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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 Committees 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 All voting/Nomination rights at the A.G.M. will be withdrawn if not financial.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

The Surfcasting and Angling Club of W.A. (inc.)

General meeting held on the 10-2-99

The meeting was opened at 8-10 pm by President George Holman with 40 members in attendance.

Apologies were received from ; Leonie Freeman and Mal. Head.

3 visitors, Keith Harland, Andrew Griffiths & John Jaldins were introduced and made welcome to the meeting. President asked for standing orders to be suspended to allow Kieran Wardle from Dirk Hartog Island to address the meeting on the island facilities etc. Moved Jim Strong, 2nd Basil Marsh to suspend orders. Carried.

Kieran Wardle explained to the members what one could expect if they visited island and where you can camp on the island. Costs relating to having your vehicle and trailer taken across on the barge plus the price of fuel, bait and ice. All rubbish must be removed from your camp site and dropped off at the Island homestead. Moved Darren Batchelor, 2nd Derry Barber that we resume standing orders. Carried

Minutes from the last general and committee meetings were read and accepted. Business arising, nil.

Correspondence in: Letters from Cockburn Power boat Club and the North Beach Market Plaza, Riverview.

Correspondence out : Letter of thanks sent to Alan Pace and Steve Whitman of Williamson Lures.

Treasurers report: Written report presented to the members. Business arising nil.

Accounts for payment for Kalbarri House— Bond refunds - \$100-00, House cleaning \$136-00, Water rates - \$31-75, new door latch - \$15-50, postage stamps \$45-00 Other accounts for payment are; January Reel Talk \$84-00. Moved Terry Willison, 2nd Darren Batchelor that the above accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

Instruction period: Refer to paragraph two above.

General business: The Dirk Hartog Island fishing trip planned for May 22nd - 29th 1999 will be going ahead with 4 or 5 vehicles making the trip, taking about 12 people. Don Batchelor has made a suggestion box for the club and Darren Batchelor asked the members to use it with regard to any ideas they may have.

State Estuary Championships will be held on the 29th and 30th of May. Refer to your Reel Talk.

Suggested that the May field-day at Rotto be brought forward one week due to accommodation arrangements plus the Fremantle club will be over there at the same time. Fremantle usually fish the same places we do which could make fishing a little cramped. Derry Barber asked when the constitution was going to be reviewed. President advised that the committee would be looking at the constitution revision in the near future.

The meeting closed at 10-17 pm.

DIRK HARTOG ISLAND COSTS

- Getting there.** 20% of the total cost of all island costs as a deposit.
Balance payable three weeks before trip commences
\$20-00 vehicle charge at Steep Point plus \$4-00 per person, per night.
\$500-00 to take your vehicle across on the barge. [Maximum width 1930mm.]
\$250-00 to take your trailer across on the barge.
A price concession may be given for a reasonable number of vehicles going.
- Camping.** \$10-00 per person per night while on the island.
Homestead accommodation available upon request.
Take all rubbish back to the homestead. Bring your own rubbish bags.
- Island facilities.** Fuel — \$1-20 per litre. Most fuels available.
Bait — \$7-50 per 2.5 kg block of mulies.
Ice — \$10-00 for 15 kgs.
Homestead freezer available. No charge.
Fresh water available at the homestead.
Limited selection of food products at the homestead.
Arrangements can be made to have extra fuel, food etc. taken up to the island at "no charge" if they receive the goods at least 2 weeks before your trip.
- Fishing.** Only whole fish to be taken from the island.
Mackerel can be transported without heads or tails.
Law states that filleted fish cannot be transported by sea. [EG. on the barge.]
Filleted fish can be flown to Denham. Cost \$150-00. Island can make arrangements.
You can make your own arrangements for fish to be transported from Perth to Denham or drive to Denham and collect your fish. Approximately 180 - 200 kms extra travel.
Daily fish quota is 7 whole fish per day.
Only 4 Pink Snapper per day can be included in your daily bag limit of 7 prize fish.
Normal bag limits apply to other species.

	MARCH 1999 GENERAL MEETING	
WHERE:	M.Y.A.S.G CLUB ROOM AT INGLEWOOD AQUATIC CENTRE ALEXANDER DRIVE	
WHEN:	10TH MARCH 1999 AT 8:00PM	
INSTRUCTION	BASIC RIGS IE: TAILOR-HERRING- ECT. PLUS HOPEFULLY A VIDEO ON DIRK HARTOG ISLAND	
MARCH DRYCASTING		
WHERE:	YOKINE RESERVE CNR ALEXANDER DRIVE AND WORDSWORTH AVE	
WHEN:	SUNDAY 7TH MARCH	
EVENTS:	112GM DISTANCE, 56 GM DISTANCE, D/H ACCURACY, S/H ACCURACY.	
MARCH FIELD DAY L.W.E.		
WHERE	BLUFF CREEK	
WHEN	FEB 27/28 MARCH 1	LONG WEEK END
SIGN ON	SAT 27 IN CAMP AREA 12:00 NOON	
LINES DOWN	WHEN YOU PICK A SPOT AFTER SIGN ON	
LINES UP	12:00 NOON SUNDAY FOR BYO BBQ	
LINES DOWN	2:00PM SUNDAY AFTER BBQ	
WEIGH IN	9:00 AM MONDAY IN CAMPING AREA	
LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR MARCH		
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	
LINES UP	SUNDAY 1000HRS	
LINES DOWN	SUNDAY 1400HRS	
WEIGH IN	MONDAY 1000HRS G.HOLMANS 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 NIGHT.	
BOUNDARIES	SOUTH MOLE TO MINDARIE KEYS INCLUDING THE SWAN RIVER	
APRIL FIELD DAY		
WHERE	MARGARET RIVER STH	
WHEN	SAT 17 / SUN 18 APRIL	
SIGN ON	1:00PM SAT AT MOUTH OF MARGARET RIVER BOTTOM CAR PARK	
WEIGH IN	10:00AM SUNDAY AT MOUTH OF RIVER BOTTOM CAR PARK	
BOUNDARIES	MOUTH MARGARET RIVER TO MOUTH OF BLACKWOOD RIVER	
REMAINING FIELD DAYS		
MARCH	BLUFF CREEK L.W.E.	SAT 27 / MON 1
APRIL	MARGARET RIVER SOUTH	SAT 17 / SUN 18
FIELD DAY SELECTION FORMS TO BE RETURNED BY MARCH GENERAL MEETING		
PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND THESE TWO FIELD DAYS AS THEY ARE NOT TO BE MISSED		
DONT FORGET THE MASTERS AND SPECIES BADGE FISH CAN BE CAUGHT ON THE FIELD DAYS AND WILL BE ENTERED FOR YOU BY THE FDO.		
ALSO THE BBQ AT BLUFF ON THE SUNDAY IS A BYO EVERYTHING AND NO FISHING WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THIS TIME!!!		
SEE YOU AT BLUFF CREEK, TIGHT LINES, DAZA, FDO.		

(Before anyone rings me to say that this report was in last months Reel Talk, Our F.D.O has asked me to rerun it again to remind you all that Bluff Creek is worth a look at. ED.)

BLUFF CREEK

Looking forward to February field day, which will be the long weekend of Feb 27/28 and 1st of March this is a family field day location so bring the wife and kids and come along to this trip. This is one of the best locations we go to for a field day, and has all the right ingredients for a great weekend. The camp is protected from most of the wind, and is near a fresh water creek where you can wash off the salt. It is recommended that you bring plenty of fresh water for drinking and cooking.

Bluff creek is only accessible for a 4WD vehicle and is east of Albany. There are kilometres of open beach for fishing. Some reef spots are within easy distance of the camping area where skippy, herring, whiting, salmon are caught and blackfish on the edge of the reef when the weather is calm. The beach and water is in pristine condition so it is really a very pleasant spot just to relax and take it all in. We will be having a club B.B.Q. on Sunday at 12:00 hrs until 2:00pm , fishing will be prohibited during this time so that all members can participate in this event. I would recommend this field day to new members as the fishing is easy and there will be plenty of experienced members on hand to answer any questions and to fish with.

A group of members will be going in convoy to Bluff Creek on Friday night so if anyone wishing to join in please ask at the February meeting. I hope to go down to Bluff on Friday morning, if anyone else is interested in travelling down with me. This is a take your own everything type of spot but if you need power to run freezers, lights, etc you may be able to plug onto someone else's generator if it is pre-arranged.

There are many ways to get to Bluff as can be seen by looking at any map of the area but I will offer the easiest to follow for the benefit of the new members:

Travel south on **Albany Hwy to Mt Barker**, go straight through heading towards **Albany**, at **24km** there is a turn on the left onto **Millbrook Road**, follow this to the end, turn left onto the **South Coast Hwy**, **2km** up the road take the **right fork** (*this is the last fuel stop so if you need it, get it here*) follow this for **43km** to **Bluff Creek Road** turn right and follow this until the road turns into a track follow the track to the beach turn left and travel up beach until you reach **Bluff Creek** approx 5km maybe a bit more it will be running across the beach (usually) turn up into sand hills into camp area. *Use caution when travelling the beach as small creeks run across in places and are hard to see sometimes.*

The easiest way to find it, is to travel with somebody that knows where they are going. As already mentioned, there are many ways to get there, so its up to you to choose the way that suits you, I will be going the above way because its easy to follow, and bitumen all the way.

Last year this field day was our highest attended field day and a lot of good fish were caught, we had herring, skippy, salmon (up to 6kg), tarwhine, sharks and assorted reef fish just to mention a few, so as you can see, it is a field day not to be missed. If anyone has any questions regarding this field day please don't hesitate to call me (9337 9169)and I will assist in any way I can.

Tight lines
Dasa.

VENUE :	MAND 500					
ATTENDANCE :	VENUE	SENIORS	15	JUNIORS	2	
	LOCAL:	SENIORS	0	JUNIORS	1	
	TOTAL:	18				
MEN		NO FISH	NO SPIEC	WEIGHT	POINTS	ATTENDANCE
BENNETT	JOHN	19	5	12.62	176.2	50
BATCHELOR	DARREN	30	4	3.05	70.5	50
BATCHELOR	DON	28	3	2.75	57.5	50
KOLMAN	MORRIS	23	3	2.10	51.0	50
SHAW	MURRY	5	2	1.95	39.5	50
BLACK	KEN	4	3	0.59	35.9	50
HENDERSON	BOB	5	2	1.04	30.4	50
KILLOCK	ROY	8	2	0.77	27.7	50
STOECKEL	PETER	3	2	0.39	23.9	50
THORGENSON	ANDY	6	1	0.60	16.0	50
HOLMAN	GEORGE	0	0	0.00	0.0	50
BRAYNE	PHIL	0	0	0.00	0.0	50
BARBER	DERRY	0	0	0.00	0.0	50
PARKER	ERIC	0	0	0.00	0.0	50
MASCARENHAS	IAN	0	0	0.00	0.0	50
JUNIORS						
SNEDDON	MATHEW	6	2	3.00	50.0	40
MINI'S						
STOECKEL	ANDREW	3	1	0.30	13.0	50
STOECKEL	DANIEL	2	1	0.20	12.0	50
	FISH	KG		FISH	KG	
TOTALS	142	29.36	LAST YEAR	255	35.20	
NO PEOPLE	18		NO PEOPLE	19		
AVE/MEM	7.89	1.63	AVE/MEM	13.42	1.85	
FIELD DAY PRIZES						
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH			MURRY SHAW	TAILOR	0.75KG	
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH			DARREN BATCHELOR	MIXED	3.05KG	
HEAVIEST BAG OF FISH			JOHN BENNETT	MIXED	12.62KG	
MYSTERY PRIZE			KEN BLACK	SKIPJACK	0.17KG	
JUNIORS PRIZE			MATHEW SNEDDON	MIXED	3.0KG	
SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS						
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH			MURRY SHAW	TAILOR	0.75KG	
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH			DARREN BATCHELOR	MIXED	3.05KG	
HEAVIEST SHARK			JOHN BENNETT	B/TIP REEF	9.9KG	
HEAVIEST BAG OF FISH			JOHN BENNETT	MIXED	12.62KG	
FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY						
SPECIES	NO	WEIGHT	SPECIES	NO	WEIGHT	
HERRING	59	6.37	WHITNG OTHER	3	0.25	
WHITING Y.F.	59	5.21	B/TIP REEF	1	9.90	
TAILOR	16	7.04	TARWHINE	1	0.25	
SKIPPY	3	0.34				
MASTERS FISH						
JOHN BENNETT	BLACK TIP REEF SHARK			9.9KG		
OTHER NOTIBLE CATCHES						
JOHN BENNETT	\$1000 TARWHINE					
JOHN BENNETT	LARGEST HERRING					
KEN BLACK	BEST BAG SINCE JOINING					
MORRIS KOLMAN	EAGLE RAY APPROX WEIGHT 25KG					
MORRIS KOLMAN	SHOVEL NOSE SHARK					
DON BATCHELOR	SHOVEL NOSE SHARK					
DARREN BATCHELOR	SHOVEL NOSE SHARK					

VENUE :	OPEN				
ATTENDANCE :	VENUE	SENIORS	16	JUNIORS	3
	LOCAL:	SENIORS	0	JUNIORS	0
	TOTAL:		19		
MEN		NO FISH	NO SPEC	WEIGHT	POINTS
BATCHELOR	DARREN	30	3	7.83	158.3
KOLMAN	MORRIS	30	3	6.85	146.5
WOODFORD	ANDY	10	4	4.93	139.3
WHYTENBURG	HANS	9	4	3.95	129.5
NEIL	FRED	3	1	0.80	68.0
HOLMAN	GEORGE	2	1	0.65	66.5
STOECKEL	PETER	1	1	0.28	62.8
THORGENSON	ANDY	0	0	0.00	50.0
SHAW	MURRY	0	0	0.00	50.0
MASCARENHAS	IAN	0	0	0.00	50.0
HENDERSON	BOB	0	0	0.00	50.0
BRAYNE	PHIL	0	0	0.00	50.0
BLACK	KEN	0	0	0.00	50.0
BATCHELOR	DON	0	0	0.00	40.0
JUNIORS					
SNEDDON	MATHEW	10	2	1.55	85.5
NEIL	IAN	2	1	0.65	66.5
MINI'S					
WHYTENBURG	KARL	0	0	0.00	50.0
	FISH	KG		FISH	KG
TOTALS	97	27.28	LAST YEAR	36	7.30
NO PEOPLE	19		NO PEOPLE	18	
AVE/MEM	5.11	1.44	AVE/MEM	2.00	0.41
FIELD DAY PRIZES					
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH			ANDY WOODFORD	SALMON	3.08KG
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH			DARREN BATCHELOR	MIXED	7.83KG
MYSTERY PRIZE			NIL	NIL	NIL
JUNIORS PRIZE			MATHEW SNEDDON	MIXED	1.55KG
SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS					
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH			ANDY WOODFORD	SALMON	3.08KG
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH			DARREN BATCHELOR	MIXED	7.83KG
FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY					
SPECIES	NO	WEIGHT	SPECIES	NO	WEIGHT
SKIPPY	34	10.50	MULLOWAY	1	1.30
HERRING	43	6.18	TARWHINE	2	0.65
SALMON	3	4.25	FLATHEAD	2	0.33
TAILOR	6	2.43	SEA TRUMP	1	0.20
BLACK BREEM	5	1.45			
OTHER NOTIBLE CATCHES OUTSIDE FIELD DAY					
MATHEW SNEDDON		SALMON			
DAMIEN D'MELLO		SALMON			
PHIL BRAYNE		4WD BIKE			

YEAR TO DATE					
MEN			LADIES		
BATCHELOR	DARREN	1700.20	ELEANOR BENNETT	151.00	
KOLMAN	MORRIS	1236.50	LARA WOODFORD	100.00	
WOODFORD	ANDY	974.60	KIM FREEMAN	67.50	
WHYTENBURG	HANS	958.50			
HOLMAN	GEORGE	814.00	JUNIORS		
BENNETT	JOHN	539.70	MATHEW SNEDDON	402.80	
FARNEY	MARK	485.00	IAN NEAL	140.30	
HENDERSON	BOB	472.90	MAISON WATTS	88.50	
BATCHELOR	DON	379.00	CAMERON SAUNDERS	86.50	
STOECKEL	PETER	376.70	MINI JUNIORS		
			ANDREW STOECKEL	294.50	
			DANIEL STOECKEL	293.50	
			KARL WHYTENBURG	200.00	
			EMILY WOODFORD	172.00	
			MOLLY WOODFORD	150.00	
FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1998/99					
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)			DON BATCHELOR	4.4KG	MULLOWAY
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)			ANDY WOODFORD	3.08KG	SALMON
MOST MERITORIOUS FISH					
HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)			JOHN BENNETT	9.9KG	B/TIP REEF
HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (2.0 Kg MIN)			DON BATCHELOR	4.4KG	
HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)			DARREN BATCHELOR	2.35KG	
HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)			ANDY WOODFORD	3.08KG	
HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)			DARREN BATCHELOR	1.05KG	
HEAVIEST S/FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE			DAMIEN D'MELLO	1.5KG	BLACKFISH
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH			DARREN BATCHELOR	16.15KG	MIXED
HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR			MARK FARNEY	11.8KG	
HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY			DON BATCHELOR	9.95KG	
HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s max)			DARREN BATCHELOR	0.8KG	MULLOWAY
HEAVIEST MACKERAL (3KG MIN)					

PROPERTY OFFICERS REPORT

Due to the increased running costs, and to make our investment a more viable concern. We, the committee, have found it necessary to increase the tariffs on the renting of the Kalbarri house. The increased prices are still lower than comparable accommodation in Kalbarri. For more information please contact Murrey Shaw on 93071611.

Please note, all bookings made before the price rise will not be effected and the price booked at, will stand.

Thanks. Murrey.

Reel Talk Editors Report

Hi fellow members, I would like to start my report this month by thanking the members that sent me articles and input to put into this edition. It makes my job a whole lot easier as I don't have to scratch around finding stuff that I think you might want to read.

I went up to the back of Two Rocks for the Open field day comp with Murrey Shaw. Didn't catch any fish, but I caught a quady. Don't know what a quady is? It's a 4-wheel motorbike that screams around the dunes cutting up everything in its path. The bloody idiot came screaming around a blind spot on the track, and ended up being part of my alloy bull bar. He wasn't hurt which was the main thing I guess, but a little dent in my bar work will always remind me of him. He was really lucky because I had, that very same day, taken off my aluminium rod holders that are usually bolted to the front of the roo bar. If these were still in place, things would have been very different. I notice Darren Batchelor thought it was amusing. He has added this event to the most notable catches in his Open field day results. Thanks Darren. (How many points do I get for this?) Actually, it hasn't been a good start to the New Year for me so far. The whole ceiling in the lounge room of my home collapsed. (While we were all out thank God), Would've killed my kids if they were home. I have also got that blow-in insulation, in my roof, so you can imagine the mess I walked into when I got home. Then to cap it all off, the insurance company wouldn't cover me, as it wasn't storm damage or an attempted break in. What a joke that is.

I would like to point out at this stage that if the ceilings in YOUR home are sagging, or you can see all the seam marks along the joints, be wary. I have been told that "ceiling collapse" is a very common occurrence, and no insurance company pays out on this. They don't even cover the contents that get damaged by the falling ceiling, even if you have content insurance. The only thing I'm worried about now is, that bad luck usually strikes 3 times and so far I've only racked up 2. I wonder what #3 will be. Time will tell I guess. Well, that's enough of my woes.

I really enjoyed the night cast after the weigh in for the Open field day. A pity a few more didn't attend as it was a good laugh. Bob Hendo took it off this time around, good onya Bob. I shot my mouth off about how I was going to embarrass them all with my casting, but I only achieved 3rd last, so I think I will shut up next time around.

Oh! And, didn't they let me know it too.

Thanks to Bob for organising this event.

For those that attended the last General meeting, what did you think of Keiran Wardles report on Dirk Hartog Island? I know it made me want to sign up there and then, in fact, if I wasn't going to Steep Point in August, I think I would have. I hope the members going up in May, and then later on in the year, have a great time and hope they catch a few too.

OK. That's enough from me for this month, see you soon

Phil Brayne

OPEN COMP UP TO MARCH 99

1	Most Meritorious Fish				
2	Heaviest Shark	4.5 kilo min	Phil Brayne	33.0 kilo	False Entrance
3	Heaviest Mulloway	3.5 kilo min	Harry Brayne	16.0 kilo	Hutt River
4	Heaviest Salmon	3.0 kilo min	Mark Farnay	4.2 kilo	Perth
5	Heaviest Dhufish				
6	Heaviest Tailor		Ian Neal	4.5 kilo	Hartog Is
7	Heaviest Samson		George Holman	13.4 kilo	False Entrance
8	Heaviest fish, S/F/rod	4.0 kg line class.	George Holman	4.4 kilo	False Entrance
9	Heaviest Pink Snapper		Ian Mascarenhas	4.4 kilo	False Entrance
10	Heaviest Tarwhine		Mark Farnay	0.6 kilo	Perth
11	Heaviest Mackerel		George Holman	20.5 kilo	False Entrance
12	Heaviest Trevally (S)	1.0 kilo min			
13	Heaviest Trevally (N)	1.0 kilo min	George Holman	5.1 kilo	False Entrance
14	Heaviest Snook/Pike				
15	Heaviest Scud Fish	2.0 kilo min	George Holman	5.1 kilo	False Entrance
	(Other than sections 2 thru 14)	Cobia			

There are some excellent catches in the Open Competition. Good luck on trying to better these entries.

PRESIDENTS NOTES

I was pleased to see a good roll up at our last General Meeting. A number of new faces were there to welcome along Kieran Wardle as our guest speaker for the evening. As Kieran had another engagement to attend, we allowed him to take center stage at 8.00 PM. He was at our meeting promoting Dirk Hartog Island and has given everyone present, an idea of what to expect if they want to fish on the island.

This was particularly interesting to the 3 groups of club members that will be making the trek up to the Island at different times of this year. We are now looking at 5-6 vehicles on the first venture in May.

Another group is going in July, and a final gathering near the end of September.

Kieran also pointed out the new bag and trip limits, (the Gascoyne region) which will be open to public comment soon, and said he was one of the twelve on the steering committee.

Also noted amongst those present at the meeting, were members of the Sucksmith family. As of now (Wednesday the 17th Feb 99) they have been accepted for membership into our club and I ask that they be present at the next General Meeting to be formally welcomed into our ranks.

Darren Batchelor gave a report on the Bluff Creek area as his group fished there at our last venue, which was an open field day. Looks like there should be some good fishing there as Darren painted a more than favourable picture.

Andy Woodford and Mathew Sneddon both caught their first Salmon.

Looking forward to a great number present at Bluff Creek on the field day this weekend.

After the weigh in at the Holmans home, a barbecue and night cast was held which was organised by Bob Henderson and Peter Stoeckle. There was a good roll up (but as usual, there is always room for more) and the weather was perfect. As a result, a great night was enjoyed by all. Most went home by 9.30 so it was not too late, although there were a couple of "stayers".

At our last committee meeting, there was a good deal of time spent discussing Social events and the main concerns were, to run "more self-funding events".

Andy Woodford would like more input from you, the general members as well, as he is open to suggestions from anyone.

Murrey Shaw, our property officer, has been active over the last month or so. Murrey has organised an Associate membership with the social club at his place of employment, which is Path Transit in Joondalup. It looks like it is all coming together nicely, and this will help with the bookings at our Kalbarri house. More bookings mean's more income for the club.

Club members that want to holiday at our cottage in Kalbarri will need to book early to avoid disappointment. As has been requested for some time, the clubs tariffs have now been looked at, and discussed at length. These included booking fees and the cost of operating Kalbarri house. (See report elsewhere in this issue.) Club fees were also looked at with particular reference to the cost of producing our "Reel Talk" magazine. As a result, seniors and veterans fees will go up by \$5.00 when due, (This \$5.00 increase works out to just 20 cents a week extra, and shouldn't meet with any grumbling). Family membership will NOT see an increase at this time.

It was pointed out that field day and casting day fees have not seen an increase for more than 15 years and as a result both will now be \$5.00. Per event. A family will now pay \$7.00 per event regardless of how many members are participating, unless only one member is participating and that person will pay \$5.00 only.

The field days will go back to the old method of prizes, which is half of the field day money to the club and the other half split up amongst the section winners on the day. The more attending, the bigger the pot.

If any member can afford the time, please try and support the Cockburn Sound "Save our Sound" gathering to be held at Challenger Beach from 10AM to 1 PM on Sunday the 7th March. A sausage sizzle, Entertainment, Displays ECT, will be conducted, and a large attendance is necessary for them to put their case to the Government through the media.

Support them now, as we may/will need their support very shortly.

The troubles, politicking and controlling attempts of our recreational activities (fishing) keeps on keeping on from the two major groups R.F.A.C. and Recfishwest, directed at our Association as well as Animal Welfare Act and all of the coastal management drafts starting to come up for public comment. Your committee has had special meetings on some of these and will give you reports from time to time. We ask for your assistance, as this trend is increasing at an alarming rate and has increased the workload greatly. Unfortunately, we have to put in the hard yards so that our club, our Association, and our activities can survive. A recreational fishing license is just around the corner. Please note we have a new post office box that is located in Marmion. The box number is 2032 and the postcode is 6020. Next months instruction period will be by Darren Batchelor and is directed at our newer members and will be dealing with local fishing.

See you at Bluff Creek.

George Holman.

A.A.A. of W.A. Report

There were twenty delegates present at the February meeting of the above. Hans Wytenburg and George Holman represented the Surfcasters.

There was notification of a special meeting at the Basketball Stadium at the sportsman's Association for the 24th February of all bodies interested to look at the Caravan & Camping Act, and to do something about it. There are at least seven groups interested.

Yarloop Angling Club has become a member of the A.A.A. W.A. division.

The proposed ban on the Blue Groper, which is being looked at by R.R.F.A.C., will apply to both recreational and professional fishers.

The forthcoming Mouse racing night listed for the 1st May 1999 at the Floreat surf lifesaving club was raised because of the dire state of the association funds. Phil Brayne, who had been approached to help organise the event, notified that he would help but not organise the event because of the poor club response to the Mandurah 500 fishing competition. A more positive response has to come from the clubs before workers will commit themselves. The president asked delegates to go back to their clubs and sponsor one of the eight races on the card, or at least acquire a sponsor, and to let the secretary know.

Also, if anyone wanted to help organise on the night, please put his or her names forward.

The treasurer announced that the association's finances at this meeting totaled \$1400.00 only and we were basically broke, and there was still a lot of clubs that were unfinancial.

Jim Strong was elected as our second delegate to John Curtis for the Phillip Island convention.

Clubs need to get a copy of the Animal Welfare Act, go through it thoroughly, and then make a submission. President John Curtis will make available his views on this once he has completed the work.

All clubs are asked to get involved in the "Save our Sound" protest to be held on Sunday 7th March from 10a.m. To 1 p.m. at the Challenger Beach. There is a sausage sizzle, entertainment, displays ect, and it all comes down to bums on seats so that the powers that be sit up and take notice. Please get involved.

Clubs to look at adopting the "Code of practice" recommended by Recfish Australia which will also help combat the Animal Welfare Act.

Offshore boating made the point that most of the association funds were going towards paying our secretary, Max Law. He said we should get someone to do the job honorary. There were no takers. The president pointed out that without the capable services of Max Law, he was not prepared to continue as he personally was doing thirty hours a week for the association and Max Law was doing a lot more than he was being paid for. There are not enough workers as it is and generally the ones who say the most, do the least.

At this point in time, with all that is going on, and what is coming up in legislation-trip limits-coastal management licensing ECT, we need to be very united. We need ALL the clubs and delegates working harder than ever to look after the intrests of club anglers, and the general public from some forceful and controlling interests which are now on the scene.

George Holman apologised to all club casters for overlooking the certificates from the last State Championships and John Curtis is preparing them now. Thanks John.

The trip and bag limits have come down from the Gascoyne and will soon be ready for public submission. Keep an eye on this and make sure you have your say.

Executives are going to try and visit all clubs and inform them of what is happening and try and promote more support. They will also try and get the presidents and delegates of all clubs to a special meeting to look at where the association is going

George Holman.

DRY CASTING RESULTS
7/02/99

SENIORS	112 gram			Art. Bait			D/H Acc.	S/H Acc.	DAY TOTAL
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
R. Parker	0	123	12	104	100	20	51	21	104
K. Black	90	64	15	58	73	13	14	10	52
H. Wytenburg	146	148	29	106	0	11	24	15	79
G. Gildersleeve	126	118	24	61	0	6	129	14	173
D. Batchelor	146	131	28	111	108	22	91	27	168
A. Aubrey	0	107	11	0	91	9	37	10	67
G. Holman	151	0	15	119	0	12	104	24	155
P. Stoeckel	62	93	16	82	0	8	13	0	37
B. Henderson	130	0	13	104	112	22	116	11	162

VETERANS

T. Stam	93	93	19	77	77	15	82	6	122
J. Strong	81	74	16	52	68	12	146	21	195
D. Batchelor	113	118	23	86	97	18	119	12	172
M. Head	114	95	21	88	100	19	138	19	197
R. Killick	98	0	10	83	0	8	91	18	127
A. Thorgerson	87	73	16	74	60	13	54	6	89
J. Davies	58	62	12	54	51	11	49	13	85

JUNIORS

M. Sneddon	0	90	9	80	0	8	68	15	100
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MINI JUNIORS

K. Wytenburg	71	67	14	48	54	10	43	0	67
D. Stoeckel	29	41	7	32	6	4	24	4	39
A. Stoeckel	40	18	6	30	18	5	0	5	16

112 gram Winner	H. Wytenburg
Art. Bait Winner	Darren Batchelor/B. Henderson
D/H Acc. Winner	J. Strong
S/H Acc. Winner	Darren Batchelor
Winner of the Day	Mal Head
Junior Winner	M. Sneddon
Mini Junior Winner	K. Wytenburg
112g Open Winner	H. Wytenburg

NEXT CASTING DATE : 7/3/99 START 8:30 am

March Events: 112gm; 56gm; D/H Acc.; S/H Acc.

Dry Casting Report (Feb)

With a hot day forecast, the lads were ready and raring to go on time. I shoed Jennie away from her 'Vets' and had the matured males firing on the double-handed event. A bullseye by Jim Strong had the others on their toes trying to outdo eachother.

A visitor, Joe Davies, joined us in the competition and with guidance from George, soon showed that he could master the art of casting very quickly. Joe stands knee high to a grasshopper but no preferential treatment was given and he gladly accepted the tasks. I would also like to thank all the Vets for the assistance and guidance towards Joe.

Hans won the 112gram distance event with some smooth casting and then produced the same standards to win the Open event. Darren 'only just' won the artificial bait, but won the singly handed event clearly. I guess that "jag bullseye" helped his score. Crafty Mal Head stole the winner of the day with consistency. Congratulations to all winners.

By noon the temperatures were soaring and many thanks go to Ken, Karl and Pete for their assistance in clearing the casting arena.

Keep them straight!

Hendo and Stokes

NIGHT CAST

The weigh in ran smoothly with some good catches recorded. The barby was fired up and appetites were satisfied. A few casters slipped down to the oval and had a bit of practice before the main event.

I re-adjusted the distances of the targets and with the assistance of George and Ross, the 19 competitors tried their "luck" at getting a few points. With glow sticks wafting through the air, but at various speeds and heights, all competitors completed their eight casts. Talk about flying missiles!

A main trophy had been arranged for the winner, but I had failed to get anything for the runner-ups. Straight away George raided his cupboard and donated a couple of lures. A special thank you to George.

Third prize went to Hans; second prize to young Matthew and a flash of brilliance shone through and I took the big one home.

Thank you to all participants.

Hendo

Top 10 Casters (Jan '99)

Don Batchelor	1828	Trevor Stam	1357
George Holman	1665	Roy Killick	1352
Mal Head	1602	Hans Wytenburg	1241
Darren Batchelor	1528	Bob Henderson	1141
Jim Strong	1463	Gary Gildersleeve	1065

Social Report

G'day

The club barbecue and cricket match was a great success with a good time had by all that attended. The cricket match never took place due to a high percentage of hangovers but a good and relaxing time was had by all.

For me one of the best things about these social gatherings is that it gives me the opportunity to chat with members that I might not otherwise get an opportunity to talk to. At the barbecue I got chatting to Mathew Sneddon. It turns out that he has a much better knowledge of the fishing spots on the Northern Beaches than I do. I managed to talk him into taking me to a spot he knows where he says I'll catch the Gardy that I've been chasing toward my species badge. I in return will take him down south on the open in the hopes that we can both pick up a salmon. I'll let you know how we go.

I am organising a 4 wheel drive & fishing outing to take place on Sunday 21/03/99.

The idea is that we all meet up at a pre-arranged location then drive along the beach to a likely looking fishing spot where we will wet a line and have a picnic etc.

If you are interested in what should be a fun day out please contact me in good time, letting me know if you have a 4x4 or not and if you do whether or not you have any spare seats. This way we can arrange lifts for those who don't have 4 wheel drives, with those who do.

To make the fishing a bit more exciting there will be an optional \$5.00 pool for the biggest fish of the day.

We have club polo shirts, tee shirts and baseball caps in all sizes. If anybody would like any of these please see me at the meetings or call me at home in the evenings. The polo shirts are \$20 the tee shirts are \$15 and the baseball caps just \$5. It would be nice if those attending the Dirk Hartog and Steep Point trips could be wearing club shirts and caps when the photo's of all the big fish are taken. The photo's can then be used for club promotions at next years Boat Show etc.

On a more serious note please remember that the raffles and chocolate wheel aren't there just to enable club members to win prizes. The proceeds from these help to keep the club in the black. Every extra raffle ticket bought helps keep your club running so please bear this in mind next time you buy tickets, as at the end of the day, it is you the club members who benefit. If you have any requests or suggestions regarding raffle prizes, don't be shy, come and tell me about them. If I can make the prizes more interesting, I might sell more tickets.

Tight lines

Andy Woodford

ACCEPTED INTO THE CLUB

**PETER SUCKSMITH AND FAMILY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE CLUB AND WE ASK THAT THE FAMILY, OR MEMBERS OF, BE PRESENT AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON THE 10TH OF MARCH 99 TO BE FORMALLY WELCOMED, AND TO RECEIVE THEIR CLUB BADGES.
THANKS.**

OPEN FIELD DAY

Well the open field day has been and gone with most members deciding to fish locally and up to Moore River. Mixed results where had by these members with Hans Whytenburg scoring the best with a nice bag of tailor and a small mulloway. Heading south, a small group of us headed to Bluff Creek on the Friday night. The group included Mathew Sneddon, Andy Woodford, Morris Kolman, Damien D'Mello, Don Batchelor and myself. After a pleasant trip down we where keen to hit the sack ready for an early rise and early it was with Damien the first one up at around 5:30am, (talk about an itchy casting finger), after a quick breakfast we got onto the beach and found it to be very shallow on the western end and towards the reef it got a bit better but still nothing very exciting. Travelling along the beach towards the eastern end we came across an extremely large school of salmon but they where about 300m from shore, we watched the school for a while and then moved on to the rocks for a bit of a fish. The lines hadn't been out for long when Damien hooked the first salmon on whitebait, he played it for about 20mins on 4kg line before landing it, and it wasn't a bad one of around 3kg. Well after catching one so quickly things looked promising but unfortunately they where hard to tempt. Mathew was the next to hook up but much to his disappointment lost it on the rocks, not to be out done the very next cast he was on again and this time made no mistake and landed a nice 3kg fish. This was Mat's first ever salmon and the last fish for his species badge, well done Mathew.

After a bit of lunch we headed back out on the rocks with high hopes of landing some salmon but the weather was getting worse and worse as the day went on (you know the usual Albany weather rain, wind, dam cold) after a few hours we made a move onto the beach as the herring around the rocks where being very annoying. (we where catching them on bare hooks) the beach was slow for a while and the salmon schools going past where getting further out as the waves picked up so we decided to pack up and set up camp for the night. When it came time for tea Mathew produced 3 small tins of bake beans and started to eat them cold out the can, when asked if he would like to heat them up he said "I only know how to heat them in a microwave". When the laughter died down we heated them up for him and even lent him a plate,(don't worry Mat next time I'll bring a microwave for you). We camped on the beach down the eastern end next to the rocks so we could get going early to fish before the wind picked up, only one thing wrong with that idea, nobody told the wind it was suppose to ease off during night. Fishing in the morning was hard work but one good thing there wasn't as many herring around so the skippy had a chance to get to the bait. We packed up around 9:00am to head for home.

At the weigh in, people had all sorts of stories about where they went and what they caught but the one that was the most amusing, (for us anyway), was the one Phil Brayne was telling, it seems he caught a 4wd quad bike on the track to Looties but unfortunately it was to small so decided to tag and release it, but all jokes aside I'm glad you weren't hurt Phil. Some good bags where weighed in and both numbers and bag weights where up on last year.

With only two field days to go for this angling year the sections to watch are the mini juniors with only 1 point between the two Stoeckel boys, the ladies could also be interesting with two of the freeman ladies going to Bluff although with Eleanor on top will be hard to catch, 3rd and 4th in the mens is turning into a real battle for Hans and Andy with only 10 or so points between them, so good luck to everyone on the next two.

The next trip is to Bluff Creek and should be a good one, the details on how to get their etc are here in the book some where so I won't bore you with them here. Don't forget it is a 4wd only field day and there will be a B.Y.O. B.B.Q. on Sunday at lunchtime and no fishing will be allowed during this time. If towing a trailer into the beach please be careful as the tracks are quite dug up so you will need low tyre pressures to navigate the hills and once on the beach when you get to the reef you will find that there no beach there at high tide and going behind the sand dunes is required to get past. If you have any questions on this field day please call me on 93379169 after 7:00pm or 041990 3872 during the day.

The last trip for the year is Margaret River south to Augusta and is not to be missed there will be more details on this trip next month, please return your field day nomination forms by the next meeting and hopefully we will pass the field days for next year as a group of 12 with minimal problems in a couple of months time.

That's it for me this month so I'll see you all at Bluff, till then tight lines and good fishing.

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THE OPEN

I picked up Pete and we headed for Yanchep and "the spot". Caught up with "Macca", got a wave and a call on the CB that he's heading home as the wind is howling and the beach is full of weed. We dropped into "the spot" to confirm what Macca said, only to find he had understated it.

Still, we knew that Hans was north of Two Rocks searching for a better spot so we took to the coastal track. Caught up with Phil and Murray heading out and not too happy with conditions also. The chance of joining a couple of other mugs was too good to miss so they joined in to find Hans.

Leading them up many tracks (going the wrong way again) I came face to face with a 'donkey on a quad (four-wheel bike). I enquired if he had seen a red Nissan but got a quick "Nah" before he screamed off along the track. 30 seconds later Pete and I heard a crunch and hoped that he hadn't hit Phil.

Sure enough, the donkey was staggering off Phil's bonnet and Phil and Murray were extracting the quad from under the roo bar. "Agh sorry" says the donkey, kick starts the quad and racks off back down the track at 90 miles per hour again. Consoling Phil and wiping a tear from his eye, we carried on down the track. It must have been too much as Phil decided to head back home. Nissan one - quad nil.

We finally caught up with Hans just past the "huts" and ventured onto the beach, tied the vehicles together so that they didn't get blown away and started to try and fish. Cast out towards Freo, swing the bale arm over and the lines heading north, being dragged along by clumps of weed. Somehow Hans landed a mullet and a couple of tailor; Pete and I played conservationists and fed the little fishes.

A quick bite to eat, a couple of hot drinks to wash the sand out of the mouth, then a makeshift doss down for the night. Up early with a slight easterly blowing, we hit the water non-stop for four hours with little results. Nature called so I headed for the sandhills.

Engrossed with the dawning of a new day, a million miles away and at peace with it all..... Next thing a "bloody cold and wet nose" touched my kyber pass. Leaping three sandhills and observing the traffic on Wanneroo Road at a great height, I landed on uneasy legs to find Hans's dog Rex sitting where I last was with a dial on his grin.

I refuse to discuss my conversation with "that dog"; I will ignore Hans's hysterics when I told him and I will cope with my mate laughing his box off also.

Hey, I aged 10 years in 3 seconds!!

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(YEEEEHA)

The A.A.A. will be hosting a mouse racing/fundraising evening at the Floreat Surf Lifesaving Club on Saturday night the 1st of May 1999.

The Surfcasters are heavily involved in the organising of this event and we need all members to jot down the date above on their calendars. We held a couple of these evenings ourselves, and those that attended will add testament to a great night's entertainment.

A lot of work and organising goes into these nights and a little later down the track (next month) You will be asked to buy a couple of entry tickets, and then to sell a couple more, (or as many as you can) to help out. The cost will again be \$5.00 per person with kids under 12 free. For anyone that didn't go to either of the Surfcasters Mouse nights, please make an effort this time around, have a great night out, and really enjoy yourselves because it really is something very different.

*There will be once again a full bar operating at good club prices, A decent raffle prize, chocolate wheel spins, spot prizes, door prize, lots more, and of course the main event. **The mice.** (Don't worry ladies, they can't get out)*

You might even win a few bob.

Dave Anticich has again agreed to don the "Rat suit" and woe betide anyone that doesn't buy a raffle ticket from him, thanks for your help Dave. (The kids love Dave).

I am sure I can coerce his lovely wife Lisa into running the Kitchen again for us this year. (Grovel grovel)

Tea and coffee will be included in the ticket price, along with a hot dog/or similar, plus the race/form guide book. (Not bad for 5 bucks)

Bob Henderson has once again agreed to be our head bookmaker (Black suit & dicky bow. Bob) and will oversee the proceedings. Bob looks a little like James Bond when he's in this outfit.

Jan Mascarenhas (the Bombay Bruiser) will be on the door, scrutinising all that tries to enter without a ticket. He will also be selling these at the door.

*Seriously, this is a very important evening for the A.A.A. and we need as many bums on seats as we can get so, **please support this.***

If you can help out at all, please contact me, I need a couple more bookies, raffle ticket sellers, bar staff.

Hans Wytenburg and myself will be approaching as many of the A.A.A. affiliated fishing clubs as we can to drum up patronage for this night.

If you can get a table of family and friends together, that would be great. The more in your group the better time you will have.

We need sponsors for the races, advertisers for our race/form guide book. (Cheap advertising) If you are interested call me.

If you want anymore info on how it all works

Please contact Phil Brayne on 94476669 or 0418920307

Please support us and your A.A.A. and have a great night out as well.

More info will be forthcoming next month.

Please don't just read this and forget about it, contact me now and show your support.

PS: If you want to help out on the night, please contact me as well.

Thanks. Phil.

ROTTNEST FIELD DAY IN MAY

It's on again our annual pilgrimage to ROTTO. This is one of the most enjoyable trips and has great potential for some exhilarating fishing. The weather is usually good to use at this time of year. Actually the weather can be very good. Calm fine and the fishing very pleasant and productive. The water temperature is starting to cool so you do need a wet suite or fish a location that is safe for using waders. Fishing and camping together makes for a real club spirit and the camaraderie is great. Especially after a few warming Whisky's 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 and we hope salmon. Salmon caught using a single-handed rod and lure is a highlight of Rotto as is hooking into a Yellow Tailed Kingfish.

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. Rottnest is away from the mad crowds and it is really great. Hope to see some happy new faces over here.

Mark Farnay and the FDO have caught some really large tailor from a location near Cathedral Rocks. 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.

Hans and others have had a ball catching tailor at Wilsons.

There will be a talk on Rotto at the May meeting if new members would like some extra information This will cover topics such as what gear to bring, facilities, fishing locations, rods reels and rigs to use. The cost will be \$80, which covers ferry, accommodation and transport on the island. Payment will be required no later than the March general meeting. **Remember first in best dressed.** Those who pay early will have a guaranteed spot. This is due to the fact that we need to book in blocks to keep the costs reasonable.

E T A Rottnest from NORTH PORT Saturday 15 May	0930
Transport of gear from ferry to tent land (Caroline Thompson Camping Area)	1015
" " " Tentland to West End	1230
" " " West End to Tent Land	1830
" " " Tent Land to West End Sunday 16 May	0630
" " " West End to Tent Land	1200
" " " Of gear from Tent Land to ferry	1500

Times to be confirmed

The normal procedure is for the crates to be unloaded from the ferry onto the wharf. We then load the gear onto the truck, which delivers the gear to Tent Land. On the Sunday the gear is again loaded onto the truck about 1400 and taken to the jetty. We will load the gear into the crates again. We walk our rods, gaff etc up to and back from tent land.

Transport to West End is by bus towing a trailer so iceboxes, fishing gear can be easily loaded. The rods go inside the bus.

We use the Radar hut to store our gear on the Saturday night.

*******NOTE Gear** must be packed in proper containers such as Nally bins or other strong containers. Soft gear in rucksacks duffel bags etc there is to be no loose gear or buckets with loose or protruding gear. Each container must be clearly labeled with SCAC or your name and Caroline Thompson. For the return trip you need destination (North Port and SCAC or your name). If this is not done we will incur a fee of up to \$100 for transport of gear on the Island or they may refuse to transport the gear. We will not allowing any inappropriately labeled or packed gear on the ferry. I am sorry this seems so draconian but experience shows we have the odd inconsiderate person.

Cookie

AFDO/Recorder

Trip Report

I picked up Mathew Sneddon at four thirty Friday afternoon, and after waving his Mum goodbye and promising to drive safely, we drove to the Bachelor household where we met Don & Darren. From there we went to Damien De-Mello's house where we met with him and Morris Coleman who completed the crew for our Bluff Creek Trip for the open competition

After leaving Perth at about 18:30 and stopping for a quick bite to eat at William's road house, we arrived at the beach via the farm stay turn off (The easier of the two routes) at about half past mid-night. The tents were up and I was in bed by just gone one.

Being rudely awakened by Damien's House Music at five thirty in the morning we had breakfast and had our first look at the beach. The weather left a bit to be desired but the beach wasn't too soft and the surf was okay.

We drove along the beach toward the rocks at the Eastern end of the beach and came across a huge school of good sized Salmon about two of Darren's casts out from the beach. After trying without success to get a bait out to them we decided to leave them alone and head for the rocks, which we reached at about nine o'clock.

We parked the 4 wheel drives, grabbed the rods and headed out onto the rocks to see what was about. There were Herring of course, and some Skippy but what we wanted was Salmon.

Damien was first to hook up to one with a single-handed rod and what I guess to be about six-kilo line. After playing it beautifully for about fifteen minutes during which time it made several good runs, almost spooling him and left the water at least four times, he brought it to the gaff. A good fish of about four kilo's.

Next in was Mathew with what looked like a good Salmon which eventually, after some acrobatics, managed to spit the hooks, much to Mathew's disgust. He was just as desperate as I was to catch his first salmon. He re-baited and within the space of five minutes was in again. This time he managed to hang on the fish and after several good runs brought it to the gaff. Another nice fish of about the same size as Damien's.

By this time I was giving up hope of ever catching my first Salmon. The Herring stayed on the bite with the odd Skippy showing but the Salmon it seemed had gone off the bite, for the time being at least.

As it was by now eleven o'clock we left the rocks for a bite to eat and to get organized for the lines down at twelve.

Twelve o'clock came and Don and Darren were soon into the Herring and Skippy in a big way. I was sticking to my guns and fishing for my first salmon. Everyone was catching Herring with the odd Skippy thrown in but no Salmon were showing, so we decided to give the beach a go. The weather by now had deteriorated to drizzle, which combined with a stiff sea breeze made the fishing uncomfortable. After half an hour or so with only one Skippy and a Flat-head to show for my efforts I decided to have a kip in the car and leave the others to it. I think Morris Kolman had the same idea.

Feeling depressed about the lack of Salmon and the Pommy style weather, Mathew and I decided to head back along the beach to the rocks where we were going to camp for the night and set up camp. We arrived to find another two guys heading back from the rocks. They told us that they had just had a couple of salmon. That was enough to re-ignite my determination to catch my first Salmon so Mathew and I grabbed our rods and headed for the rocks, closely followed by Morris and Damien. Within half an hour of arriving I had a reasonable bite, struck and pulled in my first ever Salmon. I was thrilled, but also disappointed at the same time. I'd got my Salmon but it was only a small one. Now what I wanted was to catch it's Mum. Ten minutes later I did. Not quite as big as the ones that Mathew and Damien had caught but at 3.1 Kilo's gilled and gutted I was wrapped. Morris went on to lose a good salmon that he had called for a Skippy, until it saw the rocks and went charging off to sea again, eventually cutting the line against the rocks. He then pulled one of the smaller variety to match my first effort.

We eventually called it a night at about nine o'clock. Had a few drinks and a chat and hit the sack. We were up early the next day to try for the Salmon again, but they didn't show. Darren was pulling in Skippy like they were going out of fashion and bagged up. We had to leave at about eight to allow enough time to get back to George's for the six o'clock weigh in. Which, after a good run back, we made. With enough time to spare, to clean the car and grab a shower.

I'd like to thank the other's who went for a great weekend, although we probably did more driving than fishing. I had a brilliant time and achieved my ambition of catching a salmon to boot.

Andy Woodford

! HELP ME PLEASE!

**DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY OF THOSE OLD 8mm MOVIE REELS, WHICH
CONTAIN ANYTHING THAT DEALS WITH FISHING, ECT. ECT.
I HAVE ACQUIRED A WORKING PROJECTOR AND SCREEN AND I
WANT TO ORGANISE A FILM NIGHT
PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL IF YOU CAN HELP ME.
BOB HENDERSON
(NUMBERS IN THE FRONT OF THIS REEL TALK)
THANKS.**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application for membership has been received by David and Joy Redford of Burswood.
Any reasons why David and Joy should not be accepted should be directed to any committee
member.

JUST A SHORT NOTE TO ANY INTERESTED MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS

The April General meeting will feature an instruction period on

Helium Gas Ballooning

&

Flying Gaffs

This fascinating and different art of fishing from cliffs and rocks should not be missed and
will be worthwhile to all persons.

Ballooning rigs will also be discussed

Especially informative for those going to Dirk Hartog Island and Steep Point.

This was sent to the Reel Talk Editor by Roy Killick and I feel it is quite true, What do you think?

AND GOD CREATED MAN

...And God created the Mule and told him "You will be Mule, working constantly from dawn to
dusk carrying heavy loads on your back. You will eat grass and you will lack intelligence. You will
live for 50 years".

The Mule answered "Lord, To live like this for 50 years is too much, Please, give me no more than
20 years"

And it was so.

Then God created the Dog and told him "You are Dog, and you will hold vigilance over the
dwellings of man, to whom you will be his greatest companion. You will eat his table scraps and you
will live for 25 years".

The Dog responded "Lord, to live like this for 25 years is too long, please, no more than 10 years"

And it was so.

God then created the Monkey, and told him, "You are Monkey, you will swing from the trees acting
like an idiot you will be funny, and you shall live for 20 years".

The Monkey responded "Lord, to live 20 years as the worlds clown is too much, Please Lord, give
me no more than 10 years".

And it was so.

Finally God created Man. The Lord told him "You are Man, the only rational being that walks the
earth. You will use your intelligence to have mastery over all the creatures of the world. You will
dominate all before you, and you shall live for 20 years".

The Man responded "Lord To be man for only 20 years is too little, Please Lord, give me the 30
years that the mule didn't want, give me the 15 years the dog knocked back, and I will take the ten
years the monkey refused".

And it was so.

And so God made Man to live 20 years as a man, then marry and live 30 years like a mule. Working
and carrying heavy loads on his back. Then he is to have children and live 15 years as a dog,
guarding his house and eating the scraps and leftovers after they have emptied his pantry. Then in
his old age he is to live 10 years more as a monkey, acting like a clown to amuse his grandchildren.

And it was so.

For ever and ever. Amen.