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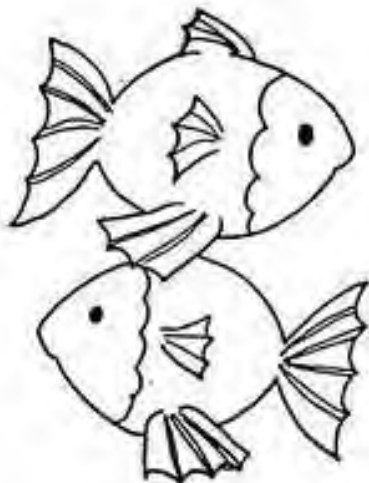
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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS

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

DRYCASTING

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

FIELD DAYS

These normally follow each general meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign-on and the weigh-in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign-on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign-on. However, only under very exceptional circumstances will failure to attend weigh-ins not be penalized with the loss of points acquired during that field day.

It is the Field Day Officer's duty to inform the committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh-in. It is the committee's duty to decide what action is to be taken. Disputes may be taken to the committee.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

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

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

Arrears of 3 consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

M E M O R A N D A



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: ..... DIANELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE  
LIGHT STREET, DIANELLA

WHEN: ..... WED. AUGUST 9TH 1989  
8 P.M.

INSTRUCTION: ..... As the September meeting is the Annual General Meeting there will be no instructions period. At the conclusion of the meeting a social atmosphere will prevail, the club supplying refreshments, however members are asked to bring along a PLATE OF GOODIES for supper.

NEXT CASTING DAY

WHERE: ..... YOKINE RESERVE

WHEN: ..... SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH 1989  
9 A.M.

EVENTS: ..... 112 gram Level Line  
112 gram Artificial Bait  
D/H Accuracy  
S/H Accuracy

There will also be a 112 gram level line open distance event.



NEXT FIELD DAY

WHERE: ..... TO BE DISCUSSED AT AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: ..... AUGUST 12TH/13TH 1989

TIMINGS: ..... TO BE DECIDED

SIGN-ON: ..... TO BE DECIDED

WEIGH-IN ..... TO BE DECIDED

FOLLOWING FIELD DAY SEPTEMBER

WHERE: ..... TO BE DECIDED AT SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

WHERE: ..... DIANELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE  
LIGHT STREET DIANELLA

WHEN: ..... WED. 16TH AUGUST 1989  
8 P.M.

T-SHIRTS AND WINDCHEATERS

The order has been placed for our club T-shirts (32) and windcheaters (24) and it is hoped they may be available for our next meeting. If not certainly the next. Cost is approx \$13 for T-shirts and \$30 for the windcheater. We have to make arrangements for silk-screening to be done before we will make them available. Bring your money to the next meeting just in case.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1989

9TH AUGUST

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

This is a very important meeting for our club as we have to elect our new committee for the ensuing year, and we entrust the management and responsibility of running our club to them. It is therefore very important to elect the right people for each position and for those people nominating to be prepared to do the work entrusted to them diligently and to the best of their ability.

Being on the committee does mean extra involvement in the club and extra work but a committee working together has a lot of benefits, not to mention the fraternisation amongst them, as well as a sense of achievement.

Between now and the A.G.M give a great deal of thought to becoming an Office-Bearer of your club. It gives you the opportunity to put your ideas forward and into practice instead of sitting on them!!

Don't forget to bring a plate as the club is supplying the refreshments.



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Quite a good attendance at our last meeting. We had a visitor, Laurie Price, present. Laurie is interested in becoming a member and was having a look at our club and its activities. Good to have you along Laurie and we hope it will be a permanent arrangement. A face we hadn't seen for a while, Bob Fredericks, was also present which was good to see.

We also had Clive Williams present as a visitor and he later gave a good talk on English fishing competition casting a brought along a sample headlamp and a lantern/spotlight to show members. He is importing a lot of fishing gear including these items along with a special Kelvor brand of rods etc. and members placed orders for both types of lamps. Clive can obviously show us a lot more of overseas fishing techniques and gear and we hope to have him instruct us again at a later date. He also attended the previous drycast and demonstrated the pendulum cast. Thanks Clive. He had only just returned from a fishing trip to Quobba Station and is now an addict for our Northern fishing.

The Mandurah 500 committee met earlier this month and after we sort out major trophies we will get the wheels moving on promotion etc.

Next meeting is our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, a very important time for our club. There are a number of present Committee members who intend to stand down or change their position thus necessitating some new blood onto our management committee.

Please give this some thought and make yourself available for a position at our next meeting, it has a lot of benefits and is rewarding. I intend standing down as President as this completes my third year of my second term and I feel I'm becoming a little stale and it's time for a change. At this time I would like to thank my committee members for their efforts over the last year and I think the clubs' healthy state vindicates their work. I hope you, the members, support your new Committee and President over the next 12 months as well, as this is required to make our club successful.

Our Secretary, Peter Osborne and myself will be attending a special meeting dealing with camping out on Rottneest on the 24th July and we will report the outcome as soon as possible. At this point of time it does not look good.

As can be seen as you read your "Reel Talk" we have another report from the Whiting Family (Sid and Beth and the "tiddlers") who are currently resident in Saudi Arabia. Great to hear from them and to learn that they are all keeping well and Sid's article makes for really good reading. Thanks Sid.

I would also like to thank Dave Mexted and Basil Marsh for their contributions in our last issue as it made for good reading. Next month John Reeley is giving us a report on his trip up North. Any other articles of interest are welcome.

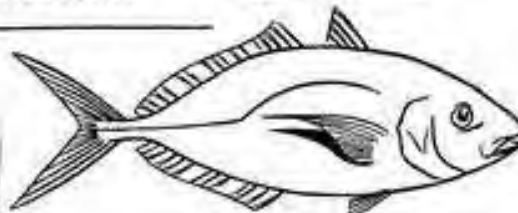
See you all at our next meeting.



*Field Day* | AUGUST 12TH/13TH 1989.

VENUE: TO BE DECIDED AT AUGUST GENERAL MEETING.

**SKIPJACK**



FIELD DAY RESULTS

VENUE: CAPE TO DUNSBOROUGH OR LOCAL.  
DATE : JULY 15TH/16TH 1989.

ATTENDANCE: SENIORS: 11 VISITORS: 2  
JUNIORS: 2 TOTAL : 15

TOTAL FISH WEIGHT: 25.70 KG.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FISH WEIGHT</u>	
T. D'ALONZO	15.70 KG	150 + 10
F. D'ALONZO	6.35 KG	90 + 10
S. OSBORNE	1.95 KG	62 + 10
MICHAEL HEAD (J)	1.85 KG	100 + 10
CLIVE MAXTED (J)	.20 KG	63

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

MAL HEAD	50 + 10	PAUL CICCHINI	50 + 10
H. OSBORNE	50	JOE CICCHINI	50 + 10
N. MAXTED	50	MARTIN PAUL	50 + 10
H. HOLMAN	50 + 10	JUSTIN MARSDEN	(VISITOR)
D. MAXTED	50 + 10	GLEN CHALOUPKA	(VISITOR)

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH ... T. D'ALONZO  
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH ..... F. D'ALONZO (1.2 KG PIKE)  
HEAVIEST JUNIOR BAG ..... MICHAEL HEAD (1.85 KG )

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH - 1ST - T. D'ALONZO  
- 2ND - F. D'ALONZO

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - 1ST - F. D'ALONZO  
- 2ND - T. D'ALONZO

SENIOR TOP TEN

T. D'ALONZO - 460  
F. D'ALONZO - 257  
S. OSBORNE - 226  
P. OSBORNE - 163  
M. KELLY - 155  
B. BENNETT - 145  
H. HOLMAN - 125  
M. PAUL - 125  
MAL HEAD - 120  
D. MAXTED - 110

JUNIOR TOP FIVE

MICHAEL HEAD - 480  
CLIVE MAXTED - 113

MINI JUNIORS - NIL

JULY FIELD DAY REPORT

Venue: Cape to Dunsborough or local  
Date: July 15/16th '89

The decision was made at the club meeting to encourage attendance by allowing those unable to go away to fish locally (Fremantle to Yanchep). The South crew included Mal and Michael Neil and Justin, Sharon, Heather and Glen (Peter had his practical banking exam so couldn't make the field day). The swell kept us off the best rocks, but both D'Alonzos still got reasonable bags of skippy and pike. Sharon lost a nice little shark and had to stand helplessly watching while the shark flipped about on a slippery rock, sliding neatly back in the sea with the next wave.

Mal Head and his crew were picked up by the Ranger for camping at Conto. They were camped in the clearing down by the toilet, and were actually fishing on Conto rocks in the morning when the Ranger came along. Apparently there's now no camping in the clearing, we're to camp in the official camping area. Cost is \$4.00 per vehicle.

Looks like things are getting a bit tough for us ordinary folk who just want to have quiet fish.

The local contingent again found fish scarce. Young Glive was the only one to weigh-in, well done Glive.

The weather turned nice on Sunday, but still no fish.

Many thanks to Malcolm Head. Osborne's vehicle developed an oil leak, with all the alarm bells ringing 'no oil' when we arrived at Conto on Saturday afternoon. Mal drove Sharon back to Margaret River for oil saving Osborne's engine but losing a fair bit of fishing time. Again many thanks Malcolm. It was much appreciated.

Tight lines

*Sharon D.*



ESPERANCE WEEK



Don't forget our club week at Esperance from 14th - 21st October 1989. If you intend going now is the time to make your booking. It is a great fishin area, as was borne out by all who attended last year, is picturesque (probably the most scenic coastline in W.A.) and there is a lot to see and do - more than you will fit into a week. The wildflowers should still be out at that time of year making the drive down and back more interesting.

The majority of those going stay at the Bushlands Caravan Park about 7 kilometres out of town.

# Dates to Remember...

FIELD DAYS



## 1989-1990 SEASON

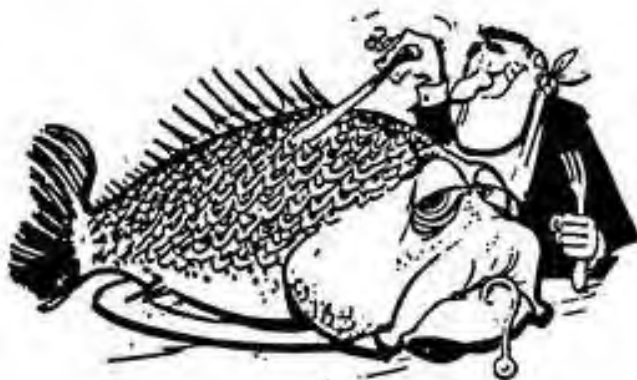
- MAY.....MARGARET RIVER:- CAPE T O CAPE
- JUNE.....OPEN LONG WEEKEND
- JULY.....To be decided at preceding general meeting
- AUGUST.....To be decided at preceding general meeting
- SEPTEMBER.....ROTTNEST
- OCTOBER.....ESPERANCE  
OPEN (normal weekend)
- NOVEMBER.....To be decided at preceding general meeting
- DECEMBER.....to be decided at previous general meeting
- JANUARY.....LONG WEEKEND:- OPEN (Restricted boundaries)
- FEBRUARY.....To be decided at preceding general meeting
- MARCH.....LONG WEEKEND:- BLUFF CREEK
- APRIL.....ROTTNEST



AAA REPORT

JULY, 1989

1. Fisheries Dept. Reviewing legal length of King George whiting likely to go to 28 cms.
2. Meeting to be held with Rottneest Island Board: re clubs access to camping on Rotto.
3. A A A to take Local Government to task re loss of sleeping over night on Preston Beach. It appears that they do not have jurisdiction. A A A want to guide it to the agreement reached with C.A.L.M. - viz legitimate anglers can sleep in vehicles.
4. Voting to be made at next A A A meeting on:-
  - Amendmants to Boating Bylaws
  - General Bylaws
  - Competition Bylaws
  - Herring Lengths
5. Voting to be made at next A A A meetings on the following Notices of Motions:-
  - Gut and Gill Fish
  - Expulsion of A A A members for 6 years if convicted "Selling etc of fish.
6. Winner of Raffle
  - 1st Mr R Goold of Inglewood
  - 2nd Mrs S Brindley of Cranbrook
7. Raffle subject to final accoun check of receipts, return in excess of \$8,000 to the A A A.  
The Club to sell most tickets is the "Exotic Seal Club"
8. Rule number "C 11" in Drycasting Bylaws to be corrected.



CLUB SUBS

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NOW DUE!!

JULY CASTING RESULTS

WINNER OF THE DAY

G. HOLMAN 239 PTS

112 grams: 30 PTS G. Holman  
 56 grams 26 PTS G. Holman  
 D/H Acc: 119 PTS G. Reeley  
 S/H Acc: 32 PTS R. Parker  
 Junior Winner: M. Head 223 PTS  
 TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE 9 SENIOR 1 JUNIOR 1 VISITOR  
 IN CLIVE WILLIAMS

TOP TEN

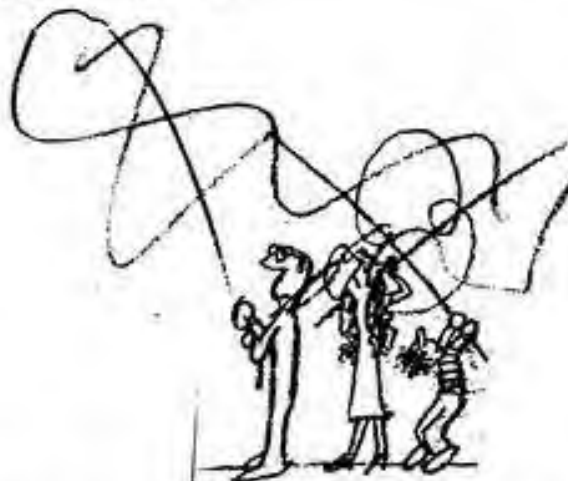
G HOLMAN 706 PTS  
 E PARKER 646 PTS  
 H HOLMAN 530 PTS  
 M HEAD 390 PTS  
 G REELEY 384 PTS  
 M KELLY 360 PTS  
 D MAXTED 309 PTS  
 J STRONG 258 PTS  
 P OSBORNE 225 PTS  
 M PAULL 219 PTS

JUNIORS

M HEAD 648 PTS  
 C MAXTED 134 PTS

AUGUST

112 gram  
 112 gram Art/Bait  
 D/H Acc  
 S/H Acc  
 OPEN 112 gram



DATE JULY 1989      DISTANCE 112 GRAM      DISTANCE 56 GRAM

NAMES	1	2	TOT	1	2	TOT	D/H ACC	S/H ACC	ATT	TOTAL
P OSBORNE	119	114	233	110	115	225	98	31	50	224
M HEAD	110	104	214	77	96	173	59	18	"	165
R PARKER	133	135	268	125	126	251	99	32	"	233
J STRONG	102	101	203	99	101	200	22	14	"	126
H HOLMAN	136	-	136	-	109	109	84	21	"	180
M PAULL	-	75	75	-	98	98	44	11	"	123
G HOLMAN	148	152	300	125	132	257	112	21	"	239
G REELEY	-	-	-	108	-	108	119	13	"	193
D MAXTED	109	-	109	-	108	108	39	10	"	121
M HEAD	71	114	185	94	95	189	113	22	"	223

WINNER OF THE DAY

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JULY DRYCAST

The July Sunday morning cast was conducted in pretty miserable weather, raining most of the morning and a side to head wind, slight to moderate in strength blowing from left to right.

As a consequence the attendance was small, only nine seniors and one junior present, although Gordon Thorpe (with his new "you beaut" rod) and Paul Marshall were on their way when Paul's car suffered a fan through the radiator and had to be towed home. Next time fellas.

Clive Williams came along to demonstrate the pendulum casting technique used in world championship casting and after a couple of casts (and Jim Strong getting well out of range) it was pretty obvious why they have to use heavy shock leaders and why they can achieve those types of distances. Thanks Clive.

George Holman once again had the longest casts in the 112 gram distance with casts of 152 and 148 metres followed by his son Heath 136 and Eric Parker with 135 metres. George also had the longest cast in the 56 gram distance with a cast of 132 metres followed by Eric Parker 126 metres and Peter Osborne 115 metres.

Graham Reeley set the pace in the double handed accuracy with 119 points with up-and-coming "hot shot" Michael Reeley 113 and George Holman 112.

Eric Parker really set the pace in the single handed accuracy with 32 out of a possible 40, closely followed by Peter Osborne with a fine 31 and "hot shot" Head with 22.

Jim Strong would rather forget about the double handed accuracy whilst Dave Maxted and Marty Paull are starting to put the scores on the board.

Our next cast will be on Sunday 6th August and will also include a 112 gram Open Distance event.

We would like to see a lot more members present and remember that this is the place to come and get rid of any casting problems and learn to handle all types of rods and reels. See you there.

Graham Reeley D.C.O  
Malcolm Head Asst D.C.O

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SUBS ARE NOW DUE

Club subscriptions are once again due as from the first of July. It would be appreciated by our treasurer if members would attend to this as soon as possible. Subs are as follows:

Seniors \$33-00 Family \$45-00, Veterans \$12-50  
Juniors \$12-50. For each additional junior on the senior (father's) subscription \$5-00.

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SECTION CHANGES

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
2. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH 1st 6 months	M. KELLY	DHUFISH	2.9 kg
3. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH			
4. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5kg min)	T. D'ALONZO		4.6 kg
5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1kg min)			
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1kg min)			
7. HEAVIEST SALMON (3kg min)			
8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (1kg min)			
9. HEAVIEST MACKERAL			
10. HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	T. D'ALONZO	MIXED	27.60 kg
11. HEAVIEST BAG MULLOWAY			
12. HEAVIEST BAG TAILOR			
13. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ ROD 4kg of 9lg b/s line (max)			
14. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH Other than sections 4-13	T. D'ALONZO	SNOOK	1.37 kg

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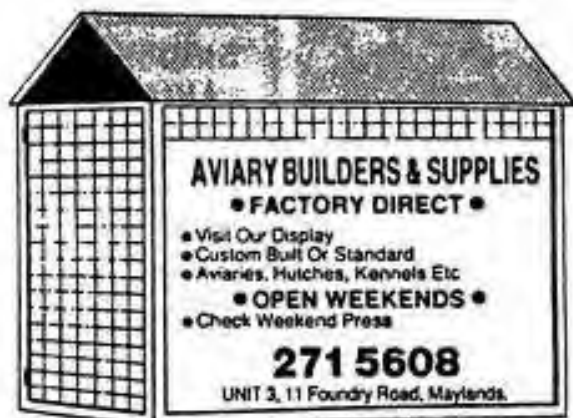


ONE CALL US AT ALL

OPEN SECTION

1. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH
2. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 kg min)
3. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (3 kg min)
4. HEAVIEST SALMON (3 kg min)
5. HEAVIEST DHUFISH
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1 kg min)
7. HEAVIEST SAMSON FISH
8. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H/ ROD  
4kg or 9lb b/b line max
9. HEAVIEST PINK SNAPPER
10. HEAVIEST TARWHINE
11. HEAVIEST MACKERAL
12. HEAVIEST TREVALLY  
(SOUTHERN 1 kg min)
13. HEAVIEST TREVALLY  
(NORTHERN 1 kg min)
14. HEAVIEST SNOOK/PIKE (1 kg min)
15. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH  
Other than sections 2-14 (2 kg min)

(ENTRIES WANTED!!)

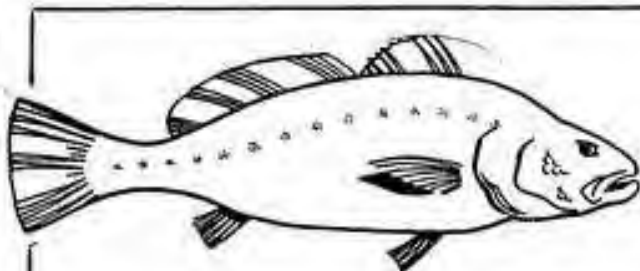


LIST NEXT MONTH  
(HOPEFULLY!)

NEW MEMBER ACCEPTED

The Committee has accepted the nomination of the following new club member and asks that he present himself at the next general meeting to receive his Club Badge, Constitution, and Club Etiquette:

NEIL MAXTED  
93 CLONTARF STREET  
SORRENTO



MAKE THE EFFORT...  
attend our next  
Drycast!!!



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LETTER FROM THE WHITINGS

Dear Surfcasters

Blurb number 2 enclosed.  
All my promises of fishy stories are proving to be empty ones -  
I haven't even bought any tackle yet! Too hot to go fishing anyway.  
Over 45°C most days. I could kill for a Fosters.

Great to hear about Peter and Sharon's success at Warnambool.  
(There's life in the old dog yet! - that's Peter I'm talking about!).

Nice to get some 'Reel Talks', and keep up with the news.  
We've just been to Greece - too bad we had to come back here and  
work some more! Next trip is November, still trying to figure out  
where to go (what a problem to have!).

Tight lines

King George, Beth and the Tiddlers

5/7/89



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Jim Strong

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## SAUDI ARABIA *Chapter II*

### GETTING A HAIRCUT

I wasn't too sure what to expect the first time, but I needn't have worried. The Philippino barbers here are top class and are cheap at around \$5. But they don't just cut your hair. They will automatically trim your moustache, the hairs in your nose and ears, and probably a few other places if you don't stop them in time! And when they've finished that, they often massage your neck and shoulders, and even crunch your neck each way like a chiropractor. I told the guy I wanted a "3 month haircut", and walked out looking like a U.S. Marine. There are no female hairdressers operating publicly and the ladies rely on the services of suitably qualified expatriate wives in various other compounds.

### BUYING A GUN

No, I haven't bought one, and probably wouldn't be permitted to do so. However, it appears Saudi's can, because I spotted a gunshop in downtown Dammam. As I passed, a prospective customer was being shown a rifle by the proprietor who, by way of demonstration, loaded a mag into the gun and proceeded to blaze away around the shop! I can only presume they were blanks, although in this place you quickly cease to be surprised by anything - for instance I saw a motorbike tearing down the road recently being ridden by no less than 4 (four) fully grown Saudi's, their guttra's flying behind them in the breeze.

### THE BEACHES

A trip to the beach can be quite interesting. There are different sections at the main beach areas of Half Moon Bay. There is the bachelor section for men only (naturally the best and most convenient), and the family areas, where the women and kids can do their thing. Until recently, "doing their thing" consisted of the ladies paddling their feet on the edge while fully covered in their abayah's, while the kids and husbands went for a swim. Things are progressing however with the Western influence - the other day we saw a lady about 100 yards out to sea, wading up to her chest in the briny. But she was still fully clothed with abayah and veil! The abayah is a black cloak that covers all. Fortunately, a couple of miles further on is a fairly westernised beach where many western women wear ordinary bathing costumes, but we still hear stories of people being harassed by the Matawa (Religious or Morals Police). I think we'll stick to our swimming pool.

### CAMELS

Yes they do have camels here! They roam freely in the desert and frequently onto the roads, even the freeways, and constitute the most likely cause of death when driving (apart from being smashed off the road by one of the locals of course). But if you do hit a camel and survive, you may wish you hadn't, because they are all owned by someone (Bedouins I guess) and they are not cheap, and instead of sympathy you'll probably get a hefty bill to pay for your irresponsible action in wiping out their treasured possession.

The Arabian Dromedary has one hump, and walks with a pacing action rather than a trotting action, resulting in the rolling motion which results in them being called "ships of the desert". (And you always thought it was because they were full of Arab sea-men.) As protection against

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sandstorms they have a double row of eyelids and can close their nostrils. It does not carry water in its hump, but it does store fat there to use during the dry season when food is scarce. The hump then gets small and flabby. It can go maybe 5 days without water, and can then drink up to 15 gallons! They also provide milk. In fact it was originally domesticated as a dairy animal before they discovered what a great desert pack animal it was.

ROAD TO BAHRAIN (pronounce the 'H')

Bahrain is an island, but that's no problem. They've built a causeway to it from here. I'm not sure how long it is but it takes about 45 minutes to drive over there. It is a marvel of civil engineering, with at least one huge bridge designed to allow ships to pass under it. Half way across, on an island, is the customs point, along with a restaurant in a rather spectacular looking building - in fact there are two, one each side of the border. It is a pleasant drive over the causeway to this restaurant, but we haven't gone right through to Bahrain yet as this requires the organisation of a visa at 100 SR each. Anyhow, there's nothing to do there except drink, and who wants to do that?

HOFUF

Two hours drive to the south is a very old town called Hofuf. It is built on an oasis and is now in fact quite a large city. Just wandering around the old streets looking in the old shops and trying to bargain with the old shopkeepers is a pleasant pastime. But the surrounding countryside is also an attraction, boasting thousands of acres of date plantations. On our first visit we found our way to the local "mountain". It is a huge convoluted rock formation many kilometers in circumference, with 2 or 3 villages around its base. There is an old potter there who happily shows you how he spins up the clay and lets you take pictures as he uses his feet to spin the ancient potter's wheel, and then equally happily sells you a few pots. Inside the "mountain" are some "caves". These are really just clefts in the rock but they are quite extensive and are an interesting change from the usual moonscape.

HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVE - ARAMCO

The Arabian American Oil Company - that's how it all started. They have huge compounds at various locations, and one of the largest is 15 minutes drive away at Dhahran (pronounce the second 'h'). It has 15 or 20 thousand people, mainly Yanks, but with an ever increasing proportion of Saudi's as they slowly take over the reins as part of the Saudization programme. This compound has 3 golf courses, 70 tennis courts, and a whole lot of well-to-do Yanks who have been making heaps for the last 10, 15 or 20 years. They generally live in extremely comfortable and spacious houses and there isn't much they don't have. The ladies even get to drive their Jags and Mercs around the compound (women aren't allowed to drive in Saudi). Naturally we're making as many friends there as we can!

PICNIC IN THE PARK

We went to a local park for an afternoon picnic and took the kids' tee-ball gear. This caused quite a sensation with the locals, and before long we had a few of the Saudi kids involved, showing them how to use a bat and mitt. They were totally fascinated by this and we got the impression they had never had the opportunity to do anything like it before. A teenage



girl, fully veiled, hovered around but wouldn't join in. We realised it was our male presence that was putting her off, so Beth offered to throw a ball with her, and she seemed quite thrilled.

#### DUST

We were driving to a town 200Km to the North when we struck our first bad dust storm. First it looked like cyclone Alby was bearing down on us, what with the red-brown sky and eerie gloom, then it hit us like a wall and we were in it. The road was a freeway with 3 lanes each way, so we pushed on hoping to come out the other side, but it just got worse. We had to slow down from the usual 75 mph to around 50 mph, and when the freeway turned into single carriageway deathtrap, we drove even slower. On this road we saw 2 semi-trailers piled into each other. All in all it was a dangerous trip which we won't want to repeat if we can help it. The storm turned out to be Kingdom-wide and lasted a whole day. Our headlights were etched opaque.

#### MAIL

Don't ever send anything valuable here in the mail. Many items just simply disappear. Others show up after weeks or months. If you want to send anything written that is important, facsimile is the way to go. Going the other way can be just as tricky - Australia looks just like Austria to the local postal people. We've learnt to write Australia in Arabic now to help get the letters pointed in the right direction. We've also started using an interesting courier system - if you get letters from us franked or stamped in Australia, don't be surprised, its part of the system. USE AIRMAIL.

#### RIYADH

This is the capital and it's 4 hours drive across the desert - on a 6 lane freeway of course. Just point the Chevvy East, set the cruise control to about 140, and sit back with one finger on the wheel. We saw hundreds of camels in the desert en route, including some tiny ones which looked only days old. Also many wrecked vehicles including large semi's, one quite freshly smashed - highway hypnosis must be a major problem on roads like this. Riyadh is a big city and the drivers there make the Dammam maniacs look like Sunday school teachers by comparison. It is built near a magnificent escarpment that affords fabulous views. Too bad we couldn't see it, as we picked a dust-stormy weekend to go there. We had a barbeque at the base of the cliffs and the flies made their Australian counterparts look like (you guessed it) Sunday school teachers! Found a long curved part of the cliff face and discovered it behaved like the famous Whispering Gallery.

#### GETTING ARRESTED

Shortly before the religiously significant month of Ramadan it is apparently customary for some over-enforcement of the Muslim customs. Muslim women must wear an abayah (black cloak covering their entire body) and a black cloth covering all their hair. It seems generally understood that western women don't have to comply, but they must wear loose fitting clothes which don't show much arm or leg. But nothing is ever clear cut over here. Beth went shopping at the wrong place and time and got nabbed by a Matawa for not having her hair covered. She was marched with her driver around to the Matawa office where they were lectured, and the company driver had his iqama (residential permit and ID - get caught without it and you've had it) confiscated for 2 days. It was only returned after a lot of wrangling after which the company had to send letters to all advisors

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urging upon us the necessity to ensure we adhered to Muslim ways! At the time it was quite traumatic for Beth.

RAMADAN

The Muslim (Hegira) calendar starts from 622AD when Mahammad made his pilgrimage from Makkah to Madinah. The year here is 1409. The months are lunar, so we are 11 days short each year. Therefore the seasons gradually move around the Hegiran year. The 9th month is Ramadan, during which Muslims fast from dawn to dusk. And there's no mistaking the deadlines - they let off a bloody great cannon to let you know when to start and stop fasting. Westerners are obliged to follow suit in public. This means no eating, drinking, smoking or sex in daylight hours. So a big breakfast becomes the order of the day. The locals often take it the extent of not swallowing saliva or mucous so their is lots of ostentatious spitting into rubbish bins at work, or even on the floor of shopping arcades. (I didn't feel like lunch anyway!) The purpose of the fast is somewhat defeated by the inversion of time - everyone sleeps all day and then gets up and yahocs on all night till dawn. Just before the gun they stuff themselves before praying and retiring again for the day. Except the poor old workers of course - someone has to keep the show on the road.

MUTTON GRAB

Traditionally the Saudi's don't use cutlery, I guess because that was unheard of in the good old days. The traditional meal is called a kabsa, and I have been invited to a couple since I've been here. Opposite to our usual format, all the socializing occurs first over numerous cups of tea, coffee and dates. Some hours later, just when your tummy thinks it'll never make it, they bring on the grub. The table consists of a sheet of plastic on the floor around which you all squat. The food is great joints of Saudi lamb in beds of steaming rice, with side salads and cans of pepsi (bebsi - there's no 'P' in their alphabet). Saudi lamb leaves the Aussi stuff for dead in tenderness and taste. You eat by ripping chunks of meat off the joint with your right hand along with balled up handfuls of the rice. At the end of the meal everyone just ups and disappears within minutes - the evening is over!

CONTACT

Our address is now PO Box 3150, Dammam GPO, Saudi Arabia - 31471.  
Phone: 0011 966 3 843 4881 A/H \*\*\*\*\* AIR MAIL ONLY \*\*\*\*\*  
" 833 3203 Bus  
" 843 1160 FAX  
Time difference 5 hours. Cost \$1.80/minute.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER DANCE

The culmination of our club's competition year in our annual Presentation Dinner and Dance was held at the Le Mirage on Saturday, 24th June. The attendance was good thanks to the efforts of Lee and Melba Clifton with 114 present which included a good number of members' friends. One notable person present was Alf Ratland who came up from Bunbury for the occasion. Nice to see Alf present.

Lee and Melba Clifton put a lot of effort into the night and the result was indicative of their efforts. Well done!

Others to thank for their generosity are our trophy donors both club members and commercial. To all go a special thanks on behalf of the recipients. They were very much appreciated. A full list of winners, sections and donors appears in this issued of "Reel Talk".

The highlight of the night was the presentations of "Sportsman of the Year". This year it went to Eric Parker a very worthy recipient and this means that Eric has now won every award that the club has to offer. A very surprised Malcolm Head received the other major award for the night "Clubman of Year". Congratulations Malcolm!

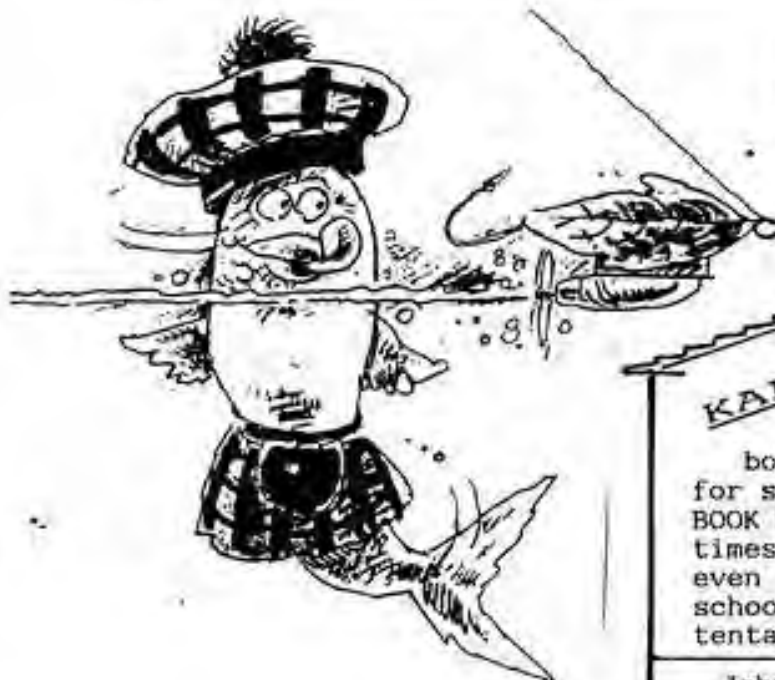
A very special "Booby" award was presented to Basil Marsh and I'm sure it is one he will handle with "tender love and care"!

All who attended had a good time I'm sure.

**WINNERS, SECTIONS, DONORS .....**

**TARIFF:**

Members: Off-season \$70 p.w.  
On-season \$130 p.w.  
Non-Members:  
Off-season \$120 p.w.  
On-season \$170 p.w.



**KALBARRI HOUSE**

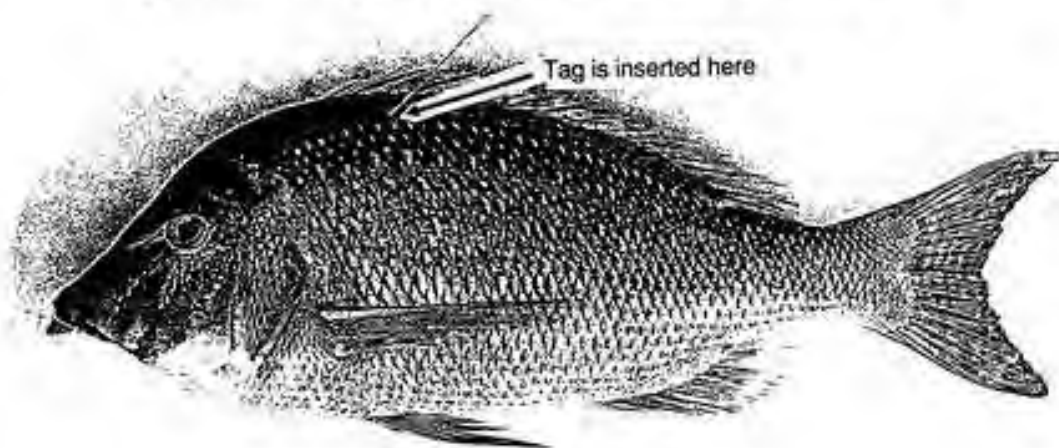
If you are thinking of booking the Kalbarri House for school holiday season 1989/90 **BOOK NOW**. Bookings for these prime times are filling fast. If you are even thinking of going during a school holiday please make a tentative booking.

John Reeley Phone 377 4834

# WANTED

## TAGGED NORTH-WEST SNAPPER

North-west snapper are being tagged by the Fisheries Research Branch as part of a four-year study of movement and growth. If you catch a tagged fish we'd like to know about it.



Measure from tip of nose to fork in tail

The latin name for the north-west snapper family is *Lethrinus*. We are specifically interested in three species: spangled emperor (*Lethrinus nebulosus*), yellow-tailed emperor (*Lethrinus mahseena*), and the sweetlip emperor (*Lethrinus chrysostomus*).

We'd like the whole fish (frozen please), but if you can't bear to part with it... **please** measure any tagged fish you catch from the nose to the fork in the tail. If you can return the head to us it will help us find out how old the fish is.

Return the measurements, a few scales, the head if possible, where and when you caught the fish, and the tag to one of the addresses listed below.

### **CLAIM YOUR REWARD – Catch yourself \$5.00 or a T-shirt**

Include your name and postal address when you return the tags or fish to us, and tell us whether you'd like a T-shirt (small, medium, or large) or \$5.00 as your reward.

In return we'll send your reward plus information on where your fish was tagged, how far it travelled since we tagged it, how much it grew in that time, and the original tag as a souvenir.

### **Return your tags to**

**Exmouth:** Fisheries Department, Lot 375 Maidstone Cresc. Tel.(099) 49 1755

**Coral Bay:** The Bay View or the Peoples caravan park.

**Onslow:** Ashburton Fisheries, Beadon Creek Road.

**Perth:** WA Marine Research Laboratories, PO Box 20, North Beach 6020. Tel (09) 447 1366 or any office of the Fisheries Department of W.A. (listed in the W.A. country telephone book.)

### **W.A. Marine Research Laboratories**

Fisheries Department of Western Australia, P.O. 20, North Beach W.A. 6020 Tel. (09) 447 1366



FIELD DAY SECTION

SECTION	WINNER	DONOR & TROPHY
OPEN SECTION 1 FIRST	T D'ALONZO 1575 PTS	OSBORNE FAMILY ALVEY 651E REEL
SECOND	P OSBORNE 1226 PTS	ERIC PARKER CARDINAL DRAGMASTER REEL
THIRD	S OSBORNE 676 PTS	ERIC BOMBARDIERI DAIWA AG 4000B REEL
JUNIORS FIRST	H HOLMAN 347 PTS	MALCOLM HEAD SHIMANO Ax500 REEL MAKO TACKLE HAND GAFF
SECOND	MICHAEL REELEY 205 PTS	BILL HARRIES HEADPHONE RADIO
MINI JUNIOR FIRST	BRETT REELEY 279 PTS	S.T.M. GENGE DAIWA AS260 REEL CAMBELLS SPORTS STORE JACKET
SECOND	SCOTT REELEY 211 PTS	CHARLIE GADIE \$10-00 VOUCHER HEADLAMP & BAIT HOLDER CAMBELLS SPORTS STORE JACKET
SECTION 2 HEAVIEST SCALE FISH 1ST 6 MONTHS	MICHAEL REELEY 5.10 kg MULLOWAY	CLUB REPLICA R & J FRANKLIN 8 kg LINE
SECOND 6 MONTHS	JOHN REELEY 4.60 kg MULLOWAY	CLUB REPLICA R & J FRANKLIN - KEN MATTHEWS PERPETUAL 4kg LINE

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SECTION 4  
HEAVIEST SHARK

ERIC PARKER  
9.58 kg  
BLACK TIP  
W/SHARK

BILL UTTING  
SALAD BOWL  
CLUB - 4 kg LINE  
2 X NILSMASER LURES

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SECTION 5  
HEAVIEST MULLOWAY

MICHAEL REELEY  
5.10 kg  
MULLOWAY

BASIL MARSH  
REEF BAG & REEL BAG

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SECTION 6  
HEAVIEST TAILER

ERIC PARKER  
5.08 kg  
TAILOR

R & J FRANKLIN  
10 kg LINE

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SECTION 7  
HEAVIEST SALMON

TONY D'ALONZO  
3.9 kg  
SALMON

CLUB FISH KNIFE & NILSMASER LURE

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SECTION 8  
HEAVIEST TREVALLY

GEORGE HOLMAN  
2.27 kg  
TREVALLY

MAKO TACKLE  
GAFF  
CLUB 10 kg LINE & FISH SCALER

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SECTION 10  
HEAVIEST BAG OF  
SCALE FISH

TONY D'ALONZO  
29.75 kg

MAKO TACKLE - GAFF  
CLUB - 10 kg LINE & FISH SCALER

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SECTION 11  
HEAVIEST BAG OF  
MULLOWAY

MICHAEL REELEY  
5.10 kg  
MULLOWAY

TONY D'ALONZO  
BOX 5/0 HOOK  
ROD POUCH MAKO TACKLE -LURE

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SECTION 12  
HEAVIEST BAG  
TAILOR

ERIC PARKER  
5.08 kg  
TAILOR

RON WINTLE  
FISHING KNIFE  
CLUB NILSMASER LURE

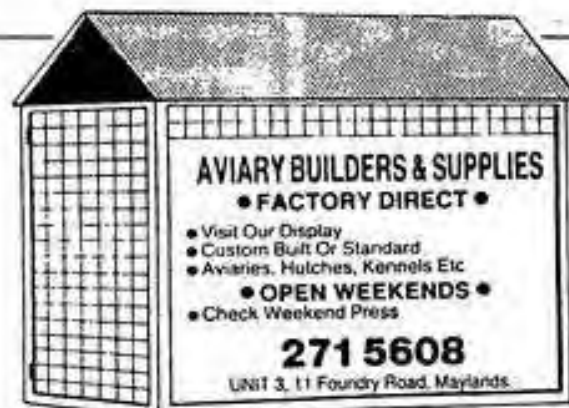
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SECTION 14  
HEAVIEST S/FISH  
OTHER THAN SECTS  
4-14

BRETT REELEY  
1.55 kg  
BONITO

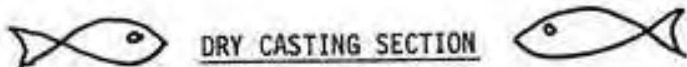
TONY D'ALONZO  
TACKLE BOX TORCH  
CHAS ALVEY CAP

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SECTION	WINNER	DONOR & TROPHY
SECTION 3 HEAVIEST MULLOWAY	TONY D'ALONZO 15.3 Kg MULLOWAY	HALCO - LURES - CATCHSCENT CHAS ALVEY - CAP - RULERS
SECTION 4 HEAVIEST SALMON	PETER OSBORNE 4.2 Kg SALMON	AS ABOVE
SECTION 5 HEAVIEST DHUFISH	MICHAEL HEAD 3.5 Kg DHUFISH	AS ABOVE
SECTION 6 HEAVIEST TAILOR	GEORGE HOLMAN 5.1 Kg TAILOR	AS ABOVE
SECTION 9 HEAVIEST PINK SNAPPER	PETER OSBORNE 4.56 Kg SNAPPER	AS ABOVE
SECTION 11 HEAVIEST MACKERAL	PETER OSBORNE 9.5 Kg MACKERAL	AS ABOVE
SECTION 12 HEAVIEST SOUTHERN TRAVELLY	SHARON OSBORNE 3.05 Kg S/TREVALLY	AS ABOVE
SECTION 13 HEAVIEST NORTHERN TREVALLY	GEORGE HOLMAN 7.4 Kg N/TREVALLY	HALCO - LURES - CATCHSCENT CHAS ALVEY - CAP & RULER
GAMEFISH BADGES	DAVE MAXTED HEATH HOLMAN	6Kg NORTHERN TREVALLY 22Kg SPANISH MACKERAL



SECTION	WINNER	DONOR & TROPHY
MINI JUNIOR FIRST	NICOLE REELEY 2152 PTS	CLUB TACKLE BOX & HEADLAMP WHITING FAMILY TORCH
SECOND	BRETT REELEY 2094 PTS	CLUB TACKLE BOX & HEADLAMP
JUNIOR FIRST	HEATH HOLMAN 3384 PTS	BILL HARRIES HEADPHONE CASSETTE
SECOND	MICHAEL HEAD 2224 PTS	CHAS ALVEY ALVEY 55A5 REEL
LADIES FIRST	SHARON OSBORNE 2445 PTS	HEATH HOLMAN ALVEY 60A REEL
SECOND	VENEST REELEY 439 PTS	CLUB WHITELUX KNIFE BOX 5/0 HOOKS
OPEN FIRST	ERIC PARKER 3529 PTS	JACK HARVEY TACKLE SIGMA 070 FISHING REEL
OPEN SECOND	GEORGE HOLMAN 3482 PTS	R.J. FRANKLIN 15Kg LINE
THIRD	GRAHAM REELEY 3065 PTS	KEN JONES SHIMANO AX 500S REEL



112 GRAM LEVEL LINE	GEORGE HOLMAN	R J FRANKLIN 10 kg LINE
56 GRAM LEVEL LINE	GRAHAM REELEY	R J FRANKLIN 8 kg LINE
112 GRAM A/BAIT	GEORGE HOLMAN	IAN COOK FISHING KNIFE BOX 5/0 HOOKS NILSMASER LURE
DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY	GEORGE HOLMAN	GRAHAM REELEY ROD POUCH KNIFE SHARPENER MAKO TACKLE LURE
SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY	GEORGE HOLMAN	JIM STRONG - RON KILDAHL SHIELD DOLPHIN TORCH CLUB 4 kg LINE
112 GRAM OPEN DISTANCE	ERIC PARKER	CLUB ROD POUCH - FISHING LURE KNIFE SHARPENER
SINGLE HANDED OPEN DISTANCE	GEORGE HOLMAN	CLUB 8 kg LINE NILSMASER LURE
MOST IMPROVED CASTER	MALCOLM HEAD	CLUB TACKLE BOX DRINKING GLASSES MAKO TACKLE GAFF
CASTER OF THE YEAR	GEORGE HOLMAN	MORLEY GLASS ALVEY 65IE REEL
WOODEN SPOON AWARD		GRAHAM REELEY
CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR		GEORGE & KAYE HOLMAN DAIWA GS4050 REEL
SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR		FLEET CYCLES AND TACKLE MITCHELL REEL

SPECIES	LEGAL SIZE (mm)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	1.	2.	3.	4.
ABALONE, Greenlip	140	10 combined				
ABALONE, Brownlip	140					
ABALONE, Ro's	60	20				
BARRAMUNDI	-	5				
BREAM, Black	250	30				
BREAM, Yellowfin	250	-				
COBBLER	230	-				
COCKLES	-	9 Litres				
CORAL TROUT	450	10				
CRAB, Brown mud	120	10 combined				
CRAB, Green mud	150					
CRAB, Blue manna	127	24				
DOLPHINFISH (Mahi Mahi)	-	3				
FLATHEAD, Bar-tailed	300	-				
FLATHEAD, Blue-spotted	300	-				
FLATHEAD, Long-spined	300	-				
FLATHEAD, Marbled	300	-				
FLOUNDER	230	-				
GARFISH	230	-				
GROPER, Baldchin	400	10				
GROPER, Western Blue	400	1				
HERRING, Australian	180	-				
JEWFISH, Westralian	500	5				
LEATHERJACKET	250	-				
MACKEREL, Blue (Common)	150	-				
MACKEREL, Broad-barred spanish	760	5 combined				
MACKEREL, Narrow-barred spanish	760					
MACKEREL, Shark	-	-				
MACKEREL, Spotted spanish	500	-				
MACKEREL, Wahoo	760	-				
MARRON	76	20				
MULLET, Sea	240	-				
MULLET, Yelloweye	230	-				
MULLOWAY	330	5				
MUSSELS	-	20 Litres				
NANNYGAI	230	-				
PIKE, Long-finned	330	-				
PRAWN, Western King	76	9 Litres combined				
PRAWN, School	50					
RED EMPEROR	280	10				
ROCK LOBSTER, Southern	98.5	8 combined				
ROCK LOBSTER, Tropical	-					
ROCK LOBSTER, Western	76					
SALMON, Australian	300	5				
SAMSON FISH	600	10				
SKIPJACK TREVALLY	200	-				
SNAPPER, Pink (west coast)	410	10				
SNAPPER, Pink (south coast)	280	10				
SNAPPER, Queen (Blue Morwong)	300	10				
SNAPPER, Red	230	-				
SNAPPER, North-west	280	10				
SNOOK	280	-				
SOLE	200	-				
SWEEP	230	-				
TAILOR	250	-				
TARWHINE	230	-				
TROCHUS	65	-				
TROUT, Rainbow or Brown	300	10				
TUNA, Southern, Bluefin	-	5				
WHITING, King George	250	30				
WHITING, Western Sand	220	-				
WHITING, School	220	-				

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**1. GROUP BAG LIMIT:** A total of ten per day of any combination of these species.



**2. ACCUMULATED BAG LIMIT:** If while fishing you are for several days continuously on a boat you may accumulate the bag limits for these species. Bag limit = no. days absent x daily bag limit.



**3. LICENCE REQUIRED:** You must buy a recreational fishing licence if you wish to catch these species (available from the Fisheries Department).



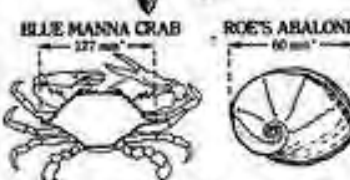
**4. CLOSED SEASONS:** A closed season may apply to these species. Dates sometimes vary from year to year. Watch the press for details, or contact the Fisheries Department.

**HOW TO MEASURE YOUR FISH**

Use an accurate gauge and follow these diagrams. Put back the little ones for next season.

**OPEN SEASONS**

**Rock Lobster:** 15 November to 30 June inclusive. The Abrolhos Islands open on 15 March.  
**Trout:** 1 September to 30 April. Some waters are open all year.  
**Abalone:** All year except in the metropolitan area. The metropolitan season is usually opened between November and mid-January, but this may change from year to year. Watch the newspapers or contact your nearest Fisheries Department office for advice.  
**Prawns:** The Swan-Canning estuary is open from 1 November to 31 July. The Serpentine, Dandalup, Harvey, and Murray Rivers are closed from 1 May to a date between 1 November and 1 December which is decided each year. Watch the press or contact the Fisheries Department for details.



\* minimum legal size