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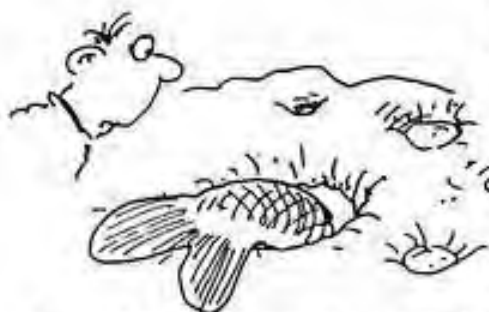
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*large fish in a small rock pool.*

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## CLUB ETIQUETTE



### MEETINGS

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

### DRYCASTING

Casting is usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is given to all new members and a competition is conducted to improve and maintain the standard of our members casting.

### FIELD DAYS

These normally follow each general meeting on the ensuing weekend. Sign-on and weigh-in is compulsory and failure to do so may mean the the loss of all points for that field day.

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

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

### GENERAL ETIQUETTE

If you intend to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary.

Please assist the Treasurer by paying your subscription with-in 28 days of the Annual General Meeting.

Arrears of 3 consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
 WHERE:.....DIANELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE  
 LIGHT STREET, DIANELLA  
 WHEN.....WED. APRIL 13TH 1988  
 8PM

**NEXT CASTING DAY**  
 WHERE.....YOKINE RESERVE  
 WHEN.....SUNDAY 9.0AM  
 APRIL 3RD 1988  
 EVENTS.....112 gram Level Line  
 56 gram Level Line  
 D/H Accuracy  
 S/H Accuracy  
 112gram Open Distance Event

**NEXT FIELD DAY**  
 WHERE.....ROTTNEST  
 WHEN.....SAT. APRIL 16TH to  
 SUN. MARCH 17TH 1988  
 TIMINGS.....  
 SIGN-ON.....ON ARRIVAL AT ISLAND  
 WEIGN-IN.....T.B.A.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 WHERE.....DIANELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE  
 LIGHT STREET DIANELLA  
 WHEN.....WED. APRIL 20TH 1988  
 8pm.

M E M O R A N D A

PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL 1988

I've commented in the past about the odd low attendance, but, the March general meetings was definitely the lowest- only seven-members. Strong's crew were still down South and Gadie's crew were holidaying at Esperance and obviously a lot of others forgot!!!!

Derry Barbar received his badge and constitution and became a fully fledged member. We were also pleased to welcome a new club nominee Brian Ingram.

The main focus of the evening was the presentation to Eric Parker of his LIFE MEMBERSHIP, a very deserving reward to one of the clubs hardest ever workers. Eric has held nearly all positions from President down and as we all know is still a front row worker and clubman today, something I am sure he will continue to do for many, many years. Lee and Nella Clifton were given the job of getting Eric to the meeting late and it took a flat tyre (valve trouble I beleive) to acheive this.

Nella Clifton has had a short stay in hospital and is currently recovering at home. I hope all is well Nella.

Steep Point has been getting a hammering of late and apparently is producing some good fish...plenty of mackeral. Eric Bombardieri, Frank Sutton and Bob Bartley are currently pelting lures and bait in that locale.

Our recent field day to Bluff Creek was again a great success. Mainly families attended and all present caught fish. There were plenty of herring and skippy to be caught even though Saturday night and Sunday morning were very windy. the track was more overgrown which made it harder to get in and we could not travel the full length of the beach, 3-4 kilometres, without having to do some fancy four wheel drive work. Jim Strong and his crew stayed at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park. The week before the Albany Fishing Club caught a heap of salmon there but we caught only 2 for the weekend. The only blemish on the weekend was the people who cleaned and headed their fish in the creek.....there is a whole beach and ocean available and it is beyond me why they don't clean them there!!!!!! This venue is still one of our most productive outings even through it takes nearly seven hours to get there.

The April meeting has been mainly set aside for the selection of next season's venues, both fishing and drycasting and open sections. Bear with us and make your contributions as it is your club and your events. We will deal with this as quickly as possible.

Everyone seems to be looking forward to the Rottnest Field Day. See you all there.....



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# Dates to Remember...



## FIELD DAYS 1988

APRIL.....ROTTNEST

## TENTATIVE FIELD DAYS

### 1988-1989 SEASON

MAY.....MARGARET RIVER

JUNE.....OPEN LONG WEEKEND

JULY.....LOCAL

AUGUST.....YALLINGUP

SEPTEMBER.....ROTTNEST

OCTOBER.....ESPERANCE  
OPEN (normal weekend)

NOVEMBER.....WHITE HILLS

DECEMBER.....MANDURAH / SAFETY BAY

JANUARY.....DONGARA/DRUMMONDS (GREENOUGH RIVER AS THE CENTRE)

FEBRUARY.....LEDGE POINT / LANCELIN

MARCH.....BLUFF CREEK

APRIL.....ROTTNEST

These Field Days are only tentative and members are invited to discuss them at the next meeting.

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DEPARTURE TIME.....HILLARYS  
 0900 SATURDAY APRIL 16TH 1988  
 ETA ROTTNEST.....1000 SATURDAY APRIL 16TH 1988

DEPARTURE TIME.....ROTTNEST  
 1500 SUNDAY APRIL 17TH 1988  
 ETA HILLARYS.....1600 SUNDAY APRIL 17TH 1988

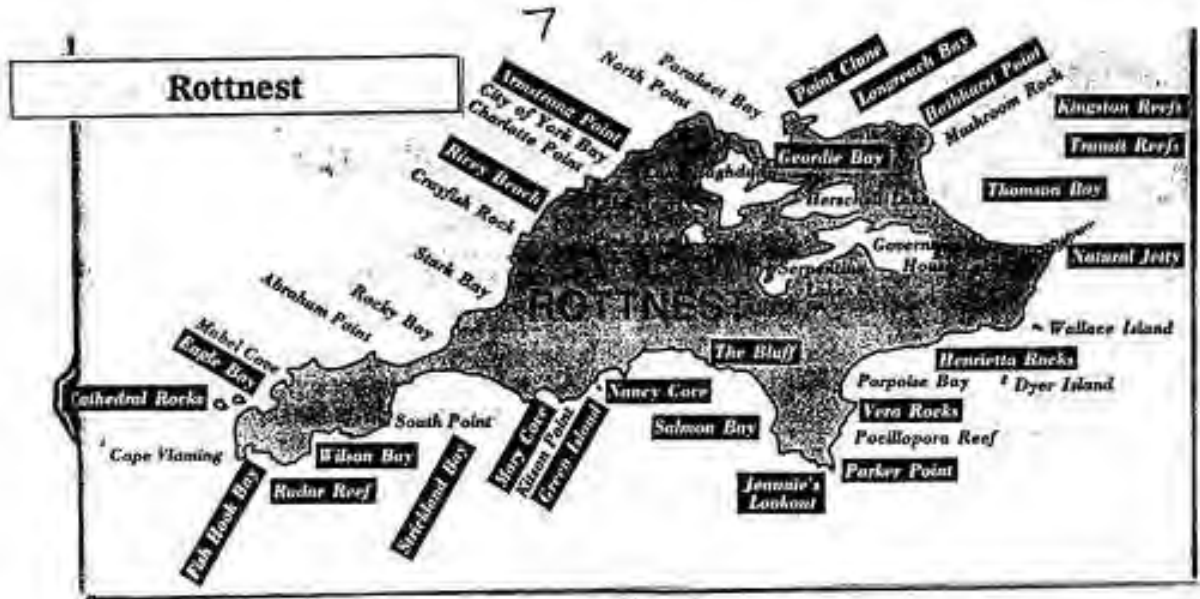
SPECIAL NOTES

- \* Arrive half an hour before departure time as gear has to be packed.
- \* Parking is available at George Holman's, Sharon and Peter Osborne's and Ian Cook's if you do not wish to leave your car at the beach. A shuttle service will be run from these venues to the ferry.
- \* COSTINGS Return fare is \$10.00.  
 Bus and truck money...\$15.00 per 20 people.  
 Money must be paid at the April general meeting if you wish to avail yourself of the concessional fare.
- \* GEAR  
 All gear must be labelled clearly with name and destination for fishing.  
 All gear must be packed in solid waterproof containers with lids.....NO CARDBOARD BOXES.  
 Rods should be bundled with the tips well protected.  
 Check tents make sure they are in AI condition..waterproof?
- \* Huts sleep fifteen people but there are no mattresses.
- \* Form groups.....and organize eskies and large water containers between you as this then keeps gear to a minimum.
- \* BUS WILL NOT STOP AT THE TEAROOMS.

TIDES

SATURDAY- .6 metre at 1700  
 .8 metre at 2300  
 SUNDAY- .7 metre at 0400  
 1.1 metre at 1000

These high tides will make conditions on the reef. Waders are a definite NO NO on Cathedral, Radar or the Westend.



One of the great attractions of fishing Rottneest waters is the variety of species on offer to shore and boat anglers: Flathead, gardies, goatfish, herring, jewfish, mullo-way, salmon, samson fish, skippy, silver bream, snapper, spanish mackerel, tailor, tuna, yellowtail kings, and KG and school whiting.

For the shore-bound angler, we suggest pedal-power as the best way to reach the island's many beautiful little bays. There is a bike-hire service, but some regulars prefer to use their own specially rigged bikes. Such machines are likely to sport a right-angle rod bracket attached to the hub of the front wheel, and a crate wired onto the rear carrier for back packs and other gear.

Long beach rods are not necessary — casting distance is rarely a factor at most good spots, and any rod longer than about 3m tends to catch in overhanging branches when carried vertically in a bike rod bracket. Between 2.4 and 3m is the ideal length for flicking baits out into channels and reef holes.

Rigs shown in the skipjack and tailor sections are typical of those used around Rottneest: Ball-sinker and bottom rigs for whitebait and sardines, and a gang of 4/0 Kendal Kirbys for baitcasting unweighted mulies.

It's important to realise that wind, so often an enemy of shore-bound anglers, can be used to advantage when fishing the island. There is always a lee shore — the south side when a northerly or nor-wester is blowing, and the north side in a southerly. Even in the foulest weather it's usually possible to find a protected spot to fish.

Watch the tides, too. If they are high — say more than 0.7 of a metre — it may be uncomfortable, or even dangerous, out on the reefs. Conversely, very low tides of 0.5m or less almost always mean poor fishing, particularly in calm weather.

Rottneest fishes best from the shore from March through the winter to the end of September, with April and August being excellent months. Summer is relatively unproductive from the reefs, though there is always a chance of resident herring, whiting and small sand skippy.

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## FIELD DAY REPORT



### BLUFF CREEK      MARCH 5-7TH 1988

What a beaut field day. We had a good attendance of 24 (22 at Bluff Creek and at Cheynes Beach). Absolutely everyone at Bluff Creek weighed in with fish, although the Cheynes Beach boys found that easterly made conditions just too difficult. (See Cheynes Beach report by Jim Strong).

This year was a combination of our last two years-the fish were there as per the first year but the wind was there as per the second year. So conditions were difficult, but not impossible. Look at those junior and mini-junior bags!!!! TERRIFIC!!! S.C.A.C. is a very strong club indeed when it has junior and mini-juniors weighing in bags of 11kgs and 6kgs respectively. Congratulations Heath and Brett for coming out tops in a very competitive weekend. Well Done!

Tony Richardson and family joined us for the weekend. Sure was good to see you-Tony, Jackie, David and Tracey (Garry is earning his living on a fishing boat now). They looked so relaxed and had such wonderful Esperance stories to tell. Our yearly 'big one' is in Esperance this year (October) so Tony with local know-how is an invaluable contact. Tony and Bruce Mihan (Southern Sports and Tackle, Esperance) donated a beaut seniors/juniors prize of a stainless steel thermos flask. This trophy was won by Dave Maxstead. Thank-you, Tony and Bruce. We have your business cards and all S.C.A.C. members with your cards will receive a discount. (Members please note...these cards available at general meeting from Eric Parker or from Sharon Osborne). Their bait prices are very competitive. Mullies at \$3.30 a block, white bait at \$1.20 a block. Why bother carting bait all that way when we can get it fresh (with a few local tips) from Bruce and Tony?



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The mini juniors had a few prizes floating around (the best bag won by Brett Reeley...well done, Brett!), but, I reckon next year we need a 'Best Koonack' prize. We all trotted off on Sunday afternoon to try our hand at Koonacking. Boy oh boy, did we ever hit the jackpot- we had kids lined up on the bank, trusty pole and bait stocking in the water, with Koonack hanging on grimly only to be flung onto the shore or into a bucket. Having only discovered Koonacks during our last visit we are all now perfecting our techniques. Next time, make the adults take you earlier in the day so we don't have to rush off- OK- all you kids?

The 'Best Sight' of the weekend was seeing Alan Carr chasing one agitated skippy across the top of the reef. The 'Best Swear Word' goes to John Reeley when those unknown vehicles started drag racing up the reef. The 'Best Muscle' goes to George Holman and crew when they had to back the trailer and vehicle out of that sand drift just before the camp site.

The track is in excellent condition. Someone has made a detour around 'that' sand drift, so there is really is no problem on the track. Newcomers may still prefer to come in with experienced members, but things were definitely better this year than last.

Derry our newest member caught a very healthy 8kg of fish. Dave and Clive Maxstead were unable to get to the 'hot spot' (where the Reeleys and Richardsons were), but still did very well for the conditions.

Great to see Erica and Stephen Reeley along, plus Blackie and Angus. Venice and Jackie kept their families going throughout the weekend while Rocky and colleagues kept intruders at bay.

All in all, a really terrific weekend. We had weigh-in at 8.00am on the Monday, left the site at 10.00am and were all home around 5pm. (Watch out for the Policeman at Williams). It was a good turn out with lots of fish, a real family weekend, so see you all next March.

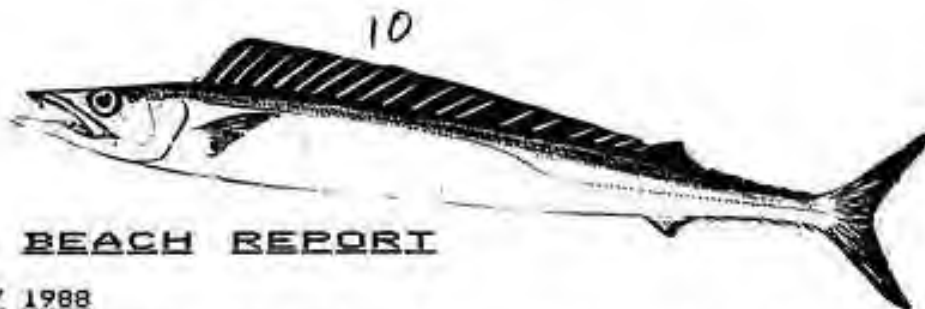
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*Shaun O.*

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## CHEYNES BEACH REPORT

### MARCH FIELD DAY 1988

Phil Neri, Basil Marsh and myself tried our hand at Cheynes Beach, but the strong North Easterly winds made fishing the beach and rocks impossible and gave us a zero fishing bag.

Prior to the field day we had several meals of herring and skippy. We visited Bob's Beach and Norm's Beach but we were unable to get our lines into the water, even the professional fishermen were waiting for the winds to abate so that they could take their boats out and round up the schools of salmon that were in the bay.

During Saturday and Sunday nights after repeated calls on the C.B. Radio I at last raised a lone angler returning from the Bluff Creek area. He informed me that he had not seen a soul on the beaches except for a group of 4WDs sheltering from the winds.

Monday morning I travelled down the main road hoping to see our club members returning home and waited there until 1030am. We then returned to the Cheynes Beach Caravan Park wondering where our lads had disappeared too. We found out later that we had packed up too early and had missed them by about 30 minutes.

The weather abated on the Tuesday and so we could venture out on the rocks and the Point area. The Herring and Skippy were very active and we landed about nine dozen. Basil tangled with a barracouta quite a nasty looking customer of about 2kgs. On Wednesday a large school of salmon arrived in the bay and the fishermen quickly rounded them up. They departed them by truck to the factories and left not one behind.

These areas are always subject to variable winds and the North Easterlies can blow for days and days, thus making angling impossible from both sides of the bay. The best time to visit and fish according to the locals is during the winter months.

*Jon Swarby*

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# FIELD DAY RESULTS

**VENUE** BLUFF CREEK  
**DATE** MARCH 5TH-7TH 1988 (Long Weekend)

**ATTENDANCE**

SENIORS	11	JUNIORS	5
VISITORS	1	MINI-JUNIORS	5
CHEYNES BEACH	3	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FISH WEIGHT</u>	<u>TOTAL WEIGHT 145.8kgs</u>
P. OSBORNE.....	23.25kg	<u>JUNIORS</u>
G. HOLMAN.....	11.35kg	H. HOLMAN.....
T. RICHARDSON.....	11.00kg	M. REELEY.....
G. REELEY.....	9.90kg	B. CARR.....
S. OSBORNE.....	9.30kg	STEVEN REELEY.....
D. BARBER.....	7.90kg	C. MAXSTEAD.....
J. REELEY.....	7.30kg	ADRIAN (V).....
A. CARR.....	7.10kg	
D. MAXSTEAD.....	2.50kg	<u>MINI-JUNIORS</u>
E. REELEY.....	.50kg	B. REELEY.....
V. REELEY.....	.50kg	SCOTT REELEY....
		D. RICHARDSON.....
<u>ALSO ATTENDED</u>		N. REELEY.....
J. STRONG		T. RICHARDSON.....
B. MARSH		

**FIELD DAY PRIZES**

**HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH**  
 P. OSBORNE.....23.25kg

**HEAVIEST JUNIOR BAG SCALE FISH:**  
 H. HOLMAN.....11.45kg

**HEAVIEST SCALE FISH:**  
 M. REELEY......70kg

**HEAVIEST MINI-JUNIOR BAG**  
 B. REELEY..... 6.25kg

**SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS**

<b>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH;</b>	1st P. OSBORNE
	2nd H. HOLMAN
<b>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH;</b>	1st M. REELEY
	2nd P. OSBORNE

<b>SENIOR TOP TEN</b>	<b>JUNIOR TOP FIVE</b>
T. D'ALONZO....1243	H. HOLMAN.... 528
P. OSBORNE..... 861	M. REELEY.... 345
G. HOLMAN..... 755	K. OSBORNE... 105
F. D'ALONZO.... 683	D. KORIN..... 100
S. OSBORNE..... 673	B. CARR..... 81
J. REELEY..... 660	
G. REELEY..... 622	<b>MINI-JUNIOR TOP FIVE</b>
E. PARKER..... 470	B. REELEY.... 518
M. WHITE..... 441	S. REELEY.... 401
I. COOK..... 379	N. REELEY.... 250
	M. BARTLEY... 116
	D. KORIN..... 100

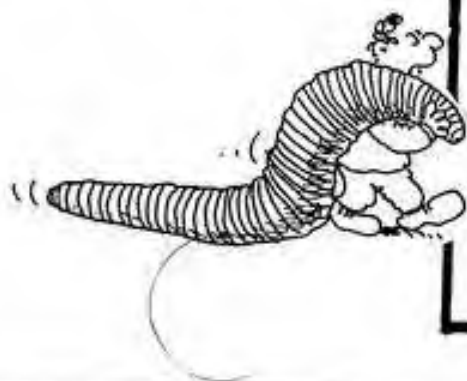
**NOTICE:**

**ALL DRYCASTERS**

A meeting will be held in April for all those interested in participating in the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS in Wannambool, Victoria in March 1989.

PLACE: Osborne Residence,  
3 Rowan Place,  
Mullaloo.  
Phone 401-9035  
DATE: Tuesday, April 12th 1988  
TIME: 7.30PM

Everyone is invited as you may just want to find out what it is all about, or may want to exchange ideas on casting gear techniques etc.  
If there is anyone who is interested in getting involved in the National Titles but, is unable to make the meeting, please let Sharon know on 401-9035.



**NEXT FIELD DAY**

With the State Rock and Beach Titles on the 28th and 29th of May, let's use our field day to try the area: Yallingup Beach to Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse.

S.C.A.C. wants to enter teams- seniors, ladies, juniors and minis. Please keep this in mind and talk to either Sharon or Cooky about it.

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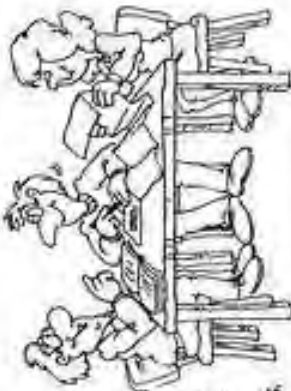
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Before setting out:

**1**

Plan a trek within the fitness and capabilities of all the participants.



**2** Keep to small groups (safe minimum of 3 for isolated places).



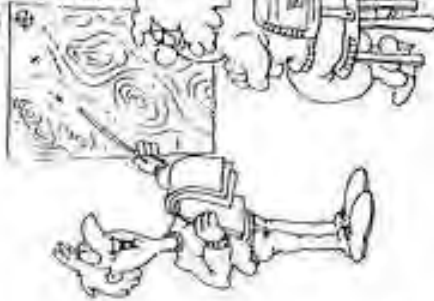
**3** Study appropriate maps and guidebooks then take them with you.

**4** Obtain required permits or approval.



**5**

Tell at least two people of your plans and itinerary.



**6** Check that your clothing and equipment is appropriate for the climate.



**9**

Read up on first aid and outback survival techniques.

# Go Wild

IN THE

# West...

... but leave it in its natural state.

**7**

In hot or arid areas be sure to plan for your water needs. Don't rely on natural water supplies, mills or bores.



**8**

Travel lightly, back packs should not exceed 10-15% of your body weight. Don't carry heavy tins or bottles.

# Code of ethics



**1.** Be prepared to carry out all the rubbish you take into unserviced areas.

**2.** Keep to existing tracks where possible.

**3.** Respect the privacy of other adventurers.

**4.** Use a well worn campsite to minimise impact.

**5.** Don't blaze trees or damage vegetation.

**6.** Use portable gas or fuel stoves. If you must light a fire observe fire laws, and be aware of the bushfire danger. Keep the fire small.



clear away flammable leaf litter and extinguish the fire thoroughly when finished.

**7.** Wash utensils at least 50m away from lakes or streams. Use sand as a scourer, as detergent harms aquatic life.

**8.** Avoid "Gastro", carry a trowel to bury toilet waste 15cm deep, 100m from camp and streams.

**9.** Inform your friends of your safe return.



# for the bush

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# ANNUAL DINNER....

June 18<sup>th</sup> 1988

Starts at 6.30pm with pre-dinner  
drinks.

Better menu and setting.

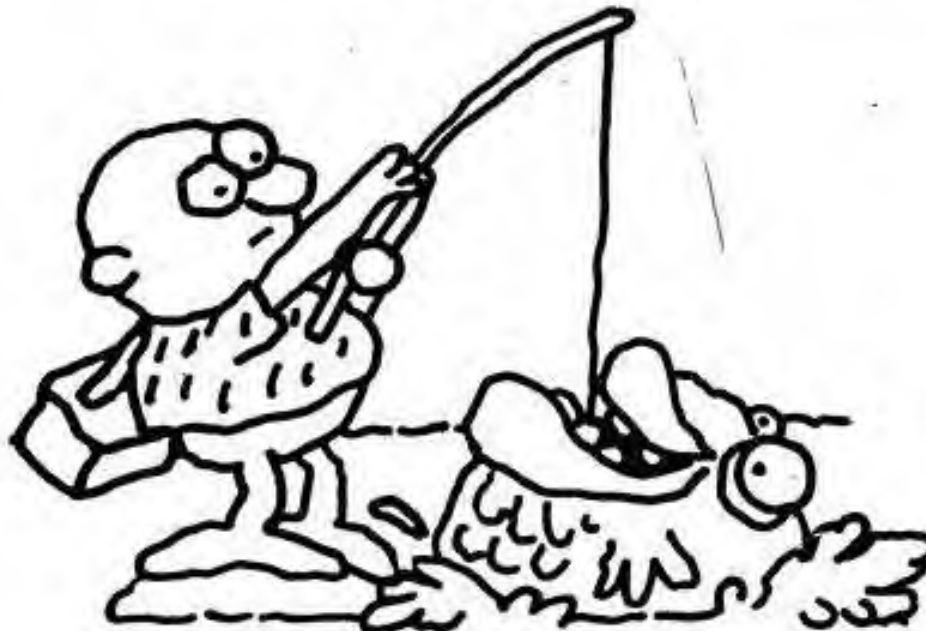
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**A.A.A. REPORT MARCH 1988**

1. THE STATE BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held on 28th & 29th May 1988 in the area from Yallingup to Cape Leewin.  
SIGN-ON: Busselton Jetty Carpark 10-12am Sat. 28/5/88.  
WEIGH-IN: Busselton Jetty Carpark 12noon Sun. 29/5/88.  
Mens and Ladies \$6.00 Children and Veterans \$3.00.
2. Meeting for Drycaster going to Warmambool Championships is to be held at the Osborne's during April. See notice this issue.
3. Through the Recreational Fishing Council, the A.A.A., has made the following recommendations :  
\*Coral Trout- 45cms  
\*Bag Limit- unless other published limits, max 50 for any species.
4. A.A.A. requests that clubs make recommendations for next years calendar of events and if they would host any events.
5. Birthright (phone 325.7343) has requested if clubs can take out kids (lone parents) on fishing trips.
6. The 'Notice Of Motion' on amendments to the W.A. Constitutions was carried in full.





**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Another "Talk" hits the dust.

I fear that this issue will reach most members late this time and for that I apologise. It is becoming increasingly difficult to publish 'on time' every month and I may be requesting help to get it out. It may be necessary to have an assistant editor and although I can continue to print the Talk up it may take someone else to actually package and post it. At this stage I will play it by ear and seek guidance from our committee.

In the next issue the "BOMBER" will discover an urge to speak via the media and he is going to make everyone extremely envious when he tells all about his trip to Steep Point!!!!

All thanks to this issue goes to my wife, Sue, who carried on regardless while I was at Steep. If it wasn't for her then the "Talk" would not have been published at all.

*Bob*

