

Reel Talk, April 2002

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CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:- The monthly general meeting is usually held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8.00 pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

DRYCASTING:- Competitions are usually held on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is available to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of their casting.

FIELD DAYS:- Are normally on the weekend following the General meeting. It is compulsory for safety reasons for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign on.

ENTRIES:- for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture, using the approved club forms.

MEMBERS:- Please notify the Secretary of any change of address, email or phone numbers.

MEMBERSHIP:- If any member intends to resign from the club, a letter of resignation should be sent to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the Treasurer, become due on 1st May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31st July.

CLUB's CONSTITUTION and COMPETITION RULES:- cover all the rules under which the club and the members operate. Contact the Secretary for more information.

LIFE MEMBERS:- Doug Edward, Lloyd Dunn, Ric Parker, Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ian Cook.

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Minutes of General Meeting, 13 March 2002

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:00 PM. President Ross Kember presiding.
- Present:-** 29 senior members, 1 junior member, 3 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Morris Kolman, Darren Batchelor, Terry Willison, Andy Thorgersen.
- Visitors:-** Malcolm Harris, Vix Alexander, Bill Baker.
- New Members:-** Don Batchelor, Terry Ring and Ron and Jill Delary-Simpson were welcomed into the club.
- New Member Applications:-** Malcolm Harris and Vix Alexander.
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong seconded Roy Killick, these are a true record. Carried.
- Correspondence Out:-** Seniors Recreation Council – enclosing Club Brochures.
- Correspondence In:-** Trevor Sheard – will not be joining the Club.
Don Batchelor – advising he will be donating an anniversary trophy for the May Field Day – but people going to Exmouth will not be eligible.
AAA minutes of February Delegates Meeting.
AAA minutes of February Boating sub-committee Meeting.
Emails from four people about things on the club web site.
Moved Mat Sneddon, seconded Peter Stoeckel, correspondence be accepted: Carried
- Treasurer's Report:-** Bank balance is \$4856, less unrepresented cheques, plus receipts and donations tonight making total \$5893. Accounts for payment :-
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Secretary, web page, postage etc, | \$61.05 |
| Jiffy Print | \$109.20 |
| Yokine Bowling Club | \$50.00 |
| Aust Post | \$52.00 |
- Moved** Chas Riegert seconded Jim Strong accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- Property Officer:-** Bookings available – see Reel Talk. Some work needed on downpipes, Wayne Morris offered to do at the right price.
- Field Day Officer:-** John Jardine gave details of the March Bluff Creek Field Day and handed out prizes for the Feb and March field days as in Reel Talk.
The May Rottneest Field day will be on 11/12 May.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson gave brief details of the March dry casting. Details in Reel Talk. He will not stand for DCO next season.
Two members who cast after the 5 minute warning were given options for a penalty.
- AAA Report:-** Bob Henderson advised the State Rock and Beach championships will be held 16/17 March – the club will field teams.
George Holman advised that a full page article has been published in the West Coast Fisherman paper and said that he would like inputs from clubs.
- Social Organiser:-** Bob Henderson gave details of the car rally in March.
Planning for Annual Dinner dance and 50th celebration is continuing.
Morris Kolman is in hospital for an operation – a get well card was circulated for signatures.
- SubCommittee Report:** Chas Riegert reported on the Exmouth Safari.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- Sergeant at Arms:-** Several members were “fined” for their exploits at club and social events.
- General Business:-** T Fuller read out the proposed list of field days for the 2002/3 season. Brief discussion on local and away field day proposals.
Trevor Stam donated \$45 to go towards club shirts for the first two members who asked for one.
Tony D'Alonzo donated his field day prizes for recent field days back to the club.
- Membership Coordinator:-** Derry Barber gave details of proposed membership drive involving the club brochures – more details in Reel Talk.
- Meeting closed at 9.09 pm. After that time, the people from the Yokine Bowling Club's bowling competition entered the area and their presentations made further discussions a little difficult.
- Instruction Period:-** John Jardine and Chas Riegert showing knots and rigs - bimini twist, shock leader, snoozing hooks.

Coming Club Events.

April Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 7 April 2002, 8:30 am start.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Double Handed accuracy,
 Artificial Bait distance, Single handed accuracy.

April General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday, 10 April 2002, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.
Instruction Period:- Still being arranged. You will have to come to the meeting to find out.

April 2002 Field Day – Changed to Open.

The April Field Day originally to Wago on the Easter long weekend was changed to an Open at the January General Meeting. So there's no need for a "Local" Field Day.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 30/31 March 1 April 2002, Easter.
Sign On:- At March General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday - it's before the April GM.

Lines Down:- Saturday 11:00 am
Weigh in:- Monday 5:00 pm at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

Boundaries:- Open – that's anywhere in Western Australian Tidal waters. Remember the rule that the place must be accessible to all Club Members.

Tides for Fremantle.	Saturday 30 March	0.66m at 4:35 am	0.93m at 11:46 am	0.60m at 6:00 pm	
	Sunday 31 March	0.74m at 12:31 am	0.66m at 3:40 am	0.98m at 12:05 pm	0.58m at 8:41 pm
	Monday 1 April	0.64m at 1:27 am	0.63m at 3:30 am	1.01m at 12:15 pm	
Sun	Sunrise:-	Around 6:25 am	Sunset:-	Around 6:15 pm	
Moon	Moon Phase:-	Full Moon is on Friday 29 March.			
	Moonrise:-	Around 7:35 pm Saturday	Moonset:-	Around 9:00 am Sunday.	
	Moonrise:-	Around 8:15 pm Sunday	Moonset:-	Around 10:05 am Monday.	

May 2002 Field Day - Rottnest.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 May 2002.
Sign On:- At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon at Rottnest (or when the bus returns) at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.
Boundaries:- All of Rottnest Island!!

Tides for Fremantle.	Saturday 11 May	1.09 m at 8:55 am	0.68m at 4:35 pm	0.81m at 11:00 pm
	Sunday 12 May	0.76m at 2:04 am	1.14m at 9:15 am	0.64m at 5:21 pm
Sun	Sunrise:-	6:56 am	Sunset:-	5:31 pm
Moon	Moon Phase:-	New Moon:- Sunday May 12.		

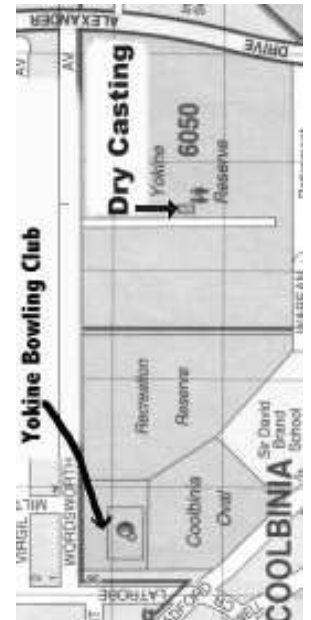
Local Field Day for May.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 May 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

Boundaries:- As proposed for 2002/3, Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River.

Dry Casting.

Sunday 7 April 2002, 8:30 am Yokine Reserve.
 Sunday 5 May 2002, 8:30 am Yokine Reserve (2002/2003 Competition Year)



Sunday 9 June 2002, (subject to Field Day date) 8:30 am Yokine Reserve (2002/2003 Competition Year)
 Sunday 7 July 2002, 8:30 am Yokine Reserve (2002/2003 Competition Year)

General Meetings.

Wednesday 10 April 2002, 8:00 pm Yokine Bowling Club.
 Wednesday 8 May 2002, 8:00 pm Yokine Bowling Club. (2002/2003 Competition Year)
 Wednesday 10 July 2002, 8:00 pm Yokine Bowling Club. (2002/2003 Competition Year)
 Wednesday 12 June 2002, 8:00 pm Yokine Bowling Club. (2002/2003 Competition Year)

2002/2003 Field Days.

To be decided at the April General Meeting. See the suggested list on page 13 of this Reel Talk.

April 2002							May 2002							June 2002						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5	6	<u>7</u>			1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>						<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	4	5	6	7	8	<u>9</u>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Meaning:-

<u>6</u>	Dry Casting	<u>9</u>	General Meeting	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	Field Day	<u>16</u>	Committee Meeting	
11	---	18	Exmouth Safari						

Dry Casting Report, 10 March 2002.

It was good to see a few members of the Northern Districts Fishing Club join us for our casting day. That "Grand Master" Huey, Ron Mathews and big, bad Brian Walton, (joking only fellas) showed us their casting talents and gave us good competition. Still it didn't stop our "Roy the boy" from going about his usual way and winning the double handed event, then sharing honours with Alphonse in the single-handed. Quality distance casting also earned him the title of "top dog" for the day. Well done, Roy.

As you can see by the score sheet, the distance casting was a close challenge, but Chas, George and Gary shared the honours.

The highlight of the day was Chas' cast of 176 metres during the 112 gram Open event, which earned him the new club record for the 112 gram level line distance. One of his casts snapped off, and we found his sinker only 20 metres from the big tree of the other end of the Oval. Congratulations, Chas.

Young Rhys Jones had the mini juniors competition to himself and with dedication and concentration produced some fabulous casting.

How good? Try telling everyone that young Rhys reset the club record for the 112 gram, 56 gram and double handed event on one day. What about explaining to others that we also checked the State records and found Rhys had also broken every record in those events. Just let me tell you that I was happy chappie when I handed the applications into the WA AAA records. Can't wait to present the rewards to young Rhys.

To the blokes who gave Terry and me assistance on the day with our visitors, and clearing the casting arena, a special thank you. Keep it straight and long. Hendo.

Results for the day:-

	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Points	Cast 1	Cast 2	Points			
Seniors.									
Gary Gildersleeves	146	155	30	130	135	27	142	16	215
Terry Willison	136	139	28	103	112	22	109	23	182
Darren Batchelor	141	155	30	125	-	13	110	18	171
Chas Riegert	152	155	31	136	136	27	100	9	167
George Holman	155	-	16	135	136	27	94	24	161
Ric Parker	136	131	27	113	110	22	80	20	149
Andrew Aubrey	127	122	25	-	-	-	92	21	138

Veterans.

Roy Killick	130	129	26	117	121	24	161	27	238
Tony D'Alonzo	124	121	25	108	107	22	132	27	206
Brian Walton (Visitor)	132	140	27	110	126	24	126	25	202
Mal Head	130	126	26	114	121	24	127	18	195
Hew Hoy Hew (Visitor)	136	126	26	118	118	24	125	-	175
Terry Fuller	103	-	10	92	-	9	122	25	166
Trevor Stam	93	94	19	66	63	13	105	24	161
Ron Mathews (Visitor)	103	109	21	107	114	22	114	-	157
Alan Jones	124	123	25	0	0	0	106	16	147
Bob Henderson	135	133	27	0	0	0	106	9	142
Jim Strong	78	81	16	80	54	13	80	5	114

Mini Juniors.

Rhys Jones	96	100	20	97	97	19	72	17	128
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Day Winners.

112 gram winner	Chas Riegert	31
56 gram winner	Chas Riegert / Gary Gildersleeves / George Holman	27
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick	161
112 gram Open winner	Chas Riegert	176 m
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick / Tony D'Alonzo	27
Winner of the Day	Roy Killick	238
Mini Junior winner	Rhys Jones	128

**Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 7
April 2002, 8:30 am start.**

Events:-

**112 gram distance,
Artificial Bait distance,
Double Handed accuracy,
Single Handed accuracy.**

Club and State Records to Rhys Jones:-

112 gram	100 metres.
56 gram	97 metres.
Double handed Accuracy	72 points.

Surfcasters Bluff Creek Field Day – 2/3/4 March 2002.

The wind was blowing gently from the south-east when we woke up early on the Saturday morning at Bluff Creek. The sky was clear with no hint of rain and the camps were slowly stirring into activity. We had arrived in the wee hours of the morning and set up camp hastily before retiring to sleep. Later that morning more and more parties arrived and set up camp in the lee of the low dunes. Some interesting stories were told about difficulties encountered while negotiating the track with some of the larger trailers.

The sign on was well attended with a typically enthusiastic bunch of keen anglers present. Some late arrivals to the sign on (Cookie/Terry/Derry) pleaded vehicle problems as their excuse for their tardiness but were signed on regardless.

We planned a recce down the beach to assess potential spots. The first surprise was the extensive remodeling of the creek bed with a large washout creating a waterfall along the creek bed effectively blocking access up the creek to the campsites. Once on the beach the effects of some big seas and high tides could be seen with the reef well exposed and lots of snags and rocks showing in the gutters towards the eastern end of the beach. Here there were some extensive cut-aways and deep gutters with a sandbar out wide. Towards the rocks on the eastern end the beach was shallower with less well-defined gutters and the sand firmer making driving easier.

Damian and I decided on a walk along the rocks in search of a pod of salmon. The young bloke was incapacitated to some degree having undergone knee surgery only days earlier but there was no stopping him as we hiked out over the high sloping granite boulders to the distant headland. At this time the easterly was blowing strongly and the whole bay was covered in white caps.

No salmon were seen and prospecting with lures resulted in hook-up after hook-up on feisty herring. Keeping a few of the larger specimens we walked back but were unable to find any salmon schools. Driving back along the beach we saw many groups of anglers prospecting the gutters but no salmon were sighted and we decided we might as well set up along the beach as well. Choosing a spot with a deep gutter and an opening through

the sandbar we soon had baits soaking and rods in the holders. But the wind was strong and with dropping tide and increasing wave action we had difficulty holding bottom with anything less than a 6oz-grapple sinker. As the sun was beginning to set one rod bent to a run that resulted in a solid hook-up with a salmon exploding from the water in a gill-rattling leap. This was a good fish and after a solid fight it was washed out onto the sand. A few minutes later the sequence was repeated when a slightly smaller fish was hooked and landed. Anticipation was high for a while and as the sun set and the wind seemed even more cold and fierce we battened down for a long evening. But conditions worsened and it was impossible to keep a bait in the water with serious current drift through the gutter. So we decided to call it quits and headed back to camp for tea and an early night.

At 5.00 am the next morning the alarm went off and we drove out to the rocks for an early morning spin session. With the cold easterly wind at our backs we whipped metal lures out into the silvery water. Within minutes Damian was whooping with delight as a salmon leapt and thrashed about stripping line off the reel, before he gained the upper hand and eventually washed the fish up onto the rocks. A few casts later he repeated the performance while I stood by as an observer, not getting a hit at any time. That was the morning action for us and despite our every effort no further fish were forthcoming.

We stopped and chatted to many anglers along the beach and most reported occasional fish but few salmon. Back to camp we went for a break before heading out again looking for likely water. We stopped and tried for some skippy on a rising tide and although the going was slow a few fish were about. Just as the bite was getting good however we had to stop for the midday lines down.

During the break we heard from Terry and Cookie that a few salmon pods had moved along the rocks when they were out there fishing for skippy before lunch. So as soon as we could we headed back to the rocks to see if we could locate a school. As luck would have it a very large school loomed into view moving at some speed towards the east. Our first casts landed in the school and the hook-ups were immediate. Fantastic fun as we fought the fish to the rocks and landed them before heading back to locate the fast disappearing fish. With one fish each landed and more than our fair share shedding hooks and cutting us off in the reefy territory we made a dash over the rocks and ridges to try and get a last shot before they headed for the beach. But our frantic efforts were futile as the school swam out of range as we arrived on the rock. Hot, sweaty but elated with the excitement of the chase we retired to the vehicle for a break.

We followed the school down the beach but they moved along well outside casting range. Hoping they may come into the inshore gutter at some stage we headed westwards to set up again in a deep open gutter. But to no avail as the salmon swam past some time later staying well out of reach. The afternoon turned to evening and the conditions were beautiful. The winds were light, the skies clear and the water looked fantastic. The current had dropped and we could hold baits out with no problem. But the action was rather slow with little happening through the sunset and into the dark. A few missed strikes and one good run just on moonrise, resulted in one more salmon in the bag. But as the moon rose in the sky the action slowed further still. Mindful of the long drive home the next day we had to make a tactical decision. Chas wandered over to report that George had landed a tailor and some salmon but Bob, Terry W and Rick seemed as devoid of fish as we were. So we opted for the early night and an early morning start for a last spin session on the rocks.

First light saw two hopeful figures casting lures from the rocks. This time our luck was out and nothing was moving. Heading further along the rocks we tried again, all the time hoping to spot a pod resting up. Spinning with small lures for herring resulted in Damian hooking another salmon and after a torrid fight in very unfriendly terrain he landed a good fish on a small raider. He now had a 4 fish bag of salmon all on lures. A very commendable effort and didn't he let me know about it!

And so, happy with our efforts, we headed back to the weigh-in. A large gathering of anglers was present to witness one of the closest weigh-ins in recent months. Most anglers had at least a few fish to weigh. Even Terry Willison broke his 3-year drought with a commendable capture of 4 herring and a flathead. George Holman, Damian, Tony D'Alonzo and myself had all managed a 4 fish bag of salmon. But the fish were generally small and the average weight was less than 3 kg and the best went 5.1 kg. Don Batchelor had a great bag of skippy including one beautiful specimen of 1.0 kg. Most anglers had managed a few species but overall the fishing had been fairly tough for all. Visitors Malcolm Harris and Vix Alexander (have now applied for membership) also weighed in with Malcolm catching some great skippy. George and Barry Tomlinson even caught a few tailor with George having one of over a kilo. Some flathead, sweep (ineligible), blackfish, wrasse and a few small whiting made up the species. Tony D'Alonzo clinched the Field Day with 4 salmon and an impressive bag of 20 skippy as well as a mixture of other species.

With many of the club members staying longer, it was with envy that those of us who had to leave broke camp and left them to the wind, the dunes, the surf and the sand at that fantastic beach.

John Jardine, Field Day Officer.

Attendance: Seniors 19 Juniors 0 Mini-Juniors 0 Visitors 5 Total 24

Angler	Total Weight	No of Species	No of fish	Total Points
Tony D'Alonzo	21.20 kg	6	30	322
Holman George	19.80 kg	5	16	298
John Jardine	19.90 kg	3	24	279
Damian D'Mello	13.75 kg	3	12	218
Darren Batchelor	6.68 kg	5	29	157
Don Batchelor	7.28 kg	3	30	143
Chas Riegert	6.95 kg	2	4	140
Ian Cook	3.25 kg	3	19	113
Dave Maxted	4.30 kg	2	3	103
Dave Freeman (Visitor)	3.40 kg	2	5	94
Barry Tomlinson (Visitor)	2.28 kg	3	11	93
Terry Willison	1.1 kg	3	6	91
Malcolm Harris (Visitor)	2.70 kg	1	7	87
Bob Henderson	1.50 kg	2	8	85
Heather Freeman (Visitor)	3.00 kg	1	20	80
Terry Fuller	1.10 kg	1	9	71
Vix Alexander (Visitor)	0.33 kg	1	1	63
Ryan Tomlinson (Visitor)	0.30 kg	1	2	53
Derry Barber	0.00 kg	0	0	50
Eric Parker	0.00 kg	0	0	50
Spencer King	1.05 kg	1	2	41
John Burgess (Visitor)	0.00 kg	0	0	40
Ken Black	0.33 kg	1	1	23

Changes to Field Day Sections for March. Full list will be published in the May Reel Talk.

Section	For	Angler	Species	Weight.
1 b	Best Scale Fish (2nd 6 Months)	John Jardine	Salmon	5.1 kg
6	Best Scale Fish (2nd 6 Months)	John Jardine	Salmon	5.1 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Don Batchelor	Skipjack	1.0 kg

Sportsperson of the Year Sections and Field Day Prizes for March.

Best Scale Fish	John Jardine	Salmon	5.1 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	21.2 kg

Field Day Top Ten up to March

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	2378.8	6	Ian Cook	420
2	John Jardine	1495	7	Eric Parker	357
3	George Holman	1092.1	8	Andy Woodford	314
4	Damian D'Mello	1017.5	9	Ken Black	293.5
5	Spencer King	467.5	10	Ian Taggart	255.5

Sorry, I can't guarantee that places between 7 and 10 are correct. Someone may have jumped into the top ten with their March score. There are some problems with the entries in the spreadsheet. Cookie is working on it! Final results next month.

Hendo's Recovery and Salvage Service.

Bob Henderson and his trusty Range Rover came to the rescue of a few of the bigger vehicles with trailers, on the way into and along the beach at Bluff Creek.

The sergeant-at-arms got a few dollars for the club from those members at the General Meeting. There were some cries of "but who stopped in the track and forced us to stop", but what about on the beach?



Dave Maxted and his 5.5 kg bronze whaler.

Good advice goes astray.

Monday night at Bluff Creek saw several club members who stayed down an extra day enjoying a spot of fishing in very relaxed and peaceful conditions. Dave Maxted was so relaxed, he just sat there in his chair and I don't think he was worried whether he caught a fish or not.

Along came George Holman and as he walked past Dave said; "You can't just leave your Mulie sitting there in the water Dave, you must make it move, give it a bit of action or you won't catch a damn thing." Dave said nothing as he slowly rose to his feet, removed his rod from the sand spike, wound in his line and with a big grin on his face presented George with a 5.5 kg shark. George went very quiet after that. I wonder why?

Just as well this happened at the end of the weekend and not on Saturday --- hey George.

A Surfcasters Reel Talk Spy.

Toyotas Don't Overheat.

Don't they! Cookie got a fright when he glanced at the temperature gauge while we were coming back for the weigh in – it was way up into the red. We turned around to face into the howling easterly wind and the gauge quickly dropped back to normal.

A restart down the beach saw the gauge climb back into the red. Doh! What to do? This was the first trip that Cookie's vehicle had been worked really hard. After a few stop/starts, we reckoned that the trouble was that we were travelling at about the same speed as the wind, directly away from it, and weren't getting enough air through the radiator – probably because the thermostatic fan wasn't locking in for some reason. Visitors Malcolm Harris and Vix Alexander were driving with us in case we needed help. That's the reason we all missed the sign on.

We hadn't had any over heating trouble coming down from Perth and along the beach towing the trailer with all the load, but remembered we had been heading into a strong, cold wind at that time.

Back in Perth, Cookie took out the radiator and fan and found that the thermostatic control was faulty. Just in case, he also had the radiator cleaned, a new header tank fitted because the old one looked a bit suspect, and didn't that change cause some problems?

He got the radiator back with a new header tank, queried that the tank was different from the original, was told it would be OK, fitted it into the vehicle, and Doh! – couldn't close the bonnet without destroying the radiator top tank. Back to the repairer - no after market or alternatives available, and can't get that tank anywhere in Australia – it has to be imported from Toyota Japan, will take weeks and will cost \$\$\$\$. Old header tank put back on, \$\$\$ refunded by the radiator repairer because of the stuff up and all the extra work involved, and Cookie put it all back in the vehicle, hoping that all the on/off work hasn't affected it's reliability. Terry Fuller.

Membership Coordinator's Report.

The General Meeting of 13 March 2002 was the commencement date of a three pronged membership drive:-

1. Bring a friend to one of the next two General Meetings. Two club brochures issued to each member.
2. Approach a small shopping centre and / or Deli or Small Business leaving a poster together with ten enquiry forms, punched and looped with drawing pins to affix to a notice board or appropriate area.
3. Selected members to request permission to leave (say) 15 club Brochures at selected tackle shops with a follow up system.

Looking forward to your assistance. Thank you for your help. We can make a difference.

Derry Barber.

Social Report.

The Yokine Bowling Club has been booked for our annual dinner, dance and presentation night on Saturday 29 June. The music and catering is organised, and all that's left to do is to organise the collection of suitable rewards to distribute to our club members for their efforts over the past year.

The response to my inquiries for donations of trophies has been phenomenal, yep sweet bugger all. I guess Terry and I will have to pound the pavement and chase up any donations from out in the trade. As it is our 50th anniversary also, we will try to present a memento to those who attend.

The car rally to Golden Ponds on 24 March was a success as far as I am concerned. I was joined by the faithful few, and we had a great day. So to Chas and Mat, a big thank you for your assistance in establishing and setting out the car rally. To Roy the boy for your typing skills, thanks mate.

I have put in a request for members to wear their club colours at State and Club events, and it has been great to see many of the members going along with it. How about buying a window sticker for your vehicle too? All shirts, cardigans, peak caps and stickers can be obtained by giving me a call. Hendo, Social Organiser.



Chas laying in to a good Silver Perch.

Chas Riegert and Keith Derbyshire were having a friendly competition at Golden Ponds to see who could catch the most fish. The last score I heard was over 20 black bream and 2 nice silver perch to Keith and 20 plus black bream and 1 silver perch to Chas.

The silver perch were great fighters. Talk about a bend in a rod - check the photo. We had the fish all lined up for a photo before release, when it gave a last kick and slipped out of Chas' hands and back into the water.

Bob Henderson and his three visitors were having a ball with the black bream. For some, it was their first experience of catching fish. Terry Fuller.



Visitor Doris with an nice black bream.



Hendo with a "monster" black bream.

John Devitt's "Real" Reel Grease.

After listening to John Devitt's discussion on fishing reel preventative maintenance, then looking at how his Teflon Impregnated grease worked on the reels that he had on view at the meeting, I must say that I was most impressed.

I was so impressed that I purchased his grease from "Fleets Tackle" and decided to give all of my spinning reels a good service before the Bluff Creek weekend. This I proceeded to do and during the dismantling of a fairly new reel, remembered what John had said - "New reels do not have a lot of grease in them". How true.

I was amazed at the lack of grease in an almost new reel. The amount of grease in the reel would have been about as much as you would get on a mustard spoon. Whenever I buy a new reel from now on, the first thing I will do, is pull it apart and service the reel, probably with John Devitt's spinning reel grease.

Over the long weekend at Bluff Creek all the reels worked well with the only noticeable difference being that the older spinning reels seemed to be a little noisier than they normally were. Obviously worn parts had something to do with it.

The heavy grease that I had been using kept them quiet, but did not lubricate the moving parts very well.

My thanks to John Devitt.

Wayne Morris.

Suggestions for Instruction Periods at General Meetings.

We asked in the January Reel Talk for members' suggestions. Well the response has been underwhelming (that's the opposite of "overwhelming", meaning we haven't received any, except from Committee members.)

How can we give you what you want if you don't tell us? **We want your suggestions! Do it today, please.**

Exmouth Safari 2002 Update.

The Exmouth safari is next month May 11 - 18. Time to get serious and get yourself fit for the fishing and your gear ready. Check the October 2001 Reel Talk for some tips.

A barbecue has been arranged for Thursday 16 May at the Exmouth Yacht Club, from 6.00pm until 10.00pm. The Yacht Club will provide a barbecue pack of one piece of steak, two sausages, plus salads, bread and condiments, and a barbecue to cook it on. Cost per head \$10. Drinks available at \$2.50 for a can of beer, \$4.60 for full spirit plus a can of coke.

AAA Beach and Rock Championships.

The Australian Anglers Association ran it's annual Beach and Rock Fishing Championships over the weekend of 16/17 March on the beaches and reefs between Cervantes and Green Head. Weigh in was at the Jurien Bay Caravan Park on Sunday.

29 men, 5 ladies, 11 veterans, 5 juniors and 4 mini juniors signed on for the event and enjoyed superb autumn weather. The Surfcasters had 5 Men, 1 Lady, 4 Vets and 2 Mini juniors. Winds were medium south westerly for the whole weekend – not the strong sand blasting winds usually endured during our summer field days there, and the seas and swell were light.

During the event some good fish were caught, but the mulloway were all having a holiday somewhere else. Steve Bradley caught a 12.25 kg Hammerhead shark, and George Holman caught a 2.6 kg tailor from south of Jurien. Some of the gardies and herring were monsters – with a 325 gram garfish (a real mini marlin) and a 400 gram herring weighed in. There were some big yellow fin whiting around the beaches, and good range of smaller fish at Jurien itself for the people with two wheel drive.



George and his 2.6 kg Tailor.

Heaviest fish of species caught were:-

Garfish	0.325 kg	Allan Cuthbert	OSAC
Whiting	0.325 kg	Filomena D'Alonzo	SCAC.
Shark	12.250 kg	Steve Bradley	OSAC
Flathead	0.900 kg	Tony D'Alonzo	North'n Dists.
Tarwhine	0.410 kg	Paul Willis	OSAC
Tailor	2.600 kg	George Holman	SCAC
Herring	0.400 kg	Tony D'Alonzo	North'n Dists.
Trevally	0.650 kg	Allan Price	Bunbury.

Filomena D'Alonzo was runner up in the Ladies Individual results. Tony D'Alonzo was winner in the Vets, but was fishing for the Northern Districts Club. Bob Henderson was Vets runner up and Terry Ring a very creditable runner up to the runner up! Team results for the Surfcasters included runner up in the Vets and Mini juniors.

As usual, the fish were where you found them, or where you could berley them in. The Jurien jetty had a good range of smaller fish. Some of us Surfcasters went to spots which have produced fish in the past, settled in and berleyed up but without the results to match the effort.

Tony remarked that he fished until 1am for not too many fish, but had plenty of action with several stingrays, which are not eligible for the competition and were all released. So he moved

to another spot and ended up with six different species of fish and a win in the veterans division.

The fish were around in some places, but were not all cooperating. When we first arrived at our spot, we saw a big brown patch up the beach a few hundred metres, and with the glare from the sun, we weren't sure if it was seaweed or a school of fish. Well, we didn't have to wonder for too long – there aren't too many patches of seaweed which can move like that. They swam past us and we are sure it was a big school of tailor. But the clock said 1:30 pm and the start of fishing wasn't until 2:00 pm, so we couldn't get started. By start time they were way down the beach and well out to sea. So we hoped they would get hungry and come looking around our berley – but it wasn't to be.

Schools of good sized mullet swam along the beach quite close in, and some were followed by tailor which fell to poppers and lures.

The AAA State Boating Championships will be hosted by the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club and held on April 27, 2002. The competition will start at 6:30 am with the sign-on area at the ramp at Ocean Reef Marina.

The weigh-in will be conducted at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club, West Coast Drive, commencing at 4:00 pm. Each competitor may weigh-in only ONE fish of each nominated species. Everyone is welcome to come along and see how these championships are run and what has been caught.

For all the results for the State Championships, look at the Australian Anglers Association, (WA Division) website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

Help the Club's Recruiting Drive.

Please remember to place the Surfcasters stapled brochure and tear off application on a notice board where some possible members may see it. Derry Barber.

Mulloway Research Request.

We have received an email from Bryn Farmer, an honours student working with Murdoch University's Centre for Fish and Fisheries Research and currently undertaking a study into the biology of the mulloway. Very little is known about the biology of the species, mainly as a result of the study being put in the 'too hard basket' for far too long. The study has gained this reputation due to the doubt surrounding the ability of even the most intensive sampling regime providing adequate numbers of mulloway every month, and to do so without resulting in a huge by-catch. Therefore, they are appealing to recreational anglers to hand in any mulloway carcasses they have.

They are in desperate need of mulloway carcasses for the research. Any legal size mulloway that are caught can be filleted, however they ask that the carcass is complete with head, gonads and guts. Place a label specifying the person's name, contact details, date, approximate location of capture, length and whole weight of the fish before filleting. If these could be transported from your fishing locations on ice that would be greatly appreciated, and then they can be dropped off at Murdoch's Centre for Fish and Fisheries Research or Bryn can be contacted by phone or email for pick-up.

But because we require fish weighed in on our Club Field Day to be gilled and gutted, there is a problem with providing a carcass as above. However it could be worked around if club members would be willing to take a little longer with the gutting of fish - just to ensure that the guts and gonads are removed largely intact, which could then be placed in a labelled bag specifying the size of the fish from which they were taken.

Recreational anglers are an integral part of this study, as it is the only chance they have to get the numbers of mulloway carcasses needed.

Contact details are:- Bryn Farmer, Centre for Fish and Fisheries Research, Murdoch University, Work hours 9360 2256, After hours ph: 9360 2010, email: 19910307@student.murdoch.edu.au

Hold the Cans, Please.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the meeting and give them to Mal Head. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club. Mal won't be at the April meeting, so please hold them until May.

For Rent.

Club house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max), has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$210 per week,	On season	\$350 per week	} all
Club Members:-	Off season	\$150 per week,	On Season	\$200 per week	} plus \$50
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights			} bond.

For bookings and further information, contact the Property Officer, Rob Mitchell, after hours on (08) 9248 8164.

Bookings available as at 20 February are:- 23 March - 5 April, 20 April - 10 May, 25 May on.

Club's 50th Anniversary.

The annual dinner, dance and 50th reunion is heading our way soon. It will be held on Saturday 29 June 2002 at the Yokine Bowling Club. I hope one and all are putting in special efforts for the open competitions and club competitions.

Have you ever thought about donating a trophy or a prize towards this evening? Have the actions of any club member giving you reason to put forward a special prize on this evening to show your appreciation? Ever thought of producing that "certain trophy" for some crazy reason?

This night is set aside to congratulate club members for their efforts over the past year. Surely a special award will create memories. Bob Henderson.

New Member Applications.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the April Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any of the applications should not be accepted, please contact a Committee Member and state the reason.

Vix Alexander and Malcolm Harris.

Bring a Friend to a General Meeting.

Please "Bring A Friend" (*Friend, workmate neighbour or acquaintance*) to either of the next two General meetings.
Derry Barber.

Donations for Trophies.

Very soon we will be looking for trophies for this competition year. **Please give us your suggestions for people / companies / etc to contact. We needed to have a list by early March, so it's URGENT.**

There are some things members can do:-

1. Get involved in the competition – there are plenty of open competition sections which don't have entries.
2. **Donate a trophy yourself** – particularly if you have been on the on the receiving end in past years.
3. When buying your gear and getting your services from our trophy donors and advertisers, make sure you let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club, so that when we contact them in a few months, they will know that this Club's members support them.

Our 2000/2001 trophy donors have been listed in 2001 Reel Talks. We haven't yet approached companies about donations for our current 2001/2002 year. Club donors so far are:-

George Holman - rod trophy not allocated last year.

Derry Barber - money not used last year.

Terry Fuller - money not all used last year.

Doug Edward

Trevor Stam

Lots of goodies!

Thanks Trevor

Ian Pilton

Money

Dianne and Derry Barber

Money for the 50th Dinner /
Dance

If any names have been missed, please contact the Reel Talk Editor.

Our 2001/2002 trophy donors so far are:-

Seaducer Tackle Corporation, Lures.

Baitmate – Filleting stand

2001/2002 Open Competition.

Cookie needs more entries !!! Someone must have caught some fish ??? Or will catch some fish soon!

For members going on the Exmouth Safari, the May field day will be held over one day (24 hours) probably on the Friday. Normal field day rules will apply to the field day. Ian will give details to the party on the Thursday night. Remember to take lots of entry forms for the Open Competition, Species Badge, Master/Grand Masters. You will probably catch some fish that are not in our clubs record book, so take a list of the Club Records. Ian will be taking the club's 50 kg scales and a set of 15 kg digital scales. Both scales are certified.

Ian will be providing tide tables with times and graphical interpretation prior to our trip up north.

Good Fishing

Cookie Monster + "Hunter".

Changes to the lists published in the January/February/March 2002 Reel Talks are:-

Section	For	Min weight	Current Leader.
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	Dave Maxted 5.5 kg Bronze Whaler, Bluff Creek.

Seaducer Lure Fishing Competition.

Chris Scobles has again been willing to support this competition and has already provided the lures for the prizes. Entries so far are:-

Heaviest Tailor

Mal Head 2.5kg at Red Bluff, Kalbarri.

Heaviest Salmon

George's Salmon?

Heaviest Scale Fish

No entry.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. A few copies, eg all of what we have for the early months of 1982 are not in good condition, so we would take any better copies if they were offered.

See the list in the February Reel Talk.

Help the Club's Recruiting Drive.

If you were one of the members who were given a number of brochures and a plastic brochure stand, please remember to take these to the nominated Tackle Shop. Derry Barber.

SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003 – Draft Version March 2002.

2002/2003 Possible Dry Casting Dates.

These are the "normal" dates. Some dates may change to fit in with Field Day changes. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30am.

Sunday 5 May 2002	Sunday 3 November 2002
Sunday 9 June 2002, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 1 December 2002
Sunday 7 July 2002	Sunday 5 January 2003
Sunday 4 August 2002	Sunday 2 February 2003
Sunday 1 September 2002, (change for Fathers' Day?)	Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 6 October 2002	Sunday 6 April 2003

2002/2003 General Meetings.

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 8 May 2002	Wednesday 13 November 2002
Wednesday 12 June 2002	Wednesday 11 December 2002
Wednesday 10 July 2002	Wednesday 8 January 2003
Wednesday 14 August 2002	Wednesday 12 February 2003
Wednesday 11 September 2002	Wednesday 12 March 2003
Wednesday 9 October 2002	Wednesday 9 April 2003

2002/2003 Proposed Field Day Dates and Venues.

These are the dates and venues recommended by the Committee. To be discussed and approved or changed by the members at the April General Meeting.

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 May 2002	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sun/Monday 1/2/3 June 2002 LWE	Bremer Bay or Peaceful Bay (one of these).
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 July 2002	Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin.
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 August 2002	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29/30 September 2002 LWE	Greenough.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 October 2002	Cervantes to Jurien.
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November 2002	Lancelin to Cervantes.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December 2002	Open.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003	Mandurah 500.
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003	Two Rocks to Moore River.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE	Bluff Creek.
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003	Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin.

Local Field Day Change of Boundaries.

The committee recommends the following boundaries for Local Field Days for approval by the members at the April General Meeting. Local field days would alternate between a "South" and a "North" on successive months.

South:- Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River, so would include both the North and South Moles.

North:- South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River, so would include both the North and South Moles.

Bring a Friend to a General Meeting.

Please "Bring A Friend" (*Friend, workmate neighbour or acquaintance*) to either of the next two General meetings. Derry Barber.

Calendar for 2002/2003.

A calendar showing the proposed dates was published in the March Reel Talk. No changes have yet been decided. An updated calendar will be published after the April General Meeting which decides the Field Days.

Here's a 2002/2003 calendar with these **possible** dates marked on it, showing the dates we would use for Dry Casting, General and Committee Meetings, and Field Days, and assuming we have field days on the March, June, and September Queen's Birthday long week ends.

6	Dry Casting	9	General Meeting	12	13	Field Day	16	Committee Meeting
11	---	18	Exmouth Safari					

SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003 – Draft Version 20 March 2002. Dates still have to be confirmed.																				
May 2002							June 2002							July 2002						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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August 2002							September 2002							October 2002						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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February 2003							March 2003							April 2003						
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2001/2002 Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Trophies.

This will be the club's 50th anniversary and will be held on Saturday 29 June 2002 at the Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue.

AAA and Affiliated Club Coming Events.

This information has been updated from the March 2002 AAA report, the latest one which had a timetable of events. Some dates are still being finalised so check for updates in later Reel Talks.

April 6/7, 2002	OSAC Beach Field Day	Two Rocks to Lancelin.
April 14, 2002	Rockingham OFC Field Day	Point Peron.
April 20/21, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Cape to Cape.
April 27, 2002	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Ocean Reef, Host:- Marmion AAC.
May 4, 2002	OSAC Beach Field Day	Cape to Cape.

May 12, 2002
 May 18/19, 2002
 June 1/2/3, 2002
 June 16, 2002
Monday July 1, 8 and 15
 July 14, 2002
 August 18, 2002
Monday Sept 2, 9 and 16
 September 15, 2002
 October 13, 2002
October 27, 2002
 November 13, 2002
November 23/24, 2002
 December 15, 2002
Jan 11/12, 2003 (tentative)
 1 March, 2003 (tentative)
March 29/30, 2003
 LWE Sept/Oct, 2003
 May, 2003
 October 26, 2003

Rockingham OFC Field Day
 FAAC Field Day
 FAAC Field Day
 Rockingham OFC Field Day
AAA Fishing Clinics (North of River)
 Rockingham OFC Field Day
 Rockingham OFC Field Day
AAA Fishing Clinics (South of River)
 Rockingham OFC Field Day
 Rockingham OFC Field Day
AAA State Dry Casting Championships.
 Rockingham OFC Field Day
AAA State Estuary Championships
 Rockingham OFC Field Day
AAA Mandurah 500
 AAA State Boat Angling Championships
AAA State Beach and Rock Championship
 AAA State Beach and Rock Championship
 AAA State Estuary Championships
 AAA State Dry Casting Championships

Point Peron.
 Rottneest.
 Cheynes Beach.
 Point Peron.
Hillarys Yacht Club (tentative)
 Point Peron.
 Point Peron.
To be advised.
 Point Peron.
 Point Peron.
Yokine Reserve. (Don't miss it!)
 Point Peron.
Swan River (HQ at Troy Park.)
 Point Peron.
Dates/boundaries to be decided.
 Lancelin AAC.
Dawesville Cut to Binningup Cut.
 Horrocks to Kalbarri.
 Collie River / Leschenault Estuary.
 Yokine Reserve.

Damo's Wago Trip.



Damo and Samson Fish

Damian D'Mello had some success at Wago in February. We don't have the full story – maybe for the next Reel Talk?



Damo and Spanish Mackerel.



Damo and Black Tipped Reef Shark.

Happy Birthday to:-

Andrew Stoeckel, 7 April.
 Vix Alexander, 19 April.

For Sale – Nissan Patrol.

1993 GQ, ST. Full electrics, Automatic, 4.2 litre Petrol, air conditioned, roo bar, side steps, mag wheels, Cooper All Terrain tyres, 7 seater, immaculate condition, 150,000 km, \$19,800 ono.
 Neil Maxted, 9446 4163 or 0411 775 897.

Bring a Friend to a General Meeting.

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 Derry Barber.

Unexpected Happening at Flat Rock.

On arrival at the Flat Rock area for the Greenough River Field Day, October 1976, Bill Utting and I joined up with Ralph and Rudy Lerch. The South Suburban Angling Club members were also present, as their headquarters were at Flat Rock. Bill and I walked around the beach front and were very impressed with the angling possibilities.

After a snack we journeyed with Rudy and Ralph to the area which Rudy had visited before. Bill and I however carried far too much gear, such as waders, sandals, two rods plus all the usual gear we generally carry several hundred yards, not 3 miles or so.

After travelling approximately two miles, I did ask Rudy, "How much further?" and he replied "round the corner, to the next point". My remark was, "How far to Geraldton?"

The beach sand was soft, with rocky bays where care was needed. Finally, after forty minutes or so, we arrived. Several South Suburban anglers were already there, and one lad from the Bull Chit Anglers Club.

The water looked terrific, with a large gutter coming in from deep water, with plenty of wave action, plus a reef off to the right and left. We just dropped our packs and quietly got our wind back. Rudy and Ralph carried a quarter of the gear we carried, as they had been to the area before. Finally, rods and reels ready, we commenced casting mulies far and wide. Alongside on my left was the Bull Chit angler and on the right side, Bill and Ralph and then four members of the South Suburban Angling Club and then Rudy. Quite a group fishing into the gutter.

Ralph was soon in business and landed several tailor, with Bill landing a good sized flathead. Up to this period, I had been bringing in a mangled mulie. No doubt the sand whiting were having a feast on our bait.

One South Suburban angler landed a good size rock lobster and surprised everyone. At this point, I had started a routine of casting and retrieving and replacing the mulies, and I was slowly getting to dislike those sand whiting.

The nibbling was continuous, and in desperation I then commenced to move the mulie quickly away from them, and then, and as they finally went to pick, I slowly lifted the rod. Then bingo. The reel which I set on a loose drag just took off and a hundred yards of line disappeared seaward.

I was stunned - sand whiting turning into shark! At least that's what I thought then. The line kept disappearing off the spool at a rapid rate of knots, with the drag on the reel almost right off, I was using my thumb to control the spool.



Jim Strong and his 30 kg Mulloway from 1976.

After the initial long rush, I managed to commence retrieving the line, though once again closer to the shore, the fish had another burst, which again shook me up and by now some forty minutes later, my arm was almost numb. Around me all anglers carried on as usual. I wondered what a surprise they would receive when the fish came through the first line of breakers. WOWIE!

Young Ralph elected to gaff the fish, received a big shock when the giant tail lifted high out of the water, his first stroke missed, and I as sure I had lost him, at this stage I would have been happy if the mulloway had escaped. He fought a wonderful fight and deserved a better fate.

Ralph, in the meantime, tried for the second time to gaff the fish and then I slowly moved him up the beach on the incoming tide. All anglers crowded around, hardly believing their eyes. I personally felt sad, and wished he had escaped to carry on the mulloway generations, as just now it isn't breeding time, and all the mulloway are heading for the river inlets to spawn.

Now came the big problem - how to carry the mulloway back to camp, three and a half miles away!!! While the other anglers carried on, I hurried to our base camp looking for a four wheel drive vehicle. However, to no avail. I returned with the grim news that the only way we could handle the outsize mulloway was a maximum team effort, to which the lads agreed.

Rudy and Ralph commenced the return trip with the gaff through the mouth. We changed hands regularly. The outstanding point was that the lad from the Bull Chit

Angling Club took over and with help, we draped the mulloway around his shoulders and he set off with me

carrying his pack and rods. We soon left the main group behind and somehow after many rests and climbing sand hills, etc., we made the campsite at Flat Rock.

My sincere thanks to all concerned for this task of carrying the mulloway back to camp. How we all did it I will never know. The mulloway weighed in on Sunday morning at thirty kilos, being 389 grams short of breaking the State and Club record, however, I was particularly pleased to have captured such a fish on a field day.

Gear used:- threadline reel, 550 Mark III Olympic High speed, 19lb line - subject to test.

Jim Strong, from the Reel Talk, November 1976.

Timing of Issue of Reel Talk.

Currently, Reel Talk comes out by the end of the calendar month. One of the suggestions which came from discussions on the General Meeting was to look at the timing of the publication of Reel Talk, specifically a suggestion that it might be changed to come out in the week before the General Meeting. The claimed aim of this was that the reports at the General Meeting could be kept even briefer than they are now, because the Reel Talk would have very recent reports.

Please note that the Committee has already decided that all possible Club Business should be published in the Reel Talk, and that spoken reports at General Meetings should be brief and to the point.

- For:-**
- 1.) Reel Talk could have the most recent Dry Casting results in for some months, but only for the 5 months in 2002/2003 where the General Meetings isn't in the week immediately after the Dry Casting.
 - 2.) Some reports could be prepared a little later and could have a little more current detail in them, eg the Treasurer's and Property Officer's reports.
 - 3.) Spoken reports at the General Meetings won't need to update most of what's published in the Reel Talk.
 - 4.) Field Day reports for three LWE field days before the General Meetings could be published in the Reel Talk.

- Against:-**
- 1.) Reel Talk would not come out before the Field Day for three LWE Field Days. Currently Reel Talk always comes out before the Field Day - unless there's a special reason, like this April 2002 Reel Talk with delayed reports and the very early Easter break.
 - 2.) Pressure on FDO and DCO to prepare some reports within just one or two days to meet tight Reel Talk deadline. Good chance of problems and need for corrections and updates.

- Neutral:-**
- 1.) Most reports in Reel Talk might not actually be any different to what they are at present. The Reel Talk editor already updates the reports if he is aware of any changes, or adds an up to date report when the Reel Talk is finalised on the night before publication.
 - 2.) No actual change for 7 Dry casting reports. Reports for May, June, July, October 2002, January, March and April 2003 when dry casting is only four days before the General Meetings still may not be in the most recent Reel Talk.
 - 3.) Spoken reports at the General Meetings only briefly cover some of the details in the Reel Talk, and can give any updates to the latest situation. These take only a very short time anyway, and may not change much.

What do members want? If we don't hear from you, we have to assume that you agree with the current timing of Reel Talk, or you don't think it's worth any change. What else can we assume? Terry Fuller.

Three Questions to Answer.

- 1.) What result or outcome do you **want to get** when you do or propose to do something?
- 2.) What result or outcome will you **actually get** when you do what you are doing or proposing to do.
- 3.) If the answers to questions 1.) and 2.) are different, **why are you bothering to do it?**

Think about it.

Become a Recfishwest Corresponding Member.

Recfishwest has recently added a "Corresponding Member" category, which is **free, costs \$0.00**, receives information directly from Recfishwest about what they are doing and asking for opinions on recreational fishing issues. Corresponding members can give their comments on issues being handled by Recfishwest, but do not have a vote to elect Board members, etc.

If you want to Recfishwest to represent your views, and to have more clout with their comments, all you have to do is become a "Corresponding member" for the princely sum of **\$0.00 per year**, (alright, it might cost you 0.45c for a stamp occasionally) and you will get consulted, and can give your comments and raise the issues which you think are important.

One of the hot topics being handled at present is access through pastoral leases and farming properties, with reports of charges being proposed by some lessees and owners to go down bush tracks to get to fishing spots. The address is Recfishwest, PO Box 57, Claremont, W.A. 6010, Telephone 9387 7864.

President's Report.

Well here we are already over halfway through our angling year. We are now leading into the business end and have to start thinking of next year and what it may bring. In April we are to ratify the field days for the coming year and have presented to you a list of recommendations for discussion. It would seem from the lack of discussion at the last General meeting you are happy with the recommendations, but I urge you to undertake a review and bring the results to the attention of the April meeting. It will be your last chance for input into the Field Day venues in 2002/03. At that meeting we will also discuss the possibility of clashes with AAA events although we have been advised that their events will be held on the last weekend of any month.

Some discussion has been held regarding additional fishing trips, that maybe we need to incorporate a second field day in the month. If this is so then you as members are encouraged to discuss this at the next General meeting or approach any of the committee with ideas on where, how and when it could be held. To start off the discussion an idea has been floating around for some time that we gather at a local venue during the evening and fish (non competitively) for a couple of hours partaking in an informal meal at the same time. The aim is purely social and the enjoyment of the environment with your family and mates.

The cost of holding our Meetings at the bowling club is used to admit a member to the social membership list of the Yokine Bowling Club. This will not cost you a thing for the first year at least. As their membership year runs from July to June, any new membership applications will be held over until the start of their new year. You can still submit your application, however you will not be accepted until July.

Changes are being made to communications Australia wide. Soon AM, or 27meg, will be phased out completely and advances in UHF technology gives us a vastly superior reception, and in some instances range. We as a group who spend time in remote locations have a responsibility to communicate amongst ourselves and at the same time listen and respond to emergencies, so it is important that we keep up with technology that we may discharge that responsibility. Watch future Reel Talks for an article on this subject.

We do have a number of repairs and mods to be carried out at the Kalbarri house. It would be appreciated if anyone travelling to that venue with a tape measure could document some details for us. Please contact either a committee member or myself if you are in a position to assist.

For those going to Exmouth in May I have bad and good news: I cannot find a speaker on the subject for our April meeting. However the manager of the Bluewater tackle shop in Exmouth has agreed to speak to us on Saturday evening at one of the houses. Unfortunately public speaking to a group of smelly fishos seems to be tantamount to getting the plague for some, and those not frightened by the prospect, are short on local Exmouth knowledge.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the organizers of the recent car rally. It was a great function filled with interest and not a little confusion. To my knowledge there hasn't been a divorce yet that can be attributed to the navigation and driving skills of various couples. In fact the winner proved that a partnership involving great navigation and passable driving skills pay off. (only just).

Truthfully the event was well organised, culminating in a pleasant and enjoyable social gathering. Well done Chas and Bob.

Safe and successful fishing.

Ross Kember, President.

AAA and Club Publicity.

The AAA had a full page in the March West Coast Fisherman newspaper, covering what the AAA is and what it does and putting in a strong plug about what club fishing could offer to people. It included photos of people at club fishing events.

A report on the AAA Jurien Bay Beach and Rock Fishing Championships including several photos, and details of future AAA events has been prepared for the April West Coast Fisherman, out soon.

West Coast Fisherman has provided enough copies of the newspaper which have been sent to all the affiliated AAA clubs, to let them know what the AAA is doing and that space is available in that newspaper for Clubs to put their reports, photos, etc in also.

The Surfcasters had a 25cm by 5 cm column about our 50th Anniversary and the Club in the March edition of the other local monthly fishing newspaper, Fishing WA. Doug Clegg gave the club a very good plug on the ABC radio program "Hook and Line and Sinkers" on 23 March. That's on 720 ABC at 8:30 am on Saturdays.

Glow Lights – Any Good?

The Western Angler fishing forum has a topic about glow sticks, noting "they're expensive and tackle stores love you to buy them" and asking "but are they any good?"

One reply said "I can vouch they work for Tailor. A glowstick attached about one inch or so from the bait may help 'illuminate' the bait and make it stand out just that little bit from the others in the school. However, I believe they are a turn-off for some other species like Mulloway."

Other replies told of the common use as bite indicators on rods, and attached to the line to show where your rig is as you wind in. One said that commercial long line fishers use them near their baits.

Does anyone have any experience with using them near the bait for different types of fish. How about writing a few lines with your thoughts as a tip for the rest of the club members.?