up with me at the bar. He cornered me and said he had a complaint. He informed me that his complaint was, that he didn't have anything to complain about. I can take those kinds of complaints all the time.

I want to thank all members that came to the dinner, it is your support that makes them such a success. To the members that couldn't make it or didn't want to make it, you missed a very good evening. If anyone can go out and eat as much as they like, and drink as much wine and soft drink as they like, plus dance to live music, which was again as good as it gets (thanks to Bill Shepherd), associate with good friends, for less than the \$25.00 each that they paid, then I would like to know where.

Many thanks to Dave Anticich and Murray Shaw for doing the rounds selling Raffle tickets, you did a great job guys, even raised a few bob to offset the cost of the evening. We had a total of 64 people turn up which was a great showing (2 more than last year). We obviously would like to have had all members present but, for all sorts of reasons, a lot could not be there, maybe next year.

Congratulations to all members that were fortunate enough to take home awards and prizes. Congratulations to Dave Anticich for taking out the inaugural Dribblers award for 1998. You're going to be hard to beat for next year Dave. (Dave took this honour in the frame of mind that it was given in a laugh, and we all got one)

Like I mentioned earlier, I have had a heap of favourable reports for the Marmion club to be the venue for next years Dinner. I will wait for a while and hear more members' opinions before booking. Once again thanks for attending and making it a success.

See you at the next meeting

Phil Brayne.

DO YOU KNOW ME?

I HAVE NO RESPECT FOR JUSTICE.
I MAIM WITHOUT KILLING.
I BREAK HEARTS AND RUIN LIVES.
I AM CUNNING AND MALICIOUS AND GATHER STRENGTH WITH AGE.
THE MORE I AM QUOTED, THE MORE I AM BELIEVED.
I FLOURISH AT EVERY LEVEL OF SOCIETY.
MY VICTIMS ARE HELPLESS.
THEY CANNOT PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST ME, FOR I HAVE NO FACE AND NO
NAME.
TO TRACK ME DOWN IS IMPOSSIBLE.
THE HARDER YOU TRY,
THE MORE ELUSIVE I BECOME.
I AM NOBODY'S FRIEND.
ONCE I TARNISH A REPUTATION IT IS NEVER QUITE THE SAME.
I TOPPLE GOVERNMENTS AND WRECK MARRIAGES.
I RUIN CAREERS AND CAUSE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, HEARTACHES, AND GRIEF.
I MAKE INNOCENT PEOPLE CRY INTO THEIR PILLOW.
I MAKE HEADLINES AND HEARTACHES.

I AM CALLED GOSSIP!
THE NEXT TIME YOU WANT TO TELL A STORY ABOUT SOMEONE
.....THINK.
IS IT TRUE?
IS IT NECESSARY?
IS IT KIND?
IF NOT, PLEASE DON'T SAY IT.

*AFTER READING THIS VERSE AND THINKING OF ALL THE STORIES YOU'VE HEARD AND
UNWITTINGLY PARTICIPATED IN OVER THE YEARS; MY GUESS IS THAT IF WE ALL
LIVED WITH THESE WORDS IN MIND; WOULDN'T WE ALL BE A LITTLE BETTER OFF?*

DRY CASTING JUNE 1998

With no rain in sight but with slightly gusty winds about, Mal and I set out the casting arena. The usual casters turned up and a friendly and jovial morning was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately some of the casting was below par, but we all blamed the "wind".

Once again I was assisted by the lovely Jenny Stoeckel and we looked after the Veterans score sheets. Meanwhile Pete Stoeckel and Terry Willison took charge of the Seniors Group. "Thanks Fellas". Maybe one day, a couple of club members could join us and look after the scoring so that we may join in the casting with the group.

A special mention must go to Don Batchelor. Shoulder problems restricts his casting but doesn't stop Don from stepping forward and advising and assisting our Junior and Mini Junior competitors. Their casting abilities did improve with Don's guidance. "Thanks Don".

Congratulations go to the section winners of the day, they earned it. Top award goes to Mal Head for being the best on the day. Hans and George shared the 112g and artificial bait, whilst Don Batchelor blitzed them in the single handed and double handed.

It was good to stay back with a few fellow club members and try out a few different styles and equipment. "Buster Willo" sure can cast a few without snapping off AFTER the competition. Even my distances are getting better (wish I could cast the same during a comp). Casting competitively sure does take a few years of experiences before you master the correct style. No wonder George is so good.

Hendo.

SURVIVAL (the trip continued)

After surviving the perils in Bundaberg I headed North along the coast, visiting many places like Agnes Waters, the town of 1770, Gladstone, Point Alma, Yelpoon, Earlando, Dingo Flats and then onto Mackay.

I set up camp at the Mackay Caravan Park, out near the wharf area, tried a bit of fishing of the wharf and groyne and side beaches but with no luck. The next morning I tried drifting a bait (assisted by balloons) off the Southern Point which showed good promising signs of an out going gutter. Around 9:30am a tourist bus pulled up and off loaded and my reel took off at the same time.

Now being a mild mannered gentleman I felt it was necessary to advise my fellow beach enthusiasts to kindly step back a bit and give me room to carry out my forthcoming battle with an unknown adversary (I used well known Aussie vocabulary).

Ok, all I got was looks of "me no understand pliz".

Still after an intense battle (who's writing this story) and lots of encouragement, I eventually landed a huge spotted mackerel (well it nearly went 3kg). Hoots and cheers from the mob... My moment piscatorial glory and I'm 6000km from you mob. Well I slashed that fish up and gave my admirers most of it. This bit I kept went on the barbie that night (bloody awful).

On to Townsville and found that a Vietnam Vets Reunion was being held. Caught up with a few West Aussies and joined them, and can't remember what actually went on over the next few days.

With a clear head I took a scenic flight over Magnetic Island and the head lands in an old two seater rattle trap flying machine. With the wind in my face and my belly behind my ears I think I enjoyed this flight.

Preparing to move on I received a phone call from my son Jamie asking if he could join me in Darwin in a weeks time and travel South with me. I was over the moon with delight and adjusted my plans to the Gulf Area.

With a thick but clearing head and steered towards the gulf country.

Hendo

P.S. The first time I have ever had people "look up" to me for my fishing ability.

BREMER BAY

After an early drive down Albany Hwy, we caught up with Darren and Shaun at their chalet in the Bremer Bay Caravan Park. After settling in and enjoying a few social drinks, Darren advised us of possible fishing spots that they had checked out that day. Leaning back to express a steep slope that they had traversed, his chair gave way, resulting in Darren hitting the floor hard. Bottles, glasses and equipment flew everywhere. As the laughter died down, we were to observe two legs (wearing Ugg Boots) pointing towards the ceiling and a belly laugh erupting from behind all the mess. I didn't spill a drop.

Up early on Sat morning, the sun shining and no wind or clouds. A little on the cool side though as we ventured out and checked a few more fishing locations. Back by 12:30pm for the sign on, we met up with the Woodford Family, plus notification that Damien and Dave would arrive late on Saturday night (due to work commitments).

Heading out towards Point Anne (via Woop-Woop as our navigator got lost), and after travelling across quite a few goat tracks that improved our 4x4 driving abilities, we dropped down on to a clean pristine beach. With no wind the waters were clear and no weed. Moving along this beach we stopped and watched a pod of 40-50 dolphins surfing the waves. A magnificent sight and we were in no hurry to continue on until the spectacle was over.

Moving on to Point Charles, one group headed for the rocks and caught Skippy and Herring with every cast. Morris and I stayed on the beach and caught the same plus a few Salmon. The lads returned just before dark and joined us. Just after dark yell for the gaff had us all watching his reel scream and the following tussle. After a lengthy fight, an Eagle Ray weighing at least 50Kg was dragged up onto the beach. The big bugger was very annoyed and it took some time to get the hook out and turn him/her/it around. A tickle on his Khyber Pass (no kisses) and it was off back into the surf. As the temperature was dropping we packed up and headed back to camp for a nosh up and a few hot drinks.

Sunday morning saw us back onto the same spot (via the short way though). A few more Skippy, Herring and Salmon. Around noon we moved back towards Point Anne and caught up with Damien and Dave. We then had our lunch barbecue on the beach.

Later we headed for Point Henry (off the rocks into deep water) but after three hours we only had a few small Herring to boast about. We did observe a whale cavorting around about 500 metres from shore for an hour and a half. As usual as we were packing up, Darren connected on to a "whatsit" and emptied a fair amount of line from his reel. Another lengthy tussle but as he brought it close to the rocks through strong turbulent waters the line pinged and we didn't catch sight of what it was. Calling a halt to fishing it was back to camp before dark.

Monday morning saw us sorting out our catches and gear, chalet, fish and vehicles. No need to go fishing as most had their bag limits. The weigh in proved how good the fishing is down this way. A special mention goes to Emily Woodford for her fine catch, a 1.2kg Bonito on a small flick rod and she did it all by herself.


I must comment further on this place. It has so much beautiful scenery, the waters are crystal clear and there are so many fishing locations to suit "any" weather conditions. The beaches were so clean, the sand so fine that it squeaks as you walk/drive on it. With the windless and sunny conditions that we had all week end, it was a pity that you lot didn't join us. MAY BE NEXT TIME.

Hendo

P.S. To keep my reputation intact, I was the only one to haul in a clump of weed (from clear water).

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A.A.A. of WA REPORT for JUNE

There were 24 delegates present at the June meeting, both our representatives (Hans Wytenburg and George Holman) were present. At our next delegate meeting we will have a Professor from CALM present to give a talk on the proposed Marine Park at Jurien Bay. Our representative on this group from Reefish West will also be asked to attend as well.

The proposal from Harvest Road the people who have approached us to enter their SPORT.net on the internet was discussed, along with two other proposals, and it was decided to put this proposal on hold, due to finance, to be looked at later when our finances are more sound.

There was a meeting with Reefish West representatives and three of our delegates (John Curtis, Max Law and Hans Wytenburg) regarding John Curtis' resignation was accepted, our points were dealt with favourably and we had to appoint another delegate as our proxy (Angus Horwood) wanted to remain a proxy only. Our delegates meeting appointed Hans Wytenburg as our interim delegate.

The problem with Northampton Club running the State Rock and Beach at Port Gregory has been resolved and this will be in conjunction with the Saint John Ambulance competition at the same locale.

The oval at Yokine Reserve has been booked for the forthcoming State Dry Casting Championships for Sunday 25th October.

The Association has gone ahead and leased one of the latest photocopiers which is fully computerised and will collate as well. If any clubs want any photocopying done or magazines printed they are asked to contact Max Law.

The following State Records were passed:

Leather Jacket	0.513g caught at Hillarys by Michael Vincent O'Kane.
Long-Spined Flathead	0.350g caught at Ocean Reef by Peter Babarskas.

At the end of the meeting Bob Slight took charge of the meeting and followed up on a broad discussion on where members of the Association and the Association wanted to be what they wanted to achieve, and how big a voice they wanted to have regarding the future of angling, access to coastline, and recognition by bureaucrats and parliamentarians, and how we were to go about achieving this. We need to be controversial, attract and saturate media outlets and have a special "think tank" meeting of all members of the Association that would be interested. Most clubs and club members are too apathetic and non-interested unless something affects them directly and by then there is no voice that the powers to be will listen to... or is it too late!! This is something we should all give more attention to and think about it!!

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MACKEREL ISLANDS 1998

With a 6.3m aluminium Cuddy Cab Boat in tow the crew headed North towards the Mackerel Islands. An over night stop at Canarvon and Onslow then onto the Island by 10am. The lads headed out yonder but I stayed back and tossed Scoobs Lures along the shores, resulting in a beaut 2.5kg Trevally (plus releasing many smaller ones). On 4kg line and a single handed rod it's great sport.

Well what can I say after a week of glorious weather, full on fishing and great company? Maybe a few highlights such as:

1. Our skipper the Cookie Monster catching a decent Spanish Mackerel, lifting it up chin high for photograph, the Mack didn't like eyeballing Cookie so flicked out it's tail very firmly and belted Cookie in the "Family Jewels". Oh well, "That's the way Cookie crumbles" (and speechless for a short while). "OH WHAT A FEELING"
2. "CRABS KILLICK" hauling in a good sized Cobia then lifting for one and all to see (he puffed out his chest so far that the fish had to be held at least a metre out in front of him). Another time, gloating over the good sized Queenie that he had caught, he attempted to lean over the side of the boat to wash it - but dropped it. A slight tear was in his eye as the fish waved tata.
3. "MORAY EEL MORRIE'S" gigantic battle for over half an hour then finally bringing to the gaff a Yellow Fin Tuna weighing around 15kg. So exhausted he had trouble lifting it for photographs. If grinders are winners, the Morrie's a world champion.
4. "Derri Whiting" persistence in quietly filling the eskies each day with Red Perch, North West Snapper, Queenies, Trevallies and Spangled Emperors. No fuss, no noise but with a grin on his dial all this time. Dubbed the quiet achiever.
5. "Chainsaw Pilli" tried ever so hard to out fish us all and only just won the title of "The Master Blaster" of this trip. Like Derri he decided that quality was better than quantity (and he was the Charlie Court specialist).

Ian Pilton sprouted off about his sporting prowess so I casually plied him with a few beers, a bottle of red and a few scotches then marched him off to the Rec Hall where I absolutely thrashed him in Table Tennis. And he had left his glasses behind also.

Feeling ever so confident I also challenged him onto the pool table but my sight was a little blurred when I bent over so I lost gallantly. To retain good friendship I reluctantly capitulated at the dartboard also. (Modesty is such a gallant gesture ain't it).

All in all we covered a trillion nautical miles searching for good fishing spots but the best spot was only one and a half kilometres from the Island. Drifting past the "Salamada" platform just before and after high tide produced the best catches. The Squid fishing from the jetty was poor but access to plenty of mulies overcame a shortfall of bait.

Everyone pitched in and assisted with the cooking (every plate was empty after every meal), the cleaning up (six different cupboards to hide things away) the house cleaning (all rubbish was swept under "Pilli,s" bed), the boat cleaning (everyone darted up front when I was given the hose).

Special commendation go to Ian Pilton for his efforts in supplying sharp knives and also doing most of the filleting. I even learnt how to cut a fillet and not hack it off.

Although the actual "Sports Fishing" was down I would recommend this place for another visit as it is a great place to fish and relax. Maybe next time we should take our wives/lady friends along also to share our good times.... "NAAAAAA"

Hendo

P.S. My fishing? Well, as usual I modestly held back and let the others share the glory, whilst I only cleaned up and caught sharks and Charlie Courts. It was the company that made it such a good holiday.

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ROAD RAGE (THE TRIP CONTINUED)

Spent two days snooping around Normanton and Karumba, trying to find decent land based fishing spots. Received very little help from the locals – get a boat they said. I made enquires about charters but was advised that at least two hours motoring was needed first to get near any decent fishing spots.

Found the area to be heavily netted. Surely this rapage to the coastal strip must stop, the tourism is dying. Still a scenic flight in a Robinson two seater helicopter (used for mustering), flying along the coast down the creeks at about 150 feet was a highlight of my trip.

Headed for Burkstown, the gravel road was quite narrow in spots and the dips and washaways a little steep at times. The day's temperature was about 37°C, my Aussie air was on (both windows down) and I'm cruising at about 65-75kph. Rounding a tight bend and heading for a dip I was confronted by my worst nightmare. A huge empty road train coming at me at a fast rate. Sticking to "Sheets Law" I headed for the side of the road pronto, breaking hard at the same time. (Sheets Law – That's what you yell at times like this - SHEEEET). Now I was at least 15-20 feet off the road, sliding to a halt, when with a bloody great roar, a huge whoosh, then I copped it. Machine gunned by gravel, whirl winded by a dust storm I was left gasping and choking for air. I couldn't see my steering wheel. With my right arm stinging like hell and unable to see I stumbled out of the car, and groped towards what I thought was clean air. Boy did I choke for a while. As the dust settled and my nerves attempted to calm down I staggered back to the car, groped around and found a nice cold drink, then splashed a bit of water across my eyes. Still shaking I checked the car over and found everyone of my driving lights shattered, my headlight cover cracked and the windscreen and side windows had numerous small chips all over them. OH YEAH – plus three inches of thick red dust settling peacefully inside the car.

Was I peeved – talk about road rage. Stomped and mumbled and grumbled, and swore and cursed and threw a few things around for five minutes, too late whining after it had happened said I, so a quick wash of the windscreen, opened the back window and then headed off to try to blow out some of the dust. To hell with Burkstown so I headed back towards the Burke and Wills Roadhouse. Pulled into the service station, fuelled up headed in to pay for my fuel. The Sheila behind the counter laughing her head off as I approached. "Take a look in the mirror" she smirks. So I did. Core what a sight. I looked like a Nigerian Camel Driver, red dust all over me and two blood shot eyes peering out even I broke up.

Still feeling a bit peeved I had a quick wash and kept going, arriving in Cloncurry that night. Booked into a motel and spent two days cleaning out the car and washing everything. Dined out and enjoyed the soothing qualities of the remaining coffee liqueur.

Hendo

P.S. This part of the trip taught me a big lesson but I have forgotten it!!!

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE & TROPHY PRESENTATION NIGHT

I would like to Thank the committee, and in particular the social organisers Phil & Lea Brayne, for a totally enjoyable night at the Annual Dinner/Dance and Trophy Presentation Night. The Bluewater Restaurant was the perfect location for this event. The ambience of the restaurant, along with the layout of the tables allowed for a completely relaxed atmosphere. The staff were always attentive and extremely helpful, which only increased the relaxed mood and enjoyment of the night.

It was great to see everyone together for another great evening, with the views over looking the ocean and the seating providing a much nicer perspective than being along the walls and a dance floor separating friends.

The choices for the dinner were very good and the food was of a very high standard, and yes there was seconds.

A special thanks for the "DRIBBLER AWARD", I enjoyed that the most.

Once again thank you.

Lisa Anticich.