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- Casting day FIRST Sunday of Each Month unless otherwise noted. - Starting Times will be Strictly adhered to.
- Monthly General Meetings are usually held on the SECOND Wednesday night of each month at 8 p.m. SHARP.
- Field Days are held generally on the Weekend after the General Meeting.
- Annual Dinner Dance and Presentation of Trophies is held in June. Time and Place to be determined.
- OPEN: Club Records: Line Ratios Badges applications must be in to the Recording Officer within 30 DAYS of Capture.
- Give your Committee any ideas you have. Don't sit on them.
- All Library Books MUST be returned at following Monthly Meeting unless permission is given to hold books longer.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, 11th March at the Dianella Community Hall, Light Street,  
Dianella, 8 p.m. sharp.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD: Talk by Peter Osborne on fishing in Canada.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, 18th March at the Dianella Community Hall, Light Street,  
Dianella, 8 p.m. sharp.

NEXT DRYCASTING DAY:

Sunday, 8th March. (This is the 2nd Sunday, due to 1st Sun. LWE Field Day)  
9 a.m. sharp.

MARCH FIELD DAY:

L.V.E. 28th Feb/1st & 2nd March.

WAGO/DENMARK/KALBARRI:

Kalbarri: Sign on FDO's camp Ron Allan's Caravan Park 1p.m. Saturday  
Weighin " " " " " " " 9.30am Monday (same place)

Wago: Sign on 1p.m. Saturday FDO'S camp (to be determined)  
Weighin 9.30am Monday " "

Denmark: If not at meeting prior to field day phone FDO on 4576004 on  
or before Thursday 26th Feb.

BOUNDARIES FOR KALBARRI/WAGO:

Sandalwood South to as far as you can walk North of Murchison River.

FIELD DAYS 1980/81 SEASON:

April: Rottnest

TROPHY DONORS:Business Houses:

Crackle for Tackle  
R.J. franklin (Agents)  
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Notice of motion to alter Surfcasting and Angling Club of WA (Inc).  
By-Laws: Clause 4: Officers (2) and (3)

- (2) The Editor shall prepare and publish each quarter in the "Reel Talk" a summary of Club activities including reports from the Field Day Officer, Casting Officer, Official Recorder and Publicity Officer, together with items of general interest to members, and suitable articles relating to the past time of angling and submitted for publication.
- (3) Delete

Notice of motion to alter Surfcasting and Angling Club of WA (Inc)  
By-Laws: Clause 5: Duties of Committee (2)(a), paragraph 2

Each Field Day will be held during the weekend immediately following the monthly General Meeting or such week end as determined by the General Meeting. Field Days shall be conducted and supervised by the Field Day Officer or such nominated substitute.

The Secretary,  
Surfcasting and Angling Club of WA (Inc)

As set out below I hereby give notice of motion and would appreciate your bringing it to the attention of the President under Regulation 2 of the Constitution.

Notice of Motion to alter Surfcasting and Angling Club Constitution, in particular Regulations, Section 4, Committee of Management, paragraph 1 to read:

The management of the business and affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Management Committee (referred to in the Constitution and Regulations as "The Committee") which shall be elected to hold office for a period of not less than 12 or greater than 36 months by the general body of members at the annual meeting. The Committee shall consist of President, Immediate Past President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Field Day Officer, Dry Casting Officer to total 7 members.

The Immediate Past President to remain a member of the Management Committee while holding office.

Having once been elected to the Management Committee a member who resigns from or completes a term of office shall not nominate again until a period of two years has elapsed.

The Secretary,  
Surfcasting and Angling Club of WA (INC)

As set out below I hereby give notice of motion and would appreciate your bringing it to the attention of the President under Regulation 2 of the Constitution.

Notice of Motion to alter Surfcasting and Angling Club Constitution, in particular Regulations, Section 5, Duties and Powers of the Management Committee, item C to read:

- (c) Co-opt one or more members to committee in a temporary capacity to assist the committee with a specific project.

The Secretary,  
Surfcasting and Angling Club of WA (Inc)

As set out below I hereby give notice of motion and would appreciate your bringing it to the attention of the President under Regulation 2 of the Constitution.

Notice of Motion to alter Surfcasting and Angling Club Constitution, in particular Regulations, Section 2, General Meetings, paragraph 4 to read:

General meetings of the Club shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month or as may be determined from time to time by a vote of 2/3 majority of the members present and voting at a general meeting.

In the event of a meeting being changed such notice shall be posted to all members at their last known address.  
At least one meeting shall be held each month.

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A.A.A. DONGARA CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT:

In the past few years we have attended the A.A.A. Rock & Beach Championships with little or no success. To change our luck this year we included in our numbers a female team, junior team and a mini-junior team.

After the sign on we split up and went to our selected spots where the open male team tried hard with very little success though the weather played no small part in this. Shortly after dark conditions were such that most spots along the coast were wiped out.

Here we must give thanks to Brian Leicester, Bob Klein and Peter Osborne who volunteered to escort the ladies and juniors to some of the less dangerous spots along the coast. As it turned out they came up trumps by going to a stretch of beach north of Flat Rocks. Here the fish put in an early appearance prior to the inclement weather and the whole group managed to catch a decent bag. Fishing was poor Sunday morning and very few managed to improve on their bags.

Despite this when the weigh in came the bags caught were enough to carry off the Championships for the ladies, the junior team and the mini-juniors were runner up. A great achievement but honours did not quite finish here.

We now have within our ranks the W.A. Open State Ladies Champion in the form of Sharon Osborne.

The State Ladies Open runner up is Sharon's daughter, Heather, who is still a junior and Christian Waddams the State Junior runner up.

The above mentioned collected a whole swag of trophies, pennants, shields and medallions with the major part of the trophies ending up at Surfcasters.

The 'hard luck award' of the weekend must go to 'George' who hooked into a big bitey which would have clinched top spot for the men but alas that fish didn't want to be landed.

All in all it was a great weekend and all members present were elated with the results though Peter and myself had to put up with some ribbing after being overshadowed by our children.

On behalf of the whole club to those concerned in raising our banners I would like to express our appreciation for a job well done and trust the good work is only the forerunner of greater victories.

Captain Barrie

FIELD DAY REPORT: GREENOUGH: JANUARY L.W.E.

Despite poor bags of fish in general (due to deteriorating conditions mostly) this was possibly one of the most enjoyable field days in recent times for those that attended. The State Titles were also held on the same weekend and Wilf and I would like to convey our congratulations to all who participated, particularly those good or lucky enough to score well.

It gave ALL the S.C.A.C. a great shot in the arm to see our members finally on the winners dias. I believe our Captain for the Day (Barrie Waddams) will give everyone the details.

Some reasonable bags were weighed by B. Klein (2 out of 3?) and A. Broughton, to mention a couple which stood out.

There's nothing much else to say about the fishing side of this one but I would like to say how enjoyable a weekend it turned out to be thanks to the "let's all get together" attitude which everyone adopted; really great to see. Perhaps we should do it more often?

Thanks for been there,

Tony and Wilf

P.S. After this trip perhaps an "organised" cricket match would be an idea for a social afternoon.

FIELD DAY REPORT: YANCHEP-MOORE Rr: FEBRUARY:

What a field day!! This one had everything, wind, weed, swell, sand, even a good attendance.

The only thing missing was fish. Total of 37 anglers bagged a miserable total of 8kg, half of which were Wirrah's. The tally could not be blamed on lack of ability but just on lousy conditions. One good thing that came out was it gave some of us a chance to drive around and look at some country we hadn't seen before in the area between Dewars and Moore River. We drive hundreds of miles to isolated places when, given the right conditions, we have some great country right on our doorstep which some of us (until now) didn't even know about. The only catch word is "right conditions". In the wrong conditions the area becomes just about hopeless but there again, so do most others.

As you will see in the official results, there is not a lot more to be said about this one, so, until next month, take care.

Tight lines,

Tony and Wilf

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FIELD DAY RESULTS: GREENOUGH RIVER: JANUARY 1981 (LWE):

Attendance: 20 Senior; 3 Female; 7 Juniors.

R. Klein	12.5
A. Broughton	11.0
S. Osborne (L)	7.0
B. Leicester	6.5
T. Richardson	6.0
H. Osborne (J)	6.0
C. Waddams (J)	5.5
T. D'Alonzo	5.0
K. Osborne (J)	4.75
P. Osborne	4.0
G. Holman	3.5
C. Osborne (J)	3.0
H. Holman (J)	2.0
W. Core	1.5
G. Reeley	1.5
P. D'Alonzo (L)	1.0
B. Foreman	.75
L. Cook	.5
G. Richardson (J)	.5
B. Curack	.5
B. Waddams	.25

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

P. ISBISTER: A. NORMAN: B. ROWLAND:  
 K. JURY: R. PARKER: T. WILLISON:  
 L. GRIFFITHS: S. WHITING: B. WHITING:  
 J. OSBORNE(J)

Heaviest Junior Bag:

H. Osborne, 6.0, Tailor

Heaviest Bag Scale Fish:

B. Klein, 12.5, Tailor

Heaviest Scale Fish:

C. Holman, 3.5, Mulloway

Sportsman of the Year Points:

"AS ABOVE"

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FIELD DAY RESULTS: FEBRUARY 1981: YANCHEP-MOORE Rr:

A. Broughton	3.4	17
A. Tuvik	1.7	13
B. Waddams	.7	11
J. Reeley	.7	11
T. Richardson	.6	11
P. Osborne	.5	11
S. Whiting	.2	10
B. Flynn (J)	.2	10

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

T. WILLISON, J. WILLISON(J): S. WILLISON(J): L. COOK: P. HOUGHTON:  
 B. RAFFERTY(V): W. CORE: C. WADDAMS(J): R. FLYNN: M. FLYNN(J):  
 G. SUSSMAYER: K. WILKERSON: G. TOMPSITT: K. TOMPSITT: J. TOMPSITT(J):  
 H. SALFINGER: J. SALFINGER(J): L. SMITH: R. PARKER: G. HOLMAN:  
 H. HOLMAN(J): B. WHITING: S. OSBORNE: S. REMSHAW: K. OSBORNE(J):  
 H. OSBORNE(J): J. OSBORNE(J): C. OSBORNE(J): G. REELEY

Heaviest Bag : a. Broughton, 3.4kg  
 Heaviest Scale Fish : A. Broughton, 2.3kg, Mulloway

Sportsman of Year Points: "AS ABOVE"

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"NOTICE"!!!

A SPECIAL MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED FOR THE MARCH  
 GENERAL MEETING TO DISCUSS AND DEAL WITH THE  
 FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- a) NOTICES OF MOTION
- b) UNREST WITHIN THE CLUB

B. Leicester,  
 President

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 MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE:

ANGLING GEAR TO BE AUCTIONED NEXT MONTH  
 AT MARCH GENERAL MEETING.  
 PROCEEDS TO GO TO THE LATE IAN McCLENNAN'S  
 WIDOW.

FIELD DAY SECTION 1980/81 SEASON:

Section 1; SENIOR TOP TEN (CORRECT TO 17/2/81):

1. G. Holman	255	6. B. Foreman	146
2. T. D'Alonzo	201	7. P. Osborne	133
3. B. Waddams	176	8. S. Whiting	128
4. T. Richardson	175	9. W. Core	127
5. A. Broughton	156	10. L. Cook )	120
		B. Cusack)	120

LADIES TOP THREE:

1. S. Osborne	106
2. B. Whiting	78
3. P. D'Alonzo	58

JUNIORS:

1. H. Osborne	116	6. J. Osborne	72
2. C. Waddams	113	7. G. Richardson	55
3. H. Holman	91	8. B. Flynn	30
4. K. Osborne	82	M. Flynn	30
5. C. Osborne	77		

- Section 2: Heaviest Scale Fish (1st 6 months)  
B. Cusack, 14.5, Cobia, Steep Point  
G. Holman, 14.5, Spanish Mackerel, Steep Point
- Section 3: Most Meritorious fish
- Section 4: Heaviest Shark (Min. weight 4.5kg)  
A. Tuvik, 6.8kg, Black Tip Whaler, White Hills
- Section 5: Heaviest Mulloway (Min. weight 1kg)  
S. Whiting, Mulloway, 5.5, Wago
- Section 6: Heaviest Tailor (Min. weight 1kg)  
A. Norman, 3.7, Wago
- Section 7: Heaviest Salmon (Min. weight 3kg)
- Section 8: Heaviest Trevally (Skippy) (Min. weight 1kg)  
G. Reeley, 1.5, Rottnest
- Section 9: Heaviest Mackerel  
G. Holman, 14.5, Steep Point
- Section 10: Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish caught on a Field Day  
G. Holman 43.0, Steep Point

FIELD DAY SECTION 1980/81 SEASON CONT'D:

- Section 11: Heaviest Bag of Mulloway  
T. D'Alonzo, 13.1, White Hills
- Section 12: Heaviest Bag of Tailor  
G. Holman, 17.0, Wagoie
- Section 13: Heaviest Scale Fish caught on a S.H. Rod (Max. 4kg on 9lb b/sline)  
B. Waddams, .5, Moses Perch, Steep Point
- Section 14: Heaviest Scale Fish other than those listed in Sections 4-13 incl.  
B. Cusack, 14.5, Cobia, Steep Point

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OPEN DIVISION: 1980/81 SEASON:

- Section 1: Most Meritorious Fish
- Section 2: Heaviest Shark (Min. weight 4.5kg)  
S. Whiting, Tiger Shark, 21.8kg, Steep Point
- Section 3: Heaviest Mulloway (Min. weight 3kg)  
R. Flynn, 4.8kg, Steep Point
- Section 4: Heaviest Salmon (Min. weight 3kg)
- Section 5: Heaviest Jewfish
- Section 6: Heaviest Tailor (Min. weight 1kg)  
A. Norman, 3.4kg, Useless Loop
- Section 7: Heaviest Samson  
R. Noble, 18.0kg, Steep Point
- Section 8: Heaviest Scale Fish on S/H Rod (B/S line 4kg)  
S. Whiting, 2.06kg, Tailor, Trigg Island
- Section 9: Heaviest Schnapper (Pink)  
B. Cusack, 6.2kg, Steep Point
- Section 10: Heaviest Tarwhine (Silver Bream)  
A. Norman, 1.3kg
- Section 11: Heaviest Mackerel  
G. Holman, 18.5kg, Steep Point (Spanish)
- Section 12: Heaviest Trevally (Southern) (Min. weight 1kg)
- Section 13: Heaviest Trevally (Northern) (Min. weight 5kg)
- Section 14: Heaviest Snook-Pike (Min. weight 1kg)
- Section 15: Heaviest Fish other than those listed in Sections 2-14 incl.  
(Min. 2kg)  
C. Waddams (J), Barracouda, 9.5kg, Steep Point

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CASTING RESULTS FOR 8/2/81:

In attendance there were 22 Seniors, 6 Juniors; total 32 members.

Casting was a bit on the blowy side, but was good with H.H. Yew and G. Holman still able to cast 150 metres with 112 grams.

B. Waddams and G. Holman broke the 120 metre mark to have the wind blow it out for a penalty.

B. Leicester was winner on the day with 148 points. Runner up was G. Holman with 138 points.

D.H. Accuracy was won by G. Holman with 65 points, B. Leicester with 59 points.

S.H. Accuracy was won by Eric Parker 31 points followed by T. Richardson 26 points.

Art-Bait winner B. Leicester 24 points followed by S. Renshaw 23 points. Longest cast on the day was by H.H. Yew 150 metres.

Open Event "V" Court Distance was run under very windy conditions, but the boys cast very well. G. Holman cast 154 metres and H.H. Yew 153 metres. You guys will have to look out, T. Richardson starting to cast well with 150 metres.

Chris Waddams was the Junior Winner on the day with 91 points. He cast his first 104 metres on Sunday. Very good cast Chris.

Great to have the pleasure of D. Green down casting again.

Sorry there has not been any reports in the Reel Talk. I have been a little busy. I will endeavour to put as many in as possible.

South West Drycasting Competition, Teams and Individual casting. It's on March the 28th and 29th at Hay Park, Bunbury. Nomination closes on 25th March.

If you require a form ring me on 2793914. Some members have said they are going; would like to see more members nominate. Those who have said are going by show of hands, H.H. Yew, G. Holman, B. Leicester, S. Whiting, P. Conroy, P. Osborne.

Mystery prize was won by two ladies, B. Whiting and P. D'Alonzo on recording no score in S.H. Accuracy.

Next cast is on 8th March, not the 1st because of field day.

Many thanks to the helpers.

Graham and Gordon

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I have NOMINATION FORMS for South West Drycasting Competition at Bunbury on 28th and 29th March, 1981.

Nomination closes on 25th March.

To be returned to D. Schmidt,

7 Roscommon Place,  
Bunbury. 6230.

FEBRUARY 8TH CAST RESULTS:

Senior Winner	:	B. Leicester,	148 points
Junior Winner	:	C. Waddams	91 "
Longest Cast 112 grams	:	G. Holman,	150 metres
Longest Cast Art. Bait	:	B. Waddams,	122 " but had a "P"
		G. Holman,	121 "

Attendance: 26 seniors, 6 juniors. Total 32

112 grams:

1. G. Holman	29 pts
2. B. Leicester	} 28 "
2. S. Renshaw	
2. B. Waddams	
2. H.H. Yew	} 27 "
3. T. Richardson	

Art. Bait:

1. B. Leicester	24 pts
2. S. Renshaw	23 "
3. G. Holman	} 22 "
3. T. Richardson	
3. S. Whiting	

D.H. Accuracy:

1. G. Holman	65 pts
2. B. Leicester	59 "
3. T. D'Alonzo	51 "
4. G. Gildersleeve	50 "

S.H. Accuracy:

1. E. Parker	31 pts
2. B. Leicester	27 "
3. T. Richardson	26 "
4. S. Whiting	24 "

TOP TEN:

1. G. Gildersleeve	1229 (94)	6. S. Whiting	998 (A)
2. S. Renshaw	1213 (103)	7. E. Parker	972 (A)
3. G. Holman	1174 (A)	8. H.H. Yew	929 (A)
4. B. Leicester	1112 (A)	9. G. Reeley	913 (A)
5. T. Richardson	1034 (A)	9. P. Osborne	913 (A)
		10. P. Conroy	810 (A)

LADIES TOP FIVE:

1. S. Osborne	746 pts (A)
2. B. Whiting	509 (A)
3. K. Tompsitt	475 (40)
4. P. D'Alonzo	473 (A)
5. M. Lundy	248 (A)

OPEN "V" COURT DISTANCE:

G. Holman	154 metres
H.H. Yew	153 "
T. Richardson	150 "
S. Whiting	147 "
B. Leicester	142 "
S. Renshaw	141 "
B. Waddams	140 "
G. Reeley	135 "
P. Osborne	125 "
L. Cook	115 "
T. Stam	112 "
S. Osborne (L)	105 "
C. Waddams (J)	97 "

JUNIOR TOP FOUR:

1. J. Tompsitt	639 (42)
2. H. Osborne	551 (A)
3. C. Waddams	499 (A)
4. G. Richardson	290 (A)

FEBRUARY CAST:L.L. DISTANCE:

Name	<u>4oz</u>		<u>Art. Bait</u>		Agg.	Pty.	Total	Pts
	1.	2.	1.	2.				
B. Leicester	137	144	114	116	511		511	51
G. Holman	140	150	121P	110	521	10	511	51
T. Richardson	130	140	110	112	492		492	49
G. Gilderleeve	120	120	101	102	443		443	44
P. Osborne	131P	130	100	103	464	10	454	45
T. D'Alonzo	105	125	105	104	439		439	44
E. Parker	131	130	100P	115	476	10	466	47
S. Whiting	129	134	111	111	485		485	48
T. Willison	106	126	94	106	432		432	43
S. Renshaw	135	141	116	111	503		503	50
G. Reeley	125	119	101	84	429		429	43
D. Green	121	131	99	103	454		454	45
H. H. Yew	141P	150	B/O	115	405	10	395	40
C. Waddams (J)	104	90	92	86	372		372	37
J. Strong	96	96	91	83	366		366	37
A. Carr	114	110	-	85	309		309	31
A. Tuvik	109	115P	100P	99	423	20	403	40
S. Osborne (L)	80	105	91	82	358		358	36
B. Whiting (L)	85	86	72	74	317		317	32
H. Osborne (J)	84	92	82	81	339		339	34
B. Waddams	144	140	122P	-	406	10	396	39
J. Tomsitt (J)	87P	72	67	61	287	10	277	28
T. Stam	111P	113P	96P	72	392	30	362	36
W. Core	97	107	97	92P	393	10	383	38
P. D'Alonzo (L)	101	110	81P	105	397	10	387	39
L. Cook	115P	120P	B/O	B/O	235	20	215	22
K. Tomsitt (L)	63	60	67P	60	250	10	240	24
G. Tomsitt	107	112	79	B/O	298		298	30
A. Stevenson	60P	70P	68P	69P	267	40	227	23
H. Holman (J)	56P	65	63	64P	248	20	228	23
G. Richardson (J)	60	69P	67P	67P	263	30	233	23
B. Carr (J)	57	53	55	43	208		208	21

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D.H. ACCURACY:

S.H. ACCURACY:

1.	2.	1.	2.	Pts	1.	2.	1.	2.	Pts	Total	Inc.Att.
17	16	11	15	59	5	4	10	8	27	138	148
15	17	17	16	65	-	7	-	5	12	128	138
3	11	17	13	44	4	9	3	10	26	119	129
11	17	8	14	50	4	8	2	8	22	116	126
13	5	11	15	44	-	9	4	9	22	111	121
9	12	11	19	51	8	-	-	7	15	109	119
4	10	9	5	28	6	7	8	10	31	106	116
4	-	14	16	34	-	6	9	9	24	106	116
-	17	16	11	44	-	5	9	4	18	105	115
-	11	8	12	31	4	4	5	8	21	103	113
-	12	-	15	27	-	9	-	10	19	89	99
12	-	14	5	31	-	1	4	4	9	85	95
6	17	-	17	40	-	5	-	2	7	87	97
-	13	7	10	30	-	-	5	9	14	81	91
2	12	-	18	32	-	-	4	-	4	72	82
4	10	16	8	38	-	-	2	-	2	71	81
12	6	-	-	18	-	2	3	7	12	70	80
-	-	8	19	27	-	5	1	-	6	69	79
18	-	8	11	37	-	-	-	-	-	69	79
7	-	3	14	24	-	-	3	8	11	69	79
14	-	-	-	14	2	-	-	9	11	64	74
11	5	0	8	24	-	-	-	-	-	52	62
-	9	-	-	9	-	-	3	4	7	52	62
-	-	9	-	9	-	4	-	-	4	51	61
-	11	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	50	60
-	6	7	11	24	-	-	-	-	-	46	56
-	1	0	7	8	7	-	1	2	10	42	52
-	10	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	40	50
11	-	3	-	14	-	-	-	3	3	40	50
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	5	7	12	36	46
-	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	27	37
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	31

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A.A.A. MEETING 17/2/81:

A letter was read about the beach-Whitehill being untidy. Two clubs, Seasport and Northern Districts did clean up. They reckon the beach was not too bad.

Geraldton- well run, but there were some complaints. Fish unclean and some cheating. Rumours did go around. One angler, accused, denies what was said and will sue anyone. Nasty, but people should not talk about something they did not see themselves. Otherwise good catches and well run.

\* Sinkers for the coming Australian Championship- S.C.A.C. offered to supply a suitable shape. Anyone know more about it?

Lot of work is done to send the team to Eastern States.

\* The A.A.A. Trailer was towed back to Perth by a member, many thanks and a reward of \$10.00 to supplement petrol cost.

At championships, one team only from every club. Reason, small clubs to have equal chance.

A safety cable was erected at High Rock, Carnarvon, by Rotary. Rotary would put more cables at dangerous spots, if so requested, or dangerous spots suggested.

A booklet is available "Your Safety" by the Safety Council. If wanted, George Brown can show how to get them.

Discussion arose how to overcome the difficulties with launching and getting boats out of the water. Several points were discussed which way to do it. Policing first by Shire (they get \$300 a day) or more launching ramps.

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A.A.A. (W.A. DIVISION): ANGLING RECORDS RATIFIED.. MARCH 1980:

Species	Mass Length Girth	Place Date Method	Angler
ANGEL SHARK <i>Squatina australis</i>	0.180kg 0.280m. 0.115m.	Mandurah 24/2/80 Rod-Shore	Valerie Barber, 21 Radney Street, Willagee. 6156
NEW STATE RECORD - Eligible for National Record			
SLENDER LONGTOM <i>Strongylura ciconia</i>	0.320kg 0.775m. 0.097m.	Mandurah 24/2/80 Rod-Boat	John Neylon, 4 Marion Street, Innaloo. 6017
NEW STATE RECORD - Eligible for National Record			
BROWN REEF EEL <i>Gymnothorax species</i>	0.550kg 0.690m 0.120m	Mandurah 24/2/80 Hand-Boat	Brian Hughes, Lot 21 Nat.Pk.Rd, Swan View. 6056
NEW STATE RECORD			

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A.A.A. (W.A. DIVISION) FISHING RECORD RATIFIED.. MARCH 1980:

Species	Mass Length Girth	Place Date Method	Angler
SERPENT EEL	0.105kg	Mosman	Alan Moyle,
Ophisurus serpens	0.780m	8/1/80	38 Butterick Pl.
	0.045m	Rod-Shore	Girrawheen. 6064
NEW STATE RECORD - Eligible for National Record			
TAR HINE (Silver Bream)	1.500kg	Floreat	Desmond Thomas,
Rhabdosargus sarba	0.440m	20/11/79	99 Wanneroo Road,
	0.380m	Rod-Shore	Wanneroo. 6065
Previous State Record 1.474kg			
WESTERN SCALYFIN	0.600kg	Beenyup	Ashley Moon,
Parma occidentalis	0.310m	20/1/80	25 Pascoe Street,
	0.290m	Rod-Boat	Karrinyup. 6018
Previous State & National Record 0.410kg			
Fish record inquiries to:- The Recorder A.A.A./W.A. P.O. Box 6, North Beach. W.A. 6020. Phone 4473759			

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Alan Leslie STEPHENSON,  
5/67 Ventnor Street,  
Scarborough. 6019

APPLICATION FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:

Paul and Pam KAY,  
145 Ninth Avenue,  
INGLEWOOD.

ARE WE FISHING TOO FAR DOWN THE FOOD CHAIN? Cont'd.

Even before the global demand for fish meal and new food supplies zoomed, exploitation of forage stock produced disturbing results. During the 1930s America's largest fishery flourished off California. The target: the Pacific sardine. By the fifties, these canneries were closing.

Since some scientists were confident the Pacific sardine would return, other nations hurried to build up their own forage fisheries to profit from the booming demand for cheap protein. Fishing vessels were made faster, nets made larger, aircraft spotters employed to expand a vessel's range of detection. The world marine fish catch soared, growing in annual 10-per-cent jumps.

But during the late sixties and early seventies, the forage fisheries declined abruptly- herring catches off the Atlantic coast of America, the anchovy fishery off Peru and Chile, the herring fishery off Norway, the sardine fishery off South Africa.

What accounts for the collapse of such seemingly abundant stocks? Forage-fish populations do fluctuate much more dramatically from year to year than larger fish higher on the food chain- just a few degrees difference in water temperature can result in a poor year for survival of young fish. For example, in 1972, two years after Peru's record anchovy catch of 32 million metric tonnes, coastal waters warmed and fishing vessels returned to port with empty holds. However, when cooler waters returned, the anchovy in its former abundance did not. The Peruvian experience appeared to confirm what many scientists suspected after the Pacific-sardine-fishery depletion in California: overfishing on top of sudden climatic changes can trigger fishery-collapses.

Do depleted forage stocks ever recover? The Japanese sardine shows after some 40 years after it was intensively exploited- signs of recovery. Fishery officials don't expect the Pacific sardine to recover to its level of maximum productivity before the turn of the century, if ever. No one is predicting when the North Sea herring, the Norwegian herring, the Peruvian anchovy and the South African sardine will recover.

Clearly then, we must recognize the critical role of this type of fish in the marine ecosystem, balancing the need for development against the knowledge that our seas are finite. For in reality, the fates of most fish in the sea are as entwined as ivy, and inseparable from the fate of man.

What are major nations doing to protect the ecosystem? In 1976, the American Congress passed the landmark Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Before then, Americans tended to manage each fish species separately- assigning catch quotas on a species-by-species basis with little regard for, or knowledge of, how fish interact with one another. The act was supposed to change that. It obligates authorities to manage interrelated stocks of fish "as a unit or in close co-ordination." But there is evidence that fish stocks are still being managed on a single-species basis.

ARE WE FISHING TOO FAR DOWN THE FOOD CHAIN? Cont'd:

Critical link: What's more, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce has now adopted a plan to exploit the northern anchovy off the Pacific coast for fish meal. One justification: fishing pressures on these sensitive stocks can now be predicted and controlled. But can they? Annual stock surveys ignore some factors vital to survival- such as weather, currents, winds, temperatures, coastline shape and nutrient concentration.

The overriding question then is: must we fish indiscriminately down the marine food chain, regardless of our ability to control such exploitation, just to maintain a supply of marine protein? The answer is no! This supply can be increased without casting a single net. If America, for instance, invested in better sewage treatment and urban-runoff control, it could lift its quarantine on 27.5 per cent of commercial shellfish. The government could protect critical marine habitats from being dredged and filled for real-estate projects. Two-thirds of the fish most important to sport and commercial fishermen depend on coastal estuaries and wetlands to feed and to spawn. Experts are even learning to restore degraded marshland. Investment in better handling techniques and storage facilities to cut loss through spoilage could be encouraged and inland fish production could be increased. By cultivating fish in farm ponds, rice paddies and lakes, Japanese and Chinese farmers keep pace with the annual American catch of food fish.

If catch quotas are better enforced, both fish and fishermen who comply with the quotas can be protected. Incidental kills of edible fish accidentally caught in nets can be reduced through better net design that permits non-target animals to escape.

By more efficient use of existing fisheries, we could gain time to develop more reliable management plans and give threatened species a better chance to recover from past ignorance. When we overfish the small forage fish of the sea, we tinker with perhaps the most critical link in the marine-life system. We had better know what we are doing. We know how to restore rundown farmland; a rundown ocean is another matter.

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