



## The Surfcasting and Angling Club of W.A. (inc.) General meeting held on the 9-9-98

President George Holman opened the meeting at 8-00 pm with 34 members in attendance.

Apologies were received from Dove Maxted, Julie Morgan, Murrey Shaw and the King family.

7 visitors, Lib Ricciardone, Leigh Murray, Brent and Alex Hall, Linton O'Brien, Albert Rodgers and Kim Schumacher, were introduced to the members and made welcome to the meeting.

New members, Ken Black, Cameron Saunders & Matthew Sneddon were presented with a club badge and bylaws booklet. Minutes from the last general and committee meetings were read and accepted, with no business arising.

**Correspondence in:** A.A.A. meeting minutes AAA. Delegates meeting minutes A.A.A. list of coming events.

A.A.A. advising club members of the forth coming Angler of the Year competition and trophy presentation night which is to be held on the 15-9-98 commencing at 8-00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Letter from Graham Knight and associates, Insurance brokers. Booklets from the Fisheries of W.A.

Letter from Bernard Price stating his resignation as the Reel Talk Editor. Notice of Motion from the Secretary regarding Constitution and bylaws. (Refer to the Reel Talk magazine) Membership inquiry's from Glenn and Jodie Smethurst of Rockingham, Peter Sucksmith of Noranda and Tony Dawkins of Mosman Park. Letters also received from the City of Joondalup and the City of Stirling asking for an update for their computer database.

**Treasurers report:** Accounts for payment are, Kalbarri house-Shire rates-\$391-46, Lawn mowing-\$25-00, Tree lopping \$550-00 and Water rates \$13-10. Other bills for payment are September Reel Talk- \$92-20, Social float-\$200-00, Rock and Beach photocopying \$6-00 Boat show expenses, Expo hire- \$216-00, Photos-\$13-00 and West Australian Advert \$19-80. Moved Basil Marsh, 2'd Andy Woodford float the bills, as presented, be passed for payment Carried.

**A.A.A. report.** George started with a lengthy the report on the last meeting he attended. It would appear that there is a lot going on at the moment with another proposed restricted fishing zone in the Gascoyne area. This would include Steep Point, Shark Bay in general and Cape Cuvier. Hans Wytenburg advised that Recfish West is considering the Introduction of trip limits and this was discussed with the members at some length. Derry Barber made a suggestion that we put forward a club recommendation of 15 Kgs of fillets plus 1 whole fish per day as a trip limit. Sid Whiting made another suggestion that we follow the Ningaloo trip limit which is 17 Kgs of filleted fish per trip, bearing in mind that we should probably aim a little higher than we want so we can come down if need be. Sid then recommended 10 Kgs of filleted fish plus 7 whole fish per trip. Most members thought that both proposals were acceptable. Hans will put forward our recommendations at the next Recfish West meeting. Derry Barber offered to draft a letter for the club members, so we can submit them to the Recfish West committee. George Holman also told us about the proposed Tuna farming at Esperance and how that could affect our Mulie stocks. Mandurah 500 date T.B.A. George will no doubt place a report into the Reel Talk. More discussion on this as it comes to hand. The Boat, Dive and Fishing Show went very well for the club and we will be looking at running this again next year. Moved Basil Marsh, 2nd Trevor Stam that a vote of thanks be given to Hans Wytenburg and his sub committee for the great effort in organising the show. To all other members who helped out during the show, many thanks from the committee.

**General business:** Due to resignation of Bernard Price as Reel Talk Editor a vacancy on committee now existed. Nominations for a committee person were called for, with Ross Kember and Don Balchelor nominating for the position. A secret ballot was conducted with Ross Kember being the winner on this occasion. Commiseration's to Don.

The meeting closed at 10-22 pm.

**Application For Membership:** Kim Schumacher.  
Leanne Heath Schumacher.  
Kyle Heath Schumacher.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

Forget all past Notices of Motion and abide by the Constitution and Bylaws as they now stand.  
If it is not in the Constitution or the Bylaws, the rules as they once might have been, do not apply.

Further to the Above I would like to see a Notices of Motions book kept by 3 office bearers of the Club.

I believe that the 3 people to look after such a book should be the President, Secretary and Recorder.

These books would be handed over to any new office bearer/s and maintained.

When the need arises for a revision to be made to either the Constitution or the Bylaws, the Notices of Motion book would be referenced and any additional Rules / Bylaws would be added or omitted.

This ofcourse would be an on going procedure.

Moved By: Wayne Morris

Seconded By: Phil Bryne

### THE STATE DRYCASTING TITLES

On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. Please note that the Surf Casting And Angling Club will be Selling Hot Dogs and Drinks At the Venue. So all Members come down and support our casters and grab a feed.

OCTOBER

~~SEPTEMBER~~ 1998 GENERAL MEETING

**WHERE:** M.Y.A. S.G CLUB ROOM AT INGLEWOOD AQUATIC CENTRE ALEXANDER DRIVE  
**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER AT 2000HRS.  
**INSTRUCTION:**

**OCTOBER DRYCASTING**

**WHERE:** YOKINE RESERVE CNR. ALEXANDER DRIVE AND WORDSWORTH AVE  
**WHEN:** SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER  
**EVENTS:** 112GM DISTANCE, 112GM ARTIFICIAL BAIT, D/H ACCURACY, S/H ACCURACY

**OCTOBER FIELD DAY**

**WHERE:** PORT GREGORY L.W.E. STATE BEACH AND ROCK CHAMPIONSHIPS  
**WHEN:** 26-27-28 SEPTEMBER  
**SIGN ON:** 1030HRS AT PORT GREGORY TOWN HALL ( AS PER STATE COMP )  
**LINES DOWN:** SATURDAY 1400HRS (AS PER STATE COMP )  
**LINES UP:** SUNDAY 1000HRS FOR STATE WEIGH IN AND B.B.Q. AT 1100HRS  
**LINES DOWN:** SUNDAY 1400HRS  
**WEIGH IN:** MONDAY 1000HRS FOR CLUB WEIGH IN  
**BOUNDARIES:** BOWES RIVER TO CHINAMANS (KALBARRI) ( AS PER STATE COMP )

**LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR OCTOBER**

**WHEN:** 26-27-28 SEPTEMBER  
**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  
**LINES UP:** SUNDAY 1000HRS  
**LINES DOWN:** SUNDAY 1400HRS  
**WEIGH IN:** MONDAY 1000HRS G.HOLMANS HOUSE. SCALES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON HIS BACK PATIO. WEIGHTS MUST BE WITNESSED BY AN ADULT. FD MONEY TO BE LEFT WITH THE SCALES IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME. **NO MONEY NO POINTS** RESULTS TO BE PHONED TO THE FDO BY 2000HRS THAT NIGHT.  
**BOUNDARIES:** SOUTH MOLE TO MINDARIE KEYS *INCLUDING THE SWAN RIVER*

**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.  
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## PRESIDENTS NOTES

I would like to start off this month's report by apologising to the visitors we had come along to the last meeting from the recent Boat Show. I apologise for the heavy nature of the meeting, Now and then, it becomes hard to chair a more social and informative meeting, because of concern raised from the floor, notices of motion, and requests from officers of the club in dealing with their particular field. Not to mention what is happening up and down our coast. I would much rather deal with social activities, fishing & drycasting to all our benefit.

My notes from last month appeared to have got lost somewhere so I will have to make mention of some of the points that were contained therein. I welcomed my new committee and look forward to working with them in a positive manner for the benefit of us all. I also thanked those that put up for positions on committee, who didn't make it and, look forward to seeing them put their hands up again at the next election.

I also thanked my past committee for their work over the past year, and made particular reference to Phil Brayne, whose efforts as Social Organiser were outstanding, which culminated with him receiving Clubman of the year.

I also made reference to the Boat Show. This ended up a very successful effort on the clubs part with a very good involvement from members under the guidance of Hans Wytenburg and his committee consisting of Phil Brayne, Bob Henderson, Ric Parker, and Peter Stoekel. The Surfcasters stall was a credit to you all and to see so many Yellow & black T-shirts present at all times over the 5 days was great to see.

The public was able to learn a lot from us, as many questions were forthcoming. They also parted with their hard earn't (under expert guidance) in their quest to win our raffle prizes. This has set our finances in a most satisfying way and the club will benefit. All those who worked at our stall will receive an invite to a Bar-b-Que. So that thanks may be expressed to you all, rather than single out any one person.

There were many of you that put in the hard yards. We had a lot of favourable comment by other stall holders and public, and when we had sold all of our own raffle tickets, the boys even went over to the Offshore Anglers Stall, and gave them a hand selling their clubs raffle tickets, a very commendable attitude.

As a result of the PR set up between other stallholders and us we are fortunate to have Steve Whitman from Williamsons Lures, coming along to our next General Meeting as our guest speaker and instruction period.

We thank him and Allan Pace for obliging us.

I am impressed with Don Batchelors attitude towards the club as he is always coming up with positive suggestions and offers of help. At our last meeting, he came up with an idea on the posting of our clubs magazine, The Reel Talk. And you will see the result in our next issue. It will save the club about \$400.00 dollars on postage, Thanks Don.

Phil Brayne has offered to take on the responsibility of producing the "Reel Talk" and was formally appointed to the position at our last Committee Meeting. Dave Anticich has offered to help Phil to produce our magazine, and I would personally like to thank them both.

You can all assist Phil and Dave by forwarding your reports and stories of any of your fishing trips or any items of interest. It is YOUR Reel Talk and we look forward to your involvement and ideas.

I bumped into one of our members of forty years recently in Eric Sullivan. He told me he had been made redundant a few months ago at the age of 57. Eric doesn't like being idle so he decided to become active around the house and become a handyman. He attempted a backward one and a half pike off a ladder, and broke his arm, and did a bit of damage to his hip. As a result of this mishap, Eric is now getting around with the aid of a walking stick. They are deciding what to do with him, to get him back to "fishing" condition.

Hope all goes well Eric.

Kaye and myself, along with Derry & Dianne Barber, recently had a holiday down at Esperance and we all had a great time (it was the company) Esperance is a lovely spot, particularly at this time of the year and, we had some great weather, and a little bad. There was always plenty to do and their eating houses are numerous and great.

A spot where a club (just like ours) could have a great holiday/trip.

Derry and I did some fishing and as the girls didn't want to cook after our first outing we let all the fish we caught, go.

Derry was even putting whiting back. (although the tears were welling up in his eyes)

One of our members who lives in Esperance, Tony Richardson, caught up with us and expressed concern about a proposed Tuna Farm which the Minister For Fisheries wants to establish in the area.

The locals don't want it, as they are worried about the ramifications of this project. They intend to feed the tuna on.. You guessed it, Mudies.

If the local take (2500 tonnes-6 licenses) is exceeded, and the estimate for the first year is 5000 tonnes. (and this will increase as the Tuna get bigger, and need more mudies) then they fear a drop in the towns fishing and tourism, as the birds, seals, and fish are currently feeding on them.

If the mudies are over fished, there will be no fish and fauna. Which would see a drop in tourism.

Another "HEAVY" one discussed at our last General Meeting to give Hans Wytenburg, our Recfishwest representative, our thoughts on, was the proposed trip limits and overnight take for the Gascoyne region, which will be the yardstick for the other 4 divisions along our coast.

The recommendation was for a trip limit: 15 kilos of filets plus one whole fish per day: There is a loose sheet form in this edition of Reel Talk, prepared by your committee so you may voice your opinion to the Minister and to Recfishwest. Please avail yourself of this opportunity and take the time to fill in the two forms (cut page in half) and post them to the two parties concerned. (The addresses are on the forms).

Our fishing future rests on this, not only as club anglers but also as individuals. Great to see our clubs results because we decided to have a bit of a dip at the Four State Championships. The results are listed in my AAA report and I extend congratulations to the club and the individuals. Hope the results from our team competing in the State Bench Titles at Port Gregory at the end of September are positive and we will also be competing in the State Dry Casting at Yokine reserve on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Phil Brayne is seeking help to run a sausage sizzle at this event to put a few bob in the tin toward our numbers going away next year to compete in the Nationals in Victoria. There have been a lot of good positives, which have far outweighed the negatives in the club, and I hope that everything becomes positive as far as the club is concerned. Lets enjoy each others company, make some good friends and enjoy the club to the fullest.

Thanks George Holman,  
President S.C.A.C.

### TONY HOLLAND

We are still thinking of you Tony, and from all the Surfcasters, get well soon mate. If there's anything we can do to help, please contact us via George.

### REEL TALK EDITORS REPORT

This is my first Reel Talk and hopefully I will get better as time goes by so please have a little patience with me. If I muck something up, let me know but in a nice way. Dave Anticich will be giving me a hand to get the Reel Talk out on time and as professional as we can. (He thinks I will take over completely when I get the hang of it, but I've got news for him.) I will try to put interesting articles into the pages, and I will need input from YOU, the members to make it so. My phone numbers are all in the front of each Reel Talk along with an E mail address for those that have access. Thanks for your time...Phil Brayne.

## **S.C.A.C. Recorders Report**

**For September 1998**

### **Hello Fellow Members ,**

This is my first report as recorder. I would like to thank Ian Mascarenhas for the good work he has done in the past few years and hope I can continue in that vein. Several new categories have been added to our competition this season. Being Masters, Grand Masters and Species. These are targets for you to aim at in your own time frame. So please keep the entries coming in. Just a gentle reminder of the requirements. All applications must be complete in every detail with phone contact numbers of both applicant and witness, scales must be presented for verification of weights if required. If your catch has been weighed by the official Club scales or other certified scales there is no need for further verification. New format forms will be available soon. Please use a separate form for each competition entry. Multiple entries on one form will not be approved. A simple check list is at the bottom of the Application Form by following these simple guidelines you could not go wrong.

### OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES

1	Most Meritorious Fish				
2.	Heaviest Shark	4.5kg Min	P Brayne	33.0 kg	False Entrance
3.	Heaviest Mulloway	3.5kg Min	H Brayne	13.5kg	Geraldton
4.	Heaviest Salmon	3kg Min	M Farnay	4.2 kg	Perth
5.	Heaviest Dhufish				
6.	Heaviest Tailor		G Holman	4.4kg	False Entrance
7.	Heaviest Samson		G Holman	13.4kg	False Entrance
8.	Heaviest Fish S/H Rod (4kgL/class)		G Holman	4.4kg	False Entrance
9.	Heaviest Pink Snapper		G Holman	3.7g	False Entrance
10.	Heaviest Tarwhine		M Farnay	0.6kg	Perth
11.	Heaviest Mackerel		G Holman	20.5kg	False Entrance
12.	Heaviest Trevally ( S )	1kg Min			
13.	Heaviest Trevally ( N )	1kg Min	G Holman	5.1kg	False Entrance
14.	Heaviest Snook/Pike				
15.	Heaviest Scale Fish	2kg Min	G Holman	5.1kg	False Entrance
	other than sections 2 thru 14		Cobia		

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

<b>VENUE :</b>	<b>MORE RIVER</b>				
<b>ATTENDANCE :</b>	<b>VENUE:</b>	SENIORS	12	JUNIORS	4
	<b>LOCAL:</b>	SENIORS	3	JUNIORS	1
	<b>TOTAL:</b>		20		

<b>MEN</b>		<b>NO FISH</b>	<b>NO SPIEC</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
BATCHELOR	DARREN	12	6	4.95	159.5
KOLMAN	MORRIS	2	2	1.30	83.0
HENDERSON	BOB	3	1	1.70	77.0
WOODFORD	ANDY	2	2	0.50	75.0
HOLTON	DARRYL	1	1	0.73	67.3
KILLICK	ROY	1	1	0.45	64.5
SWARBRICK	HARRY	2	1	0.40	64.0
HOLMAN	GEORGE	6	3	1.30	63.0
BATCHELOR	DON	1	1	0.20	62.0
STOECKEL	PETER	0	0	0.00	50.0
WHYTENBURG	HANS	1	1	0.50	35.0
PADDOCK	CARY	0	0	0.00	20.0

<b>LADIES</b>		<b>NO FISH</b>	<b>NO SPIEC</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
WOODFORD	LARA	0	0	0.00	50.0
HOLTON	JULIE	0	0	0.00	50.0

<b>JUNIORS</b>		<b>NO FISH</b>	<b>NO SPIEC</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
SNEDDON	MATHEW	2	1	0.5	44.5

<b>MINI JUNIORS</b>		<b>NO FISH</b>	<b>NO SPIEC</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
STOECKEL	ANDREW	0	0	0.0	50.0
STOECKEL	DANIEL	0	0	0.0	50.0
WOODFORD	MOLLY	0	0	0.0	50.0
WOODFORD	EMILY	0	0	0.0	50.0

<b>TOTALS</b>	33	12.48	<b>LAST YEAR</b>	51	26.70
<b>AVE/MEM</b>	1.65	0.62	<b>AVE/MEM</b>	2.80	1.50

**FIELD DAY PRIZES**

<b>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</b>	DARREN BATCHELOR	MULLOWAY	1.8KG
<b>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH</b>	BOB HENDERSON	MIXED	1.7KG
<b>MYSTERY PRIZE</b>	GEORGE HOLMAN	TARWHINE	0.2KG
<b>JUNIORS PRIZE</b>	MATHEW SNEDDON	MIXED	0.45KG

**SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS**

<b>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</b>	DARREN BATCHELOR	MULLOWAY	1.8KG
<b>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH</b>	DARREN BATCHELOR	MIXED	4.95KG

**FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY**

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
TAILOR	10	4.98	PILCH	2	0.45
HERRING	13	2.25	WRASSE	1	0.20
MULLOWAY	1	1.80	TARWHINE	1	0.20
SNOOK	1	1.10	WHITING	1	0.10
TRUMP	3	0.90			

**MASTERS FISH**

DARREN BATCHELOR	SNOOK	1.1KG
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**NOTABLE CATCHES**

MORRIS KOLMAN	TAILOR	1.1KG
BOB HENDERSON	MIXED GREENS	5.3KG
PETER STOECKEL	MIXED GREENS	6.4KG

## YEAR TO DATE

### MEN

BATCHELOR DARREN	940.0
KOLMAN MORRIS	754.0
WOODFORD ANDY	712.5
WHYTENBURG HANS	470.5
FARNEY MARK	435.0
HOLMAN GEORGE	411.0
TAGGART IAN	315.0
HENDERSON BOB	292.5
TERPKOF PAUL	215.5
D'MELLO DAMIEN	199.0

### LADIES

LARA WOODFORD	50
JULIE HALTON	50
SARAH KING	50

### JUNIORS

MATHEW SNEDDON	88
ANITA KING	50

### 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 ( 1 ST.SIX MONTHS)	HANS WHYTENBURG	3.0KG SALMON
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)	HANS WHYTENBURG	2.05KG
HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)	HANS WHYTENBURG	3.0KG
HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)	DARREN BATCHELOR	1.05KG
HEAVIEST S/FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE	DAMIEN D'MELLO	1.5BLACKFISH
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	DARREN BATCHELOR	16.15KG MIXED
HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	MARK FARNEY	11.8KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY	MORRIS KOLMAN	2.1 KG
HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s max)	DARREN BATCHELOR	0.6KG SKIPJACK
HEAVIEST MACKERAL (3KG MIN)		

### BACK ISSUES OF REEL TALK

#### The recorder is trying to complete the clubs historic set of Reel Talk's.

There are some big gaps in the set, which starts in 1954.

We do not have any copies at all for the years 1957 - 1959, 1979 - 1986. There are some years that have particular issues missing.

These early issues of Reel Talk have some magnificent articles in them on fishing and trace the history of the Club. I would like to thank you for cataloguing the issues we have. If any members have any copies of Reel Talk prior to 1990 could they please contact me.

Recorder

\*Cookie Monster\*

### Social Report

G'day, There will be a club outing for any members or would be members who would care to take part. The venue will be the Civic Theatre and the date will be the 19/11/98, which is a Thursday night. There will be a three-course meal and the show will be their Christmas Cabaret, with a bar available for those who like a tippie. The cost will be \$37.95 per head, which I think you'll agree is great value. If you would like to attend please contact me sooner rather than later so that I can confirm numbers. My telephone number is 9401 5403, but please ring after eight o'clock at night, then I will be in. A deposit of \$10.00 will be due in advance, as soon as possible and the balance of \$27.95 at the club general meeting on Wednesday 14/10/98.

A good turn out would be great. It would give us all a chance to start getting into the Christmas spirit. Remember there is more to the club than just fishing.

I'm not sure if members are aware (I know I wasn't), but the club owns a gas barbecue which is available to members at \$5.00 a time. Please ring me on the above number if you wish to use it.

Tight lines

Andy Woodford

### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

**SUBS MUST BE PAID BY THE END OF THIS MONTH ( SEPTEMBER ).  
MEMBERS WILL BE STRUCK OF THE MAILING LIST AND WILL  
LOSE ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILIGES OF THE CLUB, IF THEY ARE  
UNFINANCIAL AFTER THE LAST DAY OF SEPTEMBER.**

## MOORE RIVER FIELD DAY

WELL A LOT CAN BE SAID FOR THIS PLACE UNFORTUNATELY ITS ALL BAD. AFTER CHECKING OUT THE BEACH AT MOORE RIVER UP TO 3-MILE REEF I FOUND THAT THE BEACH WAS NOT WIDE ENOUGH TO TURN AROUND ON AND HAD TO REVERSE BACK FOR ABOUT A MILE BEFORE I COULD TURN. THE BEACH HAD BEEN WASHED AWAY WITH THE RESENT BAD WEATHER AND A LOT OF REEF WAS EXPOSED ALSO MAKING THIS AREA UNFISHABLE SO WE HEADED FOR THE SIGN ON AREA.

AT THE SIGN ON IT WAS GOOD TO SEE NEW MEMBER HARRY SWARBRICK IN ATTENDANCE FOR HIS FIRST FIELD DAY WITH THE CLUB AND ALSO IAN MASCARENHAS FOR HIS FIRST TRIP THIS YEAR. BOB AND PETER HAD BEEN UP HERE SINCE FRIDAY AND HAD BEEN DOWN TO FISH BUT HAD ONLY CAUGHT THERE BAG LIMIT OF WEED. ANDY WOODFORD AND FAMILY HAD BEEN TO SEABIRD AND REPORTED WEED IN THIS AREA AS WELL. SO I DECIDED TO OPEN THE BOUNDARIES TO LEDGE POINT.

AFTER THE SIGN ON MOST OF THE CREW FOLLOWED ME TO LEDGE POINT TO A SPOT I HAD FISHED IN THE PAST. I FISHED ALONG SIDE OF DON, ANDY AND HARRY, WHILE MORRIS AND ROY WENT FURTHER ALONG THE BEACH, AFTER A WHILE THE BOYS CAME BACK AND SAID THEY WERE HEADING BACK TO MOORE RIVER. AT DUSK IT WAS JUST DON AND ME ON THE BEACH AND I DECIDED TO FISH UNTIL IT RAINED. I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO PICK UP A SMALL MULLOWAY (MY FIRST ONE FOR 14 YEARS) MUCH TO DADS DISGUST. SHORTLY AFTER WE HEADED BACK TO CAMP. UPON ARRIVAL WE FOUND EVERYONE ELSE ALREADY THERE SO WE HAD TEA AND A SOCIAL DRINK IN BOBS CAMPING AREA, IF YOU EVER GO WITH BOB YOU WON'T NEED TO TAKE ANYTHING BECAUSE HE TAKES EVERYTHING, HE EVEN HAD A LAWN EDGER IN THE TRAILER INCASE THERE WERE NO FISH.

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE BOB AND HIS APPRENTICE PETER HAD BEEN DOING THERE PART TO CLEAN UP THE OCEANS AROUND MOORE RIVER OF WEED, FROM WHAT BOB TELLS ME PETER WILL BE A MASTER IN NO TIME. IAN MAC HEADED HOME ON SATURDAY NIGHT DUE TO BEING KNOCKED OVER BY A WAVE AND HURTING HIS BACK, HOPE YOU ARE OK. IN THE MORNING NOTHING WAS HAPPENING SO WE WEIGHED IN, THE BAGS OF FISH SPOKE FOR THEM SELVES, BUT EVERYONE AGREED ON ONE THING, THIS WASN'T THE TIME OF YEAR TO BE UP HERE.

THE NEXT TRIP IS EARLY, SO BY THE TIME YOUR READING THIS WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE BEEN ALREADY. THE TRIP IS TO PORT GREGORY FOR THE STATE BEACH AND ROCK COMP AND WE WILL BE ENTERING TEAMS IN THE MENS, LADIES AND VETERANS SO BEST OF LUCK TO ALL.

THE TRIP FOR NOVEMBER IS TO CERVANTES AND THE AREA USUALLY FISHED IS FROM BLACK PICK TO HILL RIVER FOR THIS TRIP A 4WD IS AN ADVANTAGE BUT DON'T LET THIS STOP YOU FROM GOING BECAUSE YOU CAN CATCH FISH RIGHT IN TOWN. THE SIGN ON WILL BE BEHIND THE GARAGE JUST AS YOU COME INTO TOWN AND IF THERE ARE NO 2WD VEHICLES THE WEIGH IN WILL BE AT BLACK POINT (THAT'S THE NEXT POINT ON FROM BLACK PICK) AT 10 AM ON THE SUNDAY. MORE DETAILS ON THE TRIP WILL BE GIVEN AT THE MEETING.

THE CERVANTES TRIP IS ONE OF THE BEST SOCIAL TRIPS OF THE YEAR AND THIS MAY BE OUR LAST DUE TO THE PROPOSED MARINE PARK FOR THE AREA AND ALL THE PROBLEMS IT WILL CAUSE WITH ACCESS AND CAMPING IN THE AREA. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN KEEP ACCESS TO PLACES LIKE THIS IS TO ATTEND MEETINGS WHEN ASKED TO HAVE INPUT INTO WHAT IS GOING ON UP AND DOWN OUR COAST. ONCE WE LOOSE AN AREA THAT WILL BE IT YOU WILL PROBABLY NEVER BE ABLE TO FISH THERE AGAIN.

TIGHT LINES  
DARREN  
F.D.O.



## DRY CASTING RESULTS August 2/8/98

SENIORS						SENIORS					
112gm	Bait	D/H	S/H	Day		112gm	Bait	D/H	S/H	Day	
Total	Total	Acc	Acc	Total		Total	Total	Acc	Acc	Total	
G. Holman	28	11	65	31	135	T. Willison	24	20	83	7	134
H. Wytenburg	27	20	62	7	116	K. Black	0	0	29	2	31
R. Parker	12	9	24	26	71	P. Stoeckel	0	13	8	10	31
B. Henderson	26	12	100	16	154	D. Batchelor	26	24	47	22	119
VETERANS						VETERANS					
112gm	Bait	D/H	S/H	Day		112gm	Bait	D/H	S/H	Day	
Total	Total	Acc	Acc	Total		Total	Total	Acc	Acc	Total	
J. Strong	9	7	75	9	100	T. Stam	19	18	56	18	111
M. Head	22	8	135	16	181	<u>D. Batchelor</u>	23	20	132	22	197
A. Thorgerson	16	10	101	11	138	A. D'Lonso	11	20	127	5	163
R. Killick	19	17	104	18	158						
LADIES						LADIES					
112gm	Bait	D/H	S/H	Day		112gm	Bait	D/H	S/H	Day	
Total	Total	Acc	Acc	Total		Total	Total	Acc	Acc	Total	
Nil						Nil					
JUNIORS						JUNIORS					
112gm	Bait	D/H	S/H	Day		112gm	Bait	D/H	S/H	Day	
Total	Total	Acc	Acc	Total		Total	Total	Acc	Acc	Total	
Nil						Nil					
MINI JUNIORS						MINI JUNIORS					
112gm	Bait	D/H	S/H	Day		112gm	Bait	D/H	S/H	Day	
Total	Total	Acc	Acc	Total		Total	Total	Acc	Acc	Total	
<u>K. Wytenburg</u>	13	6	41	11	71	D. Stoeckel	8	7	41	11	33
A. Stoeckel	7	6	6	0	19						

  

112 Gram Winner: George Holman	Artificial Bait Winner: Hans Wytenburg
56 Gram Winner: Darren Batchelor	Double Handed Accuracy Winner: Mal Head
Single Handed Accuracy Winner: George Holman	112 Gram Open Winner: Nil
S/H open distance Winner: Nil	
Winner of the day: Don Batchelor	Junior Winner: Nil
Mini Junior winner: Karl Wytenburg	

### NEXT DRY CASTING

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1998 *6 Sept*

Events: 112 gram Artificial Bait, D/H Accuracy, S/H Accuracy, S/H Open

#### Dry Casting Report

As this is my first official as your DCO and Peter Stoeckel joins me as my assistant, may we both extend a warm welcome to all that attended the casting outings. Remember we are only a phone call away if assistance is needed.

Well, with a fine day forecasted but gusty winds blowing, pots and I arrived at 6-45am and had the course set up by 7-30am ( a regular thing ). This allows members to practise there casting for at least 55 minutes before the start of competition. It would be appreciated though, if members stop their practise when we call out five minutes to start of competition, (refer rule 3-1-3). Don't forget to register your name and pay your dues before we start. It was a pleasant surprise to see Alphonso D'Lonzo turn up at casting. He always has a smile and a friendly greeting for one and all and I enjoyed catching up on lost times with him. Over the years he has always offered his advice and encouragement to help me improve.

Beth Whiting also called in and to hoped to rejoin us in the near future.

I took over the seniors score sheet and onto the double handed arena we trod. Well, after observing their efforts (Fathers Day fatigue), I must approach our treasure and obtain a loan to buy some of those Viagra tablets. Facing a little cross wind, these blokes couldn't make the distance.

Later on I was looking after the Vets on the double handed arena and boy, it just goes to show that the older you get you may slow down a bit but your scoring is good. Well done Lads. I know that it is our job to ensure a smooth running Drycasting Day, Set out the casting arena, also participate, collect all the gear and stow it,

interact with castors and visitors etc. BUT! It's a little disappointing when only one bloke offers his help, so I will say thanks Jimmy. Maybe next Month a little more help will be there. To our section winners and our overall day champion Pots and I extend our congratulations.

Next month we are going to put on a 56gm open event so hang around and have a go.

#### STATE DRYCASTING TITLES

Sunday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 8am Yokine Reserve

The State Drycasting Championships will be held on the above date and many of our Members will be participating on behalf of our Club. Let's get behind them and join them on this day and give our support.

#### 97/98 TOP TEN CASTORS

1. G. Holman	2372 Pts	6. J. Strong	1717 Pts
2. R. Killick	2358 Pts	7. T. Stam	1583 Pts
3. Don Batchelor	2120 Pts	8. H. Wytenburg	1557 Pts
4. E. Parker	1887 Pts	9. G. Gildersleeve	1253 Pts
5. D. Batchelor	1753 Pts	10. A. Thorgerson	1232 Pts

I'd stay around and give the above a run for their money but I enjoy nicking off and doing some sight seeing so they are safe from my scoring prowess

SEEYA So Keep It Taunt.

HENDO.

SURF CASTING AND ANGLING CLUB OF WA (inc)

### AAA of W.A. September Report

Hans Whytenburg and George Holman were present and representing our Club at the September meeting of the above Association.

The fishing clinic will be held at the Floreat Surf Lifesaving Club on Monday nights starting on the 12 of October then the 19<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> and concluding on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. Each night shall have a sponsor and the fee will be \$20-00 for the 4 nights or \$7-50 per person per night. A raffle will be held each night and it is hoped to have Tea and Coffee available. Lectures are to be organised to complement the sponsors and to capture the interest of the people attending.

The following State records were passed: Forrest Beach Rock Cod Weighing 1.360 Kg caught at Turtle Bay in Shark Bay by Charles Heuth.

Long Nosed Grey Shark weighing 79.00Kg caught at Bluff Creek by Trevor Macmahon.

There will be a guest speaker present at the next delegates meeting to talk on the Swan River and any Club Member is welcome to attend. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of October Sportsmen's Associations Hall.

The Cookburn Rd realignment that was proposed has been dropped. Possibly through the Public pressure that has been forthcoming. There are still a lot of problems to be solved in the Cookburn area.

The Mandurah 500 and a more detailed report will be forthcoming after a group of executive members visit the Town and obtain sponsors and confirm arrangements.

It was pointed out to the Delegate's that there was a complete lack of submissions to our Reefish West delegate ( Hans Whytenburg ) regarding the proposed trip limits in the Gascoyne region. ( Steep Point and Cape Cuvier ) To help him represent us at his next meeting to put our submissions forward. The only Club to give him their views was the Surf Casters.

The main function of the night was the presentation of the awards for the Clubs and competitors for the overall or the 4 sections of State Competition, Boat, Beach, Estuary and Drycating. Our Club did very well and rather than list all the winners I will list our achievements :- Runner up Champion Club - Surf Casters.

Runner up Angler of the Year - George Holman

Runner up Mens Champion - George Holman

Veterans Champion - Don Batchelor

The Following 2 Winners are also Club Members but competed for Northern Districts.

Runner up Veterans Champion - Tony D'Alonzo

Runner up Ladies Champion - Filomina D'Alonzo

#### PLEASE NOTE

As a Result of our involvement at the Boat Show and of the contacts we made we will have Steve Whitman along, representing Williamsons Lures to give a talk on rigging lures, different type of lures and their benefits ect and also a little on their product. Their display at the Boat Show (which was right alongside our stand) was very impressive and should prove interesting.

It will be at our next General Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

#### WANTED

One or two paying passengers to travel to Phillip Island Victoria, To attend the National Titles, (Casting only).

To do some sightseeing along the East Coast and inland. ( Visit wineries etc ).

Return along the West Coast to Kangaroo Island in South Aussie. Ferry over to the island and spend a few days snooping around. Return to West Australia via Streaky Bay.

Leaving 1<sup>st</sup> March 1999 and returning approx. 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1999.

Must be able to put up with my 50s - 60s music, limited intellect, flashing smile, dangerous cooking, safe driving, Flexible patience, multi pitched singing voice. Bad joke telling.

Costs.....Subject to eating & drinking habits.

Rush to your phone now as the list of hopefuls may be short and you may end up in cahoots with me.

Phone 94516341 now. Ask for Mr. Henderson (bobby boy).

Ride in a vehicle designed to get there (and back)

Built from stolen parts, powered by pinched petrol, fool injected, Aussie Air Fitted, Gas propelled (driver too)

Country Blend paintwork, (Rustic Look). HEY!!!! We're old and ugly but we go the distance.

#### FOR SALE

Competition Drycating equipment: Rods - Reels - Lines.

Contact the D.C.O on 9451 6341.

## ANOTHER EXCURSION TO THE SHARK BAY AREA

This was another long planned and anticipated trip to the "wilds" of Shark Bay. Don Schmidt, Mike and Rose Harper from Bunbury had come up with the idea of another trip to the Useless Loop area. I had been there before and was glad of another opportunity to test the area out.

The rest of the crew, Ron, Allan, Ian, Merv, Helen and Margaret, were from Victoria. Clive was the other Sandgroper from Perth. The Vic's are all die-hard Murray River Cod addicts. They were in for a surprise at the difference in scenery, fishing style and fun of sport fishing.

Most Murray River Cod fishing is by set line. A 8/0 or 10/0 hook is attached to a cord line baited and cast out near stags. The line is attached to a tree root with an elastic cord to act as a shock absorber. The line is checked occasionally. The fish catch themselves. The caught fish are kept alive by tethering them to a tree by a cord attached through their lower jaw. Ron caught a 54 lbs cod early this season and fish in the 30 lbs range are not uncommon.

We were to spend 10 days camped on the west side of Heirsson Prong about 3 kilometres from the Salt Works. We arrived at about 20.00 hours at the township and met Dave Murray and the Environmental Officer. They kindly led us to our camp site just south of the old pearling lease.

The area north of the townsite and works has been fenced off with a high fence that is electrified with big steel mesh gates. It looks like an entrance to a high security complex. The reason is that a joint project between CSIRO, Calm and Shark Bay Salt has been undertaken to reintroduce endangered native fauna. The area has been continuously baited to eradicate foxes, feral cats, goats, rabbits etc in this area. Apparently the project is going well.

The weather was warm and fine with calm conditions for all but one day, so we had magnificent conditions. The nights this winter have been unusually cold for the area.

We lived very well with all amenities; long drop, loo, bucket shower, "microwave oven" etc.

For the first couple of days we fished off the beach and out of the dinghies near to the camp with mixed results. I did a run across to the east side of Dirk Hartog Island and fished between Tumble Down Point and Sunday Island. We picked up nice Pink Eared Emperor well above the 28 cm legal size. Some of the other species caught were fat Yellow Fin Bream, Bar Tailed Flathead. The trip is about 9 miles which in calm weather is a breeze. We fished this area for the rest of the week. A tip to successful catches is to fish the tides using the lunar tables. The fishing technique we used was to stop the dinghy about 50 metres off the rocky shore drop offs and drift. You cast back in toward the shoreline. This allowed us to work the fish away from the inshore rocks and reefs. Some of the flat reef with sargassum (brown algae) also produced some good emperor and bream. One morning we saw this nice new flash craft slowly moving up the coast which we thought was trolling, so we up anchored and went to ask if they had any luck. Bingo!! As it hove to we realised it was the new Fisheries Patrol vessel PV John Brockman. There were about 8 people on board including fisheries inspectors and the Department of Transport. They checked our catch and the safety gear which was well above requirements. We had a chat and they informed us that the quantity and size of our catch was equal to any they had encountered. Great, we said, let's stick to our spots and strategy.

We came across Dugongs on the shallow seagrass beds against the island on a number of occasions. They are truly magnificent creatures despite their odd face.

We had some magnificent Calamari from Squid (large) we caught at dusk near the Pearling lease. Apparently the area produces squid on a regular basis.

Every few days we went into Useless Loop for fuel and stores, and so the Vic's could replenish their stockpile of amber fluid. There is a very nice tavern with restaurant as part of the sporting complex. Prices for fuel, stores, beer etc are on a par with Geraldton. The people at the Loop were most helpful and kind to us while we were there. They organised replacements for broken gear and equipment.

The new causeway is now finished and CALM was herding the last of the Dolphins out of the new pond. The new causeway is a most impressive sight.

While we were having a few drinks in the tavern, I met the Treasurer of the USELESS Fishing Club. They have both beach and boat competitions. On the Sunday they were off to Thunder Bay for some Snapper fishing. I am sure they could provide our members with some very useful local knowledge.

Some of you will be aware that there is now vehicular access to Dirk Hartog Island. I will have the details including a video soon. One of our members, Fred Neil is currently booked on a trip on the island. He is going to write a report for Reel Talk on his return. This could make a really good Club annual trip but the cost may be prohibitive for some. A group of members has already planned a trip for to the Island next winter.

## **TAILOR**

**(Pomatomus saltatrix)**

Tailor can be caught in both rivers and ocean. Juveniles generally abound in the Swan in the summer months but larger specimens (up to 4kg) can be found in deep holes around Mosmans during all hours. Once mature, a school may move from their "home" on an ocean reef in the afternoon to the coast then up the river at night.

In the morning they all move back out to sea and congregate around reefs for shelter and to pick off stray baitfish. They can be caught in varying sizes all year round. The biggest seem to come from the Alkimos Wreck and if you have the desire to make a 50Km round trip from Two Rocks deathtrap of a marina 4 & 5Kg models are not uncommon. The reefs closer to Cockburn produce 1.5Kg - 3.5Kg regularly but they are dangerous so be careful.

### **Ocean:**

Try castings unweighted mulies into the wash on a reef and allow it to slowly sink. We recommend that you use a gang of hooks (4 x 5/0 tarpon) plus a treble swinging free behind the tail for ocean baitcasting as this usually results in more hookups (on the reef as well). Once you have enough fish to eat, we recommend removing the treble and crushing barbs to avoid damaging released fish. You may also want to revert to 2 x 4/0s to avoid deep hooking. Tailor may not bite until 8am or later and will bite throughout the day. Poppers are also worth a try but, as the sun rises, lose their effectiveness.

### **Beach:**

Tailor will sit in the surf wash so you may need to cast far enough to get in behind the school. An unweighted mulie is still our preferred method but a stiff westerly may require the services of a float with a long trace or a sinker rig. A sinker also has the added benefit of picking up the odd Mulloway mooching on the bottom.

As usual, look for spots with good gutters (or a visible rip) and other anglers casting mulies usually is a good sign that you are on the right track. If there is a sand point, try walking parallel to the break and casting just behind the foam for good results.

Once again, a gang of hooks (4 x 5/0 tarpon) plus a treble swinging free behind the tail works well but chrome lures are easier to use if the fish are biting well. Mulies usually produce more fish, though, especially as it gets darker. Early morning and late afternoon are the best times but, as in the deeper ocean, they can bite at any time.

One particularly successful but tricky way to catch BIG tailor from our northern beaches is to find a rocky shoreline and zoom chrome or, especially, poppers over it in the early morning. This really works and I've heard of 2 - 4Kg models being caught this way when, further up the beach, the mulie tossers are getting them at less than 1 Kg. Be prepared for bust offs however!

### **River:**

Most river tailor are juveniles and a small gang with blue bait or whitebait will usually result in better hookups. Chrome lures are usually very effective on juveniles and any crankbait will work during daylight hours. Bait is best at night, however. Tailor are attracted to the fish attracted to lights and may sit just in the shadows so try casting behind the light as well. Remember to release all fish under 25cm (we feel the legal size should be 30cm). Small tailor have no meat anyway and don't fight very well so you might as well catch herring than take small ones.

Bigger tailor will lurk in deeper holes around Mosmans and a good echo sounder will be of great benefit. Try mooring next to a good, solid drop off and sending down a lightly weighted mulie. Deadly, but watch out for rays and sharks which live in the river all year round. A shark wasted my Ugly Stick in this spot not long ago. Ouch!

### **Rocks and Groynes:**

As in beach fishing, you can pick up tailor all day but it's more than likely you'll see them in the morning and late afternoon. They tend to travel along groynes like North and South mole in smaller schools working up and down then heading back to the beaches before making similar raids at spasmodic intervals. An unweighted mulie is, once again, our recommendation for more hookups but lures work well if the school is there.

## **MULLOWAY**

**(Argyrosomus holotepidotes)**

Mulloway are often an extremely good by product of some tailor fishing. They are found all over the coast and in most rivers and estuaries.

Like any fish, live baits work best but many are taken on mulies and all sorts of other bait.

They don't fight all that well but taste great and can be hard to turn on light gear.

You don't see too many caught offshore.

### **Beach:**

When tailor are on the bite, mulloway usually clean up scraps left over. Use a sinker rig and cast into foamy gutters. High tide works best so late afternoons produce well - especially after rain. Bigger fish can be taken at night.

### **River:**

Huge numbers of mulloway are pulled out the Swan. They are attracted to lights and a full moon and pilons around bridges with lights are always producing. Bigger fish, however, will rarely bite on a full moon.

Also try the deep holes in Mosmans and use your sounder to keep an eye under the boat. If your bait isn't working and fish are around then try other things including jigs. Live bait is bad here, however, as they tend to run around the mooring after 5 minutes or so.

Experts tend to believe that the best time in the Swan is the run up to the full moon in September.

### **Legal size:**

Minimum length 45cm. Bag limit 4. **Australian Record:** 42.5kg