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## **CLUB ETIQUETTE**

### **MEETINGS**

The monthly GENERAL MEETING is usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

### **DRYCASTING**

Casting is usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is given to all new members and a competition is conducted to improve and maintain the standard of our 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 the committee's duty to decide what action is to be taken.

Disputes may be taken to the committee.

Entries for Game Fish Badge, Club Records and Open Fishing Competitions must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Please notify the Treasurer and Reel Talk Editor of any change of address or phone number.

### **GENERAL ETIQUETTE**

If you intend to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Please assist the Treasurer by paying your subscription with-in 28 days of the Annual General Meeting. Arrears of 3 consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

CLUB ACTIVITIESNOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- WHERE - St KIERANS CATHOLIC CHURCH, Cnr Cape Street and Tyler Street, TUART HILL (information elsewhere)  
 WHEN - WEDNESDAY, 11th November, 8.00 pm.  
 INSTRUCTION - "INDOOR DRYCASTING" Come and give it a go...it's not easy!!

NOVEMBER DRYCASTING DAY

- WHERE - YOKINE RESERVE  
 WHEN - SUNDAY 1st November 1992, 8.30 am  
 EVENTS - 112 gram Level Line D/H Accuracy  
           56 gram Level Line S/H Accuracy  
           S/H Open

NOVEMBER FIELD DAY:

- WHERE - WEDGE ISLAND  
 WHEN - 14th to 15th November  
 SIGN ON - Saturday 1pm at Lancelin. Outside the Hotel on the Northern end of town.  
 BOUNDARIES - Northern is the North side of Wedge Island, Southern is Ledge Point.  
 WEIGH IN - Sunday 11.00am at the parking area at the start of the sand dunes.

NOVEMBER LOCAL FIELD DAY:

- WHEN - 14th & 15th November  
 SIGN ON - Phone in to the FDO by 8.00pm on the Friday night.  
 LINES DOWN - 3.00 pm on the Saturday.  
 LINES UP - 11.00 am on the Sunday  
 WEIGH IN - By 12.00 am on the Sunday at G. Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by an adult. Results to be phoned in to the FDO by 8.00 pm that night.  
 BOUNDARIES - Hillarys Marina to Yanchee Lagoon.

DECEMBER FIELD DAY:

- WHERE - WHITE HILLS  
 WHEN - 12th & 13th December  
 SIGN ON - SATURDAY at 1.00pm. At the end of the White Hills road on the beach, ie at the bottom of the 4wd track that comes out on the beach.  
 WEIGH IN - SUNDAY 11.00am at the same location.  
 BOUNDARIES - Northern boundary is the sign-on location, Southern Boundary is Preston Beach.

DECEMBER LOCAL FIELD DAY:

- WHEN - 12th & 13th December  
 SIGN ON - Phone in to the FDO by 8.00pm on the Friday night.  
 LINES DOWN - 3.00 pm on the Saturday.  
 LINES UP - 11.00 am on the Sunday  
 WEIGH IN - By 12.00 am on the Sunday at G. Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by an adult. Results to be phoned in to the FDO by 8.00 pm that night.  
 BOUNDARIES - Swanbourne Drain to Pipidinny.

STATE ESTUARINE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- WHERE - SWAN RIVER  
 WHEN - 24th & 25th November  
 Please advise Peter Osborne if you wish to participate as we are trying to field as many teams as possible.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thursday the 12th November will see the start of the Social Activities of the club at a magnificent venue, Max Kay's Civic Theatre Restaurant, 380 Beaufort St Perth. Doors open at 7.00pm with Dinner commencing to be served at 7.15pm to 9.00pm, and the non-stop floor show blasting across the stage at 9.05pm to 11.30pm. The old time Vaudeville and slick slapstick routines, like the Benny Hill Show loaded with laughs, being led by Max Kay and his accomplished team of performers. The premises are fully licenced with both bar and table service.

We have booked for 30 with confirmations of 26 being received from members but have the opportunity to accept more and to this end I would like to ask your assistance to the following:

Social events run by the club are necessary to raise funds to provide the facilities we all enjoy and strive to build for the future. As such we need your support.

There is of course another side for the organising and running of social events and that is to build the comradeship within the membership and involve our wives, families and friends to share what life is really about.

Spending quality time with the people we care about and making the effort to involve those people and do the things that show we care "Together". Perhaps we could consider inviting our parents who probably have fond memories of vaudeville but without our invitation would never see this type of entertainment again.

This venue is conducive to fellowship, a great night out and possibly an ideal opportunity to consider inviting a friend who may be interested in fishing and could in the future become a member of the club.

We can organise more tickets and look forward to assisting you to book same. Please phone Eric Parker on 446 8249 and book now.

Purchase of Tickets: \$29.95 per head. Kindly post your cheque to the club - PO Box 645, MORLEY 6062.

### WHAT'S HAPPENED LATELY

\* We have printed (Thanks to Rom) new membership application forms on Surfcasters letterhead.

\* Car stickers for club members with many thanks to Tony Richardson who, of his own initiative after reading the last "Reel Talk", produced a quantity of excellent stickers with the club colours which will be distributed to members at the next meeting.

\* Name badges thanks to John Reeley who fished through the club archives and retrieved some 64 badges which Eric Parker is going to have engraved with names of members.

\* New club flag donated by Mark Philpot, to have a stand and includes a detachable velcro drycasting sign. Thanks Mark.

\* Format for Mandurah 500 compiled by Peter Osborne and will form part of the committee formed for future ease of organisation. Thanks Peter.

\* Bookings for Kalbarri property to be controlled by our property officer from 1/11/92. Thanks Ric.

FINANCE - Subs due \$33 Single \$45 Family. We need the cash now!! Particularly after the recent Kalbarri expansion.

"PLEASE POST YOUR CHEQUE NOW"

Plus balance of Max Kays Civic Theatre ticket cost of \$29.95/Head - club has paid up front and we need to recoup and please the Bank. Great to see 6 new prospective members at the last General Meeting

and welcome both Bob Henderson and Anthony Bennett who have submitted an application for membership form and we understand we will have the pleasure of Bob and his family at our social function at the Civic Theatre Restaurant on Thursday 12th November. Great to see things moving.

Derry J Barber  
President

LETTER FROM TONY RICHARDSON

Dear Eric,

Hope all is well up in the "Smoke".

I saw in the "Reel Talk" that you were looking into some new car stickers so I thought I might do my bit, so I hope you find these of some use.

Congratulations and good luck to the new committee. I note there were quite a few new (to me) names on the list and I hope these Guys get as much enjoyment out of their involvement as I and others before them. To the outgoing officers I hope they enjoy their rest and look forward to seeing them back on page one in the future feeling fully rejuvenated.

Whilst I enjoy reading the "Reel Talk" every month? - it really would be good to read if you guys were catching any fish as there seems to be a lack of comprehensive fishing reports both of a field day and private nature.

I saw with delight that the AAA Rock and Beach Championship is to be held in Esperance next year - I guess that may alter some people's plans for Exmouth - at least I hope so. If I can help in any way to organise things down this way please don't hesitate to let me know (if it's held at Easter book your accommodation NOW!! - let me know)

Well that's my lot for now. I think I'll put a rod on the car and go and collect some "local knowledge" for you guys so I can keep you up to date - "Here Skippy, Skippy, Skippy".

Tight lines, Tony.

P.S. You'll have to put your own scissors to the stickers I've run out of time.

P.P.S. Just got home: 7 Salmon (released), 4 Skippy (1.5kg), 2 Flathead (1kg), Herring, Herring, Herring. Out by 6, home by 9, HO HUM!



KALBARRI HOUSE



BOOKING RATES

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
School Holidays	\$250 p/w	\$250 p/w
Off Season	\$ 80 p/w	\$120 p/w

From 1st November 1992  
Ring Eric Parker for bookings.

KALBARRI HOUSE BUSY BEE

CARRIED OUT ON THE SEPTEMBER LONGWEEKEND

Members of the Surfcasters rallied again to carry out a programmed busy-bee of our house at Kalbarri. Thirteen members were able to give their time and help out with various jobs that had to be done. Graham Reeley had one of the biggest jobs to be done, which was installing new bench tops in the kitchen along with other carpentry jobs in the house. Graham was able to go up early to the house and get these jobs done before the big job of the weekend, the painting!

Leigh and Nella Clifton also got away early and took on the role of country gardeners - pruning the trees and a general clean up of the block. This was followed by a more familiar role for them in replacing a shower screen and broken glass panel. Leigh and Nella were not able to stay for the long weekend and had to return to Perth for a very special event, their Wedding Anniversary - congratulations on your special day!

The "Cookie Monster" and President Derry (who has a new nickname of "turbine" - see Derry for details) also came up early for the busy bee. Cookies' main job was to check out the electrics and lights in the house. Derry took on a new role of painters assistant and general handyman. Derry thought after the weekend he would stick to his known role of accountant.

The main job of the weekend was the painting of the inside of the house. Our two master painters, Brian Leicester and Ron Thompson who with helpers, Dirk Fitzsimmons, Trevor Stam, Andrew Hardie, Mark Philpot and Debbie Gi-Batta, (Nella's daughter) were the crew that looked after the painting - wait and see the photos!!

Mark Philpot had another job to do, this was to lay vinyl in the second bedroom. With Mark and members this job was completed. While I was not able to get away early to go up to the house, my jobs were to install a new hot water system and vanity basin and cupboard.

While all the various jobs were being done, a social atmosphere prevailed for the whole weekend. When it came to grand final time, some members watched the game on TV and some popped in for a peek and carried on working. Mark Philpot was able to give a running commentary of the game if you weren't watching. Mark was very vocal, all Kalbarri could hear his comments from the house.

On Sunday evening some of the boys decided to go down and have a fish. all agreed that Dirk Fitzsimmons and Andrew Hardie were the keenest who along with Mark Philpot, Ron Thompson, Derry Barber, Ian Cook and Trevor Stam tried their luck to no avail. The rest of the members stayed back, had a few drinks and discussed topics regarding our refurbished club house, then had a barby with the fishless fishermen when they returned.

With all the equipment that was required for the house, most had to be stored outside. To stop any material from walking, Cookie Monster and Debbie brought their trusting dogs Bandit and Tammika up to look after things - well done dogs.

Monday morning saw any odds and sods cleaned up along with a few photos of members and the new look club house. After that we all had a safe journey back to Perth.

Bob Fredericks, another club member, has kindly offered to paint the outside of the house while on holidays up there at Christmas time - many thanks Bob for the offer.

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**SUBS ARE OVERDUE!!**

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On the whole a lot of work was done by the members who were able to go and all believe with the refurbishment that has been done our club house looks 100%. This I believe will help to get more bookings for us.

As property officer for the club I would like to thank members of the busy bee for their effort and work that was done at the house. Also to the members who helped out with various items for the house.

From November 1st the club will be looking after bookings for Perth and we have engaged a cleaner in Kalbarri to look after that item and keep us informed about the house.

Last of all, if you want to rent the house or have friends who wish to, let me know and you will be looked after.

Ric Parker  
Property Officer

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

The undersigned proposes that the following NOTICE OF MOTION be placed in the next "Reel Talk" newsletter;

The current Constitution incorporating General, Drycasting and Fishing Rules, be replaced with...

"THE BY-LAWS"

The "BY-LAWS" to be tabled at the next General Meeting for voting at a subsequent General Meeting.

F.T. Osborne

#### OCTOBER DRYCASTING

DATE: 4/10/92	112 GRAM			ART BAIT			D/H	S/H	DAY
NAME	1	2	TOTAL	1	2	TOTAL	ACC	ACC	TOTAL
G Reeley	-	123	12	111	108	22	106	23	163
J Strong	100	101	20	92	90	18	89	15	142
J Reeley	120	117	24	97	106	20	140	24	208
M Head	87	97	18	98	98	20	57	21	116
G Holman	158	157	31	-	124	12	141	28	212
T Stam	-	-	-	83	85	17	112	5	134
M Philpot	117	118	23	108	100	21	95	24	163
R Thompson	102	-	10	84	84	17	78	9	114
A Thorgasen	45	69	11	59	64	12	46	4	73
R Thorfe (V)	119	125	24	105	-	10	120	8	162
<u>Junior</u>									
B Reeley	92	88	18	79	63p	14	89	13	134
D Fitzsimmons	80	91p	17	35	-	3	86	26	132

112 Gram Winner:	J. Reeley	24 Pts
Artificial Bait Winner:	G. Reeley	22 Pts
56 Gram Winner:		
D/H Accuracy Winner:	J. Reeley	140 Pts
S/H Accuracy Winner:	J Reeley/M Philpot	24 Pts
112 Gram Open Winner:		
S/H Open Distance Winner:		
Winner of the Day:	J. Reeley	208 Pts
Junior Winner:	B. Reeley	134 Pts
Mini Junior Winner:		

OCTOBER DRYCASTING

Yes, you guessed it, my second drycasting event for the 1992-93 season and it was raining. I think Mal has placed a curse on me, but with a bit of getting down on my knees and praying, things started to fine up. We had 9 seniors and 2 juniors for the morning. Our visitor was Ray Thorfe from Fremantle club. Looks like Ray is going to join the Surfcasters so he can continue drycasting. This will start to hot up the comp even more. Good on you Ray, pleased to have you on board. Another up and coming caster is Ande Thorgasen. Ande's second time out and he increased his score to 73 points. A good effort. Within a couple of more months we should see Ande in the hundreds.

The Big Distance Cast

When I first started drycasting, my main aim was to go for the big distance and I found that I was only at best averaging 50% of my casts in. Looking through the records and at the drycasting mornings, it seems to be the same for a lot of other casters. We are doing it the wrong way round! We should be concentrating on our technique. I have found if I do this, I have in the last two drycasting comps had 100% of casts in and increased my distance by 15 metres. As proof of this, when we do double handed accuracy, everybody can manage to get within 1-3 metres of the hat, even at 80 metres out. Why is this so? You guessed it, concentrating on the pin and technique. Yet in distance casting, we have a span of approximately 20 metres but we put the cast out. Think about this the next time you go for the big cast.

Regards, Mark Philpot  
(King Skippy)

DRYCASTING TOP TEN

J Strong	1126 Pts
J Reeley	1093
G Holman	984
M Head	932
T Stam	778
G Reeley	773
M Philpot	730
E Parker	601
R Thompson	552
A Hardie	379

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications for membership have been received and will be brought before the next committee meeting for approval. If any member has any reason for not accepting any of the new applicants, they should contact a committee person before then and state their reasons.

BOB HENDERSON (Senior)  
107 St Andrews Drive  
YANCHEP

ANTHONY BENNETT (Junior)  
5 Warner Crescent  
KARRINYUP

FIELD DAY COMPETITION  
1992/93

SECTION.	JULY		
1) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1st 6mths)	- S Reeley M/J	SALMON	4.55 kg
2) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2nd 6mths)	-		
3) MOST MERITORIOUS FISH	-		
4) HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5kg min)	-		
5) HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1kg min)	- J Reeley		4.25 kg
6) HEAVIEST TAILOR (1kg min)	-		
7) HEAVIEST SALMON (3kg min)	- S Reeley M/J		4.55 kg
8) HEAVIEST TREVALLY (1kg min)	-		
9) HEAVIEST MACKEREL	-		
10) HEAVIEST BAG - SCALE FISH	- J Reeley		15.00 kg
11) HEAVIEST BAG - MULLOWAY	- J Reeley		4.25 kg
12) HEAVIEST BAG - TAILOR	- P Booth		2.68 kg
13) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H ROD 4kg b/s Line max	-		
14) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH 2kg min - Other Than Sect 3 - 9. & 13	-		

OPEN COMPETITION 1992/93

- 1) MOST MERITORIOUS FISH
- 2) HEAVIEST SHARK - (4.5kg min)
- 3) HEAVIEST MULLOWAY - (3.0kg min)  
M White, 10.00 kg, 4oz sinker, Mulie 3/50 rig, 35 Vo line.  
False Entrance.
- 4) HEAVIEST SALMON - (3.0kg Min)  
I Cook, 3.80 kg, Mulie, 3.91 Pretest line.
- 5) HEAVIEST DHUFISH
- 6) HEAVIEST TAILOR - (1.0kg min)
- 7) HEAVIEST SAMSON FISH
- 8) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - S/H Rod (4kg or 9lb line max)  
I Cook, 3.80 kg Salmon, Mulie, 3.91 Pretest line.  
Emu Springs, Augusta.
- 9) HEAVIEST PINK SNAPPER  
G Holman, 4.00 kg, Mulie Snapper rig, 4 oz Sinker, 17lb line.  
False Entrance.
- 10) HEAVIEST TARWHINE - (Silver Bream)
- 11) HEAVIEST MACKEREL  
D. Maxted, Spanish Mackerel, Balloon rig, Gardie, 40lb line.  
False Entrance.
- 12) HEAVIEST TREVALLY - (Southern 1.0kg min)
- 13) HEAVIEST TREVALLY - (Northern 1.0kg min)
- 14) HEAVIEST SNOOK/PIKE
- 15) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - Other Than Sections 2-14 (2.0kg min)



OCTOBER FIELD DAY - LOCAL

There were only four starters for the local field day portion of this event and with the small number that went away (9) it makes one wonder, as it doesn't take much effort to go and fish local, even if it is for only an hour or two and at least get involved and make the field days work. If you are active you will be more inclined to make the effort to go away.

It takes a new Junior member in Anthony Bennett to show us what keenness is, as even though he is not fully equipped and had to rely on his Mother to take him fishing on Sunday morning, that's exactly what he did and he was present to weigh his fish at my place that morning. Think about that members!

Eric Parker fished Floreat on the Saturday evening but even though the conditions were favourable he bombed out.

Peter Osborne fished off his tripod at the Blue Hole at Trigg Island and had a nice bag of Tailor, Skippy and Herring and at the weigh-in gave Anthony a good feed of Tailor. A kind gesture Peter and appreciated I'm sure.

I fished with the multitude at Swanbourne Drain and managed a feed of Herring. Others down there caught some Tailor and a few Bream as well.

The next two field days are relatively close so we look forward to a GOOD roll-up of members fishing. Start planning now and if you want a lift contact Cookie and let him know.

G Holman

FIELD DAY RESULTS

VENUE :- Kalbarri DATE :- 26th - 28th September  
ATTENDANCE :- Seniors 11 Visitors 1  
 Juniors 1 Total 13

FD was a working bee on the club's Kalbarri house.

Points awarded for attending working weekend. Limited

FD from 1700hrs to 2200hrs on the Sunday. No fish.

Derry Barber	20+10	Brian Leicester	20
Leigh Clifton	20	Eric Parker	20
Nella Clifton	20	Mark Philpot	20+10
Debbie Clifton	20	Graham Reeley	20
Ian Cook	20+10	Trevor Stam	20+10
Andrew Hardie	20+10	Ron Thompson	20+10
Dirk Fitzsimmons	20+10		

SENIOR TOP TEN :-

J Reeley	390
T D'Alonzo	371
I Taggart	230
G Reeley	222
M Head (snr)	218
D Barber	217
P Osborne	191
M Wiggins	181
M Head (jnr)	172
G Holman	157

JUNIORS :-

B Reeley	200
D Fitzsimmons	105
B Taggart	44
N Reeley	30
C Teh	10

MINI-JUNIORS :-

S Reeley	126
G Taggart	43
R Teh	10

**SOCIAL NIGHT . . . . CIVIC THEATRE**  
**Thursday, 12th Nov. . . . 446 822 9**

FIELD DAY RESULTS

VENUE :- Cape to Cape                      DATE :- 17th - 18th October  
ATTENDANCE :- Seniors                      11                      Visitors                      0  
                          Juniors                                      3                      Total                                      15  
                          Mini/Juniors 1

TOTAL FISH WEIGHT :- 36.05 kg

T D'Alonzo    216 pts    15.60 kg  
 P Osborne    125    Local 6.53  
 J Reeley      71                      3.10  
 M Head (snr) 69                      2.90  
 G Reeley      51                      1.15  
 G Holman     41    Local 1.12  
 M Philpot    40                      1.00  
 D Halton     34                      0.36  
 B Sims       34                      0.36  
 R Thompson   20                      -  
 E Parker     20    Local -

Juniors  
 B Reeley                      60    2.05  
 D Fitzsimmons              38    0.85  
 A Bennett                    22    0.18 L  
Mini Juniors  
 Scott Reeley                37    0.75

FIELD DAY PRIZES

Best Bag of Scale Fish :- P Osborne                      6.530 kg Mixed  
 Heaviest Scale Fish    :- T D'Alonzo                      0.650 kg Mixed  
 Best Junior Bag        :- B Reeley                        2.050 kg Mixed  
 Best Mini Junior Bag :- S Reeley                        0.750 kg Herring/Skippy

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

Heaviest Bag                                      T D'Alonzo                      15.60 kg Mixed  
 Heaviest Scale Fish                            T D'Alonzo                      0.65 kg Mixed

SENIOR TOP TEN :-

T D'Alonzo                      587  
 J Reeley                        461  
 P Osborne                      316  
 M Head Sr                      277  
 G Reeley                        273  
 I Taggart                      230  
 D Barber                        217  
 G Holman                        198  
 D Halton                        175  
 M Philpot                        164

JUNIORS :-

B Reeley                        260  
 D Fitzsimmons                143  
 B Taggart                        44  
 N Reeley                        30  
 A Bennett                        22  
MINI-JUNIORS :-  
 S Reeley                        163  
 G Taggart                        43  
 R Teh                              10

**SURFEASTERS....**  
**SUBS ARE NOW**  
**OVERDUE!!!**

SINGLE \$33.00 FAMILY \$45.00 PENSIONER \$12.50

## KALBARRI REPORT

The Kalbarri working bee saw the transformation, from a property deteriorating with the marks, trappings and piecemeal items from the past, going back to its beginnings as a transportable single men's quarters. To an asset which we can all be proud of, which has, with modifications, been lifted to the nineties and is now a sound rental or saleable asset of the club.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank both the members of the working bee, the organisers and the members behind the club who also contributed towards the success of this venture. It would not be unreasonable to place a value in dollar terms in excess of \$10,000 increase in value for a club outlay of less than \$2,400. This result is due to both the expertise and the giving of time from our members.

### BRIEF OVERVIEW OF RENOVATIONS:

- \* Dismantled the half wall previously facing the front door and created a spacious lounge, dining and living area with a modern look ideal for a holiday home.
  - \* Removed all remnants of the past such as old blinds and window fittings, wall brackets and shelves, built-in wooden seats, numerous nails, screws and wall and ceiling fittings, plugged holes, replaced beading and skirting boards ready for painting.
  - \* Replaced bench tops, doors, windows, new basins, fully enclosed shower screen, toilet seat, hot water system, modified beds and wardrobes, repaired ceilings and plugged anything that had a gap, replaced neon, new lino including relining cupboards.
  - \* New fridge/freezer, TV, clothes hoist, cutlery, cooking utensils, dinner sets and miscellaneous items.
  - \* Threw out all old kitchen items - cutlery, plates, cooking utensils set, plus majority of chairs and anything that did not now suit an acceptable content of a modern rental property.
  - \* Cut, trimmed and removed trees, reset barbecue at back and cleaned up both back and front yards, outside of house and roof including cleaning gutters ready for the generous offer from Bob Fredericks to paint outside of house over the next few months.
  - \* Repainted cupboards, walls and ceilings in modern light colours lifting interior to feel like a different home.
- This transformation far surpassed our expectations and left the working bee with a warm feeling driving home of what can only be described as a completely satisfying exercise and one which will stand our club in good stead for the future.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

**GRAHAM REELEY:** Primary architect and expertise who put in an enormous amount of time and effort. Thanks Graham.

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Thanks to all of the people behind the scenes and all the workers at the working bee; Graham Reeley - Ric Parker - Brian Leicester - Ian Cook - Leigh and Nella Clifton - Dirk Fitzsimmons - Andrew Hardie. Great to see these young members give up their time to help

## LETTER TO THE CLUB...

The following is a letter received from the Whiting family and keeps us in touch with what they are doing which is very much appreciated. Our thanks go to them for their interest and I'm sure they would appreciate a letter or two from members so if you need their address contact Dave Maxted.

Dear Surfcasters,

22 Sept 1992

Life in Jeddah is very pleasant at the moment. The weather in summer (which we are experiencing now) is quite bearable, at a mere 42 degrees, with some humidity.

**A PIECE BY DEBBIE:** Jeddah is great!! There are plenty of extremely fun and exciting things to do. For example, you can go to the beach, swimming, snorkeling and even diving in the Red Sea. There are running clubs you can join, like the Hash House Harriers or the Jeddah Road Runners. You can do some more exciting things such as going to the Zoo, playing tennis, horse riding, and for kids there's amusement parks and best yet, camping in the desert. You don't have to worry about other people bugging you and you can wear whatever you want. There are patches of grass you can camp on and lots of things to do. If the men are into golf, there is even a sandy desert golf course and a bowling centre. There are lots of fascinating things to see. There is the King's fountain, it is the highest fountain in the world. There is also the biggest roundabout in all of Jeddah called the bicycle.

The compound is much the same as at Damman but with a few more people. We have fitted in very well and made some very nice friends, two of which come from Perth. Our children have lots of other kids to play with, the boys outnumber the girls. The months have flown since we arrived (eight months already), four of those months I have been a volunteer worker at the school which our children attend. I have been helping the remedial teacher by actually taking groups of 1 to 4 students and giving them individual attention which has proved very successful when their exam results came out at the end of year. I now have a job at the school, working in the library 3 days a week.

Debbie and Darren are both doing well at school. Debbie is just entering year 6 and Darren is entering year 4. The school year here starts in September and finishes in July, so a new school year has just begun. Darren was very slow settling in to the school last year, but we hope he does well this year. You know what he is like, messes around in class, but produced excellent exam results. Both the children's music is coming on very well and so is Sid's. Sid has bought a computer that you connect to the keyboard and he produces some amazing sounds. These are all put together to make the backings to a song. It sounds just like the real thing you would hear on the CD or the tape. A drum machine was added to the set-up as well. We are just trying to arrange a music teacher for

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the club - Mark Philpot - Trevor Stam - and a special thanks to Debbie who worked tirelessly and put the finishing touches into the house as only a woman can.

Derry Barber who by unanimous decision was removed from any area requiring skill or expertise and deployed at non damaging manual tasks. Bob Hardie who with a streak of Scottish/Irish magic purchased crockery and utensils for the house at unbelievably cheap prices and who will complete the tiling by the time this report is being read. "Well done to all" and a great team effort.

Derry J Barber  
President

both of them. This year the school is putting on a play called "Tantrums". Both the children went for auditions and both received parts.

Over the summer break (which is two and a half months) we went to England for our holidays. We arrived in London where we had already booked a car, but we had to wait 3 hours in the airport before it was delivered. We phoned the company we had booked through and they said he was delayed, due to the build up of traffic on the M5 motorway and will arrive as soon as he can. Yes, 3 hours later!! We had booked through a friend in Saudi, who had said they were very cheap.

Well it was really Rent-a-Wreck but it just got us around England. We drove into London but not for very long because it was peak-hour. We then headed on towards West Yorkshire, where we stayed with a friend we had met in Dammam. Sid worked with Paul in Telecom. We spent a week with them. They have two girls, Jemma and Katie. They put on wonderful parties for us, every second night. Boy were we tired by the end of the week. It rained nearly every day we were there. Scotland was our next stop. Paul and his wife came with us because their girls had a guides camp to attend too for one week also. We all went our separate ways for the week and then met on the last night in Edinburgh where we surprised Paul and Karen and took them to the Edinburgh Tattoo. Scotland was a very picturesque place with rolling mountains covered in heather and raging waterfalls. The waterfalls run all year round, it was very spectacular. It also rained the whole week we were there except the night of the Tattoo. We weren't complaining really. Travelling around England and Scotland we stayed at Bed and Breakfast accommodations. Some included quaint little cottages to real farm houses. The kids loved the farms. We are now heading back to London to spend our last few days to sightsee and shop. We did very little of shopping because it was too expensive. We took the kids to the movies and saw Beethoven [the St Bernard dog]. Sid took me to the Opera and we saw Les Miserables. Wow, what a moving show. No one dresses up any more. Some people even wore jeans, it looked awful. I spent all that day looking for a dress to wear but only to be told that it was the wrong time of year to buy an evening dress. Come back at Christmas time!!! We visited Liberties, Harrods and the largest toy shop in the world. The kids were in their awe. Every item was so expensive we couldn't believe it. We didn't buy anything, sorry kids!!! Our three weeks in Britain have come to a close, let's hope Holland is better.

Well we have arrived in Holland where the weather was the same as England. We hadn't booked accommodation or car hire, so we went to the information desk to ask about places to stay and car hire. They gave us a book that had everything in it to help us. We started ringing around the hotels listed and found out they were all booked up for the next three weeks and we found one car rental firm with cars for hire. We took a taxi from the airport to the rental place, where the man tried to make the price higher than he quoted on the phone. The price was agreed with and then he asked us if we had a place to stay. He spent half an hour ringing around, but to no avail, he also tried out of town which was the only place to be. We took our brand new hire car out into the country and looked for our hotel. It was a very expensive place, but we had to take it because we were told that it was the high season [school holidays]. We drove around Holland for one week. We didn't get to see too many windmills or poppies. Wrong season. The last day in Holland was fine, so we took to hiring bikes for the day. We rode for four hours through the flat countryside. We all needed new bottoms at the end of the day.

Stay tuned for the next episode [around about 1995].

Bye for now,

Sid, Beth, Debbie and Darren.

# FIELD DAY VENUES

## 1992-1993

- 1992 MAY : ROTTNEST ISLAND : 16th & 17th May  
 JUNE : PORT GREGORY/KALBARRI : 30th May - 1st June  
 In conjunction with AAA Rock & Beach Champs.  
 Boundaries & times the same as AAA comp.  
 Separate weigh-in 1600hrs at Kalbarri house.  
 Fish to be gilled and gutted as normal.
- JULY : LOCAL : 12th & 13th July  
 Venue & boundaries to be decided at prior  
 general meeting. A BBQ to be held if a  
 suitable location can be found.
- AUGUST : ROTTNEST ISLAND : 16th & 17th August  
 SEPTEMBER : GREENOUGH RIVER (LWE) : 26th - 28th September  
 OCTOBER : MARGARET RIVER TO : 17th & 18th October  
 BUSSELTON JETTY (Mini/Junior & Junior venue)
- NOVEMBER : WEDGE ISLAND : 14th & 15th November  
 DECEMBER : WHITE HILLS : 12th & 13th December
- 1993 JANUARY : MANDURAH 500 : 9th & 10th January  
 SWAN RIVER BOAT COMP. : 26th January  
 This is a special none points F.D. To be held  
 at the end of the month in preparation for  
 Swan Fish.
- FEBRUARY : HILL RIVER TO JURIEN : 13th & 14th February  
 BAY MARINA (Mini/Junior & Junior venue)
- MARCH : BLUFF CREEK (LWE) : 27th Feb - 1st March  
 APRIL : EXMOUTH : Early April  
 Club to have a week trip to Exmouth towards  
 the beginning of the month and will not clash  
 with other fishing comps at Exmouth. A one day  
 F.D. will be held mid-week.
- : LOCAL : 17th & 18th April  
 24 hr F.D. near Perth for those not going to  
 Exmouth.
- SOCIAL : Prawning night in March 1993.  
 : Social barbeque to be included in the field day  
 where it is practical, especially at Bluff Creek.

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MEMBERS....Don't forget to save all your empty aluminium cans and bring them along to the club meetings and give them to MALCOLM HEAD. Mal knows what to do with them and through his efforts you (the members) receive the benefits come the annual dinner and dance.

SUPPORT MAL AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB  
 (Thanks Malcolm Head)

## FOUR WHEEL DISASTER (or FWD) by John Lee

Hi once again fellow anglers.

In a previous article I made mention of a four wheel drive vehicle bogged at Wittecurr Creek, so after delving back through my memories I've uncovered enough material on the subject to make up a reasonable article for this publication.

Since I bought my first FWD (a series 111 Land Rover) in 1976 I've seen or been a party to the extrication of at least a dozen vehicles where the lack of impetus and the force of gravity has brought them to grief on soft terrain. What follows is an account of some of the more memorable incidents.

The first happened miles from a beach - but I was so pleased with myself after having helped someone in trouble that I've decided to mention it.

Not more than a month after I'd bought my first FWD I was driving down Morley Drive one night and there in the middle of the roundabout that was once the junction of several major arterial roads including Alexander Drive, The Strand and Morley Drive, was a badly bogged EH station wagon.

After much toying and froeing, busted tow ropes and nursing (not from me) I pulled it out.

Boy was I pleased with myself.

However, now when I think back to that event I'm not ashamed to admit that it makes me feel a little uncomfortable because the novelty of the circumstances clouded my judgment a little.

You see the driver of the vehicle was more than just a trifle drunk - for his and the safety of other road users I should really have refused to help.

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The next occasion George Holman can attest to the truth of the event.

It was at the end of a Field Day at Denmark after the weigh in, a bunch of us were standing around gas bogging when a couple of chaps sheepishly approached and asked for help to free their bogged vehicles.

Enlisting the aid of a couple of other club members, George in his Nissan and me in my Landy drove over to Ocean Beach down the access ramp used by the surf club and onto the beach.

A couple of hundred metres or so past the club rooms near where the sand bar breaks in winter were a Falcon station wagon and a Corina sedan (both loaded to the hilt with people and holiday gear) well and truly bogged!

To this day it's got me beat how they managed to get as far as they did before becoming motionless.

Anyway after a bit of a struggle we got them out by towing them to firmer ground where the transitional sand of the bar meets the flat bank of the river.

Before we left them George made sure that they were made aware of the inconvenience and expense that such irresponsible action can cause; a quite justifiable reaction by George I thought - particularly when you consider that even for an absolute novice driver the beach obviously looked less than ideal for a two wheel drive vehicle.

So it was not surprising when shortly after, the drivers of the two vehicles presented us with a financial reward for our efforts.

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The third occasion was very embarrassing because it was *me* who became bogged.

I was down at Bremer Bay with my ex-wife and had decided one evening to fish Dillon Bay (approx 16kms west of the township) at a large gutter I had noticed earlier in the day. So on a balmy summer's evening I had driven (alone) onto the beach via an access track at the western end of the bay and was proceeding east to the gutter when I noticed that the tide seemed to be on the make.

Not wanting to chance high water at a badly sloping spot after dark on the return journey, I decided to investigate an alternative route which I had used successfully in previous years. Unfortunately, in the past I had always used this route in broad daylight on a low tide.

It entailed fording a narrow creek (Bitter Water Creek) perhaps 15 metres wide and 2 feet at its deepest.

In winter (like many other streams in the vicinity), the spot where the creek gushes into the ocean becomes a wide and wild raging delta.

However in the warmer months when the rains cease the bar stills over and the calm waters are trapped in a meandering billabong.

It was just a matter of finding the exit track on the opposite bank and then marking the spot on the near side so that I could find it in the dark.

However what I didn't realise as I drove along the creek bed was that the crossing point was on about the same level as the high water mark on the ocean side of the sand bar.

It seemed so calm and serene - therefore as I dived along the creek bank looking for tyre tracks or some distinguishing mark on the opposite bank, I was completely taken by surprise when without warning the vehicle lost all traction and the vehicle dropped onto the floorpan.

I opened the door, leaned out and touched the sand; felt moist but quite firm.

Trusting the touch of my hand I confidently lept out and went straight down with just my buttocks resting on the surface.

It was like the skin on cold custard - firm on top but bottomless underneath; the nearest thing to quick sand I've ever experienced.

I managed to drag myself onto the higher ground of the bar where the sand was firm and decide that with the aid of my handy Turf for which attached to something solid I could pull it out.

So like all the FWD training manuals suggest I was going to attach one end of the winch cable to the tow hook on the Hi Lux and the other end to the spare tyre and bury it in the sand as an anchorage point - however, practice always flaws the theory in the hands of an incompetent.

Again I had not reckoned with the high tide, for when I started what I knew was going to be a long job digging a hole deep enough, the hole filled with water and much to my consternation caused the sides of it to cave in until I was standing waist deep in a sandy spa bath.

So much for that idea!

There was now only one thing for it and that was to walk the 5 or so kilometres to Miller's homestead and seek help.

With that I grabbed the torch, locked up the Hi Lux, forded the creek on foot and started along the winding uphill track to the homestead.

I had gone perhaps 3kms to where the track bends sharply back almost onto itself; as I rounded the bend, from a shoulder high thicket of scrub bounded what I was sure was a screaming man eating bunyip!

It gave me such a fright that I leapt back-wards and fell head over tail through low growing reeds on the opposite side of the track.

Once I had regained my composure and recovered my torch I carefully parted the reeds and tentatively shone the beam in the direction of the beast and found I was looking straight into the glowing eyes of -- a bloody horse!

Anyway, without further incident I made it to the Miller's homestead and looking suitably dejected asked for help.

Typical of country people, the Miller's were very good about it all and advised me not to feel too badly because they themselves had been stuck there on occasions.

Shortly after, with a tractor and a Tojo FJ45 we arrived back at the Hi lux to find that the tide had gone out and where previously the creek bank was like quicksand, now it was like cement; what I could have done with some patience and a bell bag.

With the aid of a steel cable the tractor made short work of the problem and soon had the Hi lux on dry ground on the opposite bank of the creek.

The Millers were very hospitable and refused to accept payment so I thanked them profusely and vowed never again to drive anywhere near tidal creek water before having first stepped it out.

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On another occasion, one winers day I was dawdling along the track close to the Barlie memorial at North Head looking for likely fishing spots when a boy of about 12 or so flagged me down and said that his father had bogged his vehicle back at the swampy left fork near the lake adjacent to the main track.

On arrival at the site of the mishap, there in all its misery was a Falcon panel van fully laden and down to the rear diff with its owner frantically trying to dig it out - but of course making it worse because (as those of you who know the area are aware) the water table in the winter months is so high.

I found the driest ground I could some 30 metres away and with the tow rope sorely stretched in order to reach him began the task of extracting his vehicle.

With his son adding a few kilos by pushing we gradually retrieved the stricken Falcon. Big deal I hear you say - what's so special about that?

Well - nothing I guess, except that the vehicle I was driving at the time was a Suzuki Sierra 1.3 litre!

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On the last memorable occasion, Angie and I were driving in a Daihatsu Rocky along the beach near the crayboat anchorage at Lucky Bay when a young lady with a tear streaked face stopped us and asked if we could help her boyfriend who had bogged his vehicle on the other side of the primary sand dunes near where a track runs parallel to the fence bordering the Port Gregory/Linton Station Road.

When we got to the vehicle (a Volvo) it turned out that its owner was the new manager of the Northampton Hotel.

On a Sunday arvo drive with his lady friend, instead of following the road at a sharp right hand bend, he went straight on and eventually found he had run out of road and was driving in the sand hills.

I'm not sure whether his destination was Lucky Bay (the turn off is about 400metres or so before the bend) or Kalbarri - it didn't matter because he'd missed them both.

I reckon he must have been fairly moving because had he been driving the legal or a sensible speed he must surely have noticed the change from scrub to desert in time to slow down.

Based on the distressed state of his lady we think maybe they'd had a tiff and in the heat of the moment his attention had strayed or (my thoughts only) - she wasn't an unattractive lady; maybe it was his intention all along to be bogged in an isolated area.

Anyway whatever his motives he certainly wasn't moving from there without assistance.

Whilst busying myself with rigging up the tow rope and deflating his tyres a little I felt a gentle tap on my shoulder and turned to find this fellow was offering me money for helping them.

He also offered me free drinks next time I was passing through Northampton.

With just a smidgeon more arm twisting I might have accepted but old muggins felt sorry for them and declined the offer of money; the free drinks were another matter!

Well we pulled them out easily enough and with that warm fuzzy feeling you get when you know you've helped someone out, watched them wave gratefully and drive away.

It wasn't till I'd stowed the towing gear away and had opened the car door to climb in that I noticed two crisp twenty dollar notes on the seat.

By the way, I never did call in at the pub for the free drinks.

Having been badly stuck a couple of times myself I can't quite find the steel to ask people I've helped, to pay for services which have been rendered to me for free - however, I can't help thinking that if I charged the same rates as today's tow truck drivers, I'd have been able to update my fishing gear several times over.

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