

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

MEETINGS:

The monthly General Meeting is usually held on the second 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 Officers 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 competition, must be lodged with the Club Recorder, (and only the Recorder), within 30 days of capture, and using the approved club form.

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. Please assist the Treasurer by paying your Annual Subscriptions within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting.

Arrears of three consecutive months may result in forfeiture of membership.

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

General meeting held on the 14-10-98

The meeting was opened at 8-08 by President George Holman with 30 members in attendance

Apologies were received from Jim Strong, Morris Kolman, Ross and Julie Kember.

4 visitors Peter Sucksmith, Frank Haylock, Tony Dawkins, and Kim Schumacher were introduced to the members and made welcome to the meeting.

New member, Andrew Aubrey was presented with his club badge and a copy of the constitution and bylaws booklet.

Minutes from the last general and committee meetings were read and accepted. Business arising refer Notice of motion.

Correspondence in: A.A.A meeting minutes, a list of coming events, plus program for the State drycasting championships. Newsletter received from Recfish Australia and 2 notices of motion from Andy Thorgerson.

Treasurers Report: Accounts for payment for Kalbarri House-Preparation of tax return \$135.00 - Western Power \$102.60-Lawn Mowing \$25.00-Tree Lopping-\$550.00-August house cleaning \$100.00- September House cleaning \$75.00. - Cooking utensils \$119.00- Bond return \$50.00- Phone calls \$10.50 and sundry items \$3.95.

Eric Parker and Ian Cook are to get prices on a suitable fire extinguisher for the Kalbarri House. Carried.

Other payments for payments are, Oval hire\$114.00. Engraving \$60.00, T-shirts \$418.75, September Reel Talk \$102.60

Moved Basil Marsh 2nd by Don Batchelor that all of the above accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

Notices of Motion: Notice of motion in the last Reel Talk to forget all previous notices of motion was put forward as a way to eliminate all past notices of motion which were not in the current constitution or bylaws. The reason for doing so was based on the assumption that the current Constitution (revised 1992) and bylaws books (1996) would have referenced all these factors before going to press. Discussion at the meeting revealed that this was not done.

At no time was it intended to imply that any previous Notices of Motion were not there for a valid reason, merely that our Constitution and bylaws should be **current and up to date** especially for the new members. The motion was defeated.

Derry Barber has kindly volunteered to update the Constitution and Bylaws next year. Thank you for the offer Derry.

A motion of notice to amend the constitution regarding financial members was put forward by Andy Thorgerson and 2nd by Derry Barber. The amendment contained 2 choices and was discussed by the members present with part "A" being accepted by the members present. Refer to your Reel Talk for details.

Instruction Period: was to have been conducted by Steve Whitman from Williamsons Lures. After a late cancellation by Steve, George Holman decided to fill in by showing the members some of the lures he uses when he fishes places like False Entrance. How certain lures cast, where to use different lures and how they perform/swim in the water.

General Business: Andy Thorgerson put forward his apology for non-attendance to the November meeting.

Don Batchelor showed members a newspaper clipping with a picture of Jenny Stoeckel at a drycasting day.

Don has submitted several pieces to the community news and Have a go newspapers, hoping to attract new members to the club. Keep up the good work Don.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Some of our club members have been complaining about the late start to our General meetings recently.

I should like to remind those people that all positions held within the club are done on a voluntary basis

All members on the committee have jobs, family's, and other commitments.

The above obviously come first, To those people complaining, not one of you have been on the committee in the last 5 years, so if you think you can do a better job, what about nominating for a position next year and stop moaning about it.

PRESIDENTS NOTES

Another month has passed and the problems never seem to go away. I think its time we promote the positives and dispense with the negatives. A lot more will be achieved for the benefit of us all. Whilst chairing our last meeting, I looked at the sea of faces in front of me and spied a smile that I haven't seen for some time, that of Tony Holland. Tony has taken the curve ball in life, and is now batting again, I had a good discussion with him later on in the evening. We would certainly like to see a lot more of you in the future Tony. All the best to you.

Thanks to Bob Henderson for picking Tony up and bringing him to the meeting.

Congratulations to Debbie and Murrey Shaw on the arrival of a little girl. This is number 3 (one boy and now 2 girls). Murrey is still walking around with his chest puffed up. Debbie and the baby are both fine and the household is slowly starting to settle down now that they are home. I wonder how much fishing Murrey will be able to get in now?

The Anglers Association has been running a fishing clinic at the Floreat Surf Life Saving Club on Monday nights. (One every Monday night for four weeks) Three out of four have been run, with one to go at the time of your reading this. They are for the public education and to raise funds. Please turn up for the last one this Monday night.

It makes me proud to look around the hall and see the majority of yellow and black shirts. When I asked for some help, there was a quick response and it is surely appreciated. The clinic has been going well but as usual, the numbers could be better.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members that sent in the trip limit submission forms that were in last months Reel Talk, to the Minister for Fisheries and to Recfishwest. It drew an immediate response from the Ministers office, as we were apparently a bit premature. One thing is for sure, they know we are around, keeping our ears and eyes open. I think there is a lesson for us all in this and that is, if we continue to take an interest in the things that will effect us in the future, perhaps we will have a lot more plusses than minuses.

Well done!

Within the past week or two, Recfishwest called a special meeting to revise their Constitution at very short notice.

The upshot of this is that they now only need 10 people to form a quorum at a meeting. So that now means that 10 people may make the decisions that will effect over 65,000 recreational anglers. As Hans Wytenburg pointed out, If a few more of us had taken the trouble to join Recfishwest, we would have had more of say. We will be watching with interest what happens over the next 12 months. (Please consider joining Recfishwest now)

The number of participants in the State Drycasting Championships continues to decline, as most other clubs don't seem to take much interest in drycasting, along with most other functions of the association. The Surfcasters seem to be the mainstay. We need to encourage some younger casters to participate, even within our own ranks. Let's see what we can do about that!

I am grateful for the assistance from our club, and to people like Phil Brayne who organised a sausage sizzle to help make the day and to raise a few bob for those going away next year to the Nationals in Victoria.

This coming months-fishing venue at Cervantes is one of the better ones, and I think we will have a good roll up of members. It is getting to the stage where we may not be able to fish this area, in the manner that we are used to. We need to make sure we enjoy it while we can. They call it progress so its even more important we keep an eye on what is happening. We should use this location as much as we can, while we can.

Andy Woodford, our Social Organiser is hard at work organising our Christmas function, A bar-b-que and Night Cast after the December field day weigh in. This will be at the rear of my home at 89 Clontarf St Sorrento.

Look elsewhere in this issue for more details. Don't forget to bring a plate of goodies to the December General Meeting. I will endeavour to keep this meeting as short as possible, with your help.

We hope to have Caravan Parts of W.A. coming along to our next meeting to show us the latest IN products

As well as Engel Freezers that we should find very interesting. Last month we were sorry that Steve Whitman from Williamsons Lures was unable to make it as his wife became ill and had to go to hospital. We hope that all is now well.

Till next month George Holman.

CERVANTES FIELD DAY

The summer weather pattern will be in force by the time we go to Cervantes in November. This will mean that you will have to adjust your fishing methods to target the summer fish, and look for the appropriate locations.

There will probably be low tides in the mornings and afternoon sea breezes. The boundaries give you about 5 kms of coast to fish, with some fairly good areas along this stretch. The main access is all on the tarmac but 4WD is needed to access the coast towards Hill River.

Fishing locations of interest

- 1) Black Point has a small bay on the north side of the headland. There is a rocky shore platform that provides good fishing and is sheltered from the sea breeze. A good camping spot.
- 2) Black Rock (not point) is located about 1.5 kms further north and is another headland. There is a small return in the coastline and this has a good sheltered area on the beach for camping. The area adjacent to the headland has a platform reef running along the beach for a few metres. The water here is about 1.5 metres deep on the edge of the reef and this allows you to cast into fairly deep water. This is one of the most popular spots for fishing and camping
- 3) Hill River mouth is the northern boundary. The river is usually not flowing across the beach. What happens is that the fresh water filters through the sand into the ocean. This flushes in nutrients this in-turn attracts fish to the area. There are some small patches of reef/seagrass offshore. I have seen 20 vehicles at this spot.
- 4) The open beach south of Hill River has some areas with a shore gutter with channels running out through the seagrass beds.

DAZA. F.D.O.

NOVEMBER 1998 GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: M.Y.A.S.G CLUB ROOM AT INGLEWOOD AQUATIC CENTRE ALEXANDER DRIVE
WHEN: WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER AT 2000HRS.
INSTRUCTION:

NOVEMBER DRYCASTING

WHERE: YOKINE RESERVE CNR ALEXANDER DRIVE AND WORDSWORTH AVE
WHEN: SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
EVENTS: 112GM DISTANCE, 56GM DISTANCE, D/H ACCURACY, S/H ACCURACY

NOVEMBER FIELD DAY

WHERE: CERVANTES
WHEN: 14/15 NOVEMBER
SIGN ON: SATURDAY 1400HRS BEHIND GARAGE
WEIGH IN: SUNDAY 1000HRS AT SIGN ON POINT (IF NO 2WD VEHICLES PRESENT
WEIGH IN TO BE AT BLACK POINT CAMP AREA)
BOUNDARIES: CERVANTES TO HILL RIVER

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR NOVEMBER

WHEN: 14/15 NOVEMBER
SIGN ON: PHONE IN SIGN ON TO F.D.O BY 2000HRS FRIDAY NIGHT OR AT GENERAL
MEETING IN SIGN ON BOOK PROVIDED.

LINES DOWN: SATURDAY 1400HRS

WEIGH IN: SUNDAY 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 *EXCLUDING THE SWAN RIVER*.

DECEMBER FIELD DAY

WHERE: LOCAL
WHEN: 12/13 DECEMBER
SIGN ON: PHONE IN SIGN ON TO F.D.O BY 2000HRS FRIDAY NIGHT OR AT GENERAL
MEETING IN SIGN ON BOOK PROVIDED.
WEIGH IN: SUNDAY 1000HRS AT GEORGE HOLMANS HOUSE, FOLLOWED BY B.B.Q. AND
NIGHT CAST. SEE DETAILS ELSEWHERE.
BOUNDARIES: SOUTH MOLE TO MINDARIE KEYS *INCLUDING THE SWAN RIVER*

REMAINING FIELD DAYS FOR 1998/99

NOVEMBER	CERVANTES	SAT 14 / SUN 15
DECEMBER	LOCAL / B.B.Q. / NIGHT CAST	SAT 12 / SUN 13
JANUARY	MYALUP TO PRESTON	SAT 15 / SUN 16
FEBRUARY	OPEN	SAT 13 / SUN 14
MARCH	BLUFF CREEK L.W.E.	SAT 27 / MON 1
APRIL	MARGRET RIVER SOUTH	SAT 17 / SUN 18

VENUE :	PORT GREGORY				
ATTENDANCE :	VENUE:	SENIORS	14	JUNIORS	0
	LOCAL:	SENIORS	5	JUNIORS	2
	TOTAL:		21		

<u>MEN</u>		<u>NO FISH</u>	<u>NO SPIEC</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
BATCHELOR	DARREN	7	2	11.70	187.0
WHYTENBURG	HANS	7	3	8.60	166.0
BENNETT	JOHN	10	3	8.05	160.5
BATCHELOR	DON	3	1	9.95	159.5
KOLMAN	MORRIS	2	2	1.15	81.5
KILLICK	ROY	3	2	1.10	81.0
HOLMAN	GEORGE	2	2	1.10	51.0
HENDERSON	BOB	0	0	0.00	50.0
WILLISON	TERRY	0	0	0.00	50.0
MASCARENHAS	IAN	0	0	0.00	50.0
BRAYNE	HARRY	0	0	0.00	50.0
PARKER	ERIC	0	0	0.00	50.0
PILTON	IAN	0	0	0.00	50.0
THORGENSON	ANDY	0	0	0.00	50.0
WOODFORD	ANDY	1	1	0.15	31.5
STOECKEL	PETER	0	0	0.00	20.0
KING	JIM	0	0	0.00	20.0
SHAW	MURRY	0	0	0.00	20.0

<u>LADIES</u>					
BENNETT	ELEANOR	1	1	0.15	61.5

<u>JUNIORS</u>					
SNEDDON	MATHEW	0	0	0.0	20.0
KING	ANITA	0	0	0.0	20.0

	<u>FISH</u>	<u>KG</u>	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>KG</u>
TOTALS	36	41.95	218	218	88.20
NO PEOPLE	21		18	18	
AVE/MEM	1.71	2.00	12.10	12.10	4.90

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	DON BATCHELOR	MULLOWAY	4.4KG
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	DARREN BATCHELOR	MIXED	11.7KG
MYSTERY PRIZE	ELEANOR BENNETT	WHITING	0.15KG
JUNIORS PRIZE	NIL		

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	DON BATCHELOR	MULLOWAY	4.4KG
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	DARREN BATCHELOR	MIXED	11.7KG

FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>		<u>NO</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
MULLOWAY	7	21.15	WRASSE	1	0.80
TAILOR	21	18.35	TARWHINE	1	0.20
THREAD FIN	2	0.70	WHITING	1	0.15
HERRING	3	0.60			

NOTABLE CATCHES

DON BATCHELOR	MULLOWAY	4.4KG
DARREN BATCHELOR	MULLOWAY	3.6KG
HANS WHYTENBURG	MULLOWAY	3.25KG
JOHN BENNETT	MULLOWAY	2.3KG
DARREN BATCHELOR	TAILOR	2.35KG
JOHN BENNETT	TAILOR	2.15KG

YEAR TO DATE

MEN

BATCHELOR	DARREN	1127.0
KOLMAN	MORRIS	835.5
WOODFORD	ANDY	744.0
WHYTENBURG	HANS	636.5
HOLMAN	GEORGE	462.0
FARNEY	MARK	435.0
HENDERSON	BOB	342.5
TAGGART	IAN	315.0
BATCHELOR	DON	221.5
TERPKOF	PAUL	215.5

LADIES

ELEANOR BENNETT	61.5
SARAH KING	50
LARA WOODFORD	50
JULIE HALTON	50

JUNIORS

MATHEW SNEDDON	108
ANITA KING	70

MINI JUNIORS

ANDREW STOECKEL	150
DANIEL STOECKEL	150
EMILY WOODFORD	122
MOLLY WOODFORD	100
KARL WHYTENBURG	50

FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1998/99

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)

MOST MERITORIOUS FISH

HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)

HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (2.0 Kg MIN)

HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)

HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)

HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)

HEAVIEST S/FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE

HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH

HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR

HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY

HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s max)

HEAVIEST MACKERAL (3KG MIN)

DON BATCHELOR 4.4KG MULLOWAY

DON BATCHELOR 4.4KG

DARREN BATCHELOR 2.35KG

HANS WHYTENBURG 3.0KG

DARREN BATCHELOR 1.05KG

DAMIEN D'MELLO 1.5KG BLACKFISH

DARREN BATCHELOR 16.15KG MIXED

MARK FARNEY 11.8KG

DON BATCHELOR 9.95KG

DARREN BATCHELOR 0.6KG SKIPJACK

A.A.A. REPORT OF W.A.

OCTOBER 98

There were less than twenty delegates present at the October meeting. Hans Wytenburg and George Holman were present representing our club. Wayne Morris came along to listen to the guest speakers. Tina Thorn was the first speaker from Fisheries putting forward a proposal to shift the current mussel farms from near the grain terminal to Southern Flats (east of the Causeway to Garden Island.) She had with her the President of the mussel growers association. It was pointed out that this could compliment recreational fishing as it may attract more fish to the nursery.

The second speaker was Dr. Tom Rose talking about cleaning up the Swan River, which will have an effect on swimming and the environment such as the eating qualities of fish. A lot of fertilizers from both country and city are part of the problem. He went into great detail how when and why something should be done and made the comment that it had to start now. Cost would be about \$16 million over a period but if we don't do something now, the cost just a short time down the track would be horrendous. President made mention that only one person other than the delegates, in Wayne Morris (from our club) took the trouble to attend and listen to our guest speakers. He reminded all clubs that there is an open invitation, to any club person to attend, and in particular when we have guest speakers on any topics concerning our activities. The fishing clinic is going along well although we need to put a bit more effort into organizing it for next year. Only a small number of clubs have workers present and the President asked for greater involvement as we all benefit from the proceeds. The State Rock and beach ran smoothly and a profit in excess of \$600.00 was made. Special thanks to all who helped with the running of the event was expressed. A full set of results will be available with the next set of A.A.A. of W.A. Minutes to clubs. A motion, requesting a letter is sent to Recfishwest, asking if they were prepared to do something about dealing with the appropriate authorities. To get the Caravan and camping act amended so that club and recreational anglers may stay out for overnights or weekend stay's instead of having to stay in caravan parks for such a short period. They were asked to let us know by our next delegates meeting. It was pointed out that Recfishwest recently called a special meeting at short notice and amended their constitution that they only had to have 10 people present at any meeting to form a quorum, so that they could alter their constitution. That is less than their normal delegates meeting and surely makes one wonder what is going on. Ten people can now represent all recreational anglers and are not answerable to anyone, a very worrying situation. A proposed fund-raiser, A mouse night, has been set down for the last weekend in May 1999. A Committee is to be formed in December to organize this event.

The W.A. division of the A.A.A. has now affiliated with Recfishwest Australia in Canberra, to look after our interest's interstate, as the Australian Anglers Association was disbanded a short time ago, due to the political problem between the states. Angus Harwood (from W.A.) is the chairman of this group and is a responsible person.

The meeting closed (later than normal) due to the two speakers and as a result some business was carried over.

PORT GREGORY

After loading up the car on Wednesday night, Don and I got off to an early start on Thursday morning and headed off to Port Gregory. The trip up was good and we arrived feeling a little bit tired but after lunch we decided to go for a look around the local area. We headed down to Hutti River, and the water looked good so we set up the rods and started fishing at around 3.30pm. Within around 3 casts the first of many Tailor hit the beach. They were a good size and each one averaged 1.5 kilo's. We kept a few and filleted them straight away to go in the freezer. We moved on to Nobbies hole, where a local was fishing, and had a couple of Tailor and 1 small Mulloway. We moved on back to camp to tea.

On Friday we looked north of town and fished a few good looking gutters but caught nothing. After lunch we headed back to the Hutti river mouth but the Tailor didn't come back on the bite so it was a pretty poor day all round. Saturday morning came and we caught up with the rest of the troops that were staying at the Wagoo Chalets. They reported large swells up at that end of the coast, but decided they were going to fish there anyway. We decided to fish the southern end of the boundary. A little while later, John and Eleanor Bennett arrived and it was time to sign on for the State competition that was being held at the same time as our own field day.

Back at Nobbies hole, nothing happened around us until after the sun had set. At this time the Mulloway came on the bite for about 30 minutes, in this short time, about 40 plus were caught averaging around 3.5 kilos. The Mulloway run ended as quickly as it had come. I had heard of this happening but had never experienced it.

We had no more bits until Sunday morning when I was standing next to John Bennett and we both hooked up on Tailor. Johns came in at 2.3 kilos and was good enough to take off the largest Tailor section in the comp. Well done John. I would like to thank all the members that attended the Field day, and fished in the club teams for the State comp. It was a top effort by all.

On Sunday night, the Bennett's joined us again at Nobbies hole, but that's about all that joined us, as the fish didn't show, apart from a Mulloway that John picked up and I managed 2 more Tailor. That was about it for a night's effort. Later that evening back at the caravan park, Rowan Smith, from the Offshore Angling Club, came in with the biggest Mulloway I have seen, it was as big as him and weighed in at 25.2 kilos. He caught it at the Bowes River mouth I believe.

We were again joined by the troops on Monday morning for the clubs weigh in and we had a couple of very sick fellows in Hans Wytenburg and Ian Pilton, (too much slops.) They still managed some fish, which was good to see.

Andy Thorgeron went for a healthy dip on Sunday morning, although he hadn't planned too.

He was fully clothed and lost his glasses to boot. Apparently he was going to get some clean water in his bucket when a large wave caught him from behind and bowled him over. (A perfect strike.) Han's, luckily was on hand, and put him back on his feet. Bob Henderson, must be losing his touch, as he told me he didn't even catch any weed, but I find that very hard to believe.

There is no field day until November, so you all have plenty of time to replace all those lost rigs and get everything ready for the trip to Cervantes/Hill river. This is usually the largest attended field day we run for the year, because, it has the potential for some very good fishing. It also attracts a very good social atmosphere as people camp together. The sign on will be at 1400 hours/2.00pm, at the rear of the garage as you come into Cervantes; (you can't miss it). The weigh in will be at the same spot on Sunday at 1000 hours/10.00am. NOTE* If there are NO 4WD vehicles in attendance then the weigh in will be at the Black Point camping area. More details on the area will be given at the November General Meeting so try to book it into your calendar and I look forward to seeing you there, if not before.

Tight Lines,

Daza F.D.O.

SOCIAL REPORT

G'day,

For those of you who will be attending the December General Meeting, as this is our Christmas meeting the Club will pick up the tab on your Christmas cheer, but as usual, please bring a plate for the Social gathering after the meeting.

The December field day will be a local only with lines up at Mid-day. The weigh in will be at 6.00pm, at the rear of George Holmans house (address in the front of your Reel Talk) and will be followed by a bar-b-que and the very popular night cast. Again, the club will provide the drink, if you supply your own meat and salad for the barbie.

The night casts are usually a great success with everybody being able to participate whatever their casting skills. All you need to bring is a small light casting outfit, and a couple of, any colour you like, nite chemical lights. We usually run a raffle and a couple of spins on the chocolate wheel will be on the cards too.

I am busy planning the clubs next Social event, which will be a club barb-b-que and cricket match. There will be no cost attached to this, as you will be asked to bring your own food and drink. No cost means no excuses for not attending this day. (You wont have any money left after Christmas anyway) The date will be Sunday the 31st of January 1999, from 12 noon onwards. The venue will be Mawsons Park at Hillarys. Teams will be picked on the day. Hope to see you all there.

We now have a new batch of club logo polo shirts, which are going for a song at \$20.00. If you want a new one, please see me at the General Meetings, or contact me at home on 94015403 (after 7.30pm please)

We also have club caps and "T" shirts for sale. Cheap.

Good Fishing, Andy.

S.C.A.C. RECORDERS REPORT

For October 1998

Hello fellow members,

There hasn't been much activity on the recorder's table this month. Harry Brayne, Caught a ripper Mulloway at Hutt River and it came in at 16 kilos. He just keeps pushing up the weight every few months. Most members would be happy to catch the sizes he is catching below this weight.

I am waiting for some entries from Fred Neal and colleagues from their Dirk Hartog Island trip.

If your catch has been weighed on the official club scales or other certified scales then there is no need for further verification. New format forms will be available at the next General meeting. Please use a separate form for each competition entry. Multiple entries will NOT be approved on the one form. A simple checklist is provided on the bottom of the application form.

The committee is working on streamlining the entry procedures for the Species and Grand Masters competition so the one club entry form can be used for all competitions.

With the summer starting to show its presence with the warmer weather, more members will be out wetting a line. Remember to keep in the back of your mind (not too far back) that there are a lot of species for which the club doesn't even have an entry at this point in time. I will be printing a list of species for which there are club entries next month in the Reel Talk. So give it a go, it doesn't have to be a big fish to be eligible for a new species entry.

OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES

1	Most meritorious fish				
2	Heaviest Shark	4.5 kilo Min	Phil Brayne	33.0 kg	False Entrance
3	Heaviest Mulloway	3.5 kilo Min	Harry Brayne	16.0 kg	Hutt River
4	Heaviest Salmon	3.0 kilo Min	Mark Farnay	4.2 kg	Perth
5	Heaviest Dhufish				
6	Heaviest Tailor		George Holman	4.4 kg	False Entrance
7	Heaviest Samson		George Holman	13.4 kg	False Entrance
8	Heaviest fish s/h roid	4.0.kg line class	George Holman	4.4 kg	False Entrance
9	Heaviest Pink Snapper		George Holman	3.7 kg	False Entrance
10	Heaviest Tarwhine		Mark Farnay	0.6 kg	Perth
11	Heaviest Mackerel		George Holman	20.5 kg	False Entrance
12	Heaviest Trevally (S)	1.0 kilo Min			
13	Heaviest Trevally (N)	1.0 kilo Min	George Holman	5.1 kg	False Entrance
14	Heaviest Snook/Pike				
15	Heaviest Scale Fish	2.0 kilo Min	George Holman	5.1 kg	False Entrance
	Other than sections 2 thru 14		Cobia		

There are some real great fish in the open section this year, the best of luck to you all in trying to better them.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD FOR THE NOVEMBER 98

GENERAL MEETING.

A representative from Caravan parts of W.A. (A group we came in contact with at the last Boat show) Will hopefully come along and give us a run down on the latest camping gear, 4 wheel drive accessories, and also feature, Engel brand portable freezers. If for any reason this should not eventuate, Darren Batchelor will be waiting in the wing's to talk on the prowess of catching Tailor and Mulloway.

Don't forget that the Surfcasters December field day is a local field day only.

Lines up at Midday with the weigh in at the rear of George Holmans house at 6.00pm

This gives you plenty of time to go home, clean up your catch, clean yourselves up, and attend the weigh-in, and club bar-b-que, and Night cast Social activity.

Drinks will be on the house (not George's, the clubs)

A raffle, and a few spins of the chocolate wheel to keep you all honest.

These have proved to be great nights in the past and your attendance is needed to ensure that this will be bigger and better than the previous events

See Social report for more info.



October Dry Casting Report

It was pleasing to see fellow casters arriving early and using the casting arena for some practice. With good weather for casting, and a slight cross breeze about, there was an air of joviality. During the distance events a few seniors tried changing their styles and also, putting in that little bit extra effort, leading to a few snap-offs and out of bounds being recorded. With the State titles just around the corner, (in fact, they will have been held by the time you are reading this) I hope caution and consistency is established.

Fortunately, Mr. Smoothy, Gary Gildersleeve, remained focused and produced a quality effort to earn himself the winner of the day. Well done Gary.

Those golden oldies went on their way and had some fun and also produced some good scores.

Although I didn't see it, I did hear some whistles as a few of them scared the target markers. The scores indicate that quite a few bulls-eye were close. Good onya lads.

It was also pleasing to see our junior member Mathew Sneddon trying his best. It would be great if he had some company to compete against as he shows great casting potential. Mathew has entered the State titles as he wants to cast on behalf of the club.

Those mini juniors Karl Wytenburg, Daniel and Andrew Stoeckel also show their enthusiasm and got stuck into their casting. Karl has been casting just 10 meters short of the club record and with a little coaching, could quite easily set a new record for the club. Keep up the good, hard work boys.

I have received a number of requests to include the casting distances in my Reel Talk reports, as many casters can not recall their distances on the day. I'll grovel nicely to our Reel Talk Editor, and I am sure he will cooperate. (cost you a carton Bob. Ed.)

Special thanks to Jenny Stoeckel for her assistance during the day, also thanks to Willo, Jim, and Pots.

Whilst entering all the Dry Casting results I glanced back into the club records. I was surprised and pleased when I noticed that our mini junior Karl Wytenburg has broken a club record. Karl now holds the artificial bait club record with a cast of 54 metres. Breaking the old record by 8 metres. On behalf of all the casters, Well done Karl.

Keep Smilin

Hendo.

98/99 Dry Casting Points scored as of October

Seniors

George Holman	1026
Darren Batchelor	946
Gary Gildersleeve	849
Hans Wytenburg	786
Terry Willison	551
Andrew Aubrey	517
Ric Parker	465
Peter Stoeckel	419
Ken Black	147

JUNIOR

Mathew Sneddon	414
Cam Saunders	224

Veterans

Mal Head	1213
Don Batchelor	1148
Jim Strong	870
Trev Stam	852
Roy Killick	739
A Thorgerson	411
<u>MINI JUNIORS</u>	
Karl Wytenburg	347
Daniel Stoeckel	304
Andrew Stoeckel	166

FOOTNOTE* The State drycasting championships were held on Sunday the 25th (last Sunday). Full details and scores will appear in the next Reel Talk, but I can tell you for now, that the Surfcasters won the Seniors, were runner up in the veterans, runner up in the juniors, won the mini juniors and runner up in the mini junior. What a great effort...Well done to you all.



DRY CASTING RESULTS

4/10/98

SENIORS	112 GRAM			ARTIFICIAL BAIT			D/H Acc	S/H Acc	DAY Total
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
P. Stoeckel	0	0	0	77	0	8	35	0	43
G. Gildersleeve	128	128	26	103	103	21	149	23	219
E Parker	117	0	12	0	105	11	49	21	93
T Willison	141	0	14	108	111	22	59	0	95
D Batchelor	141	119	26	113	117	23	115	24	188
G. Holman	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	30	159
K Black	0	0	0	91	0	9	0	8	17
H Wytenburg	0	147	15	124	116	24	79	0	118
A Aubrey	121	114	24	97	102	20	61	13	118
B Henderson	127	0	13	107	97	20	32	0	65

VETERANS

J Strong	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	11	129
T Stam	105	110	22	0	85	9	58	14	103
M Head	111	114	23	0	101	10	126	13	172
T Dalonzo	135	115	25	99	91	19	124	23	191
D Batchelor	120	120	24	0	0	0	152	29	205
R Killick	110	99	21	80	98	18	132	31	202

JUNIORS

M Sneddon	71	87	16	0	0	0	96	12	124
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MINI JUNIORS

D Stoeckel	35	41	8	34	26	6	36	5	55
A Stoeckel	25	28	5	10	28	4	16	1	26
K Wytenburg	71	51	12	51	54	11	32	1	56

112 Gram Winner	G. Gildersleeve/Darren Batchelor
Artificial Bait Winner	H. Wytenburg
56 Gram Winner	0.
D/H/Accuracy Winner	Don Batchelor.
S/H/Accuracy Winner	R. Killick
112 Gram Open Winner	0.
S/H Open Distance Winner	0.
Winner of the day	G. Gildersleeve
Junior Winner	M. Sneddon.
Mini Junior Winner	K. Wytenburg.

NEXT CASTING DATE 1/11/98 START 8.30.AM.
November events: 112Gram: 56 Gram: D/H/Acc: S/H/Acc:

An Anglers Dozen

A few years back, my wife Edna and I, went on a trout-fishing trip to Lake Jindabyne in the Snowies. We met up with a local angler named Edmond. Over a couple of beers one evening, Edmond was telling us about the fishing in the area. Pointing to a smoke stained map on the wall, (which appeared to have been there for many years), I asked him about Lake Jindabyne, and inquired after average sizes and numbers of Trout I could expect to catch.

He told us that that the lake was fished a lot, and that many Trout around the 2lb mark were common. He also informed us that the Atlantic Salmon were usually a bit bigger. We then asked about the Thredbo River as it was the best one in the area, it also has a hatchery on it.

"I tell you now" he said, "You are going to catch Trout until your arms fall off in this river"

"Big Ones?" Edna asked. Edmond took a long hard swallow at his beer, leaned across the table towards Edna, and said "They are so big my friend, by golly, the last time I was there, the fish were so big, it only took eight to make a dozen!"

Don Batchelor

Fishy Facts

After cleaning your fish, remove fishy odour from your hands by washing them with a small amount of toothpaste.

To shine up those dull metal spoon lures and spinners, rub a small amount of toothpaste onto them, they shine right up.

Did you know

Those expensive waders will last a lot longer if you don't hang them up in the garage or any place where they get very hot or cold. Also, coat clear silicone bathroom caulk onto the seams and other high wear and stress points to greatly increase their wear.

Fish bite better just before rain because low air pressure makes food on the bottom, rise.

It is not easy to tell someone how to cast; the art must be acquired by practice.

(Plug for dry casting).

Don Batchelor

Reel Talk Editors Report

Hi everyone,

I would like to inform you that from now on, you will again see a list of the coming Field days for the year. I don't know why we stopped printing them in the Reel Talk, but I have asked Darren Batchelor to supply me with the list every month. He has kindly agreed to oblige me...This enables members to browse through what's coming up, and to plan accordingly. Our property officer Murrey Shaw is going to supply me with a monthly report on when the Kalbarri House is available for rent. Improvements in a couple of other areas will be forthcoming also. (If I have anything to do with it)

I hope there were not too many hiccups with the way we are posting the Reel Talk to you now.... I only received a couple of complaints, and out of over 85 posted out...That's not bad.

Also, anyone that is typing out anything for the Reel Talk.... Please type it in size 10 or 11 font...Times New Roman style.... This will help out immensely.

It was great to see Tony Holland at the last General Meeting, hope to see you more often from now on Tony.

I have just received my membership from Recfishwest...Its only \$20.00 for the year and I urge all Surfcasters to join, as I have. Recfishwest have the same intrests at heart as the Surfcasters. They also represent over 600,000 recreational fishers in W.A.

They need as many people on board as they can get, if they are to be a force. Please call them on 93877864 and they will send an application form out to you. Membership to Recfishwest also gives you discount at a lot of different outlets.... Fleets Tackle, one of our sponsors, being one of them.

Fred Neal & son Ian, together with a friend, have just returned from a jaunt to Dirk Hartog Island. I spoke to Fred and Ian at the last meeting and they were both still clearly excited about the trip, Ian has kindly written a report that you will find in this edition of Reel Talk.

Thanks for that Ian.

(Makes you wanna go doesn't it?) A good location for a club trip maybe?

Like all the Reel Talk editors before me, I am constantly asking for input into the Reel Talk.

Stories, rumours, facts, lies, I don't care.

If you don't give me stuff, Ill have to fill it with my owa material, and that can get rather monotonous.

Hope to see and hear from you soon.

Thanks.

Phil Brayne.

**DON'T FORGET TO KEEP THOSE ALUMINIUM CANS AND
BRING THEM IN TO "MAL HEAD" ON MEETING NIGHTS**

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion is hereby submitted,

That club fees **must** be paid by all persons prior to an A.G.M. before becoming eligible to either , **Vote, or Stand**, as a nominee member of the committee.
NOTE** This **Notice of Motion** was the preferred **Notice of Motion** from a choice of 2 put forward and was voted as such, by a show of hands at the October General Meeting.

This preferred Motion has now been formally submitted in this edition of "Reel Talk"

And will be voted on at the November General Meeting

A Notice of Motion is hereby submitted that an amendment be made to the Constitution of the Surfcasting & Angling Club of W.A. (INC).

That rule 16a is amended to read:

- (a) Subscription for the ensuing year shall become due and payable on the 1st of May in each year.

Moved Andy Thorgerson

Seconded by Derry Barber.

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DIRK HARTOG ISLAND

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At 4.30 am on a cold, rainy, wintry morning back on Saturday the 26th of September 1998, My dad, (Fred Neal) myself, (Jan Neal) and a family friend, (Bill), left Perth, and headed north. Our planned destination was Dirk Hartog Island. Dragging a fully loaded trailer behind us, we arrived at the goat track they call the road into Steep Point, 11 hours after we left the city lights behind us.

Two and a half-hours later still, we pulled into the driveway of the Rangers house at Steep Point. A quick chat to Paul, the Ranger, and he informed us on where to wait for the barge to take our vehicle and trailer over to Dirk Hartog.

The next morning at 10.15, West Coast Eagle, Drev Banfield, and a guy named Grant, landed the barge onto the beach at Steep Point, ready to take us back across from whence they came. We drove the Jackeroo onto the barge but had to manhandle the trailer on, as the barge isn't long enough to leave the trailer connected to the vehicle. (What a pain.) The trip across took about 15 minutes. We were finally here.

The corrugated track from the beach at Dirk Hartog to the Homestead took about three-quarters of an hour to negotiate. At the homestead, all the popular fuels are available at \$1.20 a litre. Water is also available at, Get this, "no charge".

We purchased some fuel and filled our water tanks with water. After a short chat to Kieran Wardle, (The caretaker of the Island if you like.) We acquired some directions "Stick to the right" he said. "When you reach the sandhills, just follow the tracks" (What tracks!) "Then, when you reach the T- Junction at the top of the Island, turn left".

After weaving our way through the sandhills, It took us another 4 hours to reach the T- Junction. Our intended destination was a North facing fishing platform called, "The Block".

Half an hour later, we were there. (Even the Jackeroo gave a sigh of relief).

Not feeling like it at all, but knowing we had to do so, we set up the camp in front of a huge limestone rock about 150 meters from the "Block".

After the camp was set, Dad and Bill couldn't wait till the following morning to wet the first line.

Bill's first cast landed him a 1.5 kilo Spangled Emperor. Dad, not wanting to be outdone, hooked into what looked to be about a 3 or 4 kilo Mulloway, but this was lost at the base of the Block.

On the Monday, our first real day of fishing, Dad sent out a gas balloon, and within 5 minutes of the gardie hitting the water, he had hooked up on a good-sized Spanish Mackerel. Dad played it well and it was brought to the base of the cliff, only to be lost to the flying cliff gaff, no blame on anyone here, just put it down to inexperience.

Bill was the next one to try his hand at gas ballooning, (this was our first attempt at this art of fishing) He hooked up almost immediately, and this Mackerel was as big as the one Dad had lost a few minutes earlier. Bill couldn't hold this pelagic and it pretty much did, as it wanted. It continued on its merry way around the reef shelf to our left and busted him off. Very impressive I thought.

After all this action, I decided to give it a shot. Blowing up my first ever gas balloon, I sent it out, happy that I didn't encounter any problems in doing so. I watched as the balloon dragged my gardie out to sea, then, as quickly as Dad and Bill had struck pay dirt, I did too. The fish, whatever it was, was just too big for me.

It dragged me to the edge, headed for the left-hand reef shelf again, and "ping" that was it.

We then decided to give the bottom a bit of a nudge. Pink Snapper were prolific; A couple was caught at this time. Actually, hooking the Snapper wasn't the problem, just getting them in, was.

They were taking us under the various reef shelves and busting us off.

60lb trace line was snapping like button thread.

Evening came, and I still hadn't opened my fish "caught" tally, I will rephrase that, I still had not opened my fish "landed" tally, I caught plenty, but didn't land any.

While fishing the bottom, I remember my rod bending near double, and my Penn 7500ss peeling line off, a lot quicker than I had loaded it on. A very large Mackerel then jumped out of the water below me and snapped me off. The same thing happened to Dad a few minutes later. We just couldn't believe what we were witnessing. Bill then hooked into, and landed a 3.5kg Golden Trevally followed by a 3.0kg Cobia.

We decided to retire for the night.

Tuesday dawned and just about every attempt at ballooning was met with contempt. We were just basically throwing everything we had at the Mackerel and they were busting us up at every turn. More Snapper were caught, however, with Bill snaring a nice 4.0kg model in the morning.

Finally, in the evening of Tuesday, I landed my first fish of our trip, a 1.0kg Snapper. Not big I know, but it was mine, and I was keeping it.

Wednesday rolled along and with it came a good 4-metre swell. We tried ballooning again but without success. We tried bottom fishing, and we were again getting blown away by rather large Mackies.

Dad tried something different, bait casting Gardies, with his large rod and Alvey. He was no sooner in the water when a Mackerel screamed in and, greedily swallowed the tasty looking morsel. Bill had finally worked out how to use the flying gaff and yes, our first Mackerel was landed. (We weren't to know at this stage of our trip, that this would be the only Mackerel landed for the duration of our stay.)

The Spaniard weighed in at a respectable 14 kilos. Not a record breaker, but a nice fish anyway.

My second fish for the day was another Pink Snapper, this time it dragged the scales down to 3.0kgs.

Bill had not been idle while all of the above was happening, he had already landed a 3.0kg Snapper of his own. He also bolted his Penn 8500s loaded to the hilt with 30lb fireline to his 5-wrap rod. He screamed out that he was onto something and the line was peeling off at a great rate of knots. It then went slack, and Bill informed us that it had spat the hooks. Upon retrieving his line he indicated that he still had some weight on the rod. It turned out to be just the head of a good sized Pinkie. Chalk that one up the Sharks.

Later that afternoon I grabbed myself a nice 3.0 kg Tailor, followed up by a 4.5 kilo Specimen, a quick look in the recent Reel Talk told me I had beaten the record by 0.1 of a kilo, in the Open competition for Tailor. I returned them both to the water after weighing them.

Nothing much was caught after that.

Thursday arrived in a hurry and the swells had died down quite a bit. There didn't seem to be any Mackerel activity during the morning. Mid morning came and still not a lot happening although Dad was getting a few touches.

Next thing we knew we heard Dads reel cranking over, and he dropped a nice 2.5kilo Baldchin Groper onto the rocks at our feet. Another entry for the open competition, not long after this, Dad and Bill, both had another Pink Snapper each in the freezer.

Friday came and the surrounding waters had a dirty, milky look about them. There was nothing around at this time.

Dad decided to send out another Balloon just to see if there was anything cruising around out the back a bit.

There was.

What happens next was a "Comedy of Errors" as Dad puts it.

Phil Brayne had loaned us a Flying gaff for the trip. This gaff had a rope attached to it. The rope had a joining knot halfway down its length. Dad screamed out that he had a hook up and proceeded to haul it back in. It was a Black Tip Shark, and it didn't want to surrender easily. (They never do)

Half an hour elapsed and Dad finally had it at the base of the "Block". Bill, grabbed the Gaff and, clipping the metal loop of the gaff over Dads line, sent it down to do its job. A couple of jiggles and the gaff found its mark. Bill then proceeded to at least attempt to drag the now very angry Shark, from its home. The joining knot in Phil's gaff rope couldn't take the strain and the two halves separated, (gotta learn how to tie a knot Phil), sending the Shark, and the gaff back into the water. Thinking all was lost, (not forgetting Dad was still attached to the Shark)) He sent Bill Scrambling over the terrain to get the backup Flying Gaff that was about 50 metres away and tied to a rock with its length of rope. Precious minutes ticked by and Dad had just about given up the ghost by the time Bill had arrived back. He attached this 2nd gaff to Dads line and again sent it down. Getting tangled up in all the rope and line that was now congregating at the base of the cliffs, he couldn't get the second gaff into the Shark, but he did manage to get it tangled around the 1st gaff's rope. He hauled the second gaff back up and managed to grab the rope from the first gaff, (Dads still busting blood vessels at this time) Spotting that the first gaff was still attached to the Shark he attempted to again drag it up the cliff face. Bill aint no Arnold Schwarzenegger, and told Dad he needed help. Dad laid his rod down, and the two of them finally, after much grunting and swearing, dropped the Shark at their feet. Our 25 kilo scales were grabbed and attached to "Old Black Tip." The needle of the scales wanted to keep going when it hit the 25kilo mark, but, not being allowed too, because of the calibration of the scale, it decided to let show its protest, and the bottom shot away from the main body. We measured it at 1.5 metres long, but could only estimate it at 25 kilo's "plus" and then tipped him/her back into the water.

Dad then collapsed into a sweaty, gasping, heap, 45 minutes after the initial hook up.

I did a little bottom bouncing later on in the afternoon and managed a 3.0kg Mulloway.

Bill trapped another Pink Snapper.

On the Saturday, the water was still very dirty and stirred up, although an improvement on the day before.

Bill had sent another balloon out and was watching it with anticipation. Dad had caught a couple more Pinkies when Bill hooked up, and his reel was letting him know all about it. It leapt from the water just after hookup and again in the closing stages of the fight. The battle lasted the best part of an hour with Bill and Dad sharing the rod, and the workload. (Cant do that if you want to register a record guys. Ed) that blasted reef to the left of us claimed another scalp and it was lost. It appeared to be a huge Mackerel, or Tuna.

We were going to stay on the island on the Saturday night but we ran out of food and drink so it was decided to head back to the homestead. We arrived back there in the late evening.

We left the Island on the barge at 9.00am the following morning, drove the throughout the day and pulled back into our own driveway at 11.30pm that night.

A great trip.

Ian Neal.

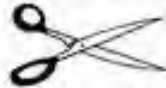


!!CONGRATULATIONS!!

*Debbie and Murrey Shaw
On the birth of their third child
SARAH EMMA~LEA
D.O.B. 5/10/98
WEIGHT 6lb 9oz*



*LENGTH 54cm
Mum & Bub doing fine
(Time for the snip now Murrey) (ouch!!)*



CONGRATULATIONS
ROSS & JULIE KEMBER

*Surfcasters: Ross Kember & Julie Morgan finally tied the knot, and were married on
Sunday the 11th October 1998
At the Araluen Botanical Gardens*



*They Honeymooned in Malaysia
(Hope you took your rod with you Ross)
Great news,
and all the
Best to you both.*

*Rumor has it that Ross is keen to make the top ten in the fishing club and is hopeful that Julie will pass
on some of her fishing prowess, before the Cervantes field day in November.*

FUND RAISING DRIVE

Don't you just love those three little words, it usually means hard work, but not this time. Don't worry we're not delivering phone books this time. What we are doing though is selling Lamingtons, Apple Pies, Xmas Fruit Mince Pies and Xmas Shortbread along with some other goodies. So here's how it works, you simply take your order form around to your neighbours, workmates, friends etc, get them to order some of your goodies and collect their money. Then when your form is full you can place all the orders with Darren Batchelor on 9337 9169 or Andy Woodford on 9401 5403. The final date for orders is Tuesday 1st December and the orders can be collected at the December general meeting on 9th December. You will need to have the money for all your orders on that night. I feel that this is a perfect opportunity to stock up for Xmas as most of the products can be frozen so you can get your New Years stock at the same time and save money on the normal shop prices and it's all going to a good cause. The products are coming from Baileys Bakery so you know it will be of the highest standard.

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 4. YOU **MUST HAVE** ALL THE MONEY TO COLLECT YOUR ORDER.

Looking forward to talking to you soon with your order,

DARREN

Spanish Mackerel: narrow barred
(*Scomberomorus Commersoni*)

Spanish Mackerel: broad barred
(*Scomberomorus semifasciatus*)

Size:

Narrow Barred 5-14 kilo can reach up to 60 kilos.

Broad Barred 2-8 kilo can reach up to 12 kilos.

Habitat: Spanish Mackerel are a tropical species common to the northern and central waters of Australia. They often venture south along the east and West Coast in summer extending their habitat from mid, N.S.W. North to Queensland, the Northern Territory, and mid Western Australia.

Spanish Mackerel are a free roaming oceanic fish, usually found schooling over offshore reefs and drop offs feeding on baitfish. The Broad Barred Spanish Mackerel is often encountered inside major bays in the tropics.

Qualities:

Regarded as one of the best sport and gamefish.

Hitting baits hard and providing a tough fight mixed with great agility and speed. It is renowned for its initial fast, and long run after hookup.

Record:

The Australian record for a Narrow Barred Spanish Mackerel is 42.2 kilos.

Best Bait:

Whole fish such as Garfish, pilchard, Tailor, Sea-Pike, Yellowtail, Anchovies, Sardines, or fish strips, Squid, Octopus.

Lures:

High speed lures, such as bright metals, nylon jigs, spoons, feather lures, surface poppers (Some colors work one day, but, wont the next, experiment all the time)

Tackle:

Line: 12-30 kg main line with at least 30cm of 100 LB wire trace is recommended.

Hooks: Number 6/0 to 10/0 Mustad stainless steel O'shaughanessy, or Tarpon.

Rig: Heavy rig, suspend whole fish baits rigged with ganged hooks, (at least 4 or 5) under a balloon, Trolling or spinning gear.

Tips:

Mackerel have a habit of schooling according to the age and size. Typically, two main groups are encountered from 5-7 kilo or 12-14 kilo. Larger Mackerel are loners whilst the smaller fish form dense schools. Trolling lures, live baits, or whole baits, seem more productive. Try placing a number 3/0 Treble at the bottom of the ganged hooks, A moving bait encourages a hit, Surface skipping whole bait produces quality fish. One technique is to suspend your bait below helium filled balloons. This will skip the bait across the surface of the water. A sure fire way of enticing Mackerel, if they are in the vicinity. Mackerel will take dead baits off the bottom. Drift fishing behind a boat is another successful approach.

I find best times are just before dawn and dusk, but will bite throughout the day.

Heavy cloud cover doesn't hurt either, as well as rainy times, and rough water.

The first hit is intended to main the fish and is followed by a return strike (hence the treble, I dont like to wait for the second hit, it may not come)

The narrow barred Spaniard is the largest Mackerel found in Australian Waters.

Anyone interested in Balloon fishing. Please contact Phil Brayne.