

Strong



56
53
Hampton
54
D. Gair
53

May 1957

The Official News Letter of
THE DRY-CASTING AND ANGLING ASSOCIATION OF W.A.

President: Noel Knight

Secretary: Doug Edward,
25 Robinson St., Claremont.
Phone WM1705

Treasurer: Ben Elliott

The May Meeting of the Club will be held in the National Fitness Booms, 50 James St. Perth on Wednesday, 8th May at 8 p.m. sharp.

INSTRUCTION: A round Australia travel talk will be given by Arch Pearse.

MAY FIELD DAY: Because of excellent fishing at Garden Island over the last couple of Field days, it has been arranged to give it another go. The day May 11th. More details at the May meeting. Put in for your "leave pass" as early as possible.

ELECTIONS: The Annual General Meeting will be held on June 12th. At this meeting you will be asked to elect, by ballot, the Committee to manage affairs for the ensuing 12 months. I appeal to you **chaps** to give some thought to the people you want on the Committee.

2.

We have at the moment some excellent types in the Club, and if these people can stand for election the forthcoming year should be very interesting. Some of the "old" committee have held positions for some years, and are looking for a break. Bringing new blood into the Committee will do the Club untold good, with new ideas etc. If therefore you are prepared to stand for election, let's hear about it.

.

TO THE LADY OF THE HOUSE

Dear Mrs, Madam, Miss, or what have you.

It has been the practice over the years to combine the Annual General Meeting with a Social and dance. It was felt however, that it was not fair on the ladies to expect them to be at the show so early, and have to wait for the "official" functions to come to an end before any "Rock-n-Roll". For your benefit we are not having any official "goings on" this year, and the night of JUNE 15th is yours.

This "Social event of the Year" is being held in the new Claremont Hall, and is quite an informal show. No need to worry about not having anything to wear - just wear whatever you have. The cost is nothing, so don't look for the excuse that it is too expensive.

Would you please make every effort to drag the "gentleman" of the house to this show.

During the evening you will see a repeat performance of the "Arabian Nights" which has been greatly improved.

Please come along and bring any guests you wish. The only thing asked of you is to bring along a plate - of eats.

Please.

D.O.E.

.

3.

KIDS' FISHING COMPETITION

All over Australia, open competitions have been conducted for youngsters up to 14 years. Rod and Reel or hand lines.

The Committee have had one discussion on the project, and seem to be in favour of it. Robbs Jetty seems to be the best spot, and would accommodate the 500 kids who would take part. Publicity would be forthcoming from press and radio. Prizes of say £5 for the biggest fish, and £5 for the best bay of edible fish have been mentioned. The idea, of course, is to promote the sport to the coming generation and at the same time, give instruction to the parents in Casting, and correct tackle to purchase.

AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSCN. CONVENTION
TEA GARDENS. N.S.W.

When this goes to press the "big do" will be under way. We, in Perth, wish them well.

It is a pity that we are not in a position to be represented at the Convention but must be in future years.

.

W A R N I N G

With Salmon and Herring now in the Southern Waters, many anglers will be heading South after the thrill of the "big ones". We have, on many occasions, given lectures on the dangers of rock and reef fishing, and their importance is shown by the continued drowning accidents. Be careful, and advise others to show caution.

Ron Goodson from Harvey, wrote me some time ago with the suggestion that we contact the National Safety Council regarding placing of "danger signs" at known danger spots.

The National Safety Council advised that they are purely Road Safety, and drownings are out of their field. Charles Court, the member for Nedlands, was most helpful, but the correspondence and "red tape" takes so much time it is

hardly worth it.

The only suggestion I have is that if you know anyone in an official position on some South West Road Board the matter be handed on for their action and the placing of suitable warning signs.

I hope Harvey that you have had some success with your suggestion from your end.

STATE FISHERIES DEPT.

Our very good friend Jim Munroe gave a very interesting talk at our last meeting.

Everyong, I feel, enjoyed the talk, and it also gave us a better understanding of the interesting work being done by this Department.

If you are lucky enough to catch a Herring or Salmon that has a numbered tag attached to it, remember the Fisheries Dept. require both the fish and the tag. Market price for the fish will be paid to you.

D.O. EDWARD.

FIELD DAY REPORT 13th. APRIL '57.

The weather, threatening rain and winds on Friday night and Saturday morning, was kind to us and perfect conditions prevailed on Saturday afternoon and evening. Light rain and heavy cloud however came in with the Southerly breeze early on Sunday morning, the rain luckily only lasting long enough to cause the boys on the beach to batten down hatches and say a few of the nasty things they were thinking.

Eighteen made the trip, seven travelling to the Island on the early boat and eleven on the afternoon run. It was a good omen of things to come and I think augers well for the future of our new club, that of those eighteen members only two were committee men, a great and pleasant change from the days of not so long ago when

the majority on all outings and social events was made up of the same old "Bods" of the committee. It must make Alf Rutland our field day organiser a much more satisfied man to find his hard work and diligence is at last bearing fruit.

Members attending this outing had - I think - the satisfaction of sharing in our best ever field day, both from the social and fish catching angle. Surprising figures and results were recorded, although unfortunately there were still a few washouts on the score board. I think they must be "Panther Payne's Personal Pupils".

The results were as follows:-

K. Mathews	3 Mulloway, 3 Tailer, 3 Herring.	Tot. Wt.	71bs
E. Barker	1 Stingray	"	451bs
N. Smith	2 Tailer	"	71bs
M. Doscas	3 Tailer, 1 Mulloway, 1 Herring, 1 Flathead	"	121bs
J. Graham	14 Tailer, 2 Mulloway	"	231bs
J.R. Graham	5 Tailer	"	10 lbs
? . Tucker	2 Tailer, 4 Mulloway, 1 Flathead, 1 Herring	"	7 lbs
K. Wiggins	2 Tailer, 4 Mulloway, 1 Herring	"	10 lbs
A. Backhouse	6 Tailer, 1 Gurnard	"	19 lbs
M. Coleman	1 Shark (3lbs) 1 Mulloway, 1 Tailer	"	7 1/2 lbs
N. Giles	5 Tailer, 1 Stingray (15 lbs)	"	27 lbs
S. Dimitrios	3 Mulloway, 2 Herring	"	5 1/2 lbs
H. Price	1 Mulloway, 3 Tailer	"	7 lbs
? Podmore	2 Tailer	"	2 1/2 lbs

The members not mentioned are the above named "Panthers Pupils".

Sweepstake Winners:

Heaviest Shark or Ray: E. Barker 451lb Ray.

Heaviest Scale Fish: A. Backhouse 4lb Tailer.

Best Bag: J. Graham 16 Fish.

A small profit was made by the Club on the Trip.

A grand total of 192 lbs of fish was caught, made up of 129 lbs of scale fish, 63 lbs of Shark or Ray.

Tailer	-	48 fish)	
Mulloway	-	19 fish)	
Herring	-	8 fish)	All fish caught on bait
Flathead	-	2 fish)	except the 3 lb Tailer
Gurnard	-	1 fish)	caught on spinner by
Shark	-	1 fish)	myself.
Stingray	-	2 fish)	

The above list is the total number of each variety of fish caught, a very good effort, I think.

In conclusion allow me to thank one and all for 100% co-operation for a good weekend. May we have many more successful field days.

NELSON SMITH.

A TRIP TO COSEY CORNER

Vic Davies, Alan Egan and myself journeyed down on a Saturday afternoon for one week; being the last week in March, we were prepared for wet weather with oilskins and gumboots, but the weather was good to us and sunshine every day.

Fishing in general was good. Plenty of herring, skippies; Vic Davies - as usual - showed his superior skill in the art of catching herring on a single header. The herring were biting very light and several people were fishing for them. Vic was the only one catching them. To our disgust he would call out VICTOR 27, Panther 1, Allan 2, and so it went on.

The first night we left it to Victor to select a spot on the beach to fish - it had already grown dark but, being super-natural, he must have smelt this possie out. On his first cast he hauled in a 3ft. 6ins. shark-Blue Pointer. Then Allan pulled in a beauty 5ft Blue Pointer and Vic had another one on that was out of his class. He swears it was the Anzac Cruiser on its way to Fremantle. I then got onto one and soon got bitten off, as I was fishing with a Sal-mon Rig.

Well, we called it a day and turned in. We had a wonderful camp laid out, a 12 by 10 ft. tent, camp beds, mattresses, table and chairs, and all cooking facilities, rug on the floor and even coat hangers. So you can see, we made it home from home - it was so homely we did not want to go home.

The next evening we went down to the beach and fished in the same possie and burled up with 4 dozen Herring chopped up and I was rubbing my hands with joy as I was in the money - 2/6d. pool for biggest scaled fish and 3 lbs. Buff Bream; and boys I was really rubbing this in and all of a sudden a wild shriek split the still air - it sounded like a Red Indian gone beserk. It sent cold shivers down my spine. I really thought we had been attacked but it was only Vic hooked into a big fish somewhere out there and boys did he put on a song and dance. Vic yelling for the gaff and torch, and on entering the surf we caught the first glimpse of a 50lb. Silver Kingie come through the wave and the torch on him - I tell you boys it was a million dollar sight that one, we'll never forget. Allan went in and gaffed it and brought it up onto the beach. Vic hugged it, he saluted it and even kissed it. The first words he muttered were "If old Natt Knight could only see this, boy!"

Well after the excitement, Allan caught a nice Sea Tailer 3 1/2 lbs. and I got into a stinger, and to all who witnessed this exhibition of skill, I landed this monster on a GRAHAM REEL, with 27lbs. Fisherman Brand. I wanted my photo taken with it, but Vic said "Use it for burley as it only weighed 10 lbs." So you can imagine how I felt after having my arm pulled out, battled for half an hour to get him in.

The following days were spent watching Vic catch Herring and Skippies and Sharks, and after offering 5/- per hour for instruction on how to do it, he would not give the secret away. What we want to know is - "What does he do with his fingers before he baits up?!"

8.

We have a wonderful week -- the best ever.

"PANTHER" PAYNE

Editor's Note: Heard a whisper that "Panther" is being
nominated as next President. Never a dull moment.



SOCIAL & DANCE

SATURDAY, 15th. JUNE

at

CLAREMONT HALL.