

THE SURFCASTING & ANGLING CLUB OF W.A. (INC)
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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS: The monthly general meeting is usually held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm. All members should endeavor to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

DRYCASTING: Dry casting competitions are usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is given to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of the 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 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 officer's duty to inform the Committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh in. It is then the Committee's duty to decide what action shall be taken. disputes may be taken to the Committee. Entries for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the club Recorder within 30 days of capture, and using the approved club forms.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Please notify the Treasurer and the Reel Talk Editor of any change or incorrect listing of address or phone numbers.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE: If any member intends to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the treasurer, and become due on 1st May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31st July. All voting/Nomination rights at the A.G.M. will be withdrawn if not financial.

LIFE MEMBERS

VIC DAVIS -D. EDWARD-L. DUNN-E. PARKER-J. STRONG-B. KLEIN-G. HOLMAN-L. COOK

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: BEDFORD DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB HALL, 1 CATHERINE ST BEDFORD
WHEN: 9TH AT 8.00pm
INSTRUCTION: SUPPER - PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD

AUGUST DRYCASTING

WHERE: YOKINE RESERVE CNR ALEXANDER DRIVE AND WORDSWORTH AVE
WHEN: SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST. 8.30am START
EVENTS: 112GM;ARTIFICIAL BAIT; D/H ACC.; S/H ACC.; 112GM OPEN

AUGUST FIELD DAY

WHERE: ROTTO
WHEN: 12/13TH AUGUST
SIGN ON: ON ISLAND
WEIGH IN: ON ISLAND

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR AUGUST

SIGN ON: PHONE IN SIGN ON TO F.D.O BY 2000HRS THURSDAY NIGHT OR AT GENERAL MEETING IN SIGN ON BOOK PROVIDED.
LINES DOWN: SATURDAY 1400HRS.
WEIGH IN: SUNDAY 1000HRS G. HOLMAN'S HOUSE. SCALES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON HIS BACK PATIO. WEIGHTS MUST BE WITNESSED BY AN ADULT. FD MONEY TO BE LEFT WITH THE SCALES IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME. NO MONEY NO POINTS. RESULTS TO BE PHONED TO THE FDO BY 1800HRS THAT.
BOUNDRIES: SOUTH MOLE TO MINDARIE KEYS *INCLUDING* THE SWAN RIVER

AUGUST FIELD DAY - LOCAL

A group of club members will be meeting at Beach Street in Fremantle, between the Fremantle Bridge and the Stirling Bridge. We will be meeting at about 7.00am and fish until weigh-in at 10.00am. A barbecue will be there - bring your own meat, drinks, chairs, etc. (and yourself!) Don't forget to ring or see the F.D.O. to sign on. Talk to Aub's or Peter for more information.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET...
YEARLY SUBSRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.

Must be paid in full to retain Club privileges.

President's Notes

July general meeting saw a very good roll up of members and we had Dean Brown and Fernandes along as visitors. Later in the evening after the formal proceedings we endeavoured to have a general discussion on rigs but there were a few reluctant starters but Don and Darren Batchelor came to the fore and filled in a good half-hour with informative comments and we thank them.

Thinking ahead at the September meeting we will have an analysis of our field days, what new members are looking for, what each of you would like (such as long, short, restricted, open), a look at the local venues and what it needs to get greater involvement. Some fishing venues are poorly attended and we need to know why as we ask a lot of our field day officer and his assistant and poor attendances don't stimulate one's enthusiasm. Think about this and have your say in September.

The Dinner/Dance and Presentation night has once again come and gone and Ken Black and Peter Stoeckel's efforts were certainly appreciated even though we still had to do a last minute ring around to get a few motivated. Thank you all for your attendance and participation and to all who contributed to the night. Congratulations to all the winners of each award as this is the night that their efforts over the past year are recognised and in particular to Tony D'Alonzo for tying Sportsman of the Year and Bob Henderson for his second Clubperson of the Year. A special thankyou to all the business houses that donated trophies for the night and also the club members who did likewise.

Next month is our Annual General Meeting and we have received two resignations from Committee in Darren Batchelor and Wayne Morris so there are some major positions to fill and there may be others you wish to see change in (even President!) so this is the time of the year to do it. New blood is always a good thing, along with experience, which means a balanced committee. Give this some thought and don't be frightened to put your hand up. A good committee is the club's future! Don't forget to bring a plate (with some thing on it) along for the supper after, as this is the instruction period. Make sure you are financial before the end of July otherwise you cannot vote!

"A quality future for Recreational Fishing on the West Coast" is now out and open for your input and comment and these must be lodged before 13th October. Ring Fisheries and get your copy sent out, as this is **THE ONE!** I have mentioned this on numerous occasions and you are probably sick and tired of it but it is now up to you. This is the "future" of recreational angling and if you wish to have a discussion period on this in August or September, let committee know. Time is now precious and the subject more important than you could imagine!

Don't forget Ken Black's (our social organiser) night at the Civic Theatre Restaurant on the 9th September. If you want to go let him know ASAP and pay your money at or before the AGM.

The attendance at the recent ARB night at their premises in Osborne Park could have been better attended as originally over twenty hands went up but the number who attended was eleven. It turned out to be a really good evening and those present were amazed at the range of products that are available. There was also camping gear, wet weather clothing and products that caught the eyes of those in attendance. Thanks ARB.

Early in July, eight anglers (some old, some new) made their way North to Quobba Station to fish this piece of coastline. Reports will appear elsewhere in "Reel Talk" and as I mentioned at our last general meeting if you wish to look at this as a club holiday outing it is a suitable location and the fishing (like anywhere) has its moments but can be very good. The scenery and whale watching is well worth the trip. I wish to say it was a pleasure to go away with this group as they all worked well together, communicated, no conflict, learnt a lot and enjoyed the trip and also knew how to say "thank you".

I wish to say in conclusion "thank you" to my committee for their endeavours over the last twelve months and to you the members for your support and look forward to a greater membership participation next year.

A special "thank you" to Jennie and Peter Stoeckel for the hassle free manner which they go about producing this magazine, the content and quality which I'm sure you all appreciate and nothing was too much trouble. Thanks also to Fleet Cycles for their encouragement award for the best article each month.

George Holman

President's Annual Report

The end of the 1999/2000 club year has arrived and as a club we have had a few bumps along the way, been involved in a lot of activities and hopefully made a few gains. But above all, I hope you have enjoyed the activities of our club.

Looking at our fishing venues, Bluff Creek stands out as well as the S-Bend venue and Rottnest. These were the better attended venues and S-Bend would certainly be the better "family" venue. Cervantes was reasonably attended and the others were fair to ordinary. Local fishing was not very well patronised either. This is our main activity, but it needs your involvement to succeed.

Drycasting showed a positive increase under Bob Henderson and Don Batchelor's guidance and the sausage sizzle after the casting certainly is well received and appreciated. It is a very sociable as well as competitive morning and a lot is learnt by those who are receiving instruction from those present. The Club was successful at the State Casting Titles, winning a good number of events.

Our social events have been numerous, such as Nite Casts and BBQ's, Dinner/Dance, Crabbing days, not to mention the on-going raffles, drinks and nibbles at all our general meetings. Ken Black has worked tirelessly as social organiser, supported by Peter Stoeckel and other club members. Ken has a night out at the Civic Theatre Restaurant organised for the new year as well.

Our main fund raiser was the caravan and camping show under the guidance of Wayne Morris and Bob Henderson and it was good to see the number of members who helped out, but we could have had a few more. It was disappointing to see a number of un-sold raffle tickets returned by members. To make raffles and fundraisers work, it needs everyone to do their bit as you all benefit. Our involvement with OZFLEX at this event and the club display, activities and members wearing their club t-shirts put a good impression of the Surfcasters to the public and was appreciated by the organisers of the show. It was certainly our main source of income.

Our club has been one of the main supporters of the Anglers Association. Ross Kember and a number of our members were the main organisers of the Mandurah 500 and Ross has put his hand up for next year's event late in January 2001. We helped out substantially with the fishing clinics held at Floreat and play a major role in State Drycasting. We are currently the main exponents of getting some competitors to the National Convention to be held at Kangaroo Island, South Australia in March next year. Eight of our club members are currently planning to go. I know some of the reports Ross and myself give at the meetings probably bore you silly but remember, we need the Association to survive so that the club can. Clubs will not survive on their own and governments and bureaucrats will only deal with major bodies.

Currently we face the biggest hurdle with the current "a quality future for Recreational Fishing on the West Coast" document now out and seeking submissions before 13th October. This is the major decision maker for us all as Surfcasters and recreational fishers so take the trouble to have your say in the future of our activity. It will be too late after the 13th!

Our meeting hall creates a few problems with acoustics and size but I believe the Inglewood venue is due to be completed early in the new year and I hope we have a berth.

Kaibari cottage has required a good deal of our time over the last year or two and Wayne Morris has had his share of problems to solve. His work and also all his helpers have been appreciated. I think the recent decision on the booking fees needs looking at again and once all the facts are collated this will happen through necessity.

The efforts of Jennie and Peter Stoeckel and the quality of their efforts in producing our "Reel Talk" magazine and the hassle free way they go about it is appreciated by everyone. A special thankyou to Fleet Cycles for their monthly award also.

To the winners of awards within the club activities and also on a State level, I extend my congratulations and thank all out trophy donors and supporters - both business and club for their support.

Rather than single out individual committee members because they are and we are aware of the amount of work each has put into the club, I say a sincere thankyou for their efforts on your behalf and mine and look forward to seeing a full and active committee next year.

When the President has to select the most suitable person for the "Clubperson of the Year" it is not easy but my choice this year in Bob Henderson was a person worthy of this award because if you all think back whenever there was work to be done, a project undertaken or a club activity happening or a social function on, who was there? A true Surfcaster!!

Thank you all for your support and I hope this continues with next year's President.

George Holman

Fishing Clinic - North

To be held at the Floreat Surf Lifesaving Club on the 14th, 21st and 28th August (Monday nights) commencing at 7pm till 10pm. The major sponsor will be OZFLEX who will provide a door prize of a custom-built beach rod each night plus a raffle prize conclusive to the topics discussed.

Publicity will be through Hal Harvey in his column in the Sunday Times and Mike Roenfeldt will also mention the clinics.

Tackle shops have been asked to be involved at no expense to them (unless they wish to donate a raffle prize) and one asked to authorise a speaker or lecturer and preferred topic promoting their business and OZFLEX. Businesses expressing interest North of the River are Bluewater Scarborough and Morley and Gotcha Tackle.

Mike Roenfeldt has been engaged as the opening speaker and will talk on local bread and butter fishing, where to catch them and suitable tackle. He will also open the first night of the Southern Clinics to be organised for the last three Monday nights in September. We are looking to Melville and Fremantle Clubs to assist with these.

Monday 14th August (Bluewater Night)

Mike Roenfeldt - local bread and butter fishing, where to go and what gear to use.

Ron McPhee - small boat fishing in Cockburn Sound and suitable gear.

Paul Willis (Bluewater) - fishing for large fish from cliffs or shore.

Hands on segment at interval, coffee and tea apply each night.

Monday 21st August (Bluewater Night)

Garry Shugg (Complete Fisherman) - boat and shore fishing in the Swan River, what to fish for and where and what gear to use.

Howard Gill - Fish management on fish in WA - fresh and saltwater.

Paul Willis - Bait preparation and rigging for all species.

Monday 28th August

George Holman - Different types of rods and reels / matching them, line and braid and casting benefits.

John Curtis - Solunar tides, moon phases and when and where to fish.

Entry Fees - **Adults - \$22 for three nights or \$11 per night**
 Juniors (Under 16)-\$11 for three nights or \$6 per night

VENUE :	OPEN				
ATTENDANCE :	VENUE	SENIORS	6	JUNIORS	2
	LOCAL:	SENIORS	0	JUNIORS	0
	TOTAL:		8		

<u>MEN</u>		<u>NO FISH</u>	<u>NO SPIEC</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
D'ALONZO	TONY	30	4	15.30	243.0
HENDERSON	BOB	0	0	0.00	50.0
STOECKEL	PETER	0	0	0.00	50.0
REDWOOD	DAVE	0	0	0.00	50.0
HOLMAN	GEORGE	0	0	0.00	50.0
BATCHELOR	DARREN	0	0	0.00	50.0

MINI JUNIORS

STOECKEL	DANIEL	0	0	0	40.0
STOECKEL	ANDREW	0	0	0	40.0

	<u>FISH</u>	<u>KG</u>	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>KG</u>
TOTALS	30	15.30		27	5.25
NO PEOPLE	8		NO PEOPLE	13	
AVE/MEM	3.75	1.91	AVE/MEM	2.08	0.40

FIELD DAY PRIZES

<u>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</u>	TONY D'ALONZO	WRASSE	1.3KG
<u>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH</u>	NIL		
<u>MYSTERY PRIZE</u>	NIL		
<u>JUNIORS PRIZE</u>	NIL		

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

<u>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</u>	TONY D'ALONZO	WRASSE	1.3KG
<u>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH</u>	TONY D'ALONZO	MIXED	15.3KG

YEAR TO DATE 2000/01

MEN

D'ALONZO	TONY	670.3
BENNETT	JOHN	270.5
HOLMAN	GEORGE	244.5
BLACK	KEN	197.5
WOODFORD	ANDY	174.8
HENDERSON	BOB	165.5
ROWLANDS	STEVE	160.0
KEMBER	ROSS	151.5
DUVA	EDDIE	144.5
FARNEY	MARK	138.5

LADIES

JULIE KEMBER	138.5
FILOMENA D'ALONZO	40.0
LARA WOODFORD	40.0

JUNIORS

MINI JUNIORS

EMILY WOODFORD	70.50
MOLLY WOODFORD	56.00
DANIEL STOECKEL	50.00
ANDREW STOECKEL	50.00

FIELD DAY COMPETITION 2000/01

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)	MARK FARNEY	Y.T.KING	2.4KG
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)			
MOST MERITORIOUS FISH			
HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)			
HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (2.0 Kg MIN)			
HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)	JOHN BENNETT		1.65KG
HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)			
HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)			
HEAVIEST S/FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE	TONY D'ALONZO	WRASSE	1.3KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	TONY D'ALONZO	MIXED	15.3KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	STEVE ROWLANDS		3.9KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY			
HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s max)			
HEAVIEST MACKERAL (3KG MIN)			

OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES 2000 -2001

Results for July

1	Most Meritorious Fish	Nil entry		THIS
2	Heaviest Shark.	4.5 kg min Nil entry		
3	Heaviest Mulloway	5.0 kg min Nil entry		SPACE
4	Heaviest Salmon	3.0 kg min Nil entry		
5	Heaviest Dhufish	Nil entry		IS
6	Heaviest Tailor	Nil entry		
7	Heaviest Samson	Nil entry		VERY
8	Heaviest fish. S/H/rod 4.0 kg line class.	Nil entry	LONELY	
9	Heaviest Pink Snapper	Nil entry		
10	Heaviest Tarwhine	Nil entry		AND
11	Heaviest Mackerel	Nil entry		
12	Heaviest Trevally (S)	1.0 kg min Nil entry	NEEDS	
13	Heaviest Trevally (N)	1.0 kg min Nil entry		
14	Heaviest Snook/Pike	Nil entry		FILLING

(other than sections 2 thru 14)

SEDUCER LURE Fishing Competition

July 2000

Chris Scobles has again been willing to support this completion and will be providing the prizes

Heaviest Tailor	Nil entry	Spot for Rottnest entry from August Mark Farnay??
Heaviest Salmon	Nil entry	
Heaviest Scale Fish	Nil entry	

A New Year for the open section has started and I would dearly like to receive some entries. For those going north shortly remember to take some entry forms and also check the Bylaws on entry requirements. I hope to see a lot of the new members entering fish into the various competitions and Species Badge section.

******* ROTTNEST FIELD DAY AUGUST**

The final cost will be \$85 and all moneys must be paid on or before the August general meeting.

There is currently one vacant berth for anyone interested.

Tides are .5m Saturday @ 1700 and 1.0m Sunday @ 0800

The format for transport will be similar to the last field day

E T A Rottnest from North Port Saturday 12 August	0730
Transport of gear from ferry to tent land	0815
" " " tentland to West End	1030
" " " West End to Tent Land	1830
" " " Tent Land to West End Sunday 13 August	0600
" " " West End to Tent Land	1200
" " " of gear from Tent Land to Ferry	1500

If you have any questions about "Rotto" ask at the August G M.

Good Fishing

Cookie Monster + "Hunter"

DRY CASTING RESULTS
11/06/00

SENIORS	112 gram			56 gram			D/H Acc.	S/H Acc.	DAY TOTAL
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
G. Gildersleeve	142	142	28	0	128	13	123	15	179
C. Riegert	125	138	26	124	110	23	97	30	176
K. Black	126	124	25	105	105	21	113	23	182
A. Aubrey	128	135	26	111	115	23	68	17	134
B. Henderson	135	131	27	122	131	25	120	23	195
M. Sneddon	109	130	24	104	1113	22	48	0	94

VETERANS

J. Strong	99	87	19	77	91	17	69	0	105
D. Redwood	102	104	21	78	85	16	137	15	189
T. D'Alonzo	120	131	25	113	106	22	119	20	186
A. Jones	122	120	24	103	108	21	102	23	170
M. Head	128	0	13	101	103	20	132	7	172
T. Stam	96	101	20	104	107	21	80	20	141
R. Killick	109	112	22	96	62	16	157	25	220

MINI JUNIORS

R. Jones	64	64	13	58	48	11	34	17	75
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112 gram Winner

56 gram Winner

D/H Acc. Winner

S/H Acc. Winner

Winner of the Day

Mini-Junior Winner

G. Gildersleeve

B. Henderson

R. Killick

C. Riegert

R. Killick

R. Jones

SPECIAL EVENT

112gm open

6th August 200

Next Casting Date: 6th August 2000. 8.30am start.
112gram; Artificial Bait; D/H Accuracy; S/H Accuracy

July Drycasting Report

Anticipating foul weather for our casting day, I loaded up with a tarp and poles, welly boots and wet weather gear. The thermos was full of coffee and a change of clothing was chucked in also.

Arriving at the oval, it was hissing down and a small lake was developing near our usual distance lane area. Bugger this, I think, so I parked up under the verandah. The rain dropped to a light drizzle so I started to set up the distance court out in front of the verandah, whilst Don set the others out alongside, but in front of the verandah.

The lads started to arrive and were guided to the under cover area. Big Al and Rhys arrived, noticed no one at the usual area and started to turn around and headed out. No amount of yelling and waving got their attention. They returned about half an hour later and joined us. The weather cleared and gave us a good start to the day.

Aub's and I looked after the Seniors whilst Don and young Matt looked after the golden oldies. Our lads took to the double-handed event and Gary led off with his usual class casting. This is also when Aub's and I were shown how much two of our fellow club members have dedicated themselves to improve. I speak of Ken Black (and highly as I can) and our latest member Chas Riegert. We were very impressed at their levels of preparation, concentration and greatly improved performances. We both agree that it won't be long before both of them will be amongst the top ten within the club and the State events. It was a pleasure to watch them in action.

Chas proceeded to trounce us all in the single-handed event and that "old warhorse" (a soft interpretation) 'Roy the Boy' displayed his talents in the double handed event. Gary won the 112gram whilst I had a miraculous win in the 56 gram. Our congratulations to all section winners and also to the winner of the day.

The casting day ended early due to a couple of our mates being away on a fishing trip, a couple slept in and maybe one or two were avoiding the rain. Still, the snag burn warmed everyone up and I thank the lads for chipping in and bringing in the gear.

Keep it straight and long
Henda

P.S.: 112 gram open next month (hope the winds up!) 6th August 2000.

FOR SALE

**SLEEVELESS WETSUIT - SIZE XL.
THREE YEARS OLD - COST \$90 - SELL \$50
PHONE ROY KILLICK - 9279 1150**

Quobba Report

Quobba Trip - July

After much planning, fishing gear selection, rig and sinker making, buying, packing, etc., we arrived at George's at about 8pm on Friday night, 30th June. From the amount of gear in the trailers, you would think we were going for a month and not just a week, but we had packed it all some how. Bill and Fred had made an early start and left Friday morning. George, Eric and Dave were in Eric's Landcruiser, and Steve, Eddie and Terry were in Steve's Patrol. A quick test of CB radios showed that the radios in the two vehicles couldn't talk to each other, so we had to forget the plan to keep in touch while driving. Instead, we arranged to meet at Cataby. We forget to agree on meeting times, so after waiting for nearly half an hour we thought we must have missed Eric's vehicle, and so pressed on.

A very ominous weather forecast for the West Coast made us wish we could have gone earlier, but the weather held off until past Cataby. Eddie had just taken over driving when the rain bucketed down, the lightning flashed everywhere and the wind howled for a few hours. Glad we weren't going south for the week. Once we got past Geraldton, the weather improved.

We eventually caught up to Eric's vehicle at Billabong, had some thing to eat and pressed on. After a fuel stop in Carnarvon, we arrived at Quobba around 10am on Saturday. We unpacked and set ourselves up in our luxury chalets, then had a quick look at some of the closer spots, and a few casts with lures. Second cast for me resulted in a gaggle of fish following the lure and a hook up, but it was only a baby spotted mackerel that went back with a message to send some bigger ones next time. We thought that was a good start, but nothing else turned up.

Saturday evening, we all tried some bottom fishing at South Wall, and managed a few small reef fish but nothing of any size. Sunday morning, we tried gas ballooning at South Wall with no results. Spray from waves hitting the cliff and coming over the top, not once, but twice drenched Bill. He wasn't in any danger, it just seemed the waves had him in their sights and didn't come anywhere near the place he had his rod stand except when he was there - they were out to get him. The swell was getting up and making the water dirty. Sunday evening, we tried a spot south of the homestead. We soon found out what George meant when he said that the bottom was hungry for rigs and sinkers. Again we got a few mixed reef fish but nothing of any size.

Monday - wind no good for ballooning and the water quite dirty. Eddie caught a pink snapper of about 3kg.

Tuesday - wind still no good for ballooning, weather cloudy and some light rain, but the swell had gone right down. Getting desperate, so Steve, Eddie and Terry went looking for some different sorts of fishing. We had heard from other people in the area that they had caught some tailor and mulloway at a beach south of Quobba, and they told us how to get there. So we set off, but couldn't find the track at the place they told us it would start. So after trying a number of tracks that lead to: -

1. A clay pan with a lot of water over the track.
2. A seeming dead end.
3. A steep sandhill that seemed to be taking us in the wrong direction.

We came back to Quobba and got better directions and eventually found our way to the right part of the beach. By this time, the weather was closing in with heavy clouds which made it hard to see the beach bottom structure. The first part we tried was "one cast, one rig" country, so we moved to a part which didn't look as good, but at least we could see it had a reasonably sized clear patch of sand. We fished until 9pm for several tailor to just under a kilo, a threadfin salmon, and Steve caught two mulloway of about 4kg. Terry also caught one slightly smaller.

Wednesday morning, the wind and swell didn't look too good for ballooning from the spots we could get, so Fred, Bill, Steve, Eddie and Terry went north for some bottom fishing. Apart from the clouds and rain, this day turned out to be one of the more successful, with several nice Spangled Emperor to 4kg, some Barracuda, a Rankin Cod, Spanish Flag and other reef fish. Fred had a good fish on which eventually broke off after a long tussle which ended right at his feet after the fish stayed deep and hooked the line around the reef ledge. George had two mackerel on, but both were taken by sharks.

Thursday dawned clear but still the wind wasn't ideal for ballooning so it didn't take much for the five of us to agree to try the spot we fished yesterday. What a difference a day makes. The weather was sunny and turned hot and very humid from the last two day's rain. Still, we managed several more Spangled Emperor. George had persisted with ballooning and had a mackerel.

Friday was the last day for Steve, Eddie and Terry, so it was up early to get a ballooning spot. Steve got the first action with a Spangled Emperor which had taken a gardie bait, and then had a good mackerel on for about 15 minutes until a shark took it all in one go. All that came back was the shredded wire trace. Eddie had a hook up, but was broken or bitten off. We saw the fish splashing around and watched the balloon heading out to sea at an angle to where the wind would have been taking it. George got one mackerel and a tuna, and Bill had two on but lost one before gaffing and the other half way up the cliff when the gaff pulled out. Back to the design board for the cliff gaff. So overall, the fishing wasn't quite what we would have liked, but we got some fish and had a great time. Memorable moments and lessons from the trip.

Winding in a reasonable fish only to have it taken close in by a monster Groper or Cod. By the time you see the fish or feel it, it is already on it's unstoppable way back down again and after wrenching the rod down it has cut you off on the rocks. How hard is it to break 40 pound or 24kg line when it snags up on the bottom? Who was the guy who put all the cans in the freezer in the kitchen and then forgot them? Some of them exploded on the bench when he took them out, and some had already emptied themselves into the freezer. What a mess! But the freezer got a good clean up.

The culinary antics of "Flaming Fred". Pure and Simple does a good job of preparing the BBQ plate, but if you spray it near the gas flame it bursts into flames! Then you have an instant flamethrower! Hot showers at Quobba need wood to be collected from the bush and a fire lit under a 200-litre drum. Of course fishing take priority to collecting wood, so when we saw that someone had lit a fire for the water heater at the ablation block, we used that a few times.

After a few sessions which were pretty tough on rigs and sinkers, someone made the comment: - It would be easier to take blocks of mulies, a bag of sinkers and rigs and just throw them into the reef hole. A lot less frustrating. If you want to go ballooning at some of the better spots, you need to get up really early to get a spot. We watched whales splashing around a few hundred metres away at times. We saw them many times every day.

My thanks to the guys for the good company and fishing tips. In particular, thanks George for inviting me and all the organising you did and advice on what to expect.

Terry Fuller

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Well, what can I say? With terrible weather up here you wouldn't expect it to be fine down south but apparently it was so Tony and Pilomena were telling me. Tony returned from down south with a nice bag of skippy and blackfish, just goes to show that fishing is good down that way this time of year, as Tony has said before. Top effort Tony he did it with a cold and all, I don't know what you young fellas are doing out there but it can't be enough.

With this being my last report as Field Day Officer for time being I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members that have attended the field days over the past 12 months, you have made my job enjoyable and I hope to see you on the beach in the future.

At the next general meeting as you are probably aware by now all positions will become vacant and that means we will need to find us a new Field Day Officer. I have done this position for the last 2 years with a year as assistant before that so its time for a break. The job is not as hard as it may seem, the results take only a few hours on most months as you only have 3 or 4 people weigh in anything, the long week ends take a little longer to do but there is more time till the results are needed anyway. As for arranging trips just follow last year's times, etc, its really not that hard to do. If you would like to give it a go then don't be shy just stick your hand up at the meeting, anybody that takes on this position can call be anytime if you have any problems, it also helps if you have a computer for doing the results.

You may have noticed I haven't been fishing lately, that's because I've moved in to my new home a couple months back and I've been busy doing other things and work has been hell also but im looking forward to getting back out there, I was going to Rotto but due to a series of events I didn't have the last \$20 last meeting so I had to pull out, see even the FDO can't get away with it. I hope everyone has a good trip and I hope someone catches a Yellow Tail King for me.

Well its been fun but that's all for now so good fishing to all,

Tight lines
Darren and Titni
FDO.

"Been Fishing"

Hey, you know how all of us believe those fishing stories in the paper, don't you? The report of snapper being caught off the ASI Groyne roped us in and enticed us to have a go over the weekend. Best after a blow, they said. Pity we didn't wait for 'the blow' to end first.

Peter, his boys and I arrived around 1pm to observe at least 25-30 vehicles all over the groyne. There's a platform resting on top of the rocks part of the way out on the groyne, so we set up a tarp for cover and settled in to have a go. Keith Derbyshire and Dave Redwood joined us over the next couple of hours and we all anticipated a possible catch of fish happening.

Well, we burleyed up and tried all sorts of bait and methods to try and at least get a few herring or gardies - but to no avail. A few short bursts of wind and light rain made the going easy and we eagerly waited for the sun to go down.

Just on dusk, the call went out from Dave that "He's on". A wimpish fight and Dave hauled in a massive pink snapper. The length was an amazing ... 3 bloody inches! Gawd, the gang of hooks was twice as long as the fish. Dave proudly displayed his fish to one and all, boasting that at least he can catch fish. His request for photos was replied with the usual answer (guess...). Grudgingly, he returned his catch to grow up.

The weather changed its attitude about this time. It bucketed down, the wind moved up to gale force every 20 minutes and life looked a little lousy. Meanwhile, my line straightened out and on winding in I found my usual large clump of weed hanging off the hooks (all pride and maintaining a reputation). Untangling the weed, I found a tarwhine foul hooked up the backside and with a pained look in his eyes. I was chuffed when it was found to be a fraction longer than Dave's snapper. No staging by me and I quickly returned the little darling to its parents.

With all rods out anticipating whatever, we settled in, lit the BBQ and had a good nosh up, followed by coffee and cough medicine. Pete's boys had a ball climbing the rocks, playing with their toy cars (I wasn't allowed) and mucking around with their fishing gear. Later on, they camped in the back of the rangy for the evening.

I've got to give the lads full points for continuing on because the weather was atrocious. Keith also hooked up and bravely battled the elements and fish to land a similar sized tarwhine. Following our examples of fish conservation, he promptly returned the fish to its elements. Continual fruitless results got to a couple of us and Keith and Dave nicked off around 10pm to head home to a warm bed. Only the brave kept going.

Err, let's rephrase that...only a pair of donkeys stayed. Approximately every 20 minutes we were hit with 50-knot gusts of wind accompanied by some 'bloody heavy rain'. A couple of times we thought our platform was going to be airborne. We soldiered on till just after midnight until we woke up to ourselves and tried to doss down for the night. Quite a few other fisherpersons had also departed and we spoke to a few who also had no luck.

The wee hours were spent tossing and turning, getting wet, getting colder and feeling bloody miserable. I'm sure a mini tornado hit us a few times because that platform sure did shake. Still, I did break up when after one strong burst Pete asked if I was still awake and "did the earth move for me?" as it did for him.

By 6.30am we were both, how could you say, "intoxicated off". So with a glimpse of some clear sky and only 20-knot winds, we decamped and headed for home, anticipating some where dry and warm to thaw out.

Who said, "Going fishing is fun"? I bet it was some sod that only watches Rex Hunt and does all his fishing from his armchair. So, until I brave the elements and head out on another fishing trip, my fish fingers are going to taste great.

Apologies to our field day officer who foolishly anticipated that we would be knocking on his door with some fish to weigh in. He should know better than to expect anything from us!

"Will wait" till next time.
Rickety Bob

Editor's Report

It's good to see the stories still rolling in. I think I might actually be learning something about fish and fishing! Not too much, though! Seriously, please keep the stories, articles or whatever you have coming in, as this is your magazine. I would like to hear comments about what sort of article you would like to see in the Reel Talk. I'll do my best to find them!

As it is coming into the start of the new committee year, Peter and I would like to thank Fleets Tackle for the support they have given by donating the prize for the best article in the Reel Talk each month. We have had more stories coming in since this was introduced.

I apologise for not having the winners from the trophy night listed in this issue of the Reel Talk. We have not received a copy of who donated which trophy. Hopefully we will be able to include the finished article in the next issue.

Anyway, hop everyone is staying away from the flu and keeping fit and healthy.

Jennie Stoeckel

Applications For Membership

The following applications for membership have been received and will come before the August committee meeting. If any member has any reason why an application should not be received they should contact a committee person and state their reasons.

Lou Tangaris

Chas Riegert and Family

**HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY TO
DON BATCHELOR**
Many happy returns and
may you have many more
happy and healthy years.
From your Surfcaster
friends.



July Social Report

Hello! Our premier event, which is the Annual Dinner/Dance/Presentation Night, fulfilled our expectations in providing a comfortable and relaxed night, where we enjoyed fine food and warming drinks. The trophy organising and presentation was ably organised by Wayne Morris and assisted by Bob Henderson, Ross Kember, Darren Batchelor and Ian Cook. Wayne also dutifully compared for the night! We have Peter and Jennie Stoeckel to thank for most of the function organising and for rounding up enough people to make the night possible. My wife, Marcelle, helped out largely with the raffle and door prizes. The Kolman party were the lucky winners of the door prize, being bath towels, and Rhonda Morris collected the basket of goodies made up for the raffle prize! The amount raised for the club by the raffle was \$107.00. Thanks to all members and guests who participated! Congratulations to all prizewinners, not forgetting that we cater for fishing as well as drycasting events. A special thankyou to all trophy donors, being made up of club as well as business people. There will be a list of donors printed within this issue.

It was good to see Mr and Mrs Ron McPhee enjoying their selves on the night. Ron is the "Ozflex" fishing rod supplier and sponsor of club fishing. Bill Shepherd kept the night rocking with an assortment of music and Peppermill Caterers supplied the meal. The food was at its usual high standard.

We are hoping for a higher percentage of club members at next year's event, as this is where you cash in on a large part of the year's fundraising efforts! There are rumblings of changes to the trophy night and these issues are to be addressed at the next committee meeting! I'm still reeling from the shock of your announcement, Dive!

Bookings for the "Civic Theatre Restaurant" are still quite static, with about 10 couples attending. The date booked is 9th September 2009. We have the prime seating area booked, being upstairs for the best view. It is also close to the bar and facilities. Doors open at 7pm; meal starts at 7.15pm; show starts at 9.02pm and the finishes at 11.15pm. The bar closes at approximately 12.30am. Street address is 380 Beaufort Street Perth 6000. Max Kaye and his cast will be entertaining us with comedy, dance routines and songs through all ages. The cost is \$50.00 per head (to make an even figure) for the meal and show or \$30.00 for the show only. Please make payable to the Civic Theatre Restaurant. Drinks are extra, with a large range available at reasonable prices. This is our last attendance as a club group as the theatre closes after the end of this year. Full payment is required by the 9th August. This can be given to me at the next general meeting. It is still possible to book in and join us on the night.

To summarise: cheques are to be made payable to the Civic Restaurant and given to me. The booking for final numbers will be confirmed by me. I've brought forward the final payment date to the 9th August to coincide with the general meeting and to give me enough time to make the final payment.

Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting and I'm sure George will be giving you a full run down on this important night. Members are asked to bring a plate of food to the meeting for supper (savoury or sweet) and the club will supply drinks. Business and voting is dealt with and after it's completion, there is time to socialise.

Just a reminder that club clothing is available and for sale from myself, and as has happened in the past, a special occasion may arise which depletes our stocks. So its first in, best dressed!

Hope to see you at future events
Ken Black.

Motion to Alter Fishing Rules

This was sent to us through Ross Kember from the secretary of the AAA -

A motion was put at the June Delegates Meeting, debated at the July Meeting, and replaced by an Amendment which, being passed by a majority of 14:4 is now the Motion to be voted upon at the August Delegates Meeting. Please consider the Motion carefully and instruct your delegate how to vote.

The Amendment was proposed by Ross Kember (SCAC) and seconded by Georgie Grimmer (WSSC).

"That any competitor who knowingly discards whole fish caught during or immediately before or immediately following an Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) sponsored or run competition shall be brought before the Disputes Committee to explain their action. That the penalty for this offence shall be disqualification from competing in any future Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) sponsored or run competition for a term determined by the Disputes Committee.

Max Law

Secretary 20/7/00