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CLUB ETIQUETTE AND MEMORANDA

MEETINGS

The monthly General Meeting is usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep upto date on club matters.

DRYCASTING

Casting is usually conducted on the first Sunday in the month. Here instruction is given to new members and a competition conducted to improve and maintain the standard of our members casting.

FIELD DAYS

These normally follow each General Meeting on the ensuing weekend. Signing on and weigh-in is compulsory and failure to do so may mean the loss of all points for that Field Day.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

If for any reason you intend to resign from the club, please send a letter of resignation to the Secretary.

Please assist the Treasurer by paying your subscription within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting. Members may lose their membership if payment is in arrears for 3 consecutive months.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

WHERE : Dianella Community Hall, Light Street, Dianella.
WHEN : Wednesday 8.00 pm 10th December 1986.
EVENT : Christmas get-together.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

WHERE : Dianella Community Hall, Light Street, Dianella.
WHEN : Wednesday 8.00 pm 17th December 1986.

NEXT CASTING DAY

WHERE : Yokine Reserve
WHEN : Sunday 9.00 pm 7th December 1986.
EVENTS : 112 Gram LL
112 " Art Bait
O/H Accuracy
S/H "

NEXT DAY FIELD DAY

WHERE : Mandurah
WHEN : 13th - 14th December '86
TIMINGS : Sign-On 1.00 pm Saturday 13th Park North West
side of bridge.
Weigh-In Sunday 14th same place

FIELD DAYS FOR THE 1987 SEASON

January '87	Wagoe
February "	White Hills
March "	Bluff Creek
April "	Rottnest

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Last meeting's attendance would have to have been one of the smallest ever. Rather disappointing considering we had Lindsay Harbord, A.A.A. of W.A. President in attendance. Later in the meeting Lindsay spoke to those present on the activities of the Association and what was contemplated for the future. He asked for input and involvement from clubs and their members for he predicted some hard times ahead for anglers, such as netting of bait fish for pet food to access to fishing spots, and combined approaches to Governments etc., will get the best results. A very informative talk and discussion period which followed for which a sincere thanks must go to Lindsay.

Congratulations must go to Philomena D'Alonzo for winning the Ladies State Beach Championship and together with Sharon and Heather Osborne combining to win the Ladies State Beach Teams title. Our veteran's team consisting of Jim Strong, Basil Marsh and Phil Neri, managed third place and it was noted that Phil was the oldest competing angler present. Most of our members found the fish hard to find.

Our treasurer, Bob Bartley, is trying a new method of giving his report each meeting by providing photostat copies of the balance sheet and payments to each member present. I don't think Bob likes giving reports much but his method was well received. Don't forget members, if you have any queries of Bob, please ask!!

Very pleased to receive a copy of "Grants Guide to Fishes" from one of our old supporters from the Queensland Museum in Roley McKay. Nice to hear from him and the questions is much appreciated. I'm sure I would like to take the opportunity of wishing Roley and family all the best and good health.

It is once again the time of year when it is my very pleasant duty, on behalf of all the committee members and their wives, to wish you the members, all the best of good wishes and health for the coming festive season and may the coming year be both beautiful and enjoyable.

GEORGE HOLMAN

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CLUB NEWS

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Many thanks to Nella and Leigh Clifton for allowing the Club to use their premises for the above event.

The turnout on Sunday was rather small but those members and their families and friends who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Please members make an effort to attend the last meeting of this year so we can all have a Christmas drink enjoyably and talk over past times of fishing.

Members should bring a plate of food and refreshments will be available.

WAGOE FIELD DAY

The Wagoe long weekend field day in January 1987 will be detailed in the next "Reel Talk" issue.

MOON PHASES

New Moon	2nd December	2-43 am
First Quarter	8th "	6-04 pm
Full Moon	16th "	5-00 pm
Last Quarter	24th "	7-17 am
New Moon	31st "	1-10 pm

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1987 STATE ROCK AND BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS -
JURIEN DAY

A good turnout of A.A.A. club anglers made this Championship an enjoyable event. The ever present weed meant everyone had to keep shifting spots just to be able to put a line out. Those that found Herring and were willing to fish most of the night were able to take their clubs to victory. Surfcasters were represented by Basil Marsh(C), Jim Strong and Phil Neri in the vets (Phil was the oldest vet there), Philomena D'Alonzo (C), Heather and Sharon in the ladies, Ric Parker(C), George Holman and Peter in the seniors, and Heath Holman was our junior. It was rather disappointing that we were not able to field a full contingent of seniors. But the ladies team kept surf-casters in by taking the ladies team trophy, with Philomena taking lady champion. Philomena caught the bulk of her fish from 8.30 am - 9.00 am the Sunday morning, and really had to work to get 19 Herring in half an hour as an inconveniently placed reef meant that a good many Herring got off before getting anywhere near Philomena's bag. Congratulation and many thanks to Philomena, and to Heather for supporting us so well.

The vets came an honourable third, and we hope to see a lot more of them in future competitions. The veterans overall are beginning to play a much bigger role in clubs and in A.A.A. Championships, which is good to see. Vets have accrued many timing skills over the years, and form a very useful resource for clubs and for A.A.A.

These championships again proved that you really do need to fish until the last possible moment. Not only did Philomena opt her winning fish at that time, but the one and only 'big' fish, a beautiful 22 Kg. Salmon was caught off the Trion Jetty by a past-time member at 8.30 am, and was still flapping about when it was laid on the scales (bait was fresh Herring, as the Salmon completely ignore Mullies and Spinners).

FIELD DAY REPORT

VENUE: - WEDGE ISLAND

1. SEA AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:

High tide about 8.30 pm, low tide in the early morning. Strong south-westerlies on Saturday, a mixture of westerly plus easterly on Sunday morning.

2. BEACH CONDITION:

Good.

3. WEEKEND REPORT:

A quiet weekend all over, with 16 anglers weighing in a total of 19Kg. of fish (8 species). Saturday produced some typical wedge weather - windy, with sand flying everywhere. The anglers scattered, everyone trying to find a spot with some wind protection. Weed made fishing a bit difficult as it seems to have done every trip for the past 4 or 5 months. Joe and Jim battled the weed, with Joe landing one soapie and another on the edge of the reef. Ric, Basil, Sid and the Osbornes fished the beach by the island with Sid and Peter avoiding most of the rough stuff by settling up their tripods. Basil and Sharon finely gave up and fished in calmer waters down the beach, figuring that if Ric kept getting knocked off like a nine-pin, then mere lesser mortals stood no chance whatsoever. The morning was easier fishing with low tide and calmer waters. Of course there were a few sore heads around, so not everyone fished as enthusiastically as the weather permitted.

The surprise of the weekend was the presence of Alan Carr and Pinky Too. Alan even got 'Sportsman of the Year' points for his 800mm Tailor. Going to shake'em all up are you Alan? Anyhow good to see you guys. We had hoped that Bertie Payne would be able to make it. Now there's someone who knows the secrets of fishing that area.

Tony and Philomena disappeared to an unknown spot, but had to work hard for fish. The end result was Peter with heaviest bag, Tony with second heaviest, Joe with heaviest scale fish, Alan with second heaviest. Fish species included Mulloway (Joe's) Tailor, Silver Bream, Herring, Wrasse, Skippy, Flathead and

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Trumpeters. The Trumpeters didn't taste especially nice, but that big Wrasse sure did.

Sure hope a few more of you turn up for Mandurah. Bring the families, as this is one event that everyone can enjoy. The January field day is Wago, and that tends to be harder fishing. Should be more good fish come in there, so we look forward to having a good turn-out.

Tight lines.

F.D.D.

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FIELD DAY REPORTS

NEXT FIELD DAY:- Mandurah - December 13th/14th, 1986.

SIGN-ON:- Park on the Northwest side of the bridge,
Opposite the Shell Garage at 1.00 pm on
Saturday.

WEIGH -IN:- Same place on Sunday.

BOUNDARIES:- South: White Hills
North: Mandurah

FOLLOWING FIELD
DAY:- Wagoe, January long weekend

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

Sign-On and weigh-in will be at the Wagoe Chalets. Most members are staying at the Chalets. Anyone who wants to stay there but who hasn't got a booking please let Cookie or Sharon know on or before the December meeting and we'll see if we can fix something up.

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NOVEMBER CASTING REPORT

Fine and warm conditions greeted the small but enthusiastic group of surfcasters for this month's cast. The usual people were there early to help set up (thanks to Eric P., Graham R. and Malcom H.) and the usual people arrived just in time to cast and the usual people arrived just late enough to delay the start of the cast.

The competition began with the accuracy events and while no records were broken there were some creditable scores recorded G. Holman 125, H. Holman 118 and F. D'Alonzo 109 in double handed and J. Strong 27 and G. Reeley 23 points in single handed.

In the distance events a gusty tail wind didn't do anyone any harm and some good casts were put down the best being 161m by George Holman in 112 gram and 138m by Tony (wait for the wind) D'Alonzo in the 56 gram.

Junior winner on the day was Heath Holman with 308 points.

Handicap was once again won by Graham Reeley with 459 points.

Top honours went to George Holman with 358 points despite a break off in the 56 gram event. A very creditable performance by the current Australian champion.

At the end of the day the usual people helped pack up the gear etc., etc.

See you all at the next cast.

TONY R.

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DRYCASTING RESULTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>112 LL</u>				<u>56 LL</u>			
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>%</u>
HOLMAN G.	156	161	317	100	-	137	137	47
REELEY G.	123	121	244	77	134	127	261	89
D'ALONZO T.	134	146	280	88	130	138	268	91
STRONG J.	114	118	232	73	108	98	206	70
WHITING S.	151	-	151	48	120	127	247	84
D'ALONZO F.	104	122	286	90	107	101	268	91
HOLMAN H.	133	133	266	84	111	122	233	80
PARKER E.	-	143	143	45	123	140	263	90
OSBORNE P.	149	141	290	91	-	129	129	44
RICHARDSON G.	112	120	232	73	109	15	124	42
OSBORNE S.	119	-	149	47	122	111	293	100
WHITING S.	103	104	267	84	70	82	212	72
HOLMAN D.	61	72	133	42	76	88	164	56
HEAD M.	86	101	187	59	90	86	176	60
REELEY B.	30	32	62	20	40	47	87	30
WHITING D.	25	25	50	16	25	20	45	15
RICHARDSON TR.	15	5	20	6	5	30	35	12

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DRYCASTING RESULTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>D/H ACCURACY</u>		<u>S/H ACCURACY</u>		<u>%</u> <u>TOT</u>	<u>H/CAP</u>	<u>HCP</u> <u>TOT</u>
	<u>TOT</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>%</u>			
HOLMAN G.	125	100	22	81	358	22	360
REELEY G.	94	75	23	85	356	103	459
D'ALONZO T.	79	63	22	81	353	99	452
TRONG J.	74	59	27	100	332	126	458
WHITING S.	109	87	19	70	319	40	359
D'ALONZO F.	118	94	3	11	316	129	445
HOLMAN H.	91	73	11	41	308	59	367
PARKER E.	63	50	18	67	282	99	381
OSBORNE P.	99	79	8	30	274	22	296
RICHARDSON S.	74	59	19	70	274	147	421
OSBORNE S.	58	46	13	48	271	36	307
WHITING B.	49	39	4	15	240	100	340
HOLMAN D.	88	70	10	37	235	158	393
HEAD M.	44	35	5	19	203	213	416
REELEY B.	36	29	-	-	109	300	409
WHITING D.	-	-	-	-	61	300	361
RICHARDSON TR.	-	-	-	-	48	353	401

Drycasting records

Lady	Accuracy	148/200	Helen Dyer	21-3-85
Junior	Accuracy	163/200	Heath Holman	1-6-86
Veteran	Accuracy	136/200	Don Batchelor	27-7-86

Western Australian Drycasting Records as at August 1986

Distance

Open	112gm (4oz)	183.50m	H.Hew	05-08-84
	56gm (2oz)	169.80m	S.Whiting	31-10-82
Lady	112gm	118.00m	S.Onderwater	25-08-85
	56gm	130.00m	S.Osborne	31-10-82
Junior	112gm	144.25m	D.Batchelor	22-03-85
	56gm	129.60m	G.Hughes	25-08-85
Mini-junior	112gm	115.00m	H.Holman	05-08-84
	56gm	96.60m	D.Holman	25-08-85
Veteran	112gm	139.20m	D.Batchelor	25-08-85
	56gm	133.80m	D.Lovegrove	25-08-85

Artificial Bait

Open	156.60m	H.Hew	25-08-85
Lady	113.20m	S.Onderwater	25-08-85
Junior	128.94m	D.Batchelor	22-03-85
Mini-junior	103.00m	H.Holman	05-08-84
Veteran	122.90m	R.Thorpe	25-08-85

Double-handed Accuracy

Open	165/200 Points	H.Hew	21-07-85
Lady	148/200 Points	H.Dyer	21-03-85
Junior	163/200 Points	H.Holman	01-06-86
Veteran	136/200 Points	D.Batchelor	27-07-86

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SECTION CHANGES

<u>FIELD DAY SECTIONS</u>		<u>NAME</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u> KG
SECTION 2	Heaviest Scale Fish			
	1st 6 months	T. D'Alonzo	Mulloway	12.9
	2nd 6 "	-	-	-
SECTION 3	Most Meritorious Fish	-	-	-
SECTION 4	Heaviest Shark (4.5Kg Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 5	Heaviest Mulloway (1Kg Min)	T. D'Alonzo	-	12.9
SECTION 6	Heaviest Tailor (1Kg Min)	P. Osborne	-	1.75
SECTION 7	Heaviest Salmon (3Kg Min)	R. Stevens	-	3.90
SECTION 8	Heaviest Trevally (1Kg Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 9	Heaviest Mackerel	O. Reeley	-	2.45
SECTION 10	Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish	T. D'Alonzo	-	44.35
SECTION 11	Heaviest Bag of Mulloway	T. D'Alonzo	-	25.00
SECTION 12	Heaviest Bag of Tailor	T. D'Alonzo	-	4.5
SECTION 13	Heaviest Scale Fish: S/H Rod 4Kg or 9 lb. B/S Line (max)	-	-	-
SECTION 14	Heaviest Scale Fish other than 4-13.	P. Osborne	Buff Bream	2.85
 <u>OPEN SECTION</u>				
SECTION 1	Most Meritorious Fish	-	-	-
SECTION 2	Heaviest Shark (4.5Kg Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 3	Heaviest Mulloway (3Kg Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 4	Heaviest Salmon (3Kg Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 5	Heaviest Dhu Fish	-	-	-
SECTION 6	Heaviest Tailor (1Kg Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 7	Heaviest Samson Fish	-	-	-
SECTION 8	Heaviest Scale Fish: S/H Rod 4Kg or 9 lb. B/S Line(max)	P. Osborne	Long Tom	1.9
SECTION 9	Heaviest Snapper	G. Holman	Spangled Emperor	3.72
SECTION 10	Heaviest Tarwhine	G. Holman	-	1.55
SECTION 11	Heaviest Mackerel	-	-	-
SECTION 12	Heaviest Trevally (Sthn 1Kg Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 13	Heaviest Trevally (Nthn 1Kg Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 14	Heaviest Snook Pike (1Kg Min)	-	-	-
SECTION 15	Heaviest Fish other than 2-14 (2Kg Min)	S. Whiting	Norwest COD	5.55

LEGAL MINIMUM LENGTHS

<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>Length</u> <u>Centimetres</u>		
<u>(A) MARINE OR ESTUARINE FISH</u>		<u>(B) FRESHWATER FISH</u>	
Bream (or Black Bream).....	25	Trout, Brown.....	30
Bream, pig-faced (or N.W. snapper)	28	Trout, Rainbow.....	30
Bream, Yellow-fin.....	25		
Cobbler.....	23		
Flathead, Dusky.....	30		
Flathead, Marbled.....	30	<u>(C) CRUSTACEANS</u>	<u>Millimetres</u>
Flathead, Sand.....	30	Crabs, Mangrove.....	127
Flounder.....	23	Crabs, Blue	150
Garfish.....	23	Crabs, King.....	76
Groper, Baldchin.....	40	Marron.....	76
Groper, Blue.....	40	Prawns, School.....	50
Jewfish, Westralian.....	50	Rock Lobster, Western.....	76
Leather Jacket.....	25	Rock Lobster, Southern.....	98.5
Mackerel, Spanish.....	76	<u>(D) MOLLUSCS</u>	
Mackerel, Spotted Spanish.....	50	Roe's Abalone (Longest Dia- ..60	meter)
Mackerel, Wahoo.....	76	Trochus.....	65
Mackerel, Common.....	15		
Morwong (or Queen Fish).....	30		
Mullet, Sea.....	24		
Mullet, Yellow Eye.....	23		
Mulloway, (or River Kingfish)....	40		
Nanygal (or King Snapper).....	23		
Pike, Long Fin.....	33		
Red Emperor.....	28		
Rock Codm Red.....	25		
Ruff, (or Sea Herring).....	18		
Salmon, Australian.....	30		
Semson (or Sea Kingfish).....	60		
Sergeant Baker.....	30		
Snapper, (Shark Bay).....	38		
Snapper, (Southern).....	28		
Snook.....	28		
Sole.....	20		
Sweep.....	23		
Tailor.....	25		
Tarwhine (or Silver Bream).....	23		
Trevelly Silver (or Skipjack)....	20		
Whiting King George.....	25		
Whiting Sand.....	22		

ANGLERS:- Please do the correct thing by gently returning all juvenile and undersize fish to the water immediately.

Only take the fish that you need or can be eaten. DO NOT SLAUGHTER FISH NEEDLESSLY. LEAVE SOME FOR TOMORROW.