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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS

The monthly GENERAL MEETING is usually held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 8 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting to keep up with all the club matters.

DRYCASTING:

Drycasting competitions 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 for 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 Officers duty to inform the Committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh - in. It is the Committees duty to decide what action is to be taken. Disputes may be taken to the Committee. Entries for Game Fish Badges, Club Records and Open Fishing Competition must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

GENERAL ETIQUETTE:

If any member intends to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Please assist the Treasurer by paying your annual subscription within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting. Arrears of three consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

LIFE MEMBERS:

V.DAVIS, J.STRONG, D.EDWARDS, B.KLEIN
L.DUNN, G. HOLMAN, E.PARKER



THE SURF CASTING AND ANGLING CLUB OF W.A. (INC.) GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 9/4/97

The meeting was opened at 8-04 p.m. by President Alan Brayne with 31 members present
Apologies were received from:- Jimmy Strong and Ian Pilton.

Visitors:- Nil.

Minutes of the last general meeting were read and accepted.

Business arising from the last general meeting:- Nil.

Minutes of the last committee meeting were read and accepted.

Business arising from the last committee meeting:- Bylaws. Derry Harbor had 3 questions relating to the fishing bylaws and George Holman had one on the dry casting bylaws. All 4 questions were satisfactorily answered by Vice President Daryl Halton. President Alan Brayne then asked the members present to pass the bylaws in block form for both the fishing and drycasting, subject to a few minor alterations to wording etc.

The motion was passed by more than a 75% majority of the members present. Field-day venues was the next item on the agenda and after some discussion, it was moved by George Holman, 2nd Basil Marsh that the field-days be accepted as they were presented to the members present. Passed by 75% of the members present.

Fish weights for the open section was another point raised and after discussion it was decided to raise the minimum weight for Malloway from 1 kg to 2 kg. Southern Trevally weight was reduced from 1.0 kg to 0.75 kg. Moved by Ian Cook, 2nd Peter Osborne that the afore mentioned fish weights be adopted. Carried.

Inward correspondence:- A.A.A. meeting minutes, plus a list of affiliated clubs, Rainbow Beach information. State Boat Angling Championships to be held on the 26-4-97. Report on the Southern Coastal Waters Study from the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Outward correspondence:- Nil.

Treasurer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.

Business arising from the Treasurer's report:- Nil.

Property officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk. 4 bookings have been cancelled since we introduced the \$100-00 bond on the Kalbarri house. Maybe this is too much and we should think a little harder on the subject.

Dry casting officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk. Don Batchelor asked to have dry casting included onto the membership drive card which is to be placed into tackle shops.

Field-day officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk. Emma Springs field-day. Key to gate will be available from 4-00 pm on Thursday 24-4-97. Ring F.D.O. for further information. Peter Osborne advised that the State Beach and Rock competition are to be held on the 24th and 25th of May with the boundaries being between Augusta and Busselton. If you are interested in participating in a team, please contact the F.D.O.

Reel Talk Report:- Nil

A.A.A. Report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.

Notice of Motion:- Nil.

Recorder:- Mark Farnay is the winner of the Scooba lure Tailor competition which finished at the end of March. Another lure competition which runs from the 1-4-97 to 30-4-98 has been donated by Chris Scobles for the heaviest Salmon, Tailor and the heaviest scale fish. Each winner will receive 3 Scooba lures. Darren Batchelor lodged an entry for a record, with a Salmon of 6.4 kgs caught on 2.0 kg line. Well done Darren. George Holman has already entered a 4.9 kg Salmon in the current Scooba lure competition.

Social Organisers Report:- Mouse racing night the 9th of May at the same venue as previously held. **Be There.** Phil is going to write a report on the field-day with the Geraldton Angling Club and publish it in the Reel Talk.

Instruction:- No instruction period. Discussion and approval of fishing venues for the coming 97 / 98 year.

General business:- George Holman reported on a recent trip down south where he spent the weekend with Ray Walker from Busselton. While the club down there has only a small membership, all were interested in the dry casting and very keen to learn. Maybe a fishing comp. could be organised with them. George caught his Salmon record while he was there. Dave Maxted expressed his disapproval on paying club members who take on positions within the club. Other club members agreed with Dave's opinion that no member should be paid. Alan Brayne gave a brief report on his recent trip to Esperance. Conditions there were windy, to say the least. Mal. Head gave the treasurer \$148-00 from the sale of cans and \$60-00 from the sale of sinkers. Mal. told me that the bulk of the cans came from Terry Willison.

The meeting closed at 10-08 pm.

Phone Books:- A decision is to be made at the May meeting whether to deliver the books. Think about it.





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We would like to thank the following trophy donors, both club members and individuals for their past support of our club and it's activities

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We now need trophy's for the 1997 presentation night and ask that anyone interested in donating a trophy to the club contact Eric Parker- club treasurer.



STATE ROCK AND BEACH CHAMPIONSHIP

CAPE TO CAPE AREA.

24 th - 25 th MAY



The club has performed well in these comps in the past and the committee would like to see a strong teams fielded in these titles. It would be great if we can put teams in all the sections Seniors, Veterans, Ladies Juniors and M/Juniors.

The Salmon were running hot down there last weekend so they my still be there in May. You don't need to be a "gun" angler as this is a teams event. It is also a good social and educational weekend seeing the equipment and technics members of other clubs use.

If you are interested then give Cookie Monster a ring and put your name down.



There is one berth left for Rottnest if anyone is interested in going. Ring the FDO if you wish to go as I have to arrange ferry tickets. Salmon have also been caught at Rottnest recently.



Word of the Month: For the Field Day officers' journals... All fish must be Eviscerated..... prior to weigh - in .

(Answer next issue).Who said fisho's don't read books?

MAY GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: M.V.A.S.G. Club Room at Ingelwood Aquatic Centre
Alexander Drive
WHEN: Wednesday 14th May 1997 at 2000 hrs
INSTRUCTION: Joe From Joe's Tackle On Custom Rod Building And Lures

MAY DRYCASTING

WHERE: Yokine Reserve corner of Alexander Drive and Wordsworth Avenue
WHEN: 4th May 1997
EVENTS: TBA

APRIL FIELD DAY



BEST SOLUNAR DATES



WHERE: Emu Springs
WHEN: 25th - 27th April 1997
SIGN ON: Emu Springs Camping Site 1300hrs Friday 25th April
WEIGH IN: Emu Springs Camping Site 1000hrs Sunday 27th April
BOUNDARIES: As far as you wish to go east or west along the beach or on the track behind the sand dunes.

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR MAY

BEST SOLUNAR DATES

WHEN: 25th - 27th April 1997
SIGN ON: Phone in sign on to A. F.D.O. by 2000 hrs on the Thursday night,
LINES DOWN: Friday 1300 HRS
WEIGH IN: SUNDAY 1000 HRS G.Holmans house. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by a adult. **FD Money to be left with the scales in an envelope with name. NO MONEY, NO POINTS.** Results to be phoned into the F.D officer by 2000 hrs that night.
BOUNDARIES: NORTH MOLE TO OCEAN REEF

(PLEASE NOTE ; RING ASSITANT F.D.O. FOR LOCAL FIELD DAY)

MAY FIELD DAY

BEST SOLUNAR DATES

WHERE: Rottnest
WHEN: 17th - 18th May 1997
SIGN ON: (Please note : Time of departure is 1000hrs 17th May at North Port.....PLEASE be - there 30 Minotes Prior to departure to load gear into crates ..Parking Avaliable at terminal at a cost of \$4-00 per day ..The area is locked, but no security.....
WEIGH IN: Estimated time Back...1600hrs North Port Sunday 18th May)
BOUNDARIES: (1 Place still available if you wish to attend ring F.D.O.)

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR MAY

BEST SOLUNAR DATES

WHEN: 17th - 18th MAY
SIGN ON: Phone in sign on to F.D.O. by 2000 hrs on the FRIDAY night,
LINES DOWN: SATURDAY. 1300 HRS
WEIGH IN: SUNDAY 1000 HRS G.Holmans house. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by a adult. **FD Money to be left with the scales in an envelope with name. NO MONEY, NO POINTS.** Results to be phoned into the F.D officer by 2000 hrs that night.
BOUNDARIES: NORTH MOLE TO OCEAN REEF

Please Note: Local Field day for APRIL Please ring Assistant Field Day Officer On Ph 247 1745...By 2000hrs Thursday Night.....



Please Note: May General Meeting Joe From **JOE'S TACKLE** will be Holding an Instruction on **CUSTOM ROD BUILDING AND LURES.....**



Please Note: Rottnest Field Day in May has 1 Vacancy Left . If you wish to attend Please contact Ian Cook A.S.A.P.....



S.C.A.C. Recorders Report



G'day Folks.

The Easter break is well over and you are back at work earning a quid . For those of you with young kids I'm sure you will spend some time with them and take them camping and fishing . Remember they do grow up very soon and you would have missed a lot of good opportunities . To continue from the general meeting , Mark Farnay was awarded the Scoob Lure for his effort in capturing a Tailor at 1,650 kgs . The entries of Darren Batchelor have been registered , scales and line checked and verified , and stand good .The line ratio stands at **2** to 1 ,Heaviest Salmon and Heaviest Fish Single Handed Rod .Congratulations Darren a magnificent entry for every section .

I have received the first entry for the Scoob Lure competition , that started April 97 upto the 30 April 98 , from George Holman a 4.9 kg Salmon on 8 kg BS line . Good effort George . I have seen the photographs of the entire catch and there were big fish . There is a skill in using lures and working the waters spend some time and ask George for some good tips . Our illustrious President is still to submit his entries , will keep you posted .Keep the entries coming it keeps me ticking

OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES



| | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------|------------|---------------|
| 1. | Most Meritorious Fish | | | | | |
| 2. | Heaviest Shark | 4.5kg Min | G.Holman | 27.1 kg | 20 kg line | Steep Point |
| 3. | Heaviest Mulloway | 3.5kg Min | M.Head | 13.2 kg | 16kg line | Kalbarri |
| 4. | Heaviest Salmon | | D. Batchelor | 6.3 kg | 2 kg line | Warren Beach |
| | 3kg Min | | | | | |
| 5. | Heaviest Dhufish | | | | | |
| 6. | Heaviest Tailor | | Sid Whiting | 2.65 kgs | 6 kg line | Kalbarri |
| 7. | Heaviest Samson | | | | | |
| 8. | Heaviest Fish S/H Rod | | D.Batchelor | 6.3 kg | 2 kg line | Warren Beach |
| | (4 kg L.class) | | | | | |
| 9. | Heaviest Pink Snapper | | G.Holman | 4.1 kg | 20 kg line | Steep Point |
| 10. | Heaviest Tarwhine | | Rom Niciejewski | 0.6 kg | 3 kg line | Warren Bh |
| 11. | Heaviest Mackerel | | G.Holman | 15.3 k | 20kg line | Steep Point |
| 12. | Heaviest Trevally (S) | .750g Min | | | | |
| 13. | Heaviest Trevally (N) | 1kg Min | Rom.Niciejewski | 7.0 kg | 6 kg line | Cape Leveque. |
| 14. | Heaviest Snook/Pike | | | | | |
| 15. | Heaviest Scale Fish | 2kg Min | N.Anticich | 5.1 kg | 7 kg line | Cape Leveque. |
| | other than sections 2 thru 14 . | | | | | |



Ian " MACCA " Mascarenhas .



SOCIAL REPORT

Hello fellow Surfcasters, well... another month has nearly shot by. I hope you have all got the 9th of May pencilled in your diary's and calenders. Whats special about the 9th of May?????? **MOUSE NIGHT. REMEMBER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**Friday night 7.00pm Carine reserve hall..Beach road Carine (opposite Carine Glades Shopping Centre). Please see Ad in this issue.

This is the last Reel Talk you will get before the event so..... if you haven't got your tickets yet....you had better get a move on. Tickets will also be available at the door.

As I have stated in the last 2 Reel Talks.....these are a great night out and with your support again, it will be a successful night for the club, **YOUR CLUB**.


Tickets are on sale now for \$5.00 per person. Kids are free (under 16). Get a table together and have a great evening out.

We will have a great raffle prize again this year..... plus a door prize, so keep your numbered tickets. A full bar again at great club prices. Hot dogs, tea & coffee are all included again, in the ticket cost.

A special give away is also on the cards. Even got a surprise guest this year so please... don't miss out. Last years was very good, lets make this one GREAT.

Please call me (Phil) on 4476669 after hours or on my mobile 0418920307 to book your tickets.


THE MORE THE MERRIER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!HOPE WE SEE YOU THERE AGAIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The tickets for the Dinner Dance have been ordered. 

I went to have a listen to an entertainer for this function last week with our President, Alan Brayne, to see if he would be suitable for our evening. I certainly thought he would be, and so did Alan. I have been in contact with him and have asked him to pencil us in, to his schedule. I will be discussing this with committee, and we will make a decision on this.

Talking about the Dinner Dance/Trophy night, this is not that far away either, 28th June. I have made a suggestion to the rest of the committee, regarding the pricing of the tickets for this night.....I am hoping for a decision on this shortly and, will let you all know, as soon as possible. For those that don't know, it will be held, once again at the Wembley Lodge, I have been in touch with the Owner/Manager of the Lodge this week, and he is sending me out this years menu, which I will put in the next Reel Talk and we can get our meals organised.

I have got a couple more events planned for later but lets get the above two out of the way first, I will let you know what is planned for the future in next months Reel Talk.

Thanks for reading 
Phil Brayne



Ps. See you all at the Carine Hall for a squeaky clean time.



Application for membership.

The following application has been brought before the committee for approval. If any member has any reason for not accepting the new applicant, they should contact a committee person and state their reasons.

Luciano Trebse
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Hi,
 Welcome to another month in Drycasting.
 Last month saw the finale of another **casting year**. I would personally thank all the casters who participated through the year. However it would be nice to see some newer faces attend occasionally.. Remember, casting is not only competition but also an opportunity to try out your Rods N Reels and receive free advice. As the **new comp. starts in May** we shall adopt the new rules which were voted on at the April meeting.. Thanks to all the members who contributed in the alterations of these rulings. Last but not least, the Bonus Sportsman of the Year points is up for grabs, for those who break the 120 metre mark in the distance events. So don't miss out!

TOP TEN Drycasters Scores.

- D. Batchelor 2217
- G. Holman 2199
- M. Head 1965
- R. Killick 1784
- D. Batchelor 1748
- J. Strong 1648
- B. Henderson 1608
- T. Stam 1536
- E. Parker 1202
- G. G/Sleeve 1127



April 4th Drycasting.....

Winners for the Day were as follows.....
 Senior events... Darren Batchelor
 Vets.events..... Don Batchelor
 Mini juniors.... Daniel Stoeckel.



DRYCASTING REPORT APRIL 4th 1997



| | <u>112 Gram Event</u> | | | <u>Artificial Bait</u> | | | D/H Acc | S/H Acc | Total |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|--------|-------|---------|-----------|------------|
| | Cast 1 | Cast 2 | Total | Cast 1 | Cast 2 | Total | | | |
| B.Hend'sn | 116 | 111 | 23 | 86 | 90 | 18 | 111 | 20 | 172 |
| G.G'sleeve | 0 | 130 | 13 | 97 | 100 | 20 | 112 | 21 | 166 |
| D. Batch'lr | 145 | 140 | 28 | 96 | 0 | 10 | 115 | 28 | 183 |
| E.Parker | 121 | 118 | 24 | 92 | 96 | 19 | 99 | 26 | 168 |
| S.Pilton | 0 | 116 | 12 | 94 | 0 | 9 | 79 | 15 | 115 |
| M.Head | 116 | 97 | 21 | 0 | 89 | 9 | 115 | 16 | 161 |
| A.Thor'son | 88 | 0 | 9 | 67 | 62 | 13 | 46 | 4 | 72 |
| J.Strong | 95 | 0 | 9 | 69 | 76 | 14 | 121 | 18 | 162 |
| D.Batch'lor | 108 | 108 | 22 | 84 | 78 | 16 | 131 | 24 | 193 |
| R.Killick | 0 | 93 | 9 | 79 | 0 | 8 | 110 | 14 | 141 |
| T.Stam | 90 | 92 | 18 | 80 | 82 | 16 | 101 | 22 | 157 |

Mini JUNIORS

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|----|---|-----------|
| D. Stoecke | -32 | -35 | 17 | 23 | 23 | 5 | 25 | 0 | 37 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|----|---|-----------|

- 112 Gram Winner** Darren Batchelor
- Art. Bait Winner** Gary Gildersleeve
- D/H Accuracy Winner** Don Batchelor
- S/H Accuracy winner** Darren Batchelor
- Mini Junior Winner** Daniel Stoeckel

★ **Winner of the Day**
 Don Batchelor

Next Events 112 gram 56 gram D/H and S/H Accuracy.

AMNESIA VICTIMS fall foul to forgetfulness.

The following members are politely requested to pay monies owing for the **December** Field Day in 1996.



- John Agnello..Mark Farnay..
 - Morris Kolman..Roy Killick..
 - Simon Dragacevich..
 - The Whiting Family.. The Hooper family..
- Please pay monies owing to the F.D.O at the next General Meeting!



Going fishing



Gone.....Fishin



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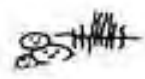
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Whats New in the World of I.G.F.A.

| Species | Line class. | Fish weight. | Area and date | Angler-- |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Queenfish | 3kg | 7.200 kg | Mackerals 15/8/96 | Peter Babarskas |
| | 8kg | 10. 00kg | Willie Ck. 8/7/96 | Laurie Chadden |
| Tiger Shark | 24kg | 579.50kg | Swansea 1/6/96 | Trent Vischer |
| Pink Snapper | 10kg | 14.60kg | Adelaide 18/9/96 | Bruta. |



A total of 82 All-Tackle records (**the heaviest catch of a species**) were among the 383 World game fish records passed in and approved in 1996. There are now 560 different species showing..in this category. The 3kg line class was the numerical leader of all the categories. There were a total of 67 line class marks. (44 Saltwater and 23 Freshwater.)

Held at: CARINE RESERVE HALL,
BEACH ROAD, CARINE.



The second **SURFCASTERS CUP !!!!!**

Mouse Racing

and *FUN*draising Evening.

THE LAST ONE WAS BIG!

THIS ONE IS EVEN BIGGER!

DONT MISS OUT!

7.00PM FRIDAY THE 9th OF MAY 1997



Tickets \$ 5.00 per person

Inclusive: Entry to the Racing Arena.... 1 free Racing guide, 1 free Hot Dog.
Numbered ticket winner will win **DOOR PRIZE.**

Contact Phil Brayne **NOW!** to reserve your table.
447 6669 or Mobile No. 041 8920307.



A.A.A. OF W.A. REPORT



There was a smaller attendance of delegates at the April meeting of the above, 19 persons were in attendance. The president of the A.A.A. expressed concern, and would like to draw this matter to the attention of Club Presidents, as we need active club delegates present, which will benefit us all.

A report was tabled by a special group, dealing with water safety along our coastline because, of the loss of lives due to boating, or similar accidents over the last twelve months. Their recommendation was that any vessel, ie. Water skis, wind—surfers ect. must carry an E.P.I.R.B. if they venture out more than 400 metres from the shore.

Delegates found that this was not practical, and made a recommendation of 2 kilometres. The executive has recommended that we run the Mandurah 500 fishing competition ourselves, and also the Fishing clinic, and will be asking for involvement from club delegates and members. The hope is, that the total profits will go to the A.A.A. of W.A. fund which badly needs a boost.

We are looking at running the Black Bream comp in conjunction with Garry Shugg at the Complete Fisherman in Nedlands around June.

Also a Mulloway competition is to be organised through Victoria Park Tackle for November.

An approach is to be made to the "Got - One" group to sponsor a Tailor competition around January next year.

Dry casting officer George Holman, reported on the recent casting group meeting held at his home last month. Only twelve casters attended, which was disappointing, and he hopes to see an improvement in these figures in the future. At this stage, ten (10) casters are definitely going to Queensland,.....eight (8) of these are Surfeaster Members. Darren and Don Batchelor, Mal Head, Jim Strong, Trevor Stuu, Bob Henderson, Peter Osborne, George Holman, and possibly one of our lady members who is in Victoria at this moment.


The State Boat Championships are all set to go.

There is word about that there will be some pretty severe restrictions on Snapper in, and around, the Shark Bay area, as the stocks up there are taking a real hammering, so keep a watchfull eye out for any media coverage concerning this.

George Holman



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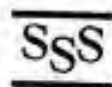



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Articles and Material for Next Reel Talk required by next committee meeting 21/5/97..

1997 Moon Phases

Note: Spring Tides (high highs and low lows) occur around the new moon and full moon.
Neaps (low , highs and high lows) occur around the first and last quarters.

April:
Date 1 7 15 23 30
Phase ● ● ◐ ○ ◑

May:
Date 7 14 22 29
Phase ● ◑ ○ ◐

June:
Date 5 13 21 27
Phase ● ◑ ○ ◐



July:
Date 5 13 20 27
Phase ● ◑ ○ ◐

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Date 3 11 18 25
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Moon Symbols
● New Moon ◑ First Quarter ○ Full Moon ◐ Last Qtr



Get extra help when you need to read the beach !



Reel Talk archives printed in 1961

Hark you well, you folks who' tell
Of the wonder fish you caught.
How much it weighed; the leaps he made,
And the length of time he fought.

We're asking you, so tell us true,
What tackle did *you* use ?
Is it the kind which brings to mind,
A billiardist would chose?

A hardwood stick two inches thick,
The strongest line they make ?
Have you a rule that just a feel,
Would give a fish a break.

Then, Mister Man, you never can,
Be named a sportsman true,
Each fish you kill lacks angling skill,
No gloryis your due.

But do you play the better way,
With tackle that is light,
When it' s an even bet which one will get.
The better of the fight.

He shakes his 'head -you're filled with dread,
You knew the margins' fine,
You fight like sin to bring him in ,
He fights to break the line.

There's tragic doubt- as the line run's out,
If he'll stop before it's gone.
With gentle feel you thumb the reel -
Make use of skill, not brawn.

So here' s a toast to the unsung host,
Who fishes for FUN NOT MEAT,
Who get their prey the very sporting way,
And then find - victory - oooh .. so sweet.



RALPH STEVENS " THE Fishin' FOOL"



NORTH-WEST CAPE AND EXMOUTH TOWN

The climate on North-West Cape can be harsh and unforgiving. Do not forget that you are in an isolated area. Make sure you have plenty of water and food for any day trips you may be contemplating.



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LEGEND

- Ningaloo Reef
- Sealed Road
- Secondary Road
- Walk Trail

All kilometre readings and travelling times are from Exmouth.

INDIAN OCEAN

Please note: Private power boats NOT allowed on Yardie Creek

Yardie Creek 90 km (follow 90 minutes driving)

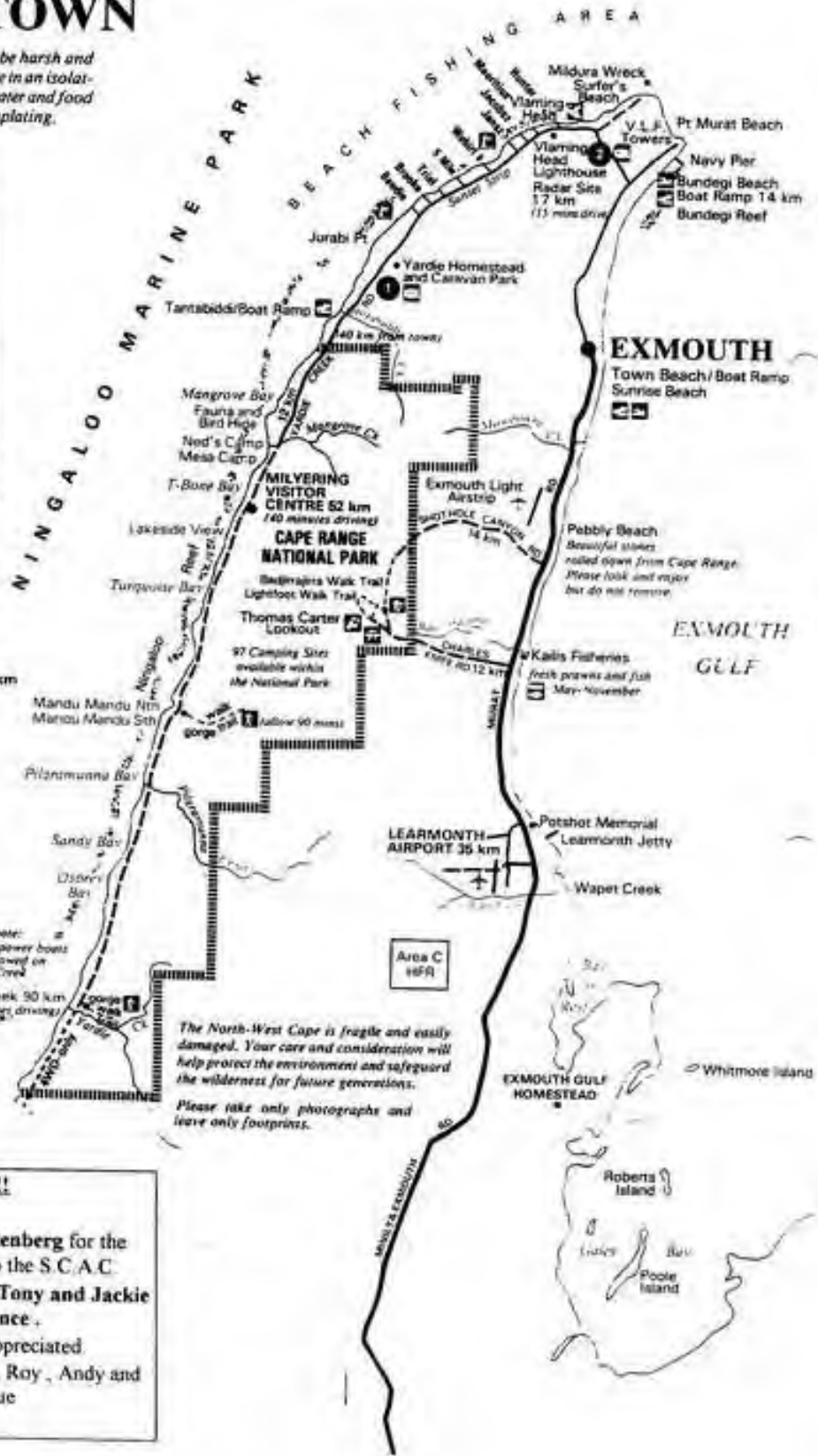
The North-West Cape is fragile and easily damaged. Your care and consideration will help protect the environment and safeguard the wilderness for future generations.

Please take only photographs and leave only footprints.



Thank you Notice!!

Just a special note to Marie Wytenberg for the mannequin she kindly lent out to the S.C.A.C.
 Also a big thank you goes out to Tony and Jackie Richardson of Esperance.
 Your hospitality was truly appreciated
 On behalf of Alan, Dave, Morris, Roy, Andy and Kitty Thorgeson, Sue and Rom.





EXMOUTH - TODAY

As could be expected, Exmouth today is a vastly different place compared to 1945 when I was posted to the RAAF Base there as a cypher operator. Then, the only bitumen bits were the sealed airstrip and the short road from there to the base camp. Airfield construction was done by airfield construction squadrons and roads by Civil Construction Corps.

Today, the road into Exmouth is excellent bitumen, but not terribly wide. The town of Exmouth is well laid out with good bitumen roads through the commercial and housing areas. Bitumen roads extend to the tip of the cape, also past the lighthouse for another fifteen kilometres. Side roads are generally good gravel and are well maintained.

The town itself is generally well planned and laid out. Shopping centre, government offices of all types, lots of hotels, caravan parks, playing fields, housing areas, hospital. Two small size supermarts carry everything required in the home, but prices reflect transport costs plus the seasonal need for higher profit margins. Fishing gear and bait is available from a number of garages and sporting goods establishments. Water supply is good, the water is a little hard but you get used to it.

Even though the Americans have left Exmouth thereby reducing the population and cash flow, their numbers are steadily being replaced and expansion of accommodation facilities have either occurred or are in the development stage. Business establishments and local government with their cash register brains are very happy with the expansion.



Temperatures average around 30 and 40 degrees Celsius. The town can be isolated by cyclonic weather conditions.

To my mind, the rapid expansion is not in the best interests of the area. The ecology of the area is fragile. Sightseeing the area can be completed in three days. Basically, it is a fishing place, either deep sea or shore. Jim Strong, Bill Utting and I, holidayed there for two full weeks each winter for five years from 1929 onwards. The first couple of years were good, then there was a noticeable decline in the volume of fish that we caught. The prawning fleets and fish trawlers work steadily and vacuum the reefs from the bottom of the fish breeding areas for cray bait. And reef fish



The resulting pressure on fish stocks is considerable. We did hear reports that fish traps (silent death) had been put into several areas. I was under the impression that they were illegal.

But now, let us look at the fishing if everything was okay. From the townsite southwards on the gulf side for a distance of 35 kms. Anywhere along this stretch you will catch good whiting and bream with always the chance of hooking larger fish including sharks. Beware of stonefish and keep a lookout for the sea snakes.

Jim, Bill and I decided one year to fish on just the incoming tide whatever the time of the day. It did not work, so we reverted to the fishing club style of fishing early morning and evening. It worked well.

From the town, north to the shipwreck, water gradually deepens and becomes reefy. Fish also become bigger and more varied. From the cape tip to the lighthouse is very reefy close in. Both the fish and reefs devour fish rigs. From the lighthouse caravan park for about ten kilometres there are a number of access ways to recognised fishing spots. Parking areas at these spots are quite good. At a couple of these spots at low tide there is not enough water over the reef for fish to swim, so you have to sit and wait for the tide to come in and then the good fish come in to feed on the patches of bait fish swimming close to the shore.

We used to fish a spot called Turtle Sanctuary. A track runs from the made road at eleven kilometres from the light house.



A hundred metres in, the track goes through a cutting to a stony floored area just behind the substantial sand dune fronting the ocean. The area is very reefy, but good fish can be caught there. Snapper, trevally, big dart and sharks.

The bitumen continues to and beyond Tantabiddy boat ramp. We never ventured beyond there but the road continues on for quite some distance. The water type varies and time would need to be spent sussing out likely fishing spots. Further on there a number of camping areas which have very few facilities and a charge (then) of five dollars per person per day. Rangers make sure you pay your fee.

When travelling the main road between the lighthouse and Tantabiddy in the night time it is necessary to keep a sharp lookout for the hundreds of kangaroos who come out at dusk to feed along the edge of the road.

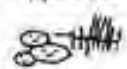
You will use a lot of expensive petrol finding good fishing spots. The fisheries inspectors are active so you will need to closely watch bag limits and fish size. I personally think that travelling thirteen hundred plus kilometres for just one week is too short. Two weeks plus travelling time makes for a good holiday and a better chance of finding fish.

BASIL MARS H

DID YOU KNOW ??



- That in **April 1976** the club paid a deposit for the Kalbarri House of \$ 50.00 . The cost of the investment was..... \$10,500.00.
- That Taiwanese fishing boats have been **excluded** from fishing in the Gulf of Carpentaria (Northern Australia) since 1978. The main harvest of fish is sharks. More than **30 species of sharks** were taken and the plankton eating whaler shark made up the majority of the catch.
- That there are **2,200** different species of fish that inhabit and swim in Australian waters.
- That in May 1979 a committee was formed to **"Save the Herring"**. Letters were sent to Parliament declaring , that the herring was a good eating fish!
- That the **"Lunar Day"** - the period taken for the moon to move around the earth- is 24 hours and 48 minutes. That is **why** the tides are later every day and the solunar tides vary every day. Predicting tidal movement **cannot be an exact science**. Variables such as weather fronts , rapid barometric change and winds make the predictions difficult.
- That in January 1966 George Rhodes Holman **applied as a new member** to the S.C.A.C and his fishing debut was at the Moore River Field Day. The Field Day Officer , Publicity Officer and A.F.A. Delegate was Jim Strong.
- That the **longest** ever recorded **swim** by a snapper in Australian waters was 950 km. The journey took more than 365 days .
- That in 1967 the clubs membership grew to a total of 135 members and to serve on the committee , interested parties had to **process their application in writing**.



TIPS & TRICKS

TIP 1.

Novel "Rod Holders" Cheap....

If you have some spare time and need a cheap rod holder for protecting your valuable rods , pay a visit to a carpet shop and ask if they have any old carpet , cardboard tubing (Allsports in Osborne Pk. have a bin right next door.)



To make the rod holder , cut two circles of wood to fit the tubing. Glue one side permanently in place for the base and hinge the other side for the opening. Get an old seat belt from the wreckers and make the carry strap. Paint the outside of the tube with water resistant paint a couple of times and there's your rod holder.

TIP 2.

If you are using old toothbrushes for cleaning and scrubbing the sand out of your reel , here's another novel idea for light line , lure casting..... Cut 13 centimetres off the handle and drill a hole at both ends to place your split rings. Add a treble hook to one end and a swivel at the other. It can be painted to whatever colour you choose and a sinker can be attached near the swivel for extra weight



8 Top Tips and Theories on Tidal Traits...



1/. Tides are caused by the gravitational pull of the sun and to a lesser extent, the moon. This is why tidal cycles coincide with the 28-day cycle of the moon, moving around the earth.

2/. The speed and flow is not constant in the tide. The first two hours are slow, the middle three hours the fastest and the last hour is the slowest.

3/. The very big tides, which are called spring tides, do not get their name because they occur during the spring-time, but from the other meaning of the word "spring"as to leap forward! Another theory is that it came from the German word *springen* .. to bulge.

4/. Nobody is sure why the word Neap is used to describe a slow moving tide, but one theory is that it came from the ancient Norse language. The word Neapflod meant current without power.

5/. Neap tides are caused when the sun and the moon are opposing each other and pull the water in opposite directions. The sun being stronger, wins but the moon's opposite effect means the distance is shorter.

6/. When a strong wind blows in the direction of a flowing current, it flattens the waves. When the tide turns and the wind doesn't, this can suddenly create very rough water with the two forces opposing each other.

7/. Although it appears that the tide flows inwards, over a beach, it doesn't. The tidal flow is from side to side on beaches. The tidal flow usually reverses with a change in the tide, but strangely so, one flow is stronger than the other.

8/. Fish like movement in the tide to encourage them to feed. When shore fishing on a day when the tidal flow is very slow, try to pick somewhere where the flow is much stronger, such as a headland or an estuary.



* SHARK OBSESSION !!!! or JUST FASCINATION

Did you realise :

- * That there are 375 species of sharks.
- * That 5 main species of sharks are known to mankind as human attackers..... They are the Tiger, Blue, Great White, Hammerhead and the Bull Shark....
- * That the average kill rate per year from sharks world-wide is roughly 8 people per year.
- * The average kill rate on sharks per year from human beings, is approx. 7 million, from commercial netting and/ or recreational fishing.
- * That the Mako shark can reach speeds of 70 kph and is the number one predator in the sea.
- * Sharks cannot develop cancer, nor catch infectious diseases.
- * That sharks do not have a swim bladder.
- * That the Gt. White Shark can grow to a massive eight metres and can live to a hundred years of age. It can swim at 35 kph and has a mouth crunching bite of 3 tonnes per square centimetre. Acid in their stomach can corrode steel over a period of time.
- * That one of the best places to find the Gt. White Shark is Capetown in Sth Africa. It has the warm currents on the eastern side (Indian Ocean)and the colder water coming from the arctic on the west (Atlantic Ocean), where both waters meet at the tip.



Sharks.... Fascination or Obsession!!!!

Great Whites



Great white. Alf Dean's Great White dwarfs Maxwell's fish, and it's not even the largest Australian shark caught on rod and reel. But larger fish came on line heavier than the IGFA maximum 130 pound test or were otherwise disqualified. Aussies seem at war with the sharks that swarm off swimming beaches and surfing areas. So Alf Dean's catch got plenty of publicity back in 1959. At 2,664 pounds it smashed the old record and was Dean's fourth time in succession to have held the Australian record.

Dean and his boatman, Ken Puckridge, had chummed for hours without seeing a shark. At about 3:30 in the morning the big shark bumped their boat. Only careful husbanding of chum kept the shark interested until first light, about 7 a.m. -- you don't mess with two ton sharks in the dark.

It only took 50 minutes for the experienced pair to muscle the shark to the boat. After it was gaffed and tail roped, they returned to a mob scene at the weighing station. The shark measured 16 feet, 10 inches and more than nine feet in girth. Dean took all this attention Australian-style.

As Dean notes, "A good boatman makes a big difference. We were able to work the fish all the time without much line out. The fight wasn't that hard. I did worry a bit when the fish jumped. It's something to see such a big fish slam back into the water after jumping clear."

Dean's fish did this twice before giving up. It boggles the mind to imagine what a 2,600 pound fish would do if it slammed down on the cockpit!

It's astonishing that Dean's record has stood for three decades. Bigger Great Whites, like the 3,450 pound Montauk Monster, have come to gaff even though they did not meet IGFA standards.



Budget Tigers



Tiger Shark. Not every heavyweight record requires big bucks, or big boats. Walter Maxwell managed the tiger shark record without a boat, fighting chair, skipper or other help. He caught his fish off a Carolina pier. He remembers the one that got away best. "The big one nearly overlapped the pier's end," he said. "That's 20 feet long." "The little one I caught only went 13 1/2 feet and, after losing an estimated 10 percent of its body weight, weighed in at 1,780 pounds.

While this record may be broken, it won't be broken from a Carolina pier. After jaws, shore communities barred pier fishing for sharks on the theory it wouldn't help tourism.



Back in 1964, Maxwell, a very fit bricklayer, noted, "Shark fishing was big. We could see stripes on tiger sharks that cruised off the piers. I thought I knew why more fish weren't caught. Fishermen didn't have the right kind of gear."

Maxwell geared up with a 16/0 left-handed Penn Senator purchased at a bargain \$135. With a custom rod, 1,300 yards of 130 pound test on the reel and a five pound skate bait on 14/0 Mustad hooks whipped onto a bit less than 30 feet of steel cable, he was ready.

After losing a huge shark on Saturday when it swam away with his pier gaff cutting a periscope wake, Maxwell changed his approach. A couple of 10 foot fish hit on other lines.



GETAWAY



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| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | \$ 270.00 PER WEEK* |
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| BOND | \$ 50.00 |
| DEPOSIT | \$ 50.00 |

** An attractive discount also applies for Club Members*

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(09) 446 7092 Eric Parker (club property officer)**

COOKS CORNER



GRILLED SALMON

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| 1 Fillet of salmon per person | melted butter |
| salt and lemon pepper | 1 lemon sliced |
| tartare sauce | chopped parsley |

Slice the salmon into fillets about 3cm thick. Wash and wipe dry with a soft cloth. Dip the fillets into melted butter and season with lemon pepper and salt. Preheat the grill and cook fish for about six minutes on each side. brush with melted butter while cooking. Garnish with parsley and serve with sliced lemon and tartare sauce.

HOT SALMON CURRY

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| 4-6 Salmon Fillets | 2 teaspoons turmeric | 2 small carrots diced |
| 1/4 teaspoon sage | 1 onion finely chopped | 1/4 teaspoon coriander |
| 2 dessertspoons curry powder | dash cayenne pepper | 1/2 cup coconut |
| 1 teaspoon chilli powder | 1 tablespoon butter | salt and pepper |

Melt butter in a large saucepan and lightly saute carrot and onion. Add the curry and chilli powders and mix to form a paste. Pour a cup of water over the desiccated coconut mixture and allow to soak for a few minutes. Add a little of the liquid from the coconut mixture to the paste and mix to a creamy smooth consistency. Add the coriander, turmeric, sage, cayenne, salt and pepper. Add the rest of the coconut and liquid. Simmer for an hour or more over a very low heat. Add the salmon fillets and cook for a further half hour. Serve on a bed of steamed rice.

SALMON IN HERBED MAYONNAISE



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| 1 Salmon (approx 1.5kg) | 1 cup mayonnaise |
| 1 glass dry white wine | 1 tablespoon chopped capers |
| 1 teaspoon fresh tarragon | 1 tablespoon chopped parsley |
| salt and pepper | 1 tablespoon chopped chives |

Poach the salmon in the white wine for about 30 minutes and season with salt and pepper. When salmon flakes easily off the bones, remove and allow to cool before placing on a serving platter. Mix the mayonnaise with the chives, parsley, capers, tarragon, and a dash of salt and pepper. Cover the salmon with mayonnaise mixture and serve.

SALMON ROLL



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| Cups cooked flaked salmon | 2 cups plain flour | 3/4 cup of milk |
| 4 teaspoons baking powder | 2 tablespoons of butter | melted butter |
| 1 tablespoon chopped parsley | 1 hard boiled egg | juice of 1 lemon |

Sift flour, baking powder and salt and pepper into a bowl. Rub in butter until sifted mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add 3/4 cup of milk and make a stiff dough. Roll out the dough into a large oblong. Combine the fish with the parsley, lemon juice, hard boiled egg and salt and pepper. Place the fish mixture down the middle of the dough and seal by wetting the edges of the pastry with milk. Make cuts in the top of the pastry for effect and brush with melted butter for glazing. Bake in a hot oven for 30 minutes. Can be served hot or cold. ** For a quicker recipe use ready rolled sheets of frozen pastry.