

GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 11 / 2 / 98

The meeting was opened at 8-03 p.m. by Vice President Darryl Halton with 35 members present.

Apologies were received from: George Holman, Phil Brayne, Sarah King, Leonie Freeman, Steve Pilton, Ian Taggart, and Ian Mascarenhas.

New Members Andy Woodford and family, plus Jim & Marie O'Shea were presented with their club badges.

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Inward correspondence:- A.A.A. meeting minutes plus a copy of the latest fish records. Letter from Fisheries Dept. Letter received from Gingin Shire, advising that the area at Moore River that we asked about is not under their jurisdiction, but comes under the control of DOLA. Name of contact at DOLA was supplied. To be followed up.

Correspondence out:- Letter sent to Cockburn Power Boat Club with offer of support to their cause at Cockburn Sound.

Treasurer's report:- Read out and accepted.

Field-day officer's report:- February field day is to be Moore River. March field day - Bluff Creek. Ian Cook showed members where to fish at Bluff Creek and Wayne Morris explained how to get into Bluff Creek. Maps and instruction leaflets were handed out to the members. Also a brief talk on Moore River. FDO was asked if the April field day is still going to be held over Easter. FDO to investigate and report back.

Dry Casting officer's report: Due to the long weekend field day, dry casting for March will be held on the 8/3/98.

A.A.A. report: Brief report from Hans Wytenburg. Don Batchelor asked why the A.A.A. was not using the last weekend of the month for their state competitions as they did in the past. Hans asked to investigate and report back.

Instruction period:- Club member Ian Pilton gave the members present a demonstration on how to sharpen knives properly and how to fillet your fish.

General Business:-

Members please note: It is your responsibility to ensure that your name is marked off when attending the meeting so attendance points can be allocated. **NO NAME - NO POINTS.**

The meeting closed at 10-00 p.m.

Wanted

Club Secretary requires information on fishing locations anywhere around the coast so club members can have all relevant information to these places.

Info required

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| 1) Area | 2) Distance | 3) Camping facilities |
| 4) Type of Fishing | 5) Where to fish | 6) Fish Species |
| 7) Beach conditions | 8) Is water available | 9) Nearest garage |
| 10) Directions on how to get there and a map of the area would be handy. | | |

The above information is to be used to formulate a booklet of fishing venues that members can reference when going fishing. Your help in putting this book together would be greatly appreciated. If you have any queries regarding the above please contact me on 9359 2737.

Presidents Comments

I would like to start by saying thank you to Darryl Halton for taking the chair at our February meeting which I believe went really well. Kaye and myself had a good night-out to tea and then to the cinema to see the movie "Titanic" which I thoroughly recommend.

Nearly every club member I have had contact with is getting ready to go down to our Bluff Creek field day which looks like it's going to be a burster!! Most are leaving early Friday with another five vehicles mid afternoon and I will be leaving around 7-8 pm, so if anyone wants to convoy down with Dave Maxted and myself give me a ring. The information that Cookie and Darren gave at the last meeting must have wet a lot of appetites and I can see a large attendance at the field day.

There will be a few power units down there and I would imagine they won't mind if you plug in for a bit of light, so take a power cord or two. We have arranged for the to be there and co-operating as well!!

Please oblige any member operating a video camera down there by complying with what instructions you are given as we need to get a lot of good footage for our club video.

Obviously we can utilise this for promotion as well as it's historic value. We can also sell copies to members who want one.

The boat championships are coming up on the 21st March to be held at Ocean Reef Boat Harbour and we are looking to field an open and veterans team if possible. We are looking to some club members with boats to help out if possible and Cookie and myself are endeavouring to line up one or two others including a 38 foot ex-cray boat owned by one of our ex-members. Please contact Cookie and let him know if you can help out or if you want to be in the teams or individual events.

Don't forget our barbecue and night cast to be held on Saturday night, 14th March at the Holman's House, 89 Clontarf Street Sorrento. Bring your steaks and salads and a chair along with a short rod and a glow stick for the cast. The club will supply the drinks. It's a great night!!

The State Estuary Championships are coming up at Walpole on the 11th and 12th April (Easter), so if you are interested, again call Cookie and you will need to make bookings for camping sites etc. More details later.

We are getting near the end of our competition year so the process of next years' field day selection venues is in progress and we ask for your input. April meeting is where final decisions are made for the next twelve months and there are a number of good suggestions coming forward. Dave Maxted came along to the committee and put forward a sound suggestion for our starter fishers (that's all of us!) and made the suggestion that the Grand Masters Badge should start and be an open event. A couple of good suggestions for us to look at.

Derry and Dianne Barber hired a Jayco camper and followed the Holman's with their unit to the last venue at Moore River. Derry handled it like a veteran and Dianne seemed to enjoy the experience and the comfort. Derry has even organised a group of members to go to dancing lessons!! How about that!!

See you all at Bluff Creek followed by dry casting on the 8th March and then the General Meeting.

Don't forget to bring your favourite bean rig along to the meeting for our next instruction period.

HAVING NEVER REALLY FISHED THE AREA WE DECIDED TO HEAD OFF EARLY SATURDAY MORNING AND DO A BIT OF LOOKING AROUND, FIRST STOP SEABIRD, WE HEADED SOUTH FROM SEABIRD ALONG THE TRACK PULLING IN ON EVERY SIDE TRACK THAT HEADED TOWARDS THE BEACH TO HAVE A LOOK, AS IT TURNED OUT WE SHOULD OF STOPPED AT THE FIRST ONE AS IT WAS THE SAME ALL THE WAY ALONG TO MOORE RIVER, WEED, WEED, WEED AND MORE WEED. THE ONLY CLEAR SPOT WAS RIGHT BEHIND THE SEABIRD TAVERN BUT IT WASN'T VERY DEEP. WE MEET UP WITH THE REST OF THE TROOPS AT MOORE RIVER FOR THE SIGN ON, THE NUMBERS WERE DOWN BUT SPIRITS WERE HIGH AS IT WAS A VERY NICE DAY, IT WAS GOOD TO SEE THE RETURN OF A LONG LOST MEMBER IN BOB HENDERSON I HOPE TO SEE HIM ON A MUCH MORE REGULAR BASIS NOW HES BACK IN PERTH, IT WAS DECIDED THAT DUE TO THE WEED THE BOUNDRIES WOULD BE EXTENDED BACK TO LOONIES THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. AFTER THE SIGN ON A GROUP OF US HEADED DOWN TO LOONIES TO FIND NICE DEEP CLEAN WATER WITH ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF WEED ON THE EDGE OF THE SURF, AFTER SEVERAL FRUITLESS HOURS WITH NOTHING BETWEEN 11 PEOPLE IT WAS TIME FOR TEA, AFTER TEA IT WAS BACK INTO IT UNTIL ABOUT 11PM, TIME TO PACK UP AND HEAD OUT AND GO BACK TOWARDS THE 3 MILE REEF AT MOORE RIVER.

UP AT 3:30 AM TO FIND WE STILL HAD A LIGHT SW WIND AND A BIT OF A SWELL COMING OVER THE REEF, SEVERAL LOCALS WERE ALREADY FISHING AND WE COULD SEE LIGHTS SCATTERED FURTHER AROUND THE BEACH. BY 8:30AM I WAS STILL YET TO HAVE MY FIRST BITE ALL WEEKEND, IT WAS ABOUT NOW DAD CAUGHT 3 GARDIES IN 4 CASTS SO IT WAS A MAD SCAMBLE TO FIND A FLOAT, IT TOOK ABOUT 6 CASTS BEFORE I HAD A BITE AND I MISSED IT DUE TO SHOCK OF GETTING ONE, BUY 9:00 I HAD SEVEN GARDIES IN THE BAG AND IT WAS TIME TO PACK UP.

BACK AT THE WEIGH IN THE STORIES WERE THE SAME ALL AROUND, NO FISH, LOTS OF WEED, STING RAYS AND SHOVEL NOSE SHARKS WERE CAUGHT AROUND THE SPOTS, I SAW 1 GOOD TAILOR CAUGHT OF ABOUT 2KG AND 1 SMALL BRONZE OF ABOUT 8KG. PEOPLE TELL ME THEY CATCH FISH IN THIS AREA, I DON'T KNOW WHEN BUT WE MUST BE HERE AT THE WRONG TIME OF THE YEAR.

THE NEXT FIELD DAY IS BLUFF CREEK AND I KNOW SEVERAL MEMBERS THAT ARE COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS UNTIL THIS ONE ARRIVES AND I'M ONE OF THEM, ANOTHER ONE IS DAMIEN D'MELLO WHO WILL BE TRAVELLING DOWN WITH DAVE FREEMAN. DAMIEN HAS BEEN ROMING THE INTERNET FOR ALL THE INSIDE INFORMATION HE CAN GET ON THIS SPOT AND RESENT SALMON ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, (HE'S YET TO CATCH A SALMON) SO AS THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST AWAY FIELD DAY I HOPE WE CAN PUT HIM ONTO SOME FISH.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WILL BE READING THIS BEFORE WE GO TO BLUFF BUT IF YOU ARE I STONGLY RECOMMEND THIS FIELD DAY AS IT HAS A LOT TO OFFER AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR STEAKS AS WE STOP ON SUNDAY FOR A B.B.Q LUNCH AND ALL FISHING IS SUSPENDED DURING THIS TIME (BYO BBQ).

IF YOU ARE GOING TO BLUFF AND WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL IN CONVOY I WILL BE LEAVING FRIDAY MORNING WITH THE KING FAMILY AT AROUND 8 OR 9 AM, OTHER MEMBERS ARE LEAVING AT LATER TIMES YOU JUST NEED TO RING AROUND. MY NUMBER IS 9337 9169. SEE YOU DOWN THERE.

A.F.D.O.
DAZA.

FISHING SPOTS MARGARET RIVER/SOUTH

1. **PREVERLLY PARK** :2WD GOOD BEACHES FOR HERRING, WHITING, SKIPPY, MULLOWAY AND SALMON.

2. **GEORGETTE BAY** : 2WD BEACH AND ROCK FISHING GOOD SPECIES AREA CAN BE SHALLOW.

3. **BOBS HOLLOW / LEDGES** : 4WD ALONG ROCKY TRACK, AT FORK IN TRACK GO LEFT FOR BOBS AND RIGHT FOR LEDGES, SIMILAR FISHING AT BOTH, SKIPPY, HERRING, SALMON, SAMSON FISH, BONITO, JEWFISH.

4. **CONTO'S BEACH** : 2WD GOOD WHEN NOT ROUGH FOR HERRING, SKIPPY, SALMON, WHITING, FLATHEAD.

5. **SUICIDE ROCK / SLOPEY'S ROCK / HERRING BAY** : 2WD ROCK FISHING IN CALM CONDITIONS ONLY FOR SKIPPY, SALMON, SAMSON FISH, JEWFISH, HERRING. THESE ROCKS ARE VERY DANGEROUS IF WET AS THEY GET VERY SLIPPERY. THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S NOT CALLED SUICIDE ROCK FOR NOTHING!

6. **BORANUP BEACH / ROCKS** : 4WD WITH LOTS OF CLEARANCE ONLY THIS TRACK IS VERY ROUGH AND ROCKY WITH LARGE WASH OUTS, BEACH AND ROCK FISHING FOR HERRING, SKIPPY, FLATHEAD, OFF ROCKS FOR LARGE FISH IN LOW SWELLS ONLY.

7. **HAMELIN BAY** : 2WD TOWN BEACH FOR WHITING, HERRING, SKIPPY, FLATHEAD, ROCKS SOUTH OF TOWN FOR SKIPPY FISHING IN HOLES.

THE FOLLOWING 4 AREAS ARE THE SAFEST FISHING AREAS IN THE AREA AND THE MOST POPULAR.

8. **COSY CORNER** : 2WD ROCK FISHING ON BOTH SIDES OF POINT IN ROUGH WEATHER FOR SKIPPY, HERRING. FRONT ROCKS FOR BIG FISH IF WEATHER REASONABLE, BEACH FISHING ON SOUTH SIDE FOR SHARKS, TARWHINE, WHITING, SALMON IN SEASON.

9. **ELEPHANT ROCKS / HONEYCOMBES** : 4WD OFF COSY CORNER ROAD, LARGE ROCK AREA FISHABLE IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS, GOOD FOR BOTH SMALL AND BIG SPECIES.

10. **DEEPDENE BEACH** : 4WD TRACK OFF LEFT JUST BEFORE YOU GET TO THE END OF THE TRACK TO ELEPHANT ROCK, CAN BE DIFFICULT TO GET ON/OFF BEACH AND BEACH CAN BE VERY SOFT AT TIMES. GOOD FISHING FOR WHITING, SKIPPY, HERRING, SALMON, MULLOWAY AND SHARKS.

11. **AUGUSTA / CAPE LEEUWIN** : 2WD LOTS OF SMALL BAYS PROVIDING SHELTERED FISHING IN ROUGH WEATHER, MAINLY SMALL SPECIES, LOTS OF WHITING, HERRING ETC WILL PRODUCE SALMON IN SEASON.

VENUE: MOORE RIVER

ATTENDANCE: VENUE: SENIORS 11 JUNIORS 4
LOCAL: SENIORS 3 JUNIORS 0
TOTAL: 18

MEN		NO FISH	NO SPIEC	WEIGHT	POINTS
HOLMAN	GEORGE	6	3	1.8	88.0
KOLMAN	MORRIS	6	3	0.7	87.0
KILLOCK	ROY	3	3	0.5	85.0
BATCHELOR	DARREN	7	1	1.3	73.0
BATCHELOR	DON	6	1	1.1	71.0
BARBER	DERRY	2	1	0.4	64.0
BENNETT	JOHN	1	1	0.2	62.0
HENDERSON	BOB	0	0	0.0	50.0
AGNELLO	JOHN	0	0	0.0	50.0
KING	JIM	0	0	0.0	50.0
NEAL	FRED	1	1	0.7	37.0
NEAL	IAN	0	0	0.0	20.0
FARNEY	MARK	0	0	0.0	20.0
LADIES					
BENNETT	ELEONOR	0	0	0.0	40.0
KING	PAM	0	0	0.0	40.0
JUNIORS					
KING	ANITA	2	2	0.3	73.0
KING	SARAH	2	1	0.3	53.0
MINI JUNIORS					
AGNELLO	LUKE	0	0	0.0	40.0
TOTALS		36		7.3	
AVE/MEMBER		2.0		0.4	

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH GEORGE HOLMAN MULLOWAY 0.8KG
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH DARREN BATCHELOR 1.3KG MIXED
MYSTERY PRIZE NIL
JUNIORS PRIZE ANITA KING 0.3KG MIXED

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH GEORGE HOLMAN MULLOWAY 0.8KG
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH GEORGE HOLMAN 1.8KG MIXED

FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY

SPECIES	NO	WEIGHT
WHITING	5	0.5
TAILOR	8	1.8
HERRING	7	1.0
GARFISH	13	2.3
FLATHEAD	1	0.7
DART	1	0.2
MULLOWAY	1	0.8

YEAR TO DATE

MEN

DARREN BATCHELOR	1488
GEORGE HOLMAN	1241
HANS WYTENBURG	813
IAN COOK	791
DERRY BARBER	664
JOHN BENNETT	654
DON BATCHELOR	624
MARK FARNEY	593
MORRIS KOLMAN	507
ROY KILLOCK	428

LADIES

ELEONOR BENNETT	231
JULIE MORGAN	197
LEONIE FREEMAN	94
PAM KING	40

JUNIORS

ANITA KING	163
SARAH KING	145
REBBECA PEARSON	119
GRANT TAGGART	56

MINI JUNIORS

ANDREW STOECKEL	166
DANIEL STOECKEL	100
KARL WYTENBURG	50
LUKE AGNELLO	50

FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1997 - 1998

1	HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)	G.Holman	Samson Fish	18.25kg
2	HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)	J.Morgan	Spanish Mackerel	3.4kg
3	MOST MERITORIOUS FISH			
4	HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)			
5	HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1.0 Kg MIN)	G.Holman		1.05kg
6	HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)	Hans Wytenburg		3.08Kg
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	J.Morgan	Spanish Mackerel	3.4kg
10	HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	G.Holman	Mixed	30.9kg
11	HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY			
12	HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	Mark Farnay		12.45Kg
13	HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s max)	David Anticich	Flathead	0.47Kg
14	HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 3-9, 13 (2 Kg min)	G.Holman	Samson Fish	18.25kg

KALBARRI HOUSE BOOKINGS

February 1998	All
March 1998	All
April 1998	16th - 25th
May 1998	2nd - 30th
June 1998	All

AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL DRYCASTING RECORDS

Records commenced from *State Records* under new rules started in 1986.

Also includes Records that were formerly listed as *Convention Records* that in themselves exceeded *National Drycasting Records*.

This Listing is the **ONLY** list for *National Records* in Drycasting events run by **AAA**.

Note *State* is the *venue* the record is set at.

DISTANCE (metres)

112 grams	Male	199.89m	I. Cameron	NSW	27/10/96
	Female	140.28m	B. Pettie	VIC	April 1991
	Juniors	147.52m	A. Cronk	NSW	July 1993
	Veterans	168.80m	H. Hew	WA	21/10/96

56 grams	Male	164.99m	I. Cameron	NSW	22/10/95
	Female	132.93m	R. Moore	VIC	22/1/89
	Juniors	156.61m	J. Driscoll	NSW	27/8/89
	Veterans	154.25m	H. Hew	WA	21/01/96

Artificial Bait (up to 112 grams)	Male	158.86m	I. Cameron	NSW	27/10/96
	Female	118.91m	R. Moore	VIC	25/9/89
	Juniors	133.72m	J. Driscoll	NSW	March 1989
	Veterans	142.05m	H. Hew	WA	21/01/96

ACCURACY (points)

Double Handed (up to 112 grams)	Male	167/200	G. Gildersleeve	WA	12/3/95
	Female	156/200	H. Osborne	WA	10/3/91
	Juniors	163/200	S. Pilton	WA	2/4/95
	Veterans	169/200	R. Thorpe	WA	August 1987

Plug Casting Accuracy (up to 18.0 grams)	Male	65	I. Cameron	NSW	17/4/86
	Female	25	N. Chambers	NSW	17/8/85
	Juniors	40	J. Driscoll	NSW	26/8/89
	Veterans	30	J. Twiname	NSW	21/3/94

Records Current as at AAARA 87th Meeting - 17th November 1997.

DRY CASTING RESULTS

February

1/2/98

SENIORS	112 gram			ARTIFICIAL BAIT			D/H Acc	S/H Acc	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total			
E. Parker	141	137	28	116	-	11	114	11	165
Darren. Batchelor	-	146	15	125	120	24	71	16	126
P. Stoeckel	-	-	-	77	-	8	66	4	78
G. Guildersleeve	131	134	26	103	115	22	154	19	221
G. Holman	167	-	17	131	127	26	108	15	166
T. Willison	134	-	17	121	128	25	102	17	157
H. Wytenberg	-	174	17	146	151	30	102	7	156
A. Aubrey	-	95	9	81	-	8	41	6	64

VETERANS	112 gram			ARTIFICIAL BAIT			D/H Acc	S/H Acc	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total			
T. Stam	107	100	21	90	92	18	110	10	159
J. Strong	84	100	18	85	-	8	116	5	147
Don. Batchelor	-	133	13	104	109	21	111	26	171
R. Killick	107	97	20	85	89	17	125	7	171
M. Head	123	112	23	78	93	17	125	6	170

JUNIORS	112 gram			ARTIFICIAL BAIT			D/H Acc	S/H Acc	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total			
S. King	93	98	19	90	-	9	65	20	113
A. King	89	85	17	-	71	7	26	7	67

MINI JUNIORS	112 gram			ARTIFICIAL BAIT			D/H Acc	S/H Acc	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total			
K. Wytenburg	32	46	8	53	56	11	41	10	70

112 Gram Winner:	E. Parker	Artificial Bait Winner:	H. Wytenburg
56 Gram Winner:		Double Handed Accuracy Winner:	G. Guildersleve
Single Handed Accuracy Winner:	Don Batchelor	112 Gram Open Winner:	
S/H open distance Winner:	G. Holman		
Winner of the day:	G. Guildersleeve	Junior Winner:	S. King
Mini Junior winner:	Karl Wytenburg		

NEXT DRY CASTING

Sunday 8th March 1998 Events: 112 gram, 56 gram, D/H Accuracy, S/H Accuracy.
SURF CASTING AND ANGLING CLUB OF WA (inc)

FEBRUARY 1998 GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: M.Y.A.S.G. Club Room at Inglewood Aquatic Centre Alexander Drive
WHEN: Wednesday 11th March 1998 at 2000hrs
INSTRUCTION: Rig selection. Bring your favourite beach fishing rig. There will be a discussion on they application, design, application and merits

MARCH FIELD DAY

WHERE: BLUFF CREEK
WHEN : 28th February - 2nd March 1998 (LWE)
SIGN ON: Saturday 1300Hrs Camping area Bluff Creek.
WEIGH IN: Monday 1000Hrs Camping area Bluff Creek.
BOUNDARIES As far as you can drive and walk east of the camping area and as far as you can drive on the beach to the West. There will be a barbecue break between 1200 Hrs and 1430 hrs on the Sunday. Fishing is suspended between these times. We hope all members will gather at a central location to be set at the sign on for this social get together. BYO barbecue. *Note:* There will be a club sign at the turn off from Wariup Rd onto the 4wd track into the beach. This will be placed there on after 1800Hrs

APRIL FIELD DAY To be discussed at the March general meeting

WHERE: CAPE TO CAPE
WHEN : 18th April to 19th April. THIS DATE IS DUE TO EASTER FALLING ON OUR NORMAL FIELD DAY WEEKEND AND THE STATE ESTUARINE TITLES BEING THE SAME DATE.
SIGN ON: Saturday 1200Hrs Car park at Dunsborough near bakery
WEIGH IN: Monday 1000Hrs location to be set at sign on
BOUNDARIES Cape Naturalist to Prevally Park or Prevally Park to Augusta river mouth

MARCH DRY CASTING

WHERE: Yokine Reserve corner of Alexander Drive and Wordsworth Avenue
WHEN: Sunday 1 st March
EVENTS: 112Gm, distance, 56Gm, distance, D/H accuracy, S/H accuracy

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR MARCH

WHEN: 28th February - 2nd March 1998 (LWE)
SIGN ON : Phone in sign on to F.D.O. by 2000hrs Thursday Night
LINES DOWN: Saturday 1300hrs
WEIGH IN: Monday 1000hrs G. Holman's 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

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR APRIL

WHEN: 18th April to 19th April. See note above
SIGN ON : Phone in sign on to F.D.O. by 2000hrs Friday Night
LINES DOWN: Saturday 1300hrs
WEIGH IN: Sunday 1000hrs G. Holman's House. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by a adult. FD Money to beleft 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 excluding the Swan River.

ROTTNEST FIELD DAY

16 TH - 17 TH May 1998.

This is one of our clubs most enjoyable field days and has a history of producing very good fish captures especially large salmon and at this time of year. The species caught are very varied and there is the chance of yellow tailed kingfish. It is also a great trip for close camaraderie as we fish together and are able to socialise back at the settlement. The anticipation of looking down onto Radar Reef when we arrive at West End never fails to quicken the heart beat on the bus trip out. The heart beat is very quick after the climb back up heart attack hill. If the weather is good it is magical to watch the Dolphins surfing and see the first salmon leaping on the end of your line. Some people have the adrenalin pumping action of hooking a Yellow tailed Kingfish (FREIGHT TRAINS). You don't normally manage to land them but boy is it fun!! Juniors must be accompanied by their parents or guardian.

This time of the year can be Fine or Wet Windy and Cold. Most years we have had great weather. Most of the fishing is of reef so for those that are going it is essential to have a good wet suite and or wet weather gear plus two changers of clothes. It may also be necessary to change your preferred fishing location depending on the weather conditions so come equipped for both light and heavy tackle fishing. For those who wish to fish in sheltered areas there are sheltered locations.

A run down on fishing and what to take will be give at the May meeting. Juniors must be accompanied by their parents or guardian. If you are undecided about going ask a member who has been previously and how they enjoyed it.

The last two years have produced no Salmon so we a hopeful this year the Salmon will return. However we did catch tailor in excess of 3.5 KG the last two years which is great fun. Ask Mark Farnay or Cookie Monster for the location of the hot spot. But be prepared to get wet up to your shoulders

Tides	SAT	1117	1.1
		2147	0.6
	SUN	1149	1.1

Proposed format will be similar to the last May field day. Times will be confirmed at the April General Meeting.

E.T.D. North Port 0830 on the Saturday ETA. North Port 1700 on the Sunday. These ferry times are to be confirmed with the bus departure times , and will be available at the MAY general meeting.

* NOTE: A firm commitment as to the number of people who will be attending and payment will be required at the latest by the APRIL general meeting for bus and accommodation. Total cost will be in the range of \$75 - for accommodation and transport and ferry depending on the number of members that go. ***Members who pay early will have first option to go. The huts are self contained and have shower toilet basin, stove fridge and very basic cooking and eating utensils. The beds have mattresses and blankets so bring sheets or a sleeping bag. Each hut sleeps six.


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*** I now have to liaise with 4 different agencies to organise Rotto and so we are now bound by their rules and so this is the reason for the above ruling.

ETA Rottnest from North Port Saturday 16 th May	0930
Transport from ferry to Tent Land	0930
Tent Land to West End	1200
West End to Tent Land	1900
Tent Land to West End Sunday 17 th May	0600
West End to Tent Land	1200
Tent Land to Ferry	1500

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SURF CASTER

There are a lot of people around Perth that feel that surf fishing is one of the most enjoyable pastimes that you can get involved in. Basic run of the mill folk who love the freedom of a deserted beach. That's me too.

All ages have a go, all sorts of equipment & many styles & techniques are used to obtain a catch. The decline in fishing stocks, the closure & access to many fishing spots means more effort & longer distances to go just to partake. Going fishing by oneself is not very enjoyable. Hearing of the talents & adventures of the Surf Casting & Angling Club, I decided to join.

Greeted warmly I eventually obtained the assistance & guidance from friendly people who were only too willing to teach others their tactics & expertise. Attending regular Club meetings, listening to instruction periods, having a go at the Dry Casting days, & accepting additional advice from many club members. Even the Club "Champions" were not afraid to pass on their personal skills & encourage me to strive to their levels. No glory hunters here.

I learnt that in this Club "EVERYTHING" is done for the benefit of "ALL" members & individualism is not the way to the top. Equal & fair competition with awards based on merit. How fair can you get? That's for me.

In time I learnt how to read a beach, which gave me a better insight to improve my fishing technique. The casting practice came in handy when I needed to put my bait into that "hole". Bait presentation & rigs improved dramatically & pleasing results made me eager for more. All this knowledge from "unselfish club members".

With training and guidance I have been proud to be selected to represent my club & state at the highest level of competition. To be a member of a winning team has been some very proud moments for me.

For many years I did not have a 4x4, as did some others, so some field trips were limited but fun was had. Participation in local field days was just as enjoyable. Getting to know (& known) other club members eventually led to offers to join them on 4x4 trips. So many memorable & humorous experiences & I'm ever so grateful. So many headed off on their own to do their own thing "club comradery" was lost. The best & happiest field days have been when we all shared a common camp site, got together at meal times & shared. Try it you'll love it.

Participating on many field days, some fellow club members noted my special abilities & somewhere along the way I ended up with the nickname "The Gardener". Not to be outdone & closely observing the talents of some fellow club persons, others are now called "Moray EEL Morrie", "Crabs Killick", "Rayman Andy", "Mulloway Mal" to name a few. Light hearted banter & jesting amongst friends hides the true friendship deep within. I've had the pleasure to observe fathers & sons, wives alongside their husbands, brothers & close friends share some quality time together.

To be associated with so many wonderful individuals & families to receive so much friendship & comradery from my fellow "club members".

Proud to be a Surf Caster.....

HENDO

FEBRUARY DRY CASTING REPORT

It was good to see a healthy roll up of 16 casters at our February cast, including a few new faces. We had a fine day with moderate temperature and a gusty South West wind which could vary in strength and direction from a side wind to nearly a following wind on occasions which made casting very interesting.

The King girls, Sonya and Anita, competed for the first time at casting and even though arriving a little late (they blamed their dad Jim for that) they certainly made their presence felt and drew a lot of favourable comment from the veteran brigade on their ability and potential. Sonya cast 98 metres in the 112 gram distance and Anita 89 so there is a real competition between these two already.

Andy Aubrey came along again and the improvement in his casting is very noticeable. He appears to be really enjoying the morning and we hope to see him join our club soon.

Peter Stoeckel was another noticeable competitor getting stuck into the casting scene, and young Karl Wytenburg was looking a little lonely as the only mini-junior casting.

The vets double handed accuracy saw Roy Killick and Mal Head score 125 whilst in the open Garry Guildersleeve was burning with 154. If anyone wants to know what a "double drift" is just ask George Holman!!

Don Batchelor had a good day with a cast of 137 metres in the 112 gram open V court, scored 26 out of 40 in the single handed accuracy and then set a new club record in the artificial bait for the veterans of 109 metres.

Hans Wytenburg had the longest cast for the day in the 112 gram level line with 174 metres and then set a new State record in the 112 gram artificial bait open with a cast of 150.7 metres.

George Holman had the longest cast in the single handed open with a cast of 98 metres. He just can't get the 100 metres!!

Terry Willison is certainly starting to put it all together and had some pretty respectable scores, particularly in the DH accuracy and SH accuracy. He has to show Andrew Aubrey how it's done!!

This proved to be a good casting and social day, but it would be nice to see a lot more faces present!

Remember next casting day is after the long weekend - Sunday, 8th March - see you there.

WILDERNESS

My son stepped off the plane in Darwin, dressed in jeans & jacket, right into 38 °C heat (& he was a little pickled). He had sat next to a nice young sort & enjoyed a sociable flight up from Perth. A quick change in the car park, a tour of Darwin city & a few local sights, then a nosh at a Chinese restaurant & an early night.

Pre-arranged, we boarded the 6am flight to Manupi Wilderness Lodge situated at Pirlangimpi on Melville Island. A newly opened operation which is run by the Tiwi people. Settled in we stepped onto the boat at 8am & headed out into the Aspley Strait & to a shallow reef area. The action was thick & fast & we caught Blue lined & Red Emperor, Russll's & Saddletail Snapper, painted sweetlip, Catfish, Trevally & Blue Salmon. Nothing over 3kg & only damaged fish were kept (we had been advised that this outing was only an appetiser). Non stop action in an open boat plus the heat tires you out so we headed back in for "LUNCH".

Lunch was more a banquet.... Freshly baked bread, a tossed salad, ice cream containers full of seafood sauce THEN a baby's bath full of Tiger & Banana Prawns. "ENJOY" said the cook. A little time later I staggered away from the table, forced down a UDL then promptly fell asleep in the nearest chair. So did the others. BURB....

Woken up at 2pm, back to the boat & out into the Strait again but into 160 feet of water, the tide just starting to turn & 8oz of lead on, the action was hot. 4 of us in the boat & we hauled in (& I mean it) a total of 17 beautiful black Mulloway from 14kg to 24kg, numerous catfish & 6 Threadfin Salmon around 3kg. I had finally got my Mulloway (but a little sad as I had hoped to drop it on to the scales at a field day & watch Dazza's face). Still the smile on my dial was from ear to ear. Back into camp by 5pm, a cold shower, a few cold ones & waited for "TEA". The staff filleted the fish & all the frames were taken to the local canteen for soup.

"HUNGRY" he asked (silly sod)..... another flipped salad, more bread rolls and bloody great fillets of Mulloway (hanging over the side of dinner plates) cooked to perfection in white wine, butter & lemon juice with a dash of garlic, sprinkled with chives. Followed up by a tropical salad of Mango, Paw Paw, strawberries & bananas topped with home made icecream. I did not ask for seconds. Bloating I staggered away from the table & after watching a magnificent sunset was into the sack by 8pm. No one moved for the rest of the evening.

Shaken awake at 5am, a quick breaky (very light) & into the 4x4 for an hour's drive to the creek system. On the way our guide "HENRY" advised us that all fish were still catch & release only & a minimal time for photos. Into the well equipped dingy, a quick spurt up the creek (been there before) for a couple of k's, & the first location brought results. I've never lure fished before like this but we received the best guidance & advice from Henry bringing instant success.

Catching acrobatic Barra & Threadfin Salmon would have to be one of the greatest thrills a fisherperson can experience & those memories will be with me forever. Now I can cope with the bit of pressure & exertion at the best of times but after 3 hours of non stop action I was starting to crumble. My son Jamie collapsed before me.

With our losses to the sharks increasing, a few croc's getting too close for comfort, & exhaustion bringing lure losses higher we called it a halt. I also got spooled by "WHAT" & it was time for lunch. A quick drag down the creek to the mouth on the Afuri Sea where we sat watching Sea Eagles catching food.

Our guide "HENRY" then proceeded to cook us lunch. A couple of 1kg Jacks, covered in sliced mangoes & Paw Paws, wrapped in alfoil then shoved into hot coals of the fire. "WAS I HUNGRY" he asked..... a bloody comedian as well. More salad & all washed down with ice cold orange & mango juice. Bellies full & warm breezes means nap time for some. Not me, I had noticed some small black tipped sharks cruising close to shore & wasn't going to let this go by without a shot at it. Loaded up my two piece with 4kg & into battle I did go. Henry said I was nuts as those bities were only good for fertiliser. Me... Who cares if I get bitten off or spooled 3 or 4 times? I had a ball for the next hour, even Jamie joined me & was giggling like a Monty Python fan. Time to go said Henry.

Back into the creek, a few sorties up a couple of run offs but the bite was off. A slow cruise back to the 4x4, unload & drive back to base. A refreshing shower, a couple of coldies & "TEA ANYONE".

With over an hour to kill before the plane our host asked if we would like to partake in a little bit more sea food. What a question to ask. A bit of seafood.... Try painted crayfish, huge mud crabs, banana prawns & oversized mussels that I deftly smothered in seafood sauce. Lousy sod didn't give us any bread though.

The plane lumbered off into the air, we sat back & fell asleep but awoke as the plane hit the tarmac (a little over weight?). As we collected our gear, it was a surprise to be given a frozen block of fillets (about 5kg). We were not expecting this as the rules were no fish to be brought back (to stop people bringing eskies). A final gesture that capped off a wonderful two days. All up, it cost both Jamie & I \$580.00 each (plus about 80 dollars of lures). Well worth it & one of the greatest fishing trips I have ever been on.

PLEASE CONSIDER

HENDO

PS Would you believe me when I say that it wasn't until I got back to Darwin, had lost a few kilos, gave the trip some more thoughts that I realised not once did I think of my fellow club mates might enjoy being here too. Selfish aint I.....

Photos of the afore mentioned fish can be viewed after I have enlarged so as to make you envious.

There has been NO EXAGGERATION on the food & fishing. I have only restricted my delight on going there. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

SURF CASTING AND ANGLING CLUB OF WA (inc)

A.A.A. OF WA REPORT

There were twenty two delegates present at the February meeting of the above association. Hans Wytenburg was unable to attend so Wayne Morris came as our proxy in his stead and George Holman was also present.

There was one state Record passed: Gummy Shark caught 15kn NW of Two Rocks Marina by Trevor Plan Turner weighing 27kg 260gm.

A letter was tabled for Gingin Shire re an inquiry by Max Law (our secretary) re camping on beaches in their shire. We were notified that under Caravan and Camping By-laws there is no camping other than recognised parks and fines apply to anyone offending. However, recognised organisations or clubs or community bodies may apply and consideration will apply to these groups at council meetings.

Correspondence was received from National A.A.A. re the mid term meeting to be held in Victoria which gave us short notice (26th - 28th February). Amongst some of the proposals was one to lift the junior age from 16 years to 17 years (to comply with their state rules). We are sending a letter opposing the move. They also put a proposal to alter the weighing in of undersized fish which we are also apposing (it currently stands at a loss of 25 points per each undersized fish in the bag). We have a problem organising representatives to be present at this meeting because of the virtual nil notice.

The State Boating Championships are all set to go, to be held at Whitfords S.S.C. on 21st March.

Entry forms are available for the forthcoming Estuary Event to be held on the 10th - 13th April, 1998 at Walpole.

Club members are reminded of the State Dry Casting group meeting to be held at 89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento on Monday, 30th March at 8pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend but please bring a seat!! Like to see some new faces present!!

Mention was made of a proposed road from Cervantes through to Jurien along the coast. We will keep members informed when information is forthcoming.

The recent meeting held at Cockburn Sound to put forward the concerns of public and the fishing fraternity at the proposed developments proposed for the Sound saw a thousand plus people present, a lot of dignitaries and the media. There was a strong voice opposing the development and concerns made about the quality, access and fish stocks in the sound.

Bob Slight chaired a discussion on looking at what and where we want to Association to achieve and promotion of the Association and it's activities for the benefit of all. A lot of good points were raised. We need to have a higher public profile and recognition.

STATE DRY CASTING GROUP MEETING

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE STATE DRY CASTING IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. TO BE HELD AT 89 CLONTARF STREET, SORRENTO, AT 8PM ON THE 30TH MARCH, 1998.

PLEASE BRING A SEAT WITH YOU.

SURF CASTING AND ANGLING CLUB OF WA (inc)