

NORTHAMPTON ANGLING CLUB

In order to preserve for posterity the history of the Northampton Angling Club, an attempt is made in these pages to record some of the activities of the Club and its members.

Although all Minute Books are available, records of fish caught between 1953 and 1956, and 1960 to 1963 have been mislaid. Consequently, detail of any notable fish caught during these periods are unknown.

All records of the Club have been forwarded to the State Library Board for preservation.

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ANGLING CLUB

On February 16th, 1953, 16 interested persons met to form an Angling Club in Northampton. It was resolved a club be formed and a general meeting was called for March 9th, 1953, at which 22 members attended to give advice on formation. First president was D.G. Izard and Secretary-Treasurer R.E. Kagi.

Constitution of the Surf Casting and Angling Association of W.A. was adopted.

The club year was to end at midnight on Saturday preceding March 9th each year.

First field day was at Port Gregory, Sunday, March 22nd, 1953 and fishing between 4 to 8pm. Club members attending had to draw for positions and stay at that site during the field competition. The winner was A. Ralph with 30 points and biggest edible fish landed was a 1 1/2lb tailer caught by Wes Chick. It rained heavily from 7pm onwards. Wes and Watty chick slipped off the road into the lake at Hutt Lagoon. Keith Simkin turned over at Ram's Head Corner on the Port Road. Cold and wet fishermen returned home that day.

Weight of fish has always been recorded as cleaned weight and the club insists this be done thoroughly. Other angling clubs take weight of fish as taken from the sea.

At the second field run fishing times were set back to 12 noon to 4pm and positions were allowed to be changed between competitors who were to be a minimum of one chain apart. The final field run for the year was 6pm on the Saturday to 6pm on the Sunday at HalfWay Bay. In the first year only four field days were held and ended with thirty senior and five junior members. Aggregate trophy winner for inaugural year was won by A. Ralph with 93 points and heaviest edible fish was 68lb mulloway caught by T.O. Bandy. It appears from the above the method of allocating points in the first year was different from any subsequent year, as in 1954 points were allocated as done today. From 1954 monthly club field days were held and it was decided the club would donate a small trophy to the competitor gaining the most points on each field run. This was an engraved spoon.

In the field run at Port Gregory in 1954 on April 4th fishing was between 5pm and 8pm. A. Ralph scored with a 34lb kingfish. A 10 gallon keg of beer and a 5 gallon keg of ginger beer were provided. It appears the day was a success as about 80 people attended. A resolution carried at the next meeting requested the Northampton Road Board to provide more parking space at the Port.

In the first few years the fishing was generally carried out within walking distance of the base camp. All bait and ice were purchased by the secretary and those attending charged to cover costs. Numbers of fish caught on field runs were not large - generally appears to have been three to five each.

It appears in 1955 the practice of holding field runs over two days, i.e. Saturday and Sunday was commenced.

First “go where you please” run was held in 1954. Members could fish where they wished but fish had to be checked on official scales prior to next meeting.

In July 1965 the club held a field day at Cowerang (north of Murchison River) and extended hours were fished from 12 noon on the Saturday to noon on Sunday. This was outside normal fishing boundaries but catch appears to have been poor from recorder’s report at the next meeting.

In 1972, the club commenced a system that for two field runs a year no fishing be permitted between 9pm Saturday night to midnight. Purpose of this was to enable members to get together socially on the beach as with the advent of four-wheel-drive vehicles members became scattered along miles of beach.

It was also ruled that at least 50 percent of members must attend field meetings in order that trophies, with exception of Field Day Trophy, be acceptable for competition. This ruling was repealed in subsequent years.

In 1954 gummy sharks and blowfish were barred from being eligible for any trophies or points in club competitions. Later wobbegong sharks, crayfish and octopus were excluded.

In 1959 a committee was appointed to draw up by-laws for the club for printing so as a permanent record could be maintained of local rules. These were accepted and typed out by member T. Gifford.

In 1972, weighing of fish was brought into line with AAA of recording one point per pound. However, cleaning of fish prior to weighing was retained, Prior to this points recorded were one for each fish plus two points for each pound in weight.

Minimum age limit for junior members was set at 12 years of age, but in May 1966 the age limit was raised to 14 years as a minimum, 17 years the maximum age. In 1973 the minimum age for junior was lowered to 8 years.

Unfinancial members were allowed to attend two field runs and have points recorded, but must be financial by the third field run to retain those points. This was altered in June 1969 so that no points were recorded unless a member was financial prior to the first or any field run attended.

The usual meeting nights of the club of second Monday after field competitions was decided upon in November, 1955.

Meetings were also held at Ogilvie in addition to Northampton due to the number of northern members participating.

In 1960, it was decided to hold one meeting a year in Geraldton as the club now had a number of members from that town. Meetings at Ogilvie had now ceased due to most of the original members of the club from the area only very occasionally attending a field run, Geraldton meetings only lasted 2 years.

The by-laws were revised in 1965 and a printed copy was made available through the courtesy of W.J. Woodcock & Co, so that all members could have a copy. The by-laws included formation of a disputes committee to rule on any disputes that may arise. The by-laws were again amended in 1969 to further define membership and eligibility for trophies.

In 1963 N.B Mitchell drew up a draft recording book, and the club allowed him \$40 to proceed. The result was the very good type of recording book the club now operates.

“In the late 1950’s two rather tricky items referred to the Disputes Committee were:-

(a) Charlie Bandy hooked a nice snapper on the reef at Port Gregory and when close

to gaff a large wave knocked Charlie over and snapped the line. Some two hours later Bert Walton driving along the beach inside the reef suddenly stopped dashed into the water and grabbed a good sized fish in the shallows with line attached. The snapper was duly weighed in but went to the Disputes Committee as to who should receive points.

- (b) Another controversial fish was when Wally Cooper landed a 30lb Mulloway at Lucky Bay at night and left it on the beach to continue fishing. Not far away Billy Wight was fishing with a hand line and while he wasn't looking Wally's mulloway was attached to his line. Bill of course landed the fish and duly claimed it as his own, so there was quite some argument as to ownership."

In 1966 a ruling was made that no club officer be retained in office for more than two consecutive years. However, this was repealed in 1968.

An accident fund to enable the club to contribute towards medical or other expenses on injury of a member at field runs was commenced. All members are required to contribute to this fund as part of their membership fee.

1956 saw the first of the annual windups held at the mouth of Bowes River. Wives and children of members attended and dry casting competitions were held. It was voted a great success. From 1966 the annual windup of the club has been held on the showground at Northampton. In 1987 this was changed to Lions' Park. Then in late 1990's to Port Gregory.

Field runs for ladies and children were made twice annually during 1969 as a regular event of the club with trophies and spoons awarded. For a few years previous to this, an annual ladies' day had been held.

In February 1970, the first annual competition with the Geraldton Spearfishermen's Association was held at Port Gregory. This was won by the Angling Club, whose members landed 25 fish to 23 speared by the spear fishermen, yielding 130 and 88 points respectively. A suitable perpetual shield recognizing both clubs was provided for the competition. Mr. Max Cramer a member of the Spearfishermen's club, thoughtfully brought a net and bagged a good haul of mullet, which were certainly enjoyed by all when grilled over a barbecue in the early evening. In 1972 both clubs chartered a boat and travelled to the Southern Group of the Abrolhos Islands. Conditions were good and the spear fishermen easily won. However in 1973 at Port Gregory local anglers turned the tables on the spear fishermen. September 1973 saw the first of the inter-club competitions with the Geraldton Angling Club. The perpetual trophy at this inaugural meeting was won by Northampton. The second run was held in February 1974, and again won by Northampton after very keen competition.

The boundaries of the club's fishing areas were mouth of the Oakagee River in the south to the first rocks north of the Murchison River, a distance of 66 miles. This length of coastline was divided into five areas:

- (a) Kalbarri Bluffs - where apart from a sandy beach section near Red Bluff and at the mouth of the Murchison River, fishing was from vantage points in steep cliffs.
- (b) Wagoie - about an 8-mile section of sand and reef, the northern end was all reef and fishermen had to keep a wary eye on "king" waves which suddenly reared up from nowhere and rolled all and sundry up the beach.
- (c) Lucky Bay-Sandalwood - section of good sandy beaches protected by outer reefs.

- (d) Port Gregory—Rock holes South of Hutt River North to Shoal Point.
- (e) Horrocks—Jackson's Hole to cliffs North of Little Bay (includes Bowes)
- (f) Coronation—Southern boundary on North Bank of Oakagee Creek to Jackson's Hole.

Until 1969, Wagoë was declared a separate fishing area and if conditions were too bad (as decided by the club captain) the area was declared closed and alternative area of Sandalwood to Lucky Bay fished instead. Wagoë, with its area of reefs, was always an uncertain fishing place and its closure or non-closure for fishing created a few upsets within the club from time to time. It was noted at a meeting held on November 19th, 1962, "all hell broke loose" because four members fished at Wagoë when that water was declared closed. The field run was cancelled and an alternative field day held the following February.

In 1970, a track was made from the sand hills north of Lucky Bay to Wagoë to avoid a bad section of coastline. This made movement of four-wheel-drive vehicles very much easier for members of the club.

In 1971, for the first time, six members of the club attended the State Angling Championships held at Preston Beach. They reported smaller hooks were certainly required in that area. However T. Mitchell won the trophy for the biggest shark weighing 11b 1oz, which was pitifully small compared to average sharks landed by members in club competitions. In 1973 club member R. Charlton attended the Australian Championships at Port Macquarie, NSW, as a member of the State team.

Method of engraving club spoons awarded for winner if each field run was decided, with specified letters of club, place of fishing, month and year.

It appears the first club badges were obtained in 1963 and sold to members a 7/- (70cents) each. In 1973 the club had a flag made similar in design to the badges. This was flown on club runs by the recorder.

In October 1959 at a field run held at Wagoë, 2321/2lb of fish was caught by 14 members. As the winner only recorded 90 points, all present must have shared in the very good catch. Generally less than 100lb of fish was the usual catch, but from this time on, over 100lb of fish was the general rule.

In 1961 another good field run was held at Wagoë with 231lb of fish and it was noted that C. Bandy had caught 19 fish on this occasion. However in February 1962, 420lb of fish was caught at the site.

In December 1967 eleven members landed 165 fish weighing 181lb. They were practically all tailer and were biting all night as C.T. Cripps and G. Puls vied with one another in catching the most. C.T. Cripps won with 37. On the 22nd and 23rd March a record number of fish caught on a field run was recorded, 169 fish weighing 5541/2lbs. The outstanding fish on the day was a 47lb mackerel landed by T. Bamden.

1969-70 was a record for the club in numbers of fish caught. 741 fish were landed weighing 3889lb and S.R. Glass easily won the aggregate trophy with the very fine effort of 1612 points. This was the first time a member had exceeded 1000 points since the formation of the club.

In May 1962 Mr. T. Mitchell recorded catching a Spanish mackerel (531/2lb) and application was made for its entry as a State record.

In 1955 A. Stanton landed a 108lb white shark at the mouth of the Bowes River.

In February 1965 B. Stone landed a 188lb grey nurse shark, and as that stage took him well to the lead in the aggregate for the year. Another outstanding shark, a black whaler weighing 156 1/2 lb was landed in 1965 by P. Suckling in June.

Early 1967 Keith Glass landed a black whaler shark weighing 235lb. It was also caught outside the normal field competitions. In January 1974 T. Mitchell landed a black tipped whaler weighing 173lb.

In June 1970 Keith Glass landed a 235lb stingray at the mouth of the Bowes River. The disputes committee ruled the fish was not eligible for trophy as biggest fish for the year caught outside a field run due to some assistance given when beached.

In December 1971 J. Chester landed 65 fish, all small tailer, and would have got more if had not run out of bait. In December 1972 he beat this, landing 95 fish (of which 91 were tailer).

November 1972, 324 fish were caught weighing 534lb. Of these 263 were small tailer about 1lb in weight but several nice mulloway and snapper were landed.

Photos of a 49lb 2oz black kingfish caught by N.B. Mitchell were shown to members at a meeting held in November 1966. This fish was caught at the mouth of the Bowes outside a club run, and application had been made for recognition as a State record.

In August 1970 G. Puls landed a 18lb 3oz tailer at Lucky Bay, which was submitted as a State record. It was a magnificent fish, but it is understood his record did not last very long and was beaten elsewhere in the State. Two other outstanding fish were presented for State records, the first being a 38 1/2 lb of northern blue fin tuna landed by T. Baker in March 1973 at Wagoë. The second was a 48lb turrum landed by P. Suckling about 35 miles north of Kalbarri. This latter fish was caught outside a field day.

Over the years a lot of fish have been caught by members of the club. However, some field runs were not good. The months of November through to February were generally the best fishing as the tailer were all along the coast. Field days were never put off despite weather conditions and no doubt bad conditions during winter months were the cause of small catches. In the early days of the club, snapper and dhu fish were plentiful at Half-Way Bay, Lucky Bay and Wagoë. However, these are becoming scarce today. In fact the C.T. Cripps trophy for a dhu fish was not presented at all in 1971/2 or 1972/3. In fact the first Dhu fish caught after 1970 was in 1988 by David Pluschke at Coronation Beach.

The last few years have brought in members who prefer the Alvey reel and the technique of bait casting which is ideal for tailer schools. Consequently, catches of these fish have increased greatly. In December 1967 Charlie Cripps and George Puls fished side by side all night at Port Gregory while tailer were on the bite. Charlie landed 37 and George 25. The same night Trevor Mitchell landed 26. This was considered excellent and well ahead of any previous catches, but Alvey experts such as J. Chester and T. Baker exceeded this number in later years. In fact in December 1972 J. Chester landed 95 fish, of which 92 were tailer.

Lowest number of fish caught on a field run was one in February 1953 at Port Gregory, two in February 1958 at Half-Way Bay. No fish were caught in May 1958 at Half-Way Bay due to inclement weather and only two members in C.T. Cripps and N.B. Mitchell turned out. June 1973 at Wagoë was also a dismal failure as the only fish caught was landed by a visitor.

January 1968 was the best for big fish as on a "go where you please" run 168 fish were

recorded weighing 802 1/2 lb. Next best was 650 lb from 208 fish at Wagoie in December 1969. Wagoie figured in quite a few big catches, principally in the months of December and January. Most fish on a field run was 473 in December 1972 at Wagoie but, being mainly small tailer, only weighed 458 lb.

Over the four year period from 1974 to 1978 fishing results became steadily poorer. The fact that the area suffered from very poor rains and drought conditions prevailed during 1976/8 appeared to keep fish away from the coast. The usual run of tailer in November through to January, and schools of mullet not evident February– April, kept catches by Club members at a low ebb.

In May 1974 only one fish was landed, while in 1975/6 club year eight field runs yielded less than 50 fish, and most of them only five or six per run. Only the field runs in February and March were good.

1977/8 was a particularly bad year with a catch of 30 fish being exceeded on only two field runs. June and August 1977 yielded one and three fish respectively.

At the end of June 1978 and the first few days of July there were good rains to give a break to the drought, and by the 8th July all local rivers had flowed into the sea. There was some good fishing at the mouth of the Bowes River, with schools of Mulloway between 2 to 5 kg in size. Practically only a matter of casting a line into the sea to score a fish. Club member R. (Bobbo) Cripps lost what must have been a big shark amongst the mulloway after playing it for 30 minutes and running out of line.

November 1978 to February 1979 saw reasonable catches of tailer, however from then until November 1980 few fish were caught. This was partly attributed to few members attending field runs. November 1980 to January 1981 saw a return of tailer with 300 being landed in January 1981.

April 1978 T. Kozicki caught a two metre whaler shark at Little Bay that was different from the usual sharks in that it had a steel band from a crayfish bait carton around the body, prevented from slipping through by the dorsal fin. As the shark grew the tail end had shrunk due to the constriction caused by the band, while the head section was very big.

Getting back to the river flows, both the Murchison River and Irwin River had run into the sea in February of 1978 due to heavy thunderstorms well inland. These storms did not affect coastal areas. The Murchison River had peak flooding during early 1980.

1981/2 was a poor year for fish as far as the Angling Club was concerned, though good fishing was reported outside field days. Principal reason was bad weather, as on at least five runs the wind was extremely strong. As far as seasonal conditions were concerned, 1981 seemed to be back to normal weather for this particular area of the State. Mulloway were in numbers along the coast particularly the south of the Bowes and the Hutt River.

They were mainly 3 to 5 kg in weight but quite a few well above those weights. Tailer were not around in the usual schools from November to March and only 41 recorded during this period. This number would have equaled a single field run in earlier years.

1982/3 was a reasonably good year for fishing and good attendance by members with 732 fish landed compared to 152 the previous twelve months. However 469 of these were caught at Port Gregory in November 1982 when the Tailer ran riot. Five members took the bag limit of 50 each and quite a few other anglers were well up in numbers that

day. Seasonal conditions were good with opening rains in the first week in June followed by very good rains in September that made local rivers flow into the sea. Mackerel appeared along the coast in early February and as usual P. Gibson landed a good one. More were recorded that day and sadly quite a few hooked got away to fight another day.

1983/4 although seasonally good saw fish numbers as recorded drop to only 322. Fish appeared scarce along the coast, though the seasonal tailer run November to January was reasonable. 1984/5 continued this trend and even the usual tailer months saw very few fish. As an exception to the records of the Club, July and August always the worst months for fishing yielded the best catches of 138 for July and 84 for August. Attendances at field runs were good, so no excuse for the drop in fish caught. Another trend over the three year prior to March 1985 was the absence of Mulloways. The bigger fish over 8kg appeared gone, and what few catches were made were in the 3 to 4kg range.

1985/6 was also a poor year for fishing not helped by poor weather conditions on most field runs. September 1985 was a real wash out. In fact February 1986 Charlie Cripps picked up a large crayfish crawling along the beach as if to confirm conditions were far from ideal for fishing. The only run of tailer was limited to October 1985, however good sized tailer were around much of the year as noted from catches made outside field runs. The mouth of the Bowes River was one such place where tailer were found. Good schools of mullet were only around in March 1986, a short period when compared to other years, and may have contributed to low tailer numbers.

In 1975/6 the method of scoring was changed to metric with two points per kilogram and one point per fish. In 1977 the method of scoring was changed to 10 points per kilogram and one point per fish. This latest method of scoring was to bring the Club into line with the Australian Anglers Association and give better recognition to the angler catching the bigger fish. In March 1985 an amendment was adopted to scoring as far as sharks and rays were concerned. Only five points per kilogram plus one point for the fish was instituted. This was found necessary as a member recording a large shark gained too big an advantage over in the aggregate points system.

All fish not listed in the Fisheries Act as to minimum size were to be recorded for points except rock cod which must be over 1kg in weight. Blowfish and wobbegongs were still excluded. From March 1985 all fish not listed in the Fisheries Schedule must be a minimum of 18 centimeters to be recorded. During 1981 a bag limit of 50 was imposed for any species of fish and mainly referred to tailer. Bag limit of five for each of snapper and dhufish is applied through the Fisheries Act amendment.

1976/7 saw the ladies join the Club as full members, in Mesdames L. Charlton and U. Cripps. In fact in December 1976, Ursula Cripps won the spoon for the field run at Port Gregory. At the start of the 1978/9 year the Club's number of keen lady anglers rose to eight, and appeared to have created a better atmosphere on Club field days - more of the nature of a family outing, however the attendance by ladies dwindled off the following years. In 1982 (December) Y. Pluschke again showed the ladies were still keen anglers by winning the spoon for that month. This was repeated by Carol Williams in August 1985. 1986 saw a resurgence of women members.

In March 1979 S.R. Barmden was awarded Life Membership, an honour well deserved as

“Tunny” was a real supporter and worker for the Club. A further Life Membership was awarded to R. Charlton in 1984.

Competitions continued with the Geraldton Angling Club, but those against the Spearfishermen’s club ceased. The competition had now become an annual event - One year in Geraldton area and the following within our Club boundaries. In 1981 this was changed to two events during the year. Winners were Northampton 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981; Geraldton 1976, 1982, 1983, 1985.

In 1982/3 of the best of three competitions with Geraldton Angling Club, that Club won two of the combined events.

Fish were still scarce during 1986/7 even though weather conditions were generally good on field runs. Winter rains were late - early June - and all rivers flowed to the sea, but the Murchison River had only a very small flow. The only month when the tailer were around was December with 129 recorded for that run. Of interest was the fact that mulloway were back after two years in which only 11 were recorded. 1986 yielded 36 from March to November with none for the last three months of the Club year.

1987/88 saw fish even scarcer as only half the number caught to the previous year. Weather conditions were generally good but fish were not around or biting. Only 54 tailer were recorded and these catches were spread evenly over the 12 months. Off the official field runs there were several tailer runs. Sharks appeared to be the principle fish around and Terry Nairn landed four big ones at the Bowes and his brother John one, while several more were lost.

The March-April run of mullet was below standard, but on March 1988 these fish were around in big schools. Rainfall was reasonable but not enough to give any good flow into the ocean. The Murchison did not run at all. February was noted for a heat wave lasting the whole month.

1988 gave promise that fish were again coming back to the coast as 640 fish were recorded of which 412 were tailer. Tailer were around all year but schools appeared late 1988 and the first months of 1989 chasing schools of mullet, and outside field runs big catches were made of both these fish from Lucky Bay to Port Gregory. A feature of the year was the continual warmer current from the north and movement of sand along the coast. At Wagoie sand patches virtually disappeared, and the well known spot at old Wagoie well moved over a kilometre south and then broke up.

Further down the coast sand was washed away exposing rocks in the water along the shore that was not known previously. Weather was generally good with a very good early rain to commence the season. The Murchison River had a moderate flow early January from rains well inland.

During April 1988 the inaugural Mid-West Region Games were conducted in Geraldton. Club members participating in the fishing and casting events were successful. Gold medals were won by Terry Nairn as the champion angler, and Lorna Charlton as the ladies champion. Tracy Pluschke was runner up in the ladies taking the silver medal and our number one team were also runners up taking out silver medals.

1989 continued the trend of return of fish to the coast with 982 fish recorded of which 764 were tailer. Of the tailer 83 were caught in March, 368 in April and reasonable catches in November and December the normal tailer run period of years ago. As in 1988 the shift of sand from older known fishing spots remained, and it appeared the warmer northerly current continued. Weather conditions were normal for the district but

only small river flows from the Bowes and Hutt. The Murchison River had two small flows during the year from rains well inland.

Protests were made to the Minister Fisheries on long line net fishing off local coast and continued presence of prawn netting trawlers. Members are strongly of the opinion that prawning trawlers operating north of Geraldton to Kalbarri resulted in the dramatic fall of fish along the coastline, which coincided with the start of those operations. The trawlers operated reasonably close to the coastline and it was noticeable that when field runs and boats were out at the same time, Club catches were very poor. In addition, Mullet and Whiting seemed to be affected as well, for both type of fish were scarce over the same period. About the middle of 1989 four vessels each operating 7km of long line net were in the area, and no doubt contributed to lack of fish. A number of turtles were found ashore, deaths attributed to the netting, particularly shark netting as fins and heads were removed.

In 1990 a bag limit on tailer was introduced to a limit of 20 per day, and in 1991 bag limits were imposed on other fish such as 40 for Herring, Whiting & Mullet. Mulloway & Snapper to 5.

1992/3 further amendments were made limiting daily Tailer catch to 8 and Mulloway to 3 - one over 750mm and 2 under with a minimum size of 450mm. Size limit on both Herring and Whiting was cancelled however the Club maintained its own minimum of 18cm except for the years 1993/95, which resulted in our records showing big catches of Whiting than above the norm.

1992/3 also saw the Club delete Rays from fish permitted to be recorded except for Shovel Nose Rays, but these had to be a minimum of 1 metre. The Club also ruled that 2 sharks could be recorded per field run, on each of the Saturday and Sunday. However in March 1994 this was repealed and the Club opted for Fisheries Dept regulations allowing 4 sharks per day. While the former ruling on Sharks was in force in February 1994 a big school of mullet was rounded up by dozens of school sharks at the "Hole" on South end of Port Gregory. It was certainly a sight to be seen with Sharks thrashing through the Mullet in a feeding frenzy. Those fishermen on the spot landed a number of sharks the biggest recorded was 18kg (gutted)

1992 was the date of a very bad accident to Club members and the three concerned were lucky to escape a freak wave with their lives, but unfortunately Colin Gibson suffered severe neck injuries resulting in his becoming a paraplegic. The Club raised \$9000.00 in the appeal to support Colin and his family in this crisis. His workmates in the shearing industry also raised many more thousands of dollars to assist in re-arranging housing and travelling facilities to permit wheelchair mobility.

In March 1993 George Currie was awarded Life Membership. He was an original member of the Angling Club and in the early days was the ice and beer man by bringing up block ice and refreshments to keep both bait and fishermen cool. 2 bottles per man was the limit. As use of eskies and powered ice boxes came into every day use this was discontinued by 1960.

The State Beach Championships were hosted by the Club during the long weekend of

May-June 1993. 101 fishermen took part with good weather and some nice fish landed. A barbecue put on for the visitors was well appreciated. Local team in Messrs Dave Pluschke, Dennis Rob, George Daly, Alan Williams, Darren Glass and Wayne Shires won the State Teams Title, while Rowley Charlton & Charlie Cripps won the Veteran's Title. Area fished was Hutt River to Kalbarri.

During 1992 a Mr. Ken Patrick, student at Edith Cowen University undertook a study of fish numbers during the period 1980-1990 on behalf of our Club. Club members were seeking information on why fish numbers should be so depleted from 1980, however the survey showed that fish stocks had actually increased by point 6 of one percent, which was a promising result.

Tagging of Tailer at Port Gregory was undertaken in co-operation with the Fisheries Department Officers at the end of March 1996. 38 Tailer were captured by Club Members and tagged. Two weeks later the first one caught was at "Sea Bird" approx. 350km South of Port Gregory.

On the weather side the Bowes River had a peak flood late March 1993 due to a severe thunderstorm (Hail) especially in the Udandarru Creek basin. The Murchison River also flowed in April/May 1993 and again in March 1995 from rains dumped inland from Cyclone "Bobby".

Over the years 1990-1996 numbers of fish recorded showed a steady increase from 322 in 190/1 to 564 in 1995/6. Only 1964/5 exceeded these figures with 668. Catches of Mulloway were good up to March 1994, but fell away dramatically in the years ending 1995 and 1996 with only 9 & 3 recorded. Tailer remained around 150 per year. Schools of Mullet were scarce in this period but made a welcome return during the 1996 Summer, in fact Mullet were so scarce it prompted a letter from the Club to the Fisheries Dept. seeking a ban on netting of Mullet for a two month period when spawning. The summer of 1996 was very hot with warmer sea so maybe this had something to do with the return of Mullet.

A summary of field run records carried out over the 40 year period 1956-1996 was completed by Pete Callijaro of the Fisheries Department. 21018 fish were logged by members for the period with Tailer the most prolific fish, for example in November 1982, 519 Tailer were recorded and 416 in December 1972. Catches around 50 were fairly common when these fish were on the bite. I can recall at least two members catching 100 on a field run. For interest only one Whiting was recorded in the first 10 years and only 59 in the second 10 years. It appears big hooks must have prevailed up to the middle of the 1970's.

Mulloway total catch was 1395 and the 1960's appeared to be the year of that fish with 52 recorded in 1963 (Dec), 54 in May 1967 and 43 in October 1967, 31 in October 1966 and 44 in January 1968. 1996/7 and to March 1968 fish catches were quite steady with 411 and 571 fish recorded over the two years. In June 1966 weed was particularly bad and at Little Bay just North of Horrocks was the biggest bank of weed ever seen stretching over 1km, and metres deep. Tailer around 3 to 5kg were plentiful in the period June to August 1966 and for a short period Mulloway swarmed at the Bowes. In December 1997 Charlie Cripps had a magnificent photograph printed in the West Australian newspaper holding his fishing rod to which was attached a nice Tailer.

1997/8 was not noted for fish catches as only 380 recorded weighing 320kg. Tailer were steady throughout but May to December were rather scarce. Mulloway appeared March & April.

At the end of May 1999 very heavy rains following rain two months prior caused all rivers between Moore River and the Gascoyne River included to flow above peak levels. At Port Gregory the Hutt River burst its banks to create a new entrance to the sea alienating the big sand hill on the left hand side. Mud and debris spread for kilometers in adjacent sea.

Tailer were very scarce during the usual annual run - only two days of hectic fishing at the mouth of the Bowes River in October and none to follow. Prior to that some good sized Tailer were around but even they cut out by December. The November Angling run around Lucky Bay area did not produce any at all with only a few Mulloway recorded.

April 2000 saw very high tides which took away the beach at the North end of Port Gregory and also the boat launching ramp at Horrocks. Beach access to Wagoe from Lucky Bay also wiped out in sections. The Murchison River flowed strongly due to heavy inland rains. Small Mulloway were everywhere along the coast approx. 36 to 40 centimeters in size. On the August field run at Port Gregory 42 small Mulloway were returned to the sea. These small Mulloway hung around for a couple of months. Fish were generally scarce but Tailer and Mulloway appeared from December on - nice size too.

Warmer waters brought down fish from the Tropics with Thread Fin Salmon and Cobia recorded. Off run fishing recorded most of these. Weather-wise low rain fall that cut off early. Very strong winds for December 2001 field run held 8/9th of the month was the windiest two days for a number of years. It was certainly unpleasant though a few nice fish were caught at Half Way Bay just North of the camps where partial relief from the conditions was available.

Our very respected member Charles Thomas Cripps died 18-10-2000.

During 2001 it was decided to erect a stone memorial to Charlie who had earlier that year been awarded the Order of Australia Medal for services to the District. Plans presented to the Shire of Northampton were approved for a site at the Junction of Grey Drive (coastal road to Kalbarri) and the access road to the cottages on the reserve South of Lucky Bay. Three stones were cemented in, the Central stone of approx. 2.2 metres in height with a suitable plaque attached was unveiled in a ceremony held 9th December 2001 by Club member Betty Hosken. Very favorable comment was received on the result of the works as carried out. Equipment for the project was provided by C.R. Standen, A. Hose, D. Clarke and a team of 9 members soon carried out the final installation in a very professional manner.

Overall the year ending 2001 was a very poor year as regards fish recorded. Tailer were around most of the year in very good size, (Choppers non existent) but few in number on the field runs. November/December Tailer were very plentiful along the coast but scarce on club days.

The twelve months ending February 2002 was a bad year attendance wise as Club membership deteriorated to an all time low. 616 fish were recorded for total weight of 247 kilograms. The big increase in fish was Dart, they almost doubled from previous year and well up from catches in earlier years. Tailer were well down with only 43 recorded. This was not due to Fisheries limit of the bag limit of 8. Herring improved quite markedly with 123 recorded. During a 4 week period late 2001 Tailer were around in great numbers reminiscent of early years but that was all.

2001 was marked by long period of very calm seas and a warmer than usual current from the Tropics. In Addition there were only two small flow of the Bowes , Hutt and Murchison Rivers which no doubt contributed to lack of fish along the coast.

The Trophy list also suffered and from 32 listed trophies was cut to only 15 of the most important such as Aggregate winners, casting ability, and biggest fish in the various varieties.

At the A.G.M. in March 2002 , both Sharks and Shovel Nose Rays were to be measured and awarded points as to length (1 point per Cm) and then returned to the sea.

September 2002 a large White Whale beached itself at Little Bay providing burley for Tailer and Sharks.

2202/3 was again a quiet year with 608 fish recorded, with catches picking up from November 2002 through to February 2003. Sandalwood Bay was the Mecca for Tailer in January as the 6 fishermen present soon landed their quota of 8 each, and then had to retire as they kept on the bite until midnight with no other fish following. Gary Hicks with a small flick rod and whiting/herring size hooks occupied time by trying to hook a tailer and he finally succeeded after an hours effort. Tailer were well up for the year with 282 recorded no doubt due to increased schools of Mullet. Dart were still numerous with a respectable number of Herring. The weather for the last three meetings was perfect for fishing. Rainfall for the year below average and no real flows into the sea, with both the Bowes & Hutt Rivers 1 small flow each. What was pleasing for the year was the increased interest in angling as numbers and attendance at field runs was up. We certainly hope this trend will continue.

Well the big day finally arrived, 50 years of the Northampton Angling Club. The weather was good, a light easterly with temperature around 30 degrees. The Northampton oval was well grassed and looked a picture, plus with the benefit of the recreation facilities a good day was assured. The final turnout was 73 - a good crowd considering the heat of the preceding 10 days.

Casting got underway at 10.30am but numbers in these events was small. Jack Pluschke won the juniors, while his sister beat the boys at accuracy casting. Ladies event was carried out with several volunteers participating to make Tracy Pluschke work harder. Men's casting was won by Ian Pownall, a former Club member.

The photograph section showing photos of members and their catches going back many years was well patronized. Fidel Pasalaqua had also set up a continuous film display on a computer disc.

The barbecue lunch with salads brought along by the Ladies was excellent. Frank Mauger's specialty in meat patties (grilled) went very well. He and a number of Club Members spent a day preparing the mince ready for cooking. With the ever reliable sausages the barbecue worked overtime to satisfy everyone's appetite.

In his welcome to all present the President David Pluschke said he was very pleased to see members of approximately 30-40 years ago present in Trevor Mitchell, Tom Barnden, John Chester, Tony Williamson and Jeff Mitchell. Two years ago the Club was at its lowest point but the year just ended showed renewed interest, and he looked forward to a continuation of this trend. Both Geraldton and Champion Bay Clubs were represented at the gathering-Tony Gaugliardo of Geraldton and Terry Brennan of Champion Bay. Terry was instigator of the Port Gregory Annual Fishing Competition between the 3 clubs who met each year at Port Gregory to contest the region's championship during March. This contest will be held April each year from 2004.

At the close of the presentation of trophies for year 2002/3 a Life Membership Badge was presented to Clive Woodcock for his services to the Club. A real surprise was presentation of an old wood Alvey to Rowley Charlton. Rowley had lost his reel on a field run to Horrocks where a large fish took rod and reel to disappear in the sea. The loss was really felt as it had seen over 40 years of fishing. A replacement donated by Graham Maunder of Geraldton as organized by Club Members was really appreciated as it was of similar vintage, even to scratch marks in the wood. So ended the 50 year celebration.

Outstanding fish of the various species recorded by the club and not listed on the shield for the biggest edible fish are (Note:-Clean weight):-

Snapper:

18lb	P. Suckling	April	1955	Lucky Bay
11lb	Wes Chick	November	1956	Wagoe
11lb.7oz.	T. Mitchell	July	1963	Wagoe
15lb.14oz.	G. Atkinson	December	1965	Wagoe
16lb.6oz.	W. Collins	March	1966	Bluffs
10lb.12oz.	T. W. Charlton	October	1967	Wagoe
12lb.9oz.	L. Smith	February	1971	Wagoe
13.5lb	W. Shires	January	1975	Wagoe
7.0lb	P. Gibson	January	1975	Wagoe
3.5kg	R. Taylor	October	1976	Wagoe
2.3kg	R. Pownall	October	1983	Wagoe
2.4kg	W. Shires	June	1983	Wagoe
3.2kg	R. Pownall	October	1986	Zuydorpt
4.4kg	R. Charlton	October	1987	Port Gregory
3.5kg	R. Smith	April	1988	Wagoe
6.4kg	G. C. Cripps	October	1988	Wagoe
4.3kg	A. J. Mitchell	October	1988	Wagoe
2.3kg	R. Pownall	September	1989	Lucky Bay
4.2kg	D. Rob	November	1989	Wagoe

Red Mouth Snapper:

2lb.8oz	G. Currie	November	1958	Lucky Bay
13lb	T. H. Barnden	May	1969	Wagoe
3.6kg	R. Charlton	February	1982	Wagoe

Black Snapper:

9lb	H. Simkin	March	1967	Wagoe
11lb	L. Clarke	September	1971	Wagoe

Tailor:

9lb	L. Ralph	April	1956	Lucky Bay
6lb.8oz.	J. W. E. Simkin	July	1958	Hal fWay Bay
9lb.8oz.	G. Skinner	September	1963	Wagoe
13lb.9oz.	P. Barnden	August	1969	Hal fWay Bay
10lb.6oz.	S. R. Barnden	August	1969	Wagoe
12lb.7oz.	A. Williamson	September	1972	Wagoe
3.5kg	D. Mitchell	August	1976	Port Gregory
4.0kg	L. Oliveri	December	1976	Kalbarri
4.5kg	E. Kozicki	July	1976	Wagoe
3.1kg	T. H. Barnden	August	1980	Port Gregory
3.5kg	S. R. Barnden	March	1981	Lucky Bay
3.4kg	T. Naim	August	1983	Horrocks
3.2kg	A. Tarchini	September	1983	Port Gregory
3.3kg	C. T. Cripps	February	1984	Lucky Bay
4.0kg	D. Rob	March	1985	Wagoe
5.0kg	G. Horsman	June	1986	Lucky Bay
3.4kg	C. T. Cripps	August	1986	Lucky Bay
3.2kg	T. Naim	October	1986	Zuydorpt
4.3kg	T. Naim	September	1988	Lucky Bay
5.0kg	D. Williams	September	1988	Lucky Bay
5.0kg	E. Balaam	November	1989	Lucky Bay
3.7kg	D. Pluschke	November	1989	Wagoe

Cont Tailor

2.6kg	C. Gibson	June	1990	Horrocks
4.2kg	R. Smith	July	1990	Lucky Bay
5.1kg	D. Pluschke	July	1990	Lucky Bay
2.6kg	A. Williams	March	1991	Port Gregory
2.1kg	R. Charlton	October	1991	Lucky Bay
3.4kg	J. Cripps	May	1992	Lucky Bay
2.1kg	R. Charlton	June	1992	Wagoe
2.9kg	G. Glass	September	1993	Wagoe
2.8kg	D. Pluschke	January	1994	Wagoe
2.8kg	G. Smith	December	1994	Wagoe
2.3kg	K. Balaam	January	1995	Lucky Bay
3.0kg	K. Balaam	September	1995	Lucky Bay
2.3kg	K. Chisholm	September	1995	Lucky Bay
4.0kg	T.H. Barnden	July	1996	Horrocks
6.0kg	T.H. Barnden	September	1996	Horrocks
2.1kg	G. Smith	September	1997	Lucky Bay
2.8kg	T.H. Barnden	January	1998	Lucky Bay
5.6kg	E. Balaam	April	1998	Port Gregory
3.2kg	D. Pluschke	July	1998	Lucky Bay
4.2kg	B. Hosken	August	1998	Port Gregory
3.6kg	K. Chisholm	October	1998	Horrocks
2.6kg	I. Pownall	April	1999	Wagoe
3.5kg	G. Hicks	July	1999	Lucky Bay
2.4kg	D. Rob	October	1999	Lucky Bay
3.0kg	G. Hicks	December	2000	Lucky Bay
5.4kg	A. Morris	January	2001	Horrocks
2.2kg	D. Suckling	September	2001	Lucky Bay
3.0kg	F. Pasalaqua	July	2002	Coronation
4.8kg	D. Pluschke	October	2002	Lucky Bay
3.2kg	D. Brennan	December	2002	Coronation
2.6kg	J. Brennan (Jnr)	December	2002	Coronation

Mulloyay:

46lb.8oz.	N. B. Mitchell	November	1957	Hal fWay Bay
37lb	P. A. Sheehan	October	1959	Wagoe
46lb.8oz.	A. J. Mitchell	November	1968	Wagoe
35lb	T. Mitchell	January	1969	Open
42lb.	S. R. Barnden	July	1969	Bluff
41lb.	C. A. Bandy	December	1969	Wagoe
40lb.8oz.	R. Charlton	September	1972	Wagoe
40lb.	D. Woodcock	September	1973	Wagoe
39lb.	P. Gibson	September	1973	Wagoe
44lb.	C. A. Bandy	November	1973	Wagoe
32.5lb.	T. Brennan	October	1974	Wagoe
53lb	D. Mitchell	January	1975	Wagoe
32lb	D. Gibson	December	1974	Lucky Bay
12kg	J. Brennan	May	1975	Port Gregory
18.5kg	R. Pownall	September	1977	Sandalwood
17.5kg	A. J. Mitchell	November	1977	Port Gregory
21kg	T. H. Barnden	March	1980	Wagoe
8.5kg	T. Naim	April	1982	Port Gregory
12.8kg	D. Rob	January	1984	Wagoe
11.1kg	D. Pluschke	May	1985	Horrocks
8.6kg	A. Sharrock	March	1986	Hal fWay Camps
8.5kg	A. Williams	May	1987	Horrocks
5.2kg	D. Pluschke	February	1988	Wagoe
12.3kg	D. Rob	May	1988	Bowes
9.5kg	T. Pluschke	May	1988	Bowes
10.1kg	D. Pluschke	September	1988	Lucky Bay
14kg	R. D. Cripps	November	1988	Wagoe
10.2kg	D. James	December	1988	S/Sandalwood
7.9kg	D. Williams	November	1988	S/Sandalwood

Mulloyay: (cont)

10.9kg	K. Chisholm	January	1989	Lucky Bay
7.2kg	W. Shires	June	1989	Lucky Bay
9.1kg	J. Cripps	November	1989	Wagoe
10.7kg	D. Jones	January	1990	Wagoe
5.3kg	D. Rob	February	1990	Wagoe
5.1kg	B. Cripps	February	1991	Lucky Bay
9.1kg	D. Pluschke	February	1991	Lucky Bay
7.6kg	A. Tarchini	April	1991	Port Gregory
4.3kg	D. Glass	July	1991	Horrocks
2.6kg	P. Barnden	July	1991	Horrocks
4.0kg	J. Barnden	September	1991	G.W.P
4.9kg	D. Rob	October	1991	Wagoe
6.4kg	P. Barnden	December	1991	Horrocks
4.7kg	T. Barnden	December	1991	Horrocks
8.4kg	J. Cripps	January	1992	G.W.P.
7.4kg	D. Pluschke	April	1992	Port Gregory
6.3kg	T. Pluschke	April	1992	Port Gregory
5.8kg	D. Pluschke	May	1992	G.W.P
9.4kg	R. Charlton	May	1992	G.W.P
5.0kg	S. Mills	August	1992	Lucky Bay
4.5kg	S. Mills	September	1992	G.W.P.
4.7kg	K. Chisholm	September	1992	G.W.P.
4.7kg	D. Pluschke	December	1992	Port Gregory
2.9kg	D. Rob	February	1993	Wagoe
9.9kg	S. Mills	April	1993	Horrocks
10.1kg	M. John	May	1993	Port Gregory
3.9kg	K. Chisholm	May	1993	Port Gregory
4.2kg	D. Glass	October	1993	Steep Point
5.3kg	G. Hicks	April	1994	Lucky Bay

Mulloyay: (cont)

5.8kg	M. John	May	1994	Port Gregory
3.3kg	D. Pluschke	July	1994	Horrocks
3.3kg	G. Glass	September	1994	Coronation
6.0kg	J. Pownall	October	1994	Steep Point
6.4kg	K. Balaam	December	1994	Wagoe
5.6kg	W. Glass	November	1995	Horrocks
7.3kg	R. Smith	March	1996	Wagoe
10.6 & 8.5kg	O. Craggs	May	1996	Horrocks
9.8kg	P. Barnden	May	1996	Horrocks
10.3kg	G. Hicks	May	1996	Horrocks`
2.7kg	R. Smith	August	1996	Port Gregory
2.1kg	D. Rob	August	1996	Port Gregory
2.2	O. Craggs	August	1996	Port Gregory
8.6kg	G. Horsman	September	1997	G.W.P
5.2kg	R. Charlton	December	1997	Sandalwood
5.5kg	I. Pownall	April	1998	Port Gregory
6.0kg	I. Pownall	June	1998	G.W.P
2.0kg	K. Balaam	July	1998	Lucky Bay
5.5kg	A. Morris	September	1998	Wagoe
2.9kg	A. Morris	June	1999	Horrocks
7.1kg	K. Chisholm	August	1999	Port Gregory
4.7kg	D. Pluschke	September	1999	Horrocks
5.9kg	D. Rob	September	1999	Horrocks
4.2kg	G. Hicks	September	1999	Horrocks
5.7kg	L. Sorenson	October	1999	Lucky Bay
6.0kg	A. Morris	November	1999	G.W.P.
5.6kg	G. Hicks	December	1999	Lucky Bay
5.4kg	A. Morris	December	1999	Lucky Bay

Mulloway: (cont)

2.5kg	D. Rob	February	2000	Coronation
4.4kg	D. Rob	April	2000	Lucky Bay
3.4kg	B. Brennan	April	2000	Lucky Bay
9.0kg	B. Brennan	May	2000	Coronation
3.6kg	D. Pluschke	November	2001	Port Gregory
10.2kg	K. Chisholm	March	2002	Horrocks
2.7kg	F. Pasalaqua	April	2002	Port Gregory
2.6kg	K. Balaam	January	2003	Wagoe

Mackerel:

38lb.8oz	J. W. G. Simkin	June	1959	Port Gregory
53lb.8oz.	T. Mitchell	May	1962	Port Gregory
30lb.	C. T. Cripps	February	1963	Bluff
26lb.	C. T. Cripps	March	1966	Bluff
54lb.	T. Barnden	March	1966	Wagoe
34lb.8oz.	T. H. Barnden	January	1970	Open
27lb.8oz.	K. Glass	February	1971	Wagoe
29lb.	S. R. Barnden	March	1972	Wagoe
32lb.	P. Gibson	February	1973	Lucky Bay
12kg	R. Mitchell	April	1975	Wagoe
19kg	P. Gibson	January	1976	Lucky Bay
12kg	D. White	January	1977	Wagoe
21.2kg	P. Gibson	May	1981	Lucky Bay
15.3kg	P. Gibson	February	1983	Lucky Bay
10.2kg	R. Charlton	March	1988	Wagoe
12kg	R. Smith	March	1989	Wagoe
14.5kg	J. Naim	February	1990	Lucky Bay

Rays, Stingrays, Fiddle fish and Shovel Nose Rays:

20lb.	W. Howie		October	1964	Port Gregory
26lb.	G. Puls		July	1968	Port Gregory
39lb.	G. Puls		July	1972	Lucky Bay
50lb.	A. F. Rob		July	1973	Lucky Bay
107lb.	C. A. Bandy		December	1958	Port Gregory
73lb.	A. Stanton		January	1967	Open
67lb.	W. Collins		February	1968	Bluff
84lb.	L. Wells		November	1969	Bluff
60lb.	W. Howie		December	1970	Open
50lb.8oz	F. Hatch		November	1971	Wagoe
19.5kg	P. Gibson		July	1975	Coronation Beach
21kg	R. Mitchell		October	1975	Wagoe
20.5kg	P. Gibson		August	1976	Port Gregory
40.5kg	P. Gibson		January	1977	Lucky Bay
58kg	R. D. Cripps		January	1978	Wagoe
30kg	W. Shires		December	1980	Wagoe
42kg	D. Rob		October	1981	Oakagee
34.5kg	P. Gibson		January	1982	Oakagee
41kg	G. J. Morris		November	1982	Port Gregory
47kg	D. Rob		January	1983	Wagoe
53kg	C. Rob		January	1983	Wagoe
34.5kg	P. Gibson		February	1983	Lucky Bay
43kg	R. Charlton	Dolphin Ray	July	1983	Port Gregory
37kg	R. Pownall	Fiddle Ray	November	1983	Port Gregory
127.5kg	T. Naim	Ray	October	1985	Port Gregory
36kg	A. Williams	SN Ray	January	1986	Lucky Bay
60kg	R. Pownall	SN Ray	December	1986	Port Gregory
28.4kg	T. Naim	SN Ray	January	1987	Lucky Bay

33kg	D. Rob	SN Ray	March	1987	Lucky Bay
45kg	A. Williams	SN Ray	April	1987	Lucky Bay
14.5kg	A. Williams	SN Ray	April	1988	Lucky Bay
47.5kg	T. Naim	SN Ray	February	1989	Port Gregory
25.1kg	R. Charlton	SN Ray	February	1989	Sandalwood
47.5kg	J. Naim	SN Ray	March	1989	Port Gregory
22.3kg	R. Smith	SN Ray	July	1989	Port Gregory
18kg	K. Chisholm		May	1992	Port Gregory
18kg	D. Glass		September	1993	Coronation Beach
17.4kg	J. Barnden		March	1993	Wagoe
37kg	D. Glass		March	1993	Wagoe
52.5kg	R. Smith		April	1995	Port Gregory
33.5kg	L. Jupp		October	1996	Port Gregory
37.5kg	R. Smith		February	1998	Port Gregory
30kg	J. Smith		February	1998	Port Gregory
43kg	J. Naim		May	1990	Port Gregory
36kg	K. Chisholm		March	1991	Lucky Bay
96kg	G. Glass		August	1991	Port Gregory
51kg	D. Glass		December	1993	Wagoe

NOTE: from 1999 S.N. Rays were measured and returned to sea.

1.7metre	G. Hicks		January	2002	Lucky Bay
1.8metre	K. Chisholm		February	2002	Port Gregory
1.2metre	D. Brennan		February	2002	Port Gregory
1.8metre	B. Brennan		March	2002	Horrocks
2metre	G. Hicks		January	2003	Sandalwood
1.36metre	K. Chisholm		February	2003	Horrocks

		Golden	Trevally:	
20lb.8oz.	G. Currie	March	1963	
12lb.15oz.	W. Collins	April	1968	Hal fWay Bay
14lb	J. Brennan	November	1973	Wagoe
		Silver	Trevally:	
6lb.4oz.	P. Gee	November	1968	Wagoe
		Samson	Fish:	
15lb.8oz.	G. Currie	December	1959	Wagoe
54lb.	C. T. Cripps	June	1960	Port Gregory
54lb.8oz.	P. Suckling	November	1962	Wagoe
17lb.	A. Stanton	December	1964	-
36lb.	B. Stone	June	1965	Bluff
27lb.	R. Charlton	May	1971	Wagoe
20lb.	C. T. Cripps	August	1973	Hal fWay Bay
19kg	P. Gibson	September	1975	Port Gregory
16.5kg	R. Pownall	July	1976	Wagoe
13.5kg	U. Cripps	December	1976	Port Gregory
18kg	D. Woodcock	August	1976	Port Gregory
13.5kg	T. H. Barnden	July	1978	Wagoe
11.2kg	K. Wallingford	June	1981	Port Gregory
14.1kg	D. Peters	May	1982	Port Gregory
11.9kg	Y. Morgan	July	1983	Port Gregory
17.9kg	D. Rob	March	1983	Wagoe
9.7kg	B. Bolton	April	1985	Port Gregory
16kg	T. Nairn	July	1985	Port Gregory
17.4kg	R. Pownall	May	1986	Port Gregory
14.8kg	D. Pluschke	January	1989	Lucky Bay
9.5kg	R. Chisholm	February	1989	Sandalwood
12.2kg	D. Glass	September	1989	Wagoe
9.8kg	D. Glass	October	1990	Port Gregory
10.8kg	D. Pluschke	March	1992	Wagoe

Samson Fish Cont:

12kg	G. Daly	May	1992	Steep Point
9.8kg	I. Pownall	April	1996	Steep Point
13.8kg	O. Craggs	April	1997	Wagoe
6.2kg	Gaye Smith	February	1997	Port Gregory
5.6kg	G. Glass	October	1994	Steep Point
13.6kg	D. Rob	May	2000	Lucky Bay
9.2kg	A. Morris	March	2000	Port Gregory

Sharks:

108lb.	A. Stanton	White		1955	-
60lb.	A.F. Rob	Blue Point		1964	Wagoe
154lb.	P. Suckling	Whaler		1964	Kalbarri
188lb.	B. Stone	G. Nurse		1965	Lucky Bay
95lb.	L. Chant	Whaler		1966	Wagoe
118lb.	R. Jupp	Tiger		1967	Wagoe
62lb.	R. J. Nairn	Blue Whaler		1968	Bluffs
140.5lb.	S. R. Glass	G Nurse		1968	Lucky Bay
75lb.	A. J. Osborne	G Nurse		1969	Wagoe
57lb.	T. W. Carlton	Blue Pointer		1969	Wagoe
50.5lb	J. Chester	G Nurse		1972	Wagoe
49lb.	W. Shires	G Nurse	June	1974	Port Gregory
130lb.	P. Gibson	G Nurse	February	1975	Bowes
15kg	L. Oliveri	Blue Pointer	January	1977	Wagoe
38kg	R. Charlton	Whaler	May	1977	Hutt River
53kg	T. Brennan	Whaler	April	1978	Little Bay
15.4kg	D. Rob	Whaler	November	1981	Wagoe
15.2kg	R. D. Cripps	Black Whaler	January	1983	Wagoe
36.5kg	A. Williams	Bronze Whaler	October	1983	Wagoe
22.1kg	T. Nairn	Bronze Whaler	November	1985	Wagoe
11.1kg	D. Pluschke	Hammerhead	December	1985	Horrocks
20.2kg	R. Pownall	Bronze Whaler	May	1986	Port Gregory

Sharks Cont...

39kg	G. Horsman	Bronze Whaler	June	1986	Lucky Bay
35kg	T. Nairn	Bronze Whaler	August	1986	Lucky Bay
27kg	G. Horsman	Bronze Whaler	December	1986	Port Gregory
23.6kg	R. Pownall	Bronze Whaler	January	1987	Lucky Bay
57.5kg	T. Nairn	Bronze Whaler	March	1987	Lucky Bay
56.5kg	T. Nairn	Bronze Whaler	November	1987	Bowes
29.5kg	J. Nairn	G Nurse	November	1987	Bowes
56kg	R. D. Cripps	Bronze Whaler	February	1988	Wagoe
25.5kg	D. Williams	Black Whaler	February	1988	Wagoe
51.5kg	J. Nairn	Bronze Whaler	March	1988	Lucky Bay
32.5kg	R. Charlton	Tiger Shark	August	1988	Horrocks
35kg	A. Williams	Bronze Whaler	October	1988	Lucky Bay
45.4kg	R. D. Cripps	Bronze Whaler	December	1988	Wagoe
36.4kg	R. Pownall	Bronze Whaler	December	1988	Wagoe
47.5kg	C. Gibson	Bronze Whaler	September	1989	Lucky Bay
26.5kg	D. Pluschke	Bronze Whaler	November	1989	Lucky Bay
33.5kg	D. Rob	Bronze Whaler	November	1989	Wagoe
25kg	R. Pownall	Bronze Whaler	November	1989	Lucky Bay
58kg	C. Gibson	(2)Bronze Whaler	December	1989	Lucky Bay
22.5kg	A. Williams	Bronze Whaler	April	1990	Lucky Bay
28kg	D. Glass	Bronze Whaler	November	1990	Lucky Bay
54.4kg	C. Gibson	Bronze Whaler	June	1991	Lucky Bay
46kg	D. Pluschke	G Nurse	November	1991	Port Gregory
23.6kg	G. Glass	Hammerhead	December	1992	Port Gregory
36kg	G. Hicks	G Nurse	March	1992	Wagoe
36kg	M. Johns	Bronze Whaler	December	1993	Wagoe
35.5kg	I. Pownall	Tiger Shark	April	1995	Port Gregory
44kg	D. Glass	Bronze Whaler	March	1994	Wagoe
20.5kg	D. Rob	Tiger Shark	April	1995	Port Gregory
14.9kg	D. Pluschke	Black T Whaler	April	2000	Lucky Bay

Sharks Cont..

22.5	A. Morris	Tiger Shark	April	1999	Wagoe
22.6	P. Foster	Bronze Whaler	January	2002	Lucky Bay

NOTE: From 2002 all sharks measure and returned to seas

2.1metre	J. Barnden	Bronze Whaler	June	2002	Lucky Bay
2.3metre	D. Pluschke	Bronze Whaler	January	2003	Lucky Bay
2.8metre	A. Morris	Tiger Shark	February	2003	Horrocks
1.2metre	J. Barnden	Bronze Whaler	February	2003	Horrocks

Salmon:

13lb.	P. Suckling			1954	Lucky Bay
13lb.8oz.	H. B. Drage			1954	Lucky Bay
8lb.9oz.	G. Puls		September	1967	Hal fWay Bay
9lb.	Ray Mitchell		October	1968	Hal fWay Bay
8lb.8oz	A. Stanton		August	1969	Hal fWay Bay

Thread Fin Salmon:

R. D. Cripps		January	1983	Wagoe
R. Charlton		January	1986	Wagoe
D. Rob		January	1989	Wagoe
T. Cripps		April	1989	Port Gregory

Skipjack:

11lb.8oz.	T. Mitchell		November	1957	Hal fWay Bay
7lb.	T. Baker		January	1971	Open
3.5lb.	R. Pownall		July	1974	Wagoe

Black Kingfish:

50lb.	N.B. Mitchell		October	1966	
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Groper /Parrot Fish:

13lb.	G. Atkinson		January	1966	Open
13lb.8oz.	G. Mitchell		December	1966	Bluff

Groper:

4.3kg	D. Pluschke		August	1985	Steep Point
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Parrot Fish:

7.75lb.	J. Brennan	January	1975	Wagoe
4.8kg	K. Wallingford	November	1981	Wagoe
5.2kg	R. Charlton	March	1986	Wagoe
3kg	R. Charlton	December	1988	Wagoe

Flathead:

4lb.	L. Chant	November	1967	Halfway Bay
2.5lb.	R. Charlton	July	1974	Wagoe
1.6kg	D. Rob	January	1990	Lucky Bay
1.4kg	L. J. Charlton	December	2002	Coronation Beach

Northern Blue Fin Tuna:

38lb.8oz	A. Baker	March	1973	Wagoe
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Yellow Fin Tuna:

19.5kg	W. Shires	March	1976	Wagoe
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Spotted Cod:

7lb.	W. Cooper	April	1956	-
8lb.	C. N. Drage	April	1956	-

Barramunda Cod:

9lb.	B. Stone	April	1966	Halfway Bay
9lb.	S. R. Barnden	November	1969	Bluffs

Morwong:

9lb.	P. Suckling	January	1968	Open
3kg	D. Pluschke	August	2001	Wagoe

Eel:

2.2kg	C. T. Cripps	June	1988	Port Gregory
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Dart:

4lb.	T. H. Barnden	January	1968	Open
2kg	L. J. Charlton	February	1978	Wagoe
2kg	C. T. Cripps	November	1980	Lucky Bay
1.3kg	D. James	February	1987	Lucky Bay
1.1kg	G. C. Cripps	December	1989	Lucky Bay

Dhufish:

28lb.	W. Cooper	August	1956	Lucky Bay
17lb.	C. W. Chick	October	1958	Bluffs
30lb.	N. B. Mitchell	March	1961	Wagoe
17lb.10oz.	W. Howie	October	1963	Port Gregory
19lb.10z.	A. Stanton	April	1964	Halfway Bay
22lb.8oz.	B. Stone	September	1965	Open
27lb.	T. Mitchell	October	1967	Wagoe
25lb.	P. Suckling	August	1967	Bluffs
27lb.	T. H. Barnden	September	1969	Wagoe
26lb.	C. A. Candy	August	1971	Wagoe
17lb.8oz.	A. J. Osborne	August	1973	Wagoe
3.8kg	D. Pluschke	September	1988	Coronation Beach
4.3kg	G. Glass		1992	Wagoe
2.7kg	M. Johns	August	1994	Kalbarri
4.5kg	D. Pluschke	September	1996	Steep Point

Coral Trout:

6lb.5oz.	A. Baker	February	1973	Wagoe
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Yellow Tail Kingfish:

18kg	W. Shires	March	1990	Wagoe
16.2kg	R. Pownall	January	1992	Lucky Bay
15.8kg	G. Daly	March	1992	Wagoe
17kg	R. Smith	April	1996	Port Gregory
16.6kg	J. Brennan	September	2002	Horrocks

Cobia:

7.4kg	P. Foster	April	2000	Lucky Bay
6.4kg	D. Pluschke	May	2000	Lucky Bay
1.3kg	G. Hicks	January	2003	Lucky Bay

Wirra:

1.8kg	D. Suckling	January	2003	Lucky Bay
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NORTHAMPTON ANGLING CLUB OFFICALS

List of Office Bearers

Year	President	Secretary	Recorder
1953/54	D. Izard	R. Kagi	H.B. Drage
1954/55	D. Favas	T. Robinson	H.B. Drage
1955/56	D. Izard	T. Robinson	H.B. Drage
1956/57	D. Izard	T.W. Martin	A. Stanton
1957/58	D. Izard	T.W. Martin	A. Stanton
1958/59	D. Izard	T.W. Martin	A. Stanton
1959/60	C.T. Cripps	R. Kelly	A. Stanton
1960/61	C.T. Cripps	R. Kelly	A. Stanton
1961/62	C.T. Cripps	R. Kelly	A. Stanton
1962/63	C.T. Cripps	D. Fitzpatrick	N.B. Mitchell
1963/64	C.T. Cripps	D. Fitzpatrick	N.B. Mitchell
1964/65	C.T. Cripps	W. Howie	N.B. Mitchell
1965/66	C.T. Cripps	L. Chant	N.B. Mitchell
1966/67	A. Stanton	L. Chant	C.T. Cripps
1967/68	P. Suckling	G. Puls	C.T. Cripps
1968/69	P. Suckling	G. Puls	A.J. Mitchell
1969/70	S.R. Barnden	R. Charlton	A.J. Mitchell
1970/71	S.R. Barnden	R. Charlton	S.R. Glass
1971/72	S.R. Barnden	R. Charlton	C.T. Cripps
1972/73	G. Puls	R. Charlton	A. Baker
1973/74	C.T. Cripps	R. Charlton	A. Baker
1974/75	C.T. Cripps	R. Charlton	C.R. Standen
1975/76	G.C. Cripps	R. Mitchell	C.R. Standen
1976/77	G.C. Cripps	R. Mitchell	S.R. Barnden
1977/78	G.C. Cripps	R. Charlton	R. Pownall
1978/79	R. Charlton	G.C. Cripps	R.D. Cripps
1979/80	S.R. Barnden	W. Garraway	A. Baker

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Year	President	Secretary	Recorder
1980/81	R.D. Cripps	C.T. Cripps	W. Shires
1981/82	R.D. Cripps	C.W. Woodcock	D. Rob
1982/83	R. Charlton	C.W. Woodcock	D. Rob
1983/84	S.R. Barnden	R. Charlton	D. Rob
1984/85	S.R. Barnden	R. Charlton	D. Rob
1985/86	S.R. Barnden	R. Charlton	D. Rob
1986/87	T. Nairn	R. Charlton	D. Rob
1987/88	T. Nairn	R. Charlton	A. Williams
1988/89	T. Nairn	R. Charlton	A. Williams
1989/90	J. Nairn	R. Charlton	G.C. Cripps
1990/91	J. Nairn	R. Charlton	R. Smith
1991/92	D. Glass	R. Charlton	R. Smith
1992/93	D. Glass	Betty Hosken	G. R. Glass
1993/94	K. Chisholm	Betty Hosken	D. Pluschke
1994/95	K. Chisholm	Betty Hosken	D. Pluschke
1995/96	K. Chisholm	Betty Hosken	I. Pownall
1996/97	K. Chisholm	Betty Hosken	R. Smith
1997/98	K. Chisholm	Betty Hosken	M. Keatley
1998/99	R. Smith	R. Charlton	M. Keatley
1999/2000	A. Morris	R. Charlton	M. Keatley
2000/01	A. Morris	Betty Hosken	K. Balaam
2001/02	D. Pluschke	R. Charlton	K. Balaam
2002/03	D. Pluschke	R. Charlton	F. Pasalaqua

Shield for biggest Edible Fish

1953/54	T. Brandy	69lb	Mulloway
1954/55	T. Robinson	64lb	Mulloway
1955/56	Roy Kelly	50lb	Mulloway
1956/57	A.J. Watson	66lb	Mulloway
1957/58	E.E. Teakle	42lb	Mulloway
1958/59	J.W.E. Simkin	21lb	Skipjack Kingfish
1959/60	C.T. Cripps	62.5lb	Mulloway
1960/61	T.O. Bandy	47lb	Mulloway
1961/62	N.B. Mitchell	30lb	Dhu fish
1962/63	T. Mitchell	53.5lb	Spanish Mackerel
1963/64	J.B. Stone	33lb	Spanish Mackerel
1964/65	J.B. Stone	52lb	Spanish Mackerel
1965/66	P. Purchase	52lb	Mulloway
1966/67	N.B. Mitchell	50lb	Black Kingfish
1966/67	S.R. Glass	50lb	Mulloway
1967/68	C.T. Cripps	47lb	Samson Fish
1968/69	J.W. Mitchell	57lb	Mulloway
1969/70	T.H. Barnden	54.5lb	Mackerel
1970/71	S.J. Barnden	55lb	Mulloway
1971/72	T. Mitchell	58lb	Mulloway
1972/73	Larry Smith	54lb	Mulloway
1973/74	J. Harvey	55lb	Mackerel
1974/75	Doug Mitchell	53lb	Mulloway
1975/76	P. Gibson	19kg	Mackerel
1976/77	W. Shires	19.5kg	Tuna
1977/78	R. Pownall	22kg	Mulloway
1978/79	T.H. Barnden	13.5kg	Sea Kingfish
1979/80	R.D. Cripps	13.8kg	Sea Kingfish
1980/81	T.H. Barnden	21kg	Mulloway

Shield for biggest Edible Fish cont

1981/82	P. Gibson	21.2kg	Mackerel
1982/83	P. Gibson	15.3kg	Mackerel
1983/84	D. Rob	17.9kg	Mackerel
1984/85	T. H. Barnden	22.5kg	Mackerel
1985/86	T. Nairn	16kg	Sea Kingfish
1986/87	R. Pownall	17.4kg	Sea Kingfish
1987/88	A. Willaims	19kg	Sea Kingfish
1988/89	D. Pluschke	14.8kg	Sea Kingfish
1989/90	D. Glass	12.2kg	Sea Kingfish
1990/91	W. Shires	18kg	Yellow Tail Kingfish
1991/92	R. Pownall	16.2kg	“ “ “
1992/93	G. Daly	15.8kg	“ “ “
1993/94	C. T. Cripps	11.8kg	Mulloway
1994/95	D. Rob	16.9kg	Spanish Mackerel
1995/96	P. Barnden	5.6kg	Mulloway
1996/97	R. Smith	17kg	Yellow Tail Kingfish
1997/98	O. Craggs	13.8kg	Samson Fish
1998/99	G. Horsman	9.6kg	Mulloway
1999/2000	K. Chisholm	6.1kg	“
2000/01	A. Morris	5.4kg	Tailor
2001/02	P. Foster	15.5kg	Mackerel
2002/03	J. Brennan (Jnr)	16.6kg	Sea Kingfish

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1954 R.E. Kagi	1979 S.R. Barnden
1957 H. Simkin	1984 R. Charlton
1967 A. Stanton	1994 G.J. Currie
1972 C.T. Cripps	2003 C.T. Woodcock

List of Aggregate Winners (Shield)

Year	Name	Points
1953/54	A. Ralph	93
1954/55	A. Ralph	-
1955/56	P.T. Steel	-
1956/57	A. Stanton	401
1957/58	J. Mitchell	485
1958/59	C.A. Brandy	268
1959/60	G. Currie	375
1960/61	C.T. Cripps	375
1961/62	T. Mitchell	596
1962/63	G. Skinner	754
1963/64	J. B Stone	728
1964/65	J. B Stone	664
1965/66	T.. Mitchell	536
1966/67	L. Chant	775
1967/68	T. Mitchell	997
1968/69	S.R. Glass	527
1969/70	S.R. Glass	1612
1970/71	T. Mitchell	613
1971/72	J. Chester	687
1972/73	J. Chester	538
1973/74	P. Gibson	515
1974/75	J. Brennan (Snr)	429
1975/76	P. Gibson	455
1976/77	P. Gibson	217
1977/78	R. Charlton	785
1978/79	T. Brennan	886
1979/80	R.D. Cripps	760
1980/81	R.D. Cripps	827
1981/82	D. Rob	922

List of Aggregate Winners Shield cont

Year	Name	Points
1981/82	D. Rob	922
1982/83	T. Naim	1369
1983/84	T. Naim	1373
1984/85	D. Rob	1168
1985/86	T. Naim	1196
1986/87	T. Naim	798
1987/88	T. Naim	1781
1988/89	T. Naim	1246
1989/90	C. Gibson	1207
1990/91	D. Pluschke	552
1991/92	G. R. Glass	797
1992/93	D. Pluschke	737
1993/94	S. Mills	614
1994/95	D. Pluschke	579
1995/96	R. Smith	360
1996/97	O. Craggs	488
1997/98	R. Charlton	336
1998/99	R. Smith	329
1999/2000	A. Morris	514
2000/01	D. Pluschke	540
2001/02	P. Foster	591
2002/03	F. Pasalaqua	601

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