

REEL TALK

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FORGET - ME - KNOTS :

- : Casting Day FIRST Sunday of Each Month unless otherwise noted - Starting times will be STRICTLY adhered to.
- : Monthly General Meetings are usually held on the SECOND Wednesday night of each month at 8 pm. SHARE.
- : Field Days are held generally on the Weekend after the General Meeting.
- : Annual Dinner Dance and Presentation of Trophies is held in June. Time and Place to be Determined.
- : OPEN : Club Records: Line Ratio Badges applications MUST be in to the Recording Officer within 30 DAYS of Capture.
- : Give your Committee any ideas you have. Don't sit on them.
- : ALL Library Books MUST be returned to following Monthly Meeting unless permission is given to hold books longer.
- : Should any Member for any reason need to resign from the club Please send a letter of resignation to the Secretary.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

WHERE : DIANELLA COMMUNITY HALL, Light Street, Dianella
WHEN : Wednesday, 9th May 1984

INSTRUCTION PERIOD:

LEE CLIFTON will give talk on places to fish at the next Field Day.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

WHERE : DIANELLA COMMUNITY HALL, Light Street, Dianella
WHEN : Wednesday, 10th May 1984

NEXT DRYCASTING DAY:

WHERE : Yokine Reserve
WHEN : 6th May, 1984
EVENTS : 112 Grams
 56 Grams
 S/H Accuracy
 D/H Accuracy

NEXT FIELD DAY:

May 12th & 13th - DUNSBOROUGH

BOUNDARIES: Cape to Cape

SIGN-ON : Shops (12.00 NOON) Saturday 12th.

START FISHING 1.00pm Saturday 12th.

WEIGH-IN : Shops (10.00am) Sunday 13th

JUNE FIELD DAY:

June 2,3,4. 1984

OPEN : START 1.00pm Saturday 2nd.
FINISH 11.00am Monday 4th.

Fishing will be carried out on the "HONOUR SYSTEM" ie. No sign-on or weigh-on and scales will required for checking by F.D.O.

THE PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Well the start of our new year for the fishing club for competitive events. Good luck to those who enjoy the competition. Which reminds me,

- a) New committee members to be selected, are YOU interested in becoming involved in club activities? While some on this interest results in hard work - there are some very interesting and rewarding aspects. The committee works as a team and the friendship that results from this interaction is stimulating to say the least. There will be some vacancies coming up.
- b) Our Annual "Dinner/Dance" is not too far away, please make the effort and attend, its a beaut night and a real club get-together. Also how about "Trophies" - can you help.

The wife and I took off to Wagoe for the Easter long-week-end. Not a really "hot" weekend (both fish and weather), but all the same very enjoyable. The Friday evening a few good fish (mixed bag of Tailor, bream, flathead, dart and a trevally of some 9 kilo's ie just under 20lb). Fished the same spot the following evenings, Saturday and Sunday but no results at all. The mornings brought a few 10 to 12lb trevally plus one tailor that went nearly 10lb. Sharon had a balloon out one morning, but to no avail. Tony D'Alonzo was bait casting a little later in the morning and found Sharons Mackerel at just under 30lb, no wire, very good effort Tony.

Have tended to always catch good fish at both Wagoe and Kalbarri. So our weekend away lived up to expectations.

The committee has come up with a different approach to the fishing venue selection for this next year. We trust that some of the "different" places brings results. Some of the old faithfuls are still there. Rotto in April - "its magic". For those of us that went over last field day - wasn't Cathedral a bit of that real magic late Saturday afternoon. You should have been there. Never have I seen so many anglers (all at once) having so much fun. Salmon are a spectacular fish to catch on light beach gear.

Some of our drycasting rules have also changed for the year. We trust these will be for the better. Give the committee the feedback of what you think once you see the effects of the rules.

See you at the next meeting, or field day or for certain at the Annual Dinner / Dance.

P.T. OSBORNE.
PRESIDENT

ACCEPTED AS NEW MEMBER:

Steve Browne
15 Bertram Street
DIANELLA WA 6062

Steve would you please make yourself available at the May Meeting to receive your Badge and Books as a new member.

SOCIAL NEWS:

Tickets for 9th June ANNUAL DINNER / DANCE.

Please get your tickets at the next Meeting (May) or ring Nella Clifton on 276-8884 or 276-1362

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Please remember that Subs will be due at the June General Meeting. Early payment will be appreciated.

Also - Annual General Meeting (June).

All positions on the committee will become available.

FIELD DAYS FOR THE 1984 / 1985 SEASON

APRIL	-	ROTTNEST
MAY	-	DUNSBOROUGH (CAPE TO CAPE)
JUNE	-	OPEN (LWE)
JULY	-	BORANUP (SOUTH MARGARET RIVER)
AUGUST	-	ROTTNEST
SEPTEMBER	-	OPEN (MARGARET RIVER TO JULIEN BAY)
OCTOBER	-	FLINDERS BAY
NOVEMBER	-	WEDGE ISLAND
DECEMBER	-	WHITE HILLS
JANUARY	-	VAGOE / S-BEND (LWE)
FEBRUARY	-	WHITE HILLS
MARCH	-	REEF BEACH
APRIL	-	ROTTNEST

STEEP.
POINT

FISHING FIRST AID.

All of us know our FRIEND (?) the BLOWFISH from many a fishing day, and knows that it bites on anything from beer cans to rubber thongs.

PUFFERFISHES.

Also known as blowfishes and toadfishes, pufferfishes get their common name because of their ability to inflate their abdomens by swallowing air or water. Many people, and countless pets, have died throughout the world from eating pufferfish flesh, although in Japan, with correct preparation, these fishes are considered a delicacy. In Western Australia at least four people have died as a result of eating these fishes.

The poison, called tetrodotoxin, is located in the internal organs and skin and is thought to be at its strongest concentration during the mating season (November to around April for the Common Blowfish). Careful removal of these parts of the fish may leave the flesh unaffected. However this is not recommended. It has been reported that over 50 Japanese die every year from incorrect preparation of a pufferfish delicacy called Fugu. Captain Cook and some of his crew were severely poisoned after eating pufferfishes at New Caledonia. However the only fatality was a pig which was given some scraps.

SILVER PUFFERFISH + *Lagocephalus sceleratus*.

Also known as the Northwest Blowfish, this fish has quite a reputation. As well as being responsible for poisoning Captain Cook, it often attacks swimmers and divers, removing pieces of flesh and even toes. The powerful, parrot-like beak can easily bite through such things as snapper hooks and human bone. This species is more likely to be eaten than most other pufferfishes because of its large size (over 80 cm in length).

Distribution: Indo-West Pacific. In Australia, it ranges as far south as South Australia.

COMMON BLOWFISH + *Torquigener pleurogramma*.

This species is well known as a pest by anglers who fish in the Swan River estuary. However, some Western Australians regularly eat this fish after first skinning and gutting it. This practice cannot be considered safe, as the Common Blowfish has been responsible for the deaths of many pets in Australia. A study carried out in 1968 showed that while terrestrial animals are susceptible to the poison of this fish, marine animals such as seagulls and other species of fishes, appear to be immune. This species grows to about 22 centimetres in length.

Distribution: Southern half of Australia (except Victoria and Tasmania) to Shark Bay in Western Australia.

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FISHING FIRST AID Cont....RINGED PUFFERFISH + *Arothron xanilla*

This species is relatively common in coastal waters of southern Western Australia where it inhabits offshore reefs. It is easily identified by the blackish-brown ring around the base of the pectoral fin. It grows to a length of 26 centimetres.

Distribution: Southern half of Australia to Green Head, north of Lancelin in Western Australia.

PREVENTION, SYMPTOMS AND FIRST AID:

PREVENTION: Never eat the flesh of any fish that either is capable of inflating its abdomen or possesses a bony, box-like carapace. Also, such fishes should not be fed to pets.

SYMPTOMS: Within 5 to 30 minutes of eating flesh containing tetrodotoxin, muscular paralysis develops and may eventually lead to respiratory failure.
The victim becomes weak and dizzy and may complain of curious sensations to the lips and tongue (swelling and numbness respectively).
Vomiting almost always occurs.
The victim may lapse into unconsciousness and unless medical treatment is received quickly, death could result.

FIRST AID: Vomiting should be induced when the symptoms first becomes apparent, but not if the victim goes into respiratory failure. Artificial respiration should be given to the unconscious patient until medical assistance can be obtained.
Hospitalization is imperative.

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"GROSS WHO HAS BEEN IN THE PAPERS"

To some, fishing is one of the most frustratingly enjoyable sports in the world.

Most youngsters have, at sometime, been to a jetty and dropped a handline over the side in the hope of catching a yellowtail, skippy or possibly a small tailor. Even at a tender age the child realises the monotonous wait for a bite is almost as great as the thrill of the capture.

1954

Jim Strong of Dianella has been an avid angler since 1954, a period stretching nearly half his life. Like all anglers he remembers the good times, the big fish and those infamous monsters that manage to get away.

Jim recalls many a big salmon from five to six kilo's that he landed behind the Denmark Caravan Park and the 10-13 kilo schnapper at Jurien Bay. But best of all a mulloway that took nearly an hour to beach and weighed close to 20 kilos.

Jim uses a 14 foot Sportex beach rod combined with an Alvey reel and a five kilo line.

He says the light line gives him a good feel of the fish, but isn't too light to break under the strain of a large one.

But Jim's line has landed a bigger catch than that mulloway. Again fishing in his happy hunting ground at Jurien Bay the amateur fisherman had his regular rig out with a whole mullet as bait and then the fish struck, and for two hours he fought to bring it in.

"About that time I realised the line was bottom heavy, which probably meant it wasn't a fish at all.

"So I pulled it in and shone my flash light on it.

"All I could see was a mass of tentacles, like arms swaying around and a bulky body.

"I got off that reef as quick as I could and I didn't return until it was daylight.

"there was no way I was going to fish off that reef at night with a huge ocky (octopus) around.

"When I got back to my spot I couldn't believe it.

"My fears of the previous night faded as I saw a craypot laden with ropes and floats.

"Mind you that 100l of craypot is the largest thing I've landed," said Jim sarcastically.

However, one of Jim's biggest disappointments in fishing is never having been up north, Exmouth way, to play for the Spanish Mackerel, monstrous schnapper and the thousand of other big fish caught off W.A.'s north-west coast.

"I've always been tied up in the administration side and was for 12 years a committee member with the W.A. Surfcasting and Angling Club," he said.

Jim was made life member of the club in 1973, but his contribution to the sport went beyond his own club. He was vice President of the Records Council W.A. division in 1960 and two years later became President. In the same capacity he went on to form the W.A. Division of Aust. Anglers Assoc., to which he is now both State and Federal patron.

from EASTERN SUBURBS REPORTER.

FIELD DAY - APRIL 1984 - ROTTNES.RESULTS:

D. Bibby	22.55kg
P. Booth	13.85kg
I. Cook	21.65kg
T. Richardson	24.72kg
J. Reeley	22.92kg
T. D'Alonzo	34.85kg
P. Osborne	27.79kg
B. Marsh	4.10kg
A. Stephenson	.80kg
H. Osborne	17.75kg
L. Clifton	22.72kg
N. Clifton	11.35kg
S. Booth	3.20kg

TOTAL	228.295kg
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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

S. Whiting	} caught fish but did not weigh-in (10 Salmon)
S. Brown	
Stephenson V.	

ATTENDANCE

Seniors	12
Ladies	1
Juniors	2
Visitors	1
Total	16

FIELD DAY SECTION CHANGES - NILHEAVIEST BAG: P. OSBORNE 27.795kgHEAVIEST SCALE FISH: T. D'ALONZO SALMON 4.125kgHEAVIEST JUNIOR BAG: H. OSBORNE 17.775kgSPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS:HEAVIEST BAG: T. D'ALONZO 34.85kgHEAVIEST SCALE FISH: T. D'ALONZO 4.125kg SALMONFISH CAUGHT:

Salmon	45
Tailor	19
Herring	313
Skippy	16
Whiting	12
Flathead	1
Wirrah	5
Buff Bream	8
Goat Fish	1
Wrasse	3
Blackfish	1

AVERAGE CATCH : 17.561kg

AVERAGE WF / FISH : .538kg

CLUB SUCCESS RATE : 82%

FIELD DAY SCORES 1983 / 1984.

T. D'Alonzo	824.10 pts	<u>LADIES</u>	
P. Osborne	501.98		
L. Clifton	479.70	N. Clifton	498.00 pts
T. Richardson	405.90	P. D'Alonzo	367.80
I. Cook	309.20	S. Osborne	44.60
E. Korin	194.80	J. Lee	25.00
G. Reilly	184.20	R. Sutton	20.00
D. Bibby	161.10	R. Korin	20.00
P. Booth	152.70	L. Collins	10.00
J. Reilly	138.70	L. Dee	10.00
B. Marsh	88.20		
F. Sutton	85.00	<u>JUNIORS</u>	
E. Bombardier	74.40	H. Osborne	214.70 pts
A. Pebbles	72.60	B. Wintle	71.30
S. Sutton	72.20	P. Wintle	47.70
P. Neri	67.60	M. Korin	41.60
O. Wintle	63.50	S. Booth	40.80
H.R. Hew	54.00	R. Fredericks	34.20
A. Stephenson	48.00	M. Dee	10.00
T. DeBarro	47.60	B. Carr	10.00
D. Stiglmeyer	40.00	A. Carr	10.00
G. Corulli	39.60	P. Mollett	10.00
J. MacDougall	38.80		
J. Griffiths	37.00	<u>MINI-JUNIORS</u>	
R. Wintle	34.60	D. Korin	92.00
J. Lee	33.40	K. Osborne	56.10
B. Fredericks	33.40	C. Osborne	55.10
S. Whiting	33.00	G. Richardson	48.20
A. Carr	30.00	J. Osborne	47.60
R. Noble	30.00	D. Richardson	22.20
M. Belgard	30.00	H. Holman	21.20
R. DeBarro	27.60	D. Holman	20.60
G. Holman	20.60	Rob. Sutton	20.00
B. Utting	20.40	Rebecca Sutton	10.00
B. Collins	20.00	R. Collins	10.00
P. Toc	20.00	D. Collins	10.00
J. Strong	12.40		
L. Hollier	10.00		
D. Stevens	10.00		
S. Dee	10.00		
S. Smith	10.00		
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E. Parker	30.00		
R. Belgard	28.00		

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- SECTION 2: Heaviest Scale Fish (2nd six month) - 11kg Mulloway N. Clifton
- SECTION 3: Most Meritorious Fish
- SECTION 4: Heaviest Shark Min Wt (4.5kg) - Gummy 4.6kg T. Richardson Flinders
- SECTION 5: Heaviest Mulloway - 11kg N. Clifton
- SECTION 6: Heaviest Tailor Min Wt (1kg) - 2.35kg T.D'Alonzo
- SECTION 7: Heaviest Salmon Min Wt (3kg) - 3.15kg T. D'Alonzo
- SECTION 8: Heaviest Trevally (Skippy) Min Wt (1kg) - 1.250 T.D'Alonzo Rottneest
- SECTION 9: Heaviest Mackeral
- SECTION 10: Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish caught on a field day - 25.5kg
T. D'Alonzo Margaret River
- SECTION 11: Heaviest Bag of Mulloway - 13.90kg T.D'Alonzo
- SECTION 12: Heaviest Bag of Tailor
- SECTION 13: Heaviest Scale Fish caught on S/H Rod - Buff 1.3kg P. Wintle Rottneest
- SECTION 14: Heaviest Scale Fish other than 4 - 13 - Blue Spot Trevally
6.7kg T. D'Alonzo

* OPEN DIVISION 1983 / 1984

- SECTION 1: Most Meritorious Fish
- SECTION 2: Heaviest Shark - E. Korin 62.5kg
- SECTION 3: Heaviest Mulloway P. Osborne 18.4kg
- SECTION 4: Heaviest Salmon - S. Whiting 3.2kg Trigg
- SECTION 5: Heaviest Jewfish
- SECTION 6: Heaviest Tailor - 4.66kg B. Payne
- SECTION 7: Heaviest Samson Fish
- SECTION 8: Heaviest Scale Fish caught on S/H Rod (B/S Line) - 4.66kg B. Payne
- SECTION 9: Heaviest Snapper (Pink) T. D'Alonzo 5kg
- SECTION 10: Heaviest Tarwhine (Silver Bream) - S. Whiting .68kg Trigg
- SECTION 11: Heaviest Mackeral - T. D'Alonzo 12kg
- SECTION 12: Heaviest Trevally (Southern) Min Wt (1kg)
- SECTION 13: Heaviest Trevally (Northern) Min Wt (5kg) - 5.7kg S. Osborne Lowley
- SECTION 14: Heaviest Snook-Pike Min. Wt (1kg)
- SECTION 15: Heaviest Fish other than those listed in Section 2-14 inc. -

* ALL SECTIONS ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTOGRAPH
Applications not accepted unless all "Rules" are complied with.