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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 penalised 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 within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting.

Arrears of 3 consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

CLUB ACTIVITIESJULY GENERAL MEETING

- WHERE - LES HANSMAN COMMUNITY HALL, Walter Road, Morley
(opposite Coventrys)
- WHEN - WEDNESDAY, 8th July, 8.00 pm.
- INSTRUCTION - This time will be allocated to a general discussion to organise preliminary arrangements to get the organising of the Mandurah 500 for January 1993 under way.

JULY FIELD DAY:

- WHERE - LOCAL
- WHEN - 11th and 12th July
- SIGN ON - 2.00 pm Saturday at the FD officer's house.
- WEIGH IN - 11.00 am Sunday at the FD officer's house. A Barbecue will be held immediately afterwards. Please bring food and drinks. Barbecue facilities will be available.
- BOUNDARIES - North side of the Mandurah River mouth to Two Rocks, and up the Swan River to the down-stream side of the Guildford Bridge.

FOLLOWING FIELD DAY:

- WHERE - ROTTNEST ISLAND
- WHEN - 15th & 16th August
- SIGN ON - At the Caroline Thompson huts prior to going out to West End.
- WEIGH IN - Same location on the Sunday after returning from West End.

OR ALTERNATIVELY:

- WHERE - LOCAL
- WHEN - 15th & 16th August
- SIGN ON - Phone in to the FDO by 8.00pm on the Friday night.
- LINES DOWN - 1.00 pm on the Saturday.
- WEIGH IN - By 10.00 am on the Sunday at G. Holmans house. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by an adult. Results to be phoned in to the FDO by 8.00 pm on the Monday.
- BOUNDARIES - Point Peron to Mindarie Keys.

JULY DRYCASTING DAY

- WHERE - YOKINE RESERVE
- WHEN - SUNDAY 5th July 1992, 8.30 am
- EVENTS - 112 gram Level Line D/H Accuracy
56 gram Level Line S/H Accuracy

SEE YOU ALL AT THE JULY DRYCAST!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By the time you get to read this most of us would have attended the annual dinner dance. I know from past years that this is the premier event of the year, and knowing Nella and Leigh as well as I do I can quite confidently say that we will have had a terrific evening.

To all of you that have participated in the club events over the last 12 months and have won trophies congratulations, and to those who didn't let's all try harder this year.

The August field day will be held at Rotto and the costs will be the same as our last trip. If you haven't been to Rotto before or haven't been for some time make the effort to attend as this is one of the best field days you'll ever attend.

The State Drycasting Championships are on the 28th June and if you can help Peter Osborne he would appreciate any help he can get, it is being held at Wordsworth Oval in Yokine, so see you there.

Several members of the committee have announced that they will not be standing for re-selection next year, so if you wish to help your club, consider joining the committee as new blood with new ideas helps to stimulate enthusiasm in the club, so give it some thought. Our instruction period at the last general meeting was very interesting and I thank Derry for it, even though he probably wished it didn't conclude the way it did with him playing 1000 pickup after his tackle box fell off the chair landing upside down. Our next instruction period will be on next year's Mandurah 500 so if you have any input for this, come along to the next meeting.

John Reeley

GENERAL MEETINGS . . .

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

(SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH)

LES HANSMAN COMMUNITY HALL

Walter Road, Norley

(OPPOSITE COVENTRYS) . . .

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following application for membership has been received. If any member has any objection to this application they must lodge it with a Committee Member before the next General Meeting.

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JUNE DRYCASTING

Very strong Easterly winds made casting pretty tough for the morning.

A good attendance. Thank you to the members in the State Team for making an effort to come down.

Trevor Stam jumped for joy when he hit the Bulls Eye TWICE!!

Ron Thompson showed good form, winning the D/H Accuracy. Well done Ron scoring 112 points.

The State Drycasting Championships are on at Yokine Reserve on 28th June, starting at 8.00 am. All Team members please make an effort to be there by 7.15 am ready for an 8.00 am sharp start.

Bring your flask and lunch as it will be an all day event, finishing about 5.00 pm.

Mal Head

JUNE DRYCASTING

DATE: 7/6/92	112 GRAM			ART BAIT			D/H	S/H	DAY
NAME	1	2	TOTAL	1	2	TOTAL	ACC	ACC	TOTAL
R Thompson	-	79	8	-	79	8	112	-	128
J Strong	86	91	18	61	72	15	66	23	122
Mal Head	99	95	19	80	68	15	19	6	59
E Parker	121	126	25	106	91	20	98	25	168
M Philpot	-	94	9	84	-	8	102	3	122
T Stam	-	91	9	72	71	14	49	20	92
A Hardie	-	66	7	62	50	11	3	-	21
G Reeley	118	114	23	-	-	-	98	5	126
Mike Head	110	115	23	96	-	10	98	21	152
<u>Junior</u>									
D Fitzsimmons	82	83	17	54p	36	8	47	7	79
B Reeley	71p	17	9	30	43	7	36	3	55
N Reeley	60p	56p	10	37	47p	7	23	-	40

112 Gram Winner:	E. Parker	25 Pts
Artificial Bait Winner:	E. Parker	20 Pts
56 Gram Winner:		
D/H Accuracy Winner:	R. Thompson	112 Pts
S/H Accuracy Winner:	E. Parker	25 Pts
112 Gram Open Winner:		
S/H Open Distance Winner:		
Winner of the Day:	E. Parker	168 Pts
Junior Winner:	D. Fitzsimmons	79 Pts
Mini Junior Winner:		

CANSCANSCANS

MEMBERS...Don't forget to save all your empty aluminium cans and bring them along to the club meetings and give them to MALCOLM HEAD. Mal knows what to do with them and through his efforts you (the members) receive the benefits come the annual dinner and dance.

SUPPORT MAL AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB
(Thanks Malcolm Head)

KALBARRI/PORT GREGORY FIELD DAY

30TH MAY - 1ST JUNE

After arriving at Port Gregory, around 11 p.m. Friday night, we had a look at the Jetty. Some nice big yellow fin whiting swimming around, plus big sea mullet in schools chasing the whiting. We went back to the 4x4, had a couple of beers and went to sleep in the front of the car.

Waking up in the morning we had a cup of coffee and toast, then drove up the beach towards Half Way Bay and found a nice hole to fish, but it was weeded up in some places.

Arriving back in town we sat around for a while waiting for John and his children to arrive from Kalbarri, after driving down from Steep Point of Friday. They had slept at the club house before coming to the sign on.

Total attendance, 3 seniors and 3 juniors - What a great roll up for a club like Surfcasters!! We had a team going at one stage, what happened to the rest of them?

We fished Wagoie and caught no fish. Malcolm and I stayed out all Saturday night and fished Sunday till 9.00a.m. and still no fish. So we packed up and headed to Kalbarri to fish with John and the boys, and still no fish! John fished Chinamans and the Blue Hole and still no fish!!

We went down to the tackle shop and he said there were plenty of fish down Witticarra Creek, so we decided to give it a go. Not a soul in sight so we fished it... still no fish!!

Ben and his daughters fished and didn't get a touch, so we packed up Monday and headed home fishless. What has happened to club field days? Where are all the members? It is the same old club members doing the things for this club. I am very disappointed with this club and so are some other people.

Graham Reeley

FIELD DAY RESULTS

VENUE :- Wagoie - Kalbarri DATE :- 30th/31st May (June LWE)
ATTENDANCE :- Seniors 5 Visitors 0
 Juniors 3 Total 10
 Mini/Juniors 2

TOTAL FISH WEIGHT :- 6.60 kg
 T D'Alonzo 126 pts 6.60 kg
 G Reeley 20
 J Reeley 20
 M Head (Sr) 20
 B Teh 20

Juniors
 Brett Reeley 20 Pts
 Nicole Reeley 20
 Caroline Teh 10
Mini Juniors
 Scott Reeley 10
 Rachael Teh 10

FIELD DAY PRIZES

Best Bag of Scale Fish :- T D'Alonzo 6.60 kg

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

Heaviest Bag of Scale Fish T D'Alonzo 16.60 kg Mixed
 Heaviest Scale Fish T D'Alonzo 2.90 kg Mulloway

SENIOR TOP TEN :-

T D'Alonzo 283
 J Reeley 210
 M Wiggins 181
 G Reeley 172
 M Head (Jr) 172
 M Head (Sr) 169
 P Osborne 127
 I Taggart 113
 P Booth 98
 D Barber 93

JUNIORS :-

B Reeley 101
 B Taggart 44
 G Taggart 43
 N Reeley 40
 C Teh 10
MINI-JUNIORS :-
 S Reeley 85
 R Teh 10

FIELD DAY COMPETITION
1992/93

SECTION.	<u>JUNE</u>		
1) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1st 6mths)	- S Reeley M/J	SALMON	4.55 kg
2) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2nd 6mths)	-		
3) MOST MERITORIOUS FISH	-		
4) HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5kg min)	-		
5) HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1kg min)	- Tony D'Alonzo		2.90 kg
6) HEAVIEST TAILOR (1kg min)	-		
7) HEAVIEST SALMON (3kg min)	- S Reeley M/J		4.55 kg
8) HEAVIEST TREVALLY (1kg min)	-		
9) HEAVIEST MACKERAL	-		
10) HEAVIEST BAG - SCALE FISH	- J Reeley		15.00 kg
11) HEAVIEST BAG - MULLOWAY	- Tony D'Alonzo		2.90 kg
12) HEAVIEST BAG - TAILOR	- P Booth		2.68 kg
13) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH S/H ROD 4kg b/s Line max	-		
14) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH 2kg min Other Than Sect 3 - 9, & 13	-		

TRY PARTICIPATING MORE...
... YOU MIGHT Enjoy Yourself!

OPEN COMPETITION 1992/93

- 1) MOST-MERITORIOUS FISH
- 2) HEAVIEST SHARK - (4.5kg min)
- 3) HEAVIEST MULLOWAY - (3.0kg min)
M White, 10.00 kg. 4oz sinker, Mulie 3/50 rig, 35 Vo line,
False Entrance.
- 4) HEAVIEST SALMON - (3.0kg Min)
- 5) HEAVIEST DHUFISH
- 6) HEAVIEST TAILOR - (1.0kg min)
- 7) HEAVIEST SAMSON FISH
- 8) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - S/H Rod (4kg or 9lb line max)
I Cook, 3.80 kg Salmon. Mulie, 3.91 Pretest line,
Emu Springs, Augusta.
- 9) HEAVIEST PINK SNAPPER
G Holman, 4.00 kg. Mulie Snapper rig, 4 oz Sinker, 17lb line,
False Entrance.
- 10) HEAVIEST TARWHINE - (Silver Bream)
- 11) HEAVIEST MACKERAL
D. Macted, Spanish Mackerel. Balloon rig, Gardie, 40lb line,
False Entrance.
- 12) HEAVIEST TREVALLY - (Southern 1.0kg min)
- 13) HEAVIEST TREVALLY - (Northern 1.0kg min)
- 14) HEAVIEST SNOOK/PIKE
- 15) HEAVIEST SCALE FISH - Other Than Sections 2-14 (2.0kg min)

ROTTNEST FIELD DAY - MAY

Hi folks! Bob again, this time a report on the Rotto stop-over weekend, 3 juniors and seventeen adults attended. The morning was quite brisk and the sea was flat with an almost negligible swell. Once all the confusion of paying fares and loading luggage was achieved, which by the way took two loading cages, we set sail for the "run" across. It took 40 minutes and upon arrival we were met at the jetty by a rather large ex-government bus, and a five tonne truck which was really needed. We were then transported to the accommodation units, which consisted of a six-bed area with a stainless steel kitchen unit, a table and chairs at one end, all covered in canvas on a concrete floor, off one end was a self contained toilet block to every unit, it was very cosy, warm and clean.

Twelve o'clock came as did the truck and bus, and the drivers, who never seemed to tire of trying to please us during our stay. Off we all went via the South side of the island. Some of us hopped off near Parker Point and the rest of the energetic team carried on to Radar Reef and Ricey Beach. Back at the first stop a few salmon and species had been caught at the outer edge of the reef, where it was pleasant fishing as the tide was on the way out. Nothing much happened at Radar Reef as the big ones did not turn up. Ricey Beach had herring and it was hard to catch any other species as the herring beat the rest to it. The pick up time was seven o'clock that evening and progressed until everyone was successfully picked up; tea was about eight o'clock, lights went out at about ten thirty to eleven o'clock, after a hearty meal!

Pick up time the next morning was seen through many a red eye at five thirty, one hour or so before sun up. Those unfailing drivers there to do the job again. This time the salmon turned up near Parker Point, and a good and hectic time was had by all, a few stomped off the reef in disgust with breakups etc. Large tailor were seen to be running with the salmon and several bite offs were had because of lack of trace or light species rigs. Species fish were quite plentiful but the Herring did not appear to be there. Out at Ricey Beach Derry Barber was heard to remark that you could have walked across the water on their backs, they were so thick in the area. Radar did not fire, but some good break offs were had on yellow tailed sea kingies. Not much info was available, to the writer, as it seemed no one was in the mood or that they didn't have any stories. The average size species had been hooked by a few members. Back at Parker Point, Eric (of the same name) had a five plus kg tailor say tat-tar to him on the edge of the reef. I myself had a tailor bite off a single hook - no trace. Then another bite off, the torpedo lead on the way in, changed to tailor rig, and nothing turned up - such is the luck!

Fourteen salmon were taken home, loads of herring, and in amongst that lot 8 different species had been caught - whiting and skippy were scarce, mainly because of the glut of herring, but they will be able to grow bigger and better for the next time. The total amount of fish caught was 122 kilo, not bad for the group. Just imagine what it would have been if Radar had fired - the mind boggles!

Well, eleven thirty came and so did the transport. pick up this time was a big load up, as one esky took four men to load it on. and a few others were not much better. We had a pleasant round trip of the island via Radar. and on to Ricey as Derry was into the herring once again. Which, by the way, he gave to one of the members who subsequently filleted and gave them away to four groups of aged pensioners, who express their thanks and gratitude to those club members, as they don't get much chance to have fresh fish. Having picked up the last member of the fishing tribe we went back to the hut for lunch and clean up. Back came the bus once again, as the truck had been left at the campsite loaded. We were then transported to the jetty for the return journey, and with a slight south wester blowing we all safely departed at four o'clock. arriving back at Hillaries, our place of departure. to face the confusion of unloading.

The weekend had been a huge success, thanks to the fine weather and the organisation of Ian Cook on the mainland and Derry Barber and crew on the island. There were no injuries to speak of except a blood blister Malcolm Head acquired on the reef wrestling with a salmon - poor Mal.

Well, that about sums it up. can't wait to get back once again. real true value for money weekend - no car problems - no petrol - good fishing and above all great companionship! Why don't you try it. the more the merrier as the saying goes - and the cheaper it becomes. The next trip back is on August the 16th and 17th. So start organising it now and you won't miss out on another great club outing.

Cheerio. Bob

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MACKERAL ISLAND REPORT

I was asked to give a rundown on the Mackerel Islands. As I had a deadline of only one day, the pen is in overdrive!

WHERE ARE THEY?

The Mackerel Islands are a group comprising of 10 Islands situated 22km offshore from Onslow, which comes under the Shire of Ashburton which runs an area of 105,647 square kilometres. Onslow itself is 1400 km from Perth, and the road is fully sealed. The main Island, Thevenard, is a coral atoll 6km long and 1.5km wide. Accommodation is also available on a nearby island called Direction Island.

ACCOMMODATION

Onslow has a range of accommodation, from the Caravan Park which we stayed in at \$50.00 per day for 3 persons, or the units that are about \$80.00 per night. Thevenard Island has a range of units that can hold up to 9 persons, from \$480 - \$620 in prime time per person in the best unit. Out of 10, I would give it a ten and there are three units like this. You may think this to be a lot of money, but within this you are supplied all the food that you can eat, the pantry is full all the time. All you do is request the food and drinks (no grog) that you have used and they are replaced. You can even have a roast! We lived like Kings! When you consider all the equipment that you have to take when you go to other fishing spots; cooking equipment, tents to set up, water, fuel, fridge, ice---- you know all that gear you have to take for 7 days. All you require to take is a sleeping bag, a tee shirt, shorts and fishing gear. You get off the boat about 12 noon and are fishing by 1 pm. I had a coral trout within the first 5 minutes of putting a lure in the water, and that is no bull!! Its a dream! Also within this price a 13ft dinghy with a 9.9HP motor which is more than adequate for all the fishing around the Island and all the fuel that your require.

FISH HA HA

You may ask, after a days catch, how do you store it? Filleting tables are on the beach, and lots of freezer bags to put your fillets in. You walk about 300mts to a large walk in freezer. At the end of the week large rice bags are supplied so that you can transport your fish back to Onslow. You then have two options: you can buy 12 kilos of chipped ice for \$12.00, or get Ashburton fisheries to transport to Perth for approximately 40cents a kilo. When you consider that coral trout is \$13 a kilo in Perth and I had 3 at 5 kilos...not bad value!!

This should give you a bit of back ground to the story to come in the next "Reel Talk". Just to whet your mad fishing brains: 40lb sharks out of 13ft dinghies, 3kg spangled emperor off the beach, blue fin tuna boiling the water just in front of your cabin, and mean-hitting mangrove jacks that bust you off before you can flinch!!!

King Skippy

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS SOON
GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT!**

Recipe...

HALF BAKE

Ingredients:

- 1 x Tasty Clubroom in ideal surroundings.
 120 people in 5 categories
- (a) 10 x "Let's make it happen" people
 - (b) 10 x "We'll make it happen" people
 - (c) 80 x "We couldn't give a stuff" people
 - (d) 15 x "What happened??" people
 - (e) 5 x "I'm not sure what's going on, but let's stop it anyway" people

Method:

Instruct category (a) people to locate and secure a modern facility in an excellent location at a give-away price. Enlist category (b) people to make the move smoothly. While this is going on sprinkle category (e) people evenly around so category (a) and (b) can not release their full flavour. Category (c) and (d) people add body to the recipe and fill the plate - they can be added at any time.

Caution:

Although the recipe is simple - with few ingredients, the secret is in knowing which people fall into each category.

Taste Test:

After sampling this recipe, the taste was a bit bland with a tinge of bitterness. By deleting category (e) you can remove the bitter taste and allow categories (a) and (b) to develop to their full sweet flavour. Every effort should be made to trim off excess flab from all categories.

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KEEP YOUR KNIFE SHARP

The following article appeared in "REEL TALK" thirty years ago. The subject matter is just as relevant today as it was then and is reproduced particularly for new or younger club members, in addition to those older members who never mastered their knife sharpening skills. The Author of the article is not known.

Basil Marsh

DON'T BLAME THE BLADE

How often have you heard a mate complaining or saying "This darn thing wouldn't cut butter" or some such like remark, which in most cases it isn't the knife itself that is at fault, but the task of sharpening same was not done properly, or not done at all. For although most of us use a knife every day of the week, and more often on fishing trips, rare indeed is the Bod that knows how to sharpen his knife properly, which can effect a saving in time, effort and most of all - temper, and it is invariably the blunt knife which cuts its owner. This is mainly due to the fact of the knife not cutting into the material, but because of its lack of ability to cut, it slips - and out comes the Band Aid.

There are only two basic rules for proper blade sharpening. Firstly, bevel the cutting edge down to a gradual taper and secondly, make the finish of the edge agree with the type of cutting you expect to do. The first rule is merely an application of an ancient physics principal, but has caused more or a greater loss of temper and wholesale discarding of knives than all the faulty metal produced by knife manufacturers. This principal is aptly illustrated when you stick an ice pick and a wedge in the ground. The pick slips in effortlessly, because it offers less resistance to the ground, while the bulk of the wedge forces you to exert a great deal more pressure to push it into the ground. Now picture the same effect in the cross section of a knife blade, but magnify it and you will see why you had so much trouble trying to fillet that fish, and why a razor blade could cut so readily.

Most knives are machine sharpened before they are packed for sale and the resulting edge is a perfect illustration of how "not" to sharpen a knife. The blade tapers down only slightly towards the cutting edge and then goes into an accentuated "V" edge that can hardly be forced into the material to be cut. Then, to further aggravate the conditions, when you do sharpen the knife, since it is easier to simply sharpen the actual cutting edge, we grind it into an even wider "V" and the knife gets progressively and more rapidly dull.

If, when you sharpen a blade, you take that little bit of extra time and energy required to grind the "bilge curve" just above the cutting edge and so make a blade edge that gradually tapers into the cutting edge - you will be repaid your energy and effort many times when the time comes to use the blade.

The second sharpening rule is to keep the degree of the cutting edge to the type of work you require it to do, and as most of us require a very fine and sharp edge the degree of taper to the edge must as a consequence be fine. A knife cuts because of the multitude of minute saw-tooth serrations that make up its cutting edge. Magnified, your blade looks like a saw, and the size that these teeth should be is determined by the taper you require or work you are going to do with the blade.

This degree of edge finish will be determined by the coarseness of the sharpening stone used. The most desirable sharpening stone is the two texture type oilstone with a rough and fine side. The rough is used only for rough grinding and for beginning the proper taper. The fine side of the stone is for finishing after the proper taper has been obtained. A light machine oil should always be used on the stone since it fuses the abrasive around the face being sharpened and gives the blade a smoother finish.

After your knife blade is sharpened to your satisfaction, it should be finished off on a piece of leather. An old belt or leather strap will do once it has been smoothed down by a few strokes of the knife. Strop the blade in one direction for each side only. The degree of sharpness of your blade can be tested quite easily by holding a strip of newspaper in one hand and dragging the knife lightly across it. If the blade catches and rips the paper, the finish is too coarse and should be stropped or sharpened to a finer degree. If it makes a clean slicing cut through the paper the blade is ready for any cutting job including shaving. (Though I wouldn't really recommend it)

Both the coarse sharpening and the preliminary fine sharpening should be done with a rotary motion of the blade and with the blade slanted away from the stone enough to give a long tapering cross section to the blade. Begin at the blade tip and work slowly back towards the handle, always keeping the same constant circular grinding motion.

Each time you sharpen your knife maintain the same taper by grinding off metal towards the back of the blade. If you get lazy and cut down the taper angle, you will only pay for it later when you cut with the knife - by finding that the edge quickly loses its cutting ability, and you have all the work before you again by bringing your blade up to how you really want it.

The final fine sharpening strokes should be in one direction, towards the cutting edge - in order to avoid a fuzzy edge which comes when your cutting edge is coming to its sharpest point. You can feel its fuzzy edge by running your finger or thumbnail towards the edge of the blade. The two essentials to keeping your knife sharp are to keep the bevel angle small and to finish the sharpening on a very fine oilstone or leather. To verify these two simple rules, the next time you are at your hairdresser, ask him and I am sure he will demonstrate to you quite readily what the rules of taper and leather stropping do to a blade edge, for if anyone has to have a sharp cutting instrument it is the hairdresser.

I would suggest to all members that when they go angling they carry two knives. I have done so for quite a while, and I find it most useful. One I carry in a sheath which is razor sharp and never used, unless I really need it - which invariably happens because I always seem to be losing or misplacing in the dark the other. The second knife is a small, flat bladed knife, which is just as sharp at the beginning of an angling jaunt as the other but by constant use, cutting bait on sand covered boards or stone etc. etc., at the end of a fishing trip usually ends up with the edge taken off it. But by sharpening as had been mentioned in this article, neither of these knives take much of an effort to bring back to good order.