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## **Minutes of General Meeting, 9 March 2005**

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room  
Time 8:00 pm. Vice President George Holman presiding.
- Present:-** 17 members.
- Apologies:-** Rick Parker, Chas Riegert, Paul Thompson, Roy Killick, Trevor Stam, Greg Walker, John Romano, Terry Fuller at Recfishwest meeting and will be late.
- Visitors:-** Josh Lucocq.
- New Member:-** None.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. Moved Ian Cook, seconded Peter Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** George Holman outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. Some money to be invested. John Romano to prepare a recommendation. The list of Field Days needed a small change to March 2006. Ian Cook reported that Emu Springs will be available for Easter 2006. No other business arising.  
There is a vacancy on Committee - anyone interested?
- Correspondence In:**
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|-----------------------------|---|
| Westpac Bank                | Bank statement for February.  |
| Ray White Kalbarri          | Statement for February (no money), list of Kalbarri bookings, increase in cleaning costs. |
| AAA                         | Minutes of February AAA Delegates' Meeting.   |
| Western Power               | Power for Kalbarri \$202.15 due 10 March  |
| Westpac                     | Changes in banking fees.  |
| Senior's Recreation Council | Invitation to Senior's Forum 27 April   |
| Rick Parker                 | Payment Kalbarri house \$375  |
| Aust Post                   | PO Box renewal \$56   |
- Correspondence Out:-** Paul Willis Thanks for February Instruction period
- Treasurer's Report:-** John Romano (working tonight) and Paul Thompson (in NZ) have given apologies for the meeting. Moved Jim Strong, seconded Terry Willison accounts be passed for payment as per the list in correspondence.
- Property Officer** Vix Alexander reported. Terry Fuller has made and installed railing/balustrading for the back verandah, and the side steps. Vix thanked Terry on behalf of everyone in the Club. A barbecue which was for sale has been offered to the club. BBQs have been supplied before but have gone missing, so committee decided not to take up the offer.  
Cleaning fees have gone up again.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported briefly on the February Open field Day. 9 fished details as in Reel Talk.  
March Field day was split between Bremer Bay and Bluff Creek. 9 members and 1 visitor fished at Bremer Bay. Malcolm Harris showed a black eye from a hit by an impact sinker and hooks – and was very lucky to have got away so lightly. Ten people fished at Bluff Creek. The beach was completely different to last year and the water had excellent gutters as deep as George had ever seen, even in front of the camp site. Daytime fishing was good, night time very poor. George Holman had a tussle with a large shark on Monday night.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** March dry casting has not yet been held.
- AAA Report:-** The AAA State Boat Angling Championships will be held on Saturday 19 March at Hillarys. An AAA Year Book is being planned for the second half of the year.  
Peter Stoeckel reported on the AAA Rock and Beach Championship planned for 28/29 May at Cape to Cape which will be the club's May field day. A booklet has been prepared by AAA to advertise the event and copies will be given to all regular field day fishers in the club. Extra copies are available from Peter Stoeckel or Terry Fuller. George like to see more Surfcasters at these events.
- Social Organiser:-** Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club has been booked for the Presentation night, Saturday 18 June 2005. Peter Stoeckel and Andrew Aubrey will organise this. Donations for prizes are wanted.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook has done some work on sorting Club records. Some details will be in a future Reel Talk. The list of Open entries need to be in the Reel Talk each month.  
Notices of Motion were put in some time ago to change the Open and Species list. To be voted on at April meeting.
- Rottnest Field Day:-** As listed in the March Reel Talk. The Rottnest Field Day will be on the long weekend 4/5/6 June. More starters are needed to spread the costs.
- Secretary's Report.** Terry Fuller gave the name of the new Fisheries Minister following the re-election of the Labor Government. The Labor Party released its Environment and Fisheries policies just one day before the election which did not give enough time to consider these policies. The Labor fisheries policy has many of the same promises as the Liberal policy which Labor criticised.  
Terry showed large colour photographs of the railings he has made and installed at Kalbarri.

**Reel Talk Editor:-** Nothing else to report other than covered by correspondence or in general business.  
 Nothing to report. The editor will publish what he is supplied which is relevant to fishing and of interest to the club members.

**Notices of Motion:-** None.

**General Business:-** A Club safari was discussed for 2006 and Esperance was suggested.  
 RFW has an appeal for fishing gear for Tsunami victims.  
 The demonstration of the laser measurer for dry casting will be organised at Lake Monger for after 24 March.  
 Andy Thorgersen has finally received a reply to his letter to Environment Minister Dr. Judy Edwards about the state of the Rivers - copy to be published in Reel Talk.  
 Terry Fuller reported on some items from tonight's March Recfishwest meeting. See the more detailed report in the Reel Talk.

**Instruction Period:-** Question and Answer period, including discussion on slide baiting and rigs by Spencer King, compressors for 4WD.

**Meeting closed:-** 9:50pm.

### Coming Club Events.

#### April Dry Casting.

**When:-** Sunday 3 April.  
**Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.  
**Events:-** Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.

**A Change:-** Commencing in February 2005, the order for Dry Casting will be altered slightly.  
 Casts will be in the order of: **1. 56 gram, 2. Artificial Bait, 3. 112 gram**, to be the same as the order in both the AAA State and AAA National distance casting events.  
**All casters please assist Terry Willison with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events. Help with the setting up at the beginning will also be greatly appreciated.**  
 A shock leader casting event will be held **after the completion** of all SCAC casting. See page 7 for more details.

#### April General Meeting.

**When:-** Wednesday 13 April 2005, 8:00 pm.  
**Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

**Instruction Period:-** Discussion and decisions on the 2005/6 Field Day venues and boundaries.

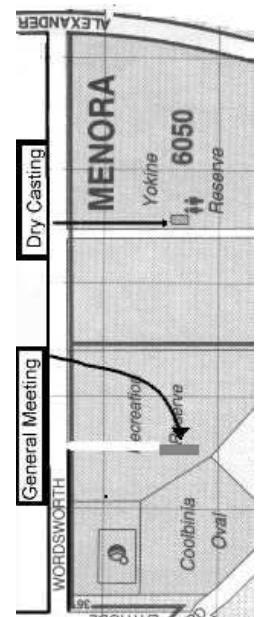
#### April 2005 Field Day – Port Gregory to Kalbarri.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 23/24/25 April 2005 Anzac Day LWE.  
**Sign On:-** Saturday 12 noon at - come to General Meeting or contact FDO.  
**Lines Down:-** After sign on.  
**Weigh in:-** Come to General Meeting or contact FDO  
**Boundaries:-** Hutt River to as far as you can walk north of the Murchison River mouth.

<b>Tides for</b>	Saturday 23 Apr	0.95m at 9:52 am	0.56m at 4:18 pm	0.79m at 10:24 pm	Sunrise 6:45 am
	Sunday 24 Apr	0.63m at 2:43 am	1.01m at 10:15 am	0.49m at 5:01 pm	0.74m at 11:06 pm
	Monday 25 Apr	0.63m at 2:06 am	1.07m at 10:40 a		Sunset 6:00 pm
<b>Moon</b>	Saturday 23 Apr	Moonrise:-	About 5:15 pm		
	Sunday 24 Apr	Moonrise:-	About 5:50 pm	Moonset:-	About 6:20 am
	Monday 25 Apr	Moonset:-	About 7:25 am	Full Moon-	Sun 24 April

#### Local Field Day for April 2005.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 23/24/25 April 2005 Anzac Day LWE.  
**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.  
**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12 noon  
**Weigh in:-** Monday 10:00 am 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:-** Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.



<b>Tides for</b>	Saturday 23 Apr	1.02m at 9:20 am	0.68m at 4:17 pm	0.84m at 10:25 pm	Sunrise 6:45 am
	Sunday 24 Apr	0.72m at 2:27 am	1.08m at 9:29 am	0.62m at 5:10 pm	0.79m at 11:30 pm
<b>Fremantle</b>	Monday 25 Apr	0.73m at 2:28 am	1.14m at 9:46 am		Sunset 5:45 pm

### **May 2005 Field Day – Cape to Cape.**

**When:-** Will be held with the AAA State Rock & Beach State Championships, Saturday/Sunday 28/29 May, 2005. A booklet has been prepared by AAA to advertise the event and copies should have been given to all regular field day fishers in the club. Extra copies are available from Peter Stoeckel or Terry Fuller.

**Where:** Cape to Cape

**Headquarters:** Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

**Boundaries:** Busselton Jetty to the Blackwood River. But note that the jetty and the river are not included in the boundaries.

**Registration:** 11am to 12 noon, Saturday 28 May at the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park. Compulsory registration at this location between the nominated times is a requirement. Note that the organisers can make other arrangements for any participants that cannot make this time if organised prior to the event. Enquiries to Peter Stoeckel.

**Briefing:** By a written set of Rules of the Day, issued at the time of registration.

**Lines Down:-** 2 pm Saturday.

**Weigh in:** AAA weigh in 11 am Sunday morning 29 May at the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park. SCAC weigh in will be after the AAA event.

**Species:** Heaviest of species prizes will be awarded by AAA for heaviest of: Skippy, Whiting, Shark, Snook, Salmon, Tarwhine, Mystery Fish. If some of these are not caught, then the reserves are Tailor, Herring.

**Entry fees:** Men and Ladies \$10, Juniors and Veterans \$5.

### **Local Field Day for May 2005.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 28/29 May, 2005

**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.

**Lines Down:-** 2 pm Saturday.

**Weigh in:-** Sunday 11:00 am 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:-** Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

### **Calendar for Next Three Months.**

Here's a calendar showing the dates we will use for Dry Casting, General and Committee Meetings, and Field Days in the next three months.

27	AAA Event																							
1	Dry Casting					11	General Meeting					14	15	Field Day					18	Committee Meeting				
April 2005							May 2005							June 2005										
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun				
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### **Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.**

Field Day Fees:- \$7 for an individual, \$9 for families. Dry Casting Fees:- \$6 for an individual, \$8 for families.

### **Have You Paid for Rottnest Field Day June 2005 ?**

Members at the February General Meeting decided that we go to Rottnest on the long weekend of 4/5/6 June as our June field day.

The format for the Rottnest field day on the long weekend 4/5/6 June would remain the same as we have used before. Cost estimated on 15 persons = \$130 each, 10 persons = \$150 each.

Cookie is disappointed in the response from members to the Rottnest Field Day. There was a big show of hands for the change to the LWE format in June. We have only received confirmation of 6 members going to the Rottnest FD. We put a lot of effort into trying to organise these venues and the response leaves you wondering why the lack of enthusiasm. The committee will need to decide if the Field Day is still viable.

**Deposits** of \$75 were required by the March General Meeting.

**Full payment** of between \$130 to \$150 (depends on numbers going) are required by the April General Meeting.

**This is the deadline you must meet if you want to go to Rottnest – no exceptions.**

No further bookings will be taken after the April General Meeting and the accommodation will be booked only for the members who have paid by the April General Meeting. If you haven't paid by then, you will have to make your own arrangements for accommodation and transport on Rottnest.

## **2005/2006 Field Day Dates and Venues.**

This list was collated from the suggestions put in by members. The Committee has recommended Emu Springs for the April 2006 Field Days because the normal weekend is Easter and fishing and accommodation Cape to Cape would be impossible for a Field Day.

This list will be discussed and finalised at the April General Meeting. The boundaries should also be set at that meeting. Also, please think about your involvement. If you know you're not able to go to some of the field days, then please consider leaving the discussion, the voting and the decisions about those field days to those members who will go on those field days.

Some eagle eyed people may have noticed a mistake in the venue for March 2006 as listed in the March Reel Talk. The correct recommendation is below. Forget all the conspiracy theories - there's a simple explanation:- I copied the 2004/5 Field day list layout and amended it with the list for 2005/6 and one of the edits didn't get done in the rush to get the Reel Talk out before I went to Kalbarri.....

Saturday/Sun 28/29 May 2005	Cape to Cape AAA Rock and Beach Championships
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 June 2005 LWE	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 July 2005	Two Rocks to Lancelin.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 August 2005	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday 10/11 September 2005	Cervantes.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 October 2005 LWE	S-Bend.
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 November 2005	Lancelin/Wedge or Cervantes/Jurien (equal).
Saturday/Sunday 10/11 December 2005	Local only. Early lines up, late weigh in, Xmas get together and night cast
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 January 2006	Preston/White Hills
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February 2006	3 for Estuary or 3 Cervantes or 2 White Hills or 2 for Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 4/5/6 March 2006 LWE	Wagoe 6, Bremer Bay/Bluff Creek 4.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15/16/17 April 2006 Easter	Members chose Cape to Cape but the normal field day weekend is Easter so the Committee recommends Emu Springs. Alternative – change the field day weekend. Anzac Day is Tuesday so is not a long weekend.

## **Field Day Boundaries**

Club Competition Rules 2.1.6 says *“The boundaries for the Field Day will be published in Reel Talk. Boundaries may be changed at the sign on at the discretion of the Field Day Officer and by consensus of the majority of the participating members. Any competitor fishing outside the boundaries during the fishing times shall be disqualified.”*

This has generally been accepted to mean that the boundaries may be changed if weather or weed or beach or water conditions mean that it would be difficult to find enough fishing spots within the chosen boundaries, and an extension would allow fishing in some places with better conditions. It does **NOT** mean that the boundaries can be extended because someone has a favourite spot outside the boundaries, or has heard of fish being caught outside the boundaries.

In future, the boundaries will be discussed and set at or before the April General Meeting when the venues are being chosen, and everyone will have a chance to say what they want.

## **Amendments to Club's Competition Rules.**

The Club's Competition Rules for 2005/6 will be decided at the April General Meeting. Here is the gist of an article from the May 2004 Reel Talk (with some additions and edits) which was written as a result of discussions at and after the 2004 April General Meeting about the way in which the Club's Competition Rules can be changed,

The Club's Constitution has Section 2 "Objects of the Association" followed by Sections 3 to 26 all under the General heading "Rules of the Association". The "Objects of the Association" and "Rules of the Association" as covered in the Constitution are legal requirements for an Incorporated body.

The Club's "Competition Rules" are internal club things separate from the Constitution and that's why they are in a completely separate document.

The rules should be decided democratically by the majority of members for the benefit of the majority of members.

Constitution Section 17. MEETINGS says "A majority vote from eligible financial members present and voting at annual general, general or special meeting is sufficient to carry vote unless otherwise stated in a specific clause of the rules of this constitution."

We need to make it clear that **currently** the Competition Rules **CAN** be changed without any **FORMAL** notice of motion, **BUT it is also expected that details of proposed changes will always be circulated before, usually in Reel Talk, so that members can think about the changes before the meeting.**

**To be crystal clear** - if anyone wants to change any of the rules, then they **really need** to discuss proposals first with other people who know the Constitution and Competition Rules, who might see if there are any traps or missing or unnecessary bits and can suggest ways to handle these and avoid any problems and changes of direction during the meeting.

If the details aren't published in Reel Talk, then **at the very least** the person proposing changes to the rules should write down the **exact wording of their proposal** so that the members present at the meeting know exactly what is proposed and what they are voting for, and so that the correct wording can be placed in the minutes and in the updated rules. If you're not prepared to do this, then you are inviting problems.

If that prior information isn't given, (that doesn't mean **formal notice**) and/or there is not a written version of the proposed changes, then the members should listen to the discussions at the meeting.

If the exact changes are not described clearly enough to understand all the effects, then the members should not feel pressured to vote either yes or no. Members can move that the **decision be deferred** if they want more time to think about it.

If any deferral of a decision causes any proposed change to "miss the boat" for the start of a Competition Year, then maybe that's due to bad management and ignoring some reasonable things, and the proposers will have to do it differently next time if they want it to get through.

We do need to make it possible for people to suggest changes during the year as they think of them. We do need to make it possible for the members to accept these changes for the current competition year if they agree that's OK, or to defer them until the start of the next competition year, or reject the changes.

To resolve this, I will move an addition to the Competition Rules as follows:-

**"Section 1.1.9. Amendment to These Competition Rules.**

*The Club's "Competition Rules" are different from the "Rules of the Association" as set out in the Constitution.*

*The Committee shall decide all details of how and when these Competition rules may be decided or amended, including the notification and voting requirements. Those details shall be published and notified to all members and will require those details to be endorsed by members of the Club voting as covered by Constitution Section 17.*

*The rules shall be published and notified to all members.*

*The rules will be confirmed or amended at or before the General Meeting held prior to the commencement of the competition year, by members of the Club voting as decided above.*

*The rules may be amended part way through a competition year providing this is notified to and endorsed by members of the Club voting as decided above.*

*All amendments made shall be published and notified to all members prior to the commencement of the first affected event in any competition year."*

**In simple words:-** The Committee recommends when and how the rules may be changed and that recommendation has to be confirmed by the members voting with at least a 50% majority. Everything is published for members to consider. It keeps some flexibility. Changes can be made during the competition year if members agree that it is OK, considering everything about the proposed change.

TerryF.

## **Changes Proposed to Competition Rules for 2005/6.**

Terry Fuller will move to add **Section 1.1.9** as above.

Chas Riegert has advised that he will move the following motions at the April General Meeting.

### **Section 3.2.10 Markers and Safety of Others.**

Change *"The caster must ensure the arena is clear and no persons are in or potentially going to move into the area where he may cast"*

to

*"The caster MUST ensure the arena is clear and no persons are in or potentially going to move into an area where they may be in danger from his cast. This includes the area behind and adjoining to the caster performing pendulum type casts."*

### **Section 3.3.3 Weights**

Add the following *"For accuracy events, any weight and not necessarily made from standard mould, up to the nominated maximum weight may be used."*

### **Section 3.3.7 Plastic Tube and Pompoms**

Replace *"The pompom may be made of strands of coloured knitting wool tied in a pompom fashion and in turn tied to the weight or swivel"*

With

*"The visual aid shall be made of no less than 10 strands of coloured thread of not less than 5 ply (knitting wool grading) thickness, with a minimum length of 75 mm, tied in a pompom fashion, and in turn attached to the weight or to a swivel attached to the weight."*

**NOTE.** Terry Fuller proposed an addition to this motion to allow the optional use of coloured flat plastic strips which don't get wet and heavy and don't stick together when the grass is wet, and keeps the same visibility no matter what. These would be an optional alternative to threads. This addition has been discussed with Chas, but he didn't agree, so it will have to be moved as an amendment to Chas' motion to add *"or coloured strips of flat plastic of minimum width of 2 mm,"* after the words *"(knitting wool grading) thickness,"* If I am still at the Recfishwest meeting when this is discussed can someone else please move this or defer the discussion and voting. (TerryF)

### **Section 3.4.1 Level Line Distance Casting.**

Add to the end *"The sequence of casting the distance events shall be 56 gram, then Artificial Bait, then 112 gram as for State and National drycasting events."*

### **Section 3.4.4 Open Events**

After *"Members will have two (2) casts in each event,"* - add - *"however, they may elect to have further casts up to a maximum of five (5) if desirous of so doing in each event."*

### **Section 3.8.1 Top Ten Casters**

Amend *".....the monthly scores of each caster shall be accumulated by the addition of the member's twelve (12) casting day totals."* - to - *"the monthly scores of each caster shall be accumulated by the addition of the member's top eleven (11) casting day totals."*

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Ian Cook gave notices of Motion at the November General Meeting:-

**Change to eligible species in the Species Competition.** *That a new species (Black or Yellow Fin Bream) be included in the listing (in Section 5.1)*

**Change to eligible species in the Open Competition.** *That a new species (Black or Yellow Fin Bream) be included in the Open Competition with a minimum weight of 0.6 kilogram (in section 4.12).*

Note:- if this motion is passed, this new section will be Section 15, "Best Black or Yellow Fin Bream"; Section 16 will be "Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 15"; Section 17 will be "Best Fish caught on Fly Rod."

These two notices of motion will be voted on at the April General Meeting.

## **Club Competition Rules and Constitution.**

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available. Contact the Secretary or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> for the online versions.

## **Shock Leader Casting Competition.**

A shock leader casting event is to be held after the SCAC casting is completed on 3 April. We discussed a proposal at the March Committee Meeting, and agreed the event could go ahead under the same conditions as the one held in August 2004. We also agreed that no further shock leader casting events would be considered on SCAC casting days until after the Yeppoon Convention.

The event has the go ahead under some fairly simple, and we think reasonable conditions. Below is an extract from the minutes of the Committee meeting covering this. These should explain everything.

The priority is **SAFETY for everyone** - particularly the public nearby.

Anyone who invites visitors is responsible for those visitors, and must ensure that the visitors understand the reasonable conditions the club has, as set out in our Club Competition Rules.

In particular:-

1.1.2 VISITORS. Any member has the right to bring a visitor or visitors to any club event. The said visitors may enter the competition providing they pay the nominated fees and comply with the Club and competition rules.

1.1.4 DISCLAIMER. This Club accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any injury or damage caused to, or by, members or visitors whilst attending any club event. The safety of Members and visitors is the responsibility of the individuals concerned and no liability is accepted by the Club or any individual member of the Club.

1.1.5 CO-OPERATION All members and visitors are to cooperate with the Club's Officers at all times at all Club events.

3.2.6 PERMISSION TO CAST No cast shall be made until permission is given by the starter .....

3.2.10 SAFETY OF MARKERS AND OTHERS By the nature of the sport, care must be exercised when casting. The caster must ensure the arena is clear and no persons are in or potentially going to move into the area where he may cast.

#### **Extract from the Draft August 2004 SCAC Committee Minutes.**

The proposal from Joe Pullella for a postal casting competition on 29 August was discussed. There will be five events, using five different weights and shock leaders. AAA V-court will be used. Any cast style is allowed, except 360 degree power stroke. Officials can veto any dangerous casting style. Competitor must cast in three weight categories. Three casts in each weight category, best cast is allocated points of 1.5 points per metre. There will be a champion caster, and a WA team score where the top six scores are aggregated.

George Holman said he had received comments from people about this proposal. All were generally in favour of promoting casting. There were some concerns about safety, some about disruption to our normal casting Day, extra workload on the dry casting organisers, the potential for any break offs of these heavy weights to go much further, and risk to the club in the event of any accident.

After some discussion, Terry Fuller moved, Peter Stoeckel seconded that the committee approves the proposal generally as outlined above, with the event to be run under the following specific conditions:-

1. Casting is to be in a court set up at an angle on the oval to give maximum length for safety in case of a break off.
2. There is to be no casting while there is anyone in any potentially dangerous place on or near the oval.
3. The event is run after the completion of the normal Surfcasters competition events.
4. The event is run by the dry casting organiser or a nominated person, following the safety principles as set out in our dry casting rules.
5. The event is written up and advertised in the Reel Talk as an event run by the club. This notification is required for public liability insurance purposes.
6. All people casting must pay the normal dry casting day fees, \$6 per person.

Discussion on this motion covered that the DCO and Assistant were not being committed to any extra work in running this event. It was a Club commitment, and these two people could choose whether or not to be involved.

People casting were expected to do the extra work, eg set out the court, clear the court, manage the casting and particularly the safety matters, and then deliver all flags, ropes and any other gear used back to the DCO or assistant without any inconvenience to them if they were not present at the end of the casting. The motion was carried, with no one voting against it.

Chas Riegert has the rules. Contact Chas Riegert with any questions about the rules and the actual arrangements for running the event on the day.

#### **Wanted - Aluminium Cans.**

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. 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 will not be at the April meeting – so **please don't bring cans to the April General meeting.**



## **2005 SCAC Dinner/Presentation of Trophies.**

Following the successful Presentation Night in 2004, the preferred location for our Dinner/Presentation of Trophies is the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club on a Saturday night.

The committee has booked the centre for Saturday 18 June 2005. Based on quotes for the meal, expected costs of prizes, etc, and expecting about 50 people to attend, the club will be subsidising this night by about \$1,000 – that's around \$20 per person.

A carvery buffet has been organised. Be assured you that you will receive a generous meal.

The menu is:-  
Pumpkin soup served at table  
Crusty rolls  
Roast beef or roast chicken  
Roast potatoes, roast pumpkin, peas, carrots, cauliflower cheese.  
Bread and butter pudding or seasonal fruit salad and ice cream.  
Coffee, tea, chocolates.

Pre-dinner drinks Sherry, orange juice, soft drinks.

Dinner drinks Jugs of squash and iced water. Other drinks to be bought for cash.

**GUARANTEED GOOD FOOD  
GREAT COMPANY  
ENJOYABLE EVENING**

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Cost \$40 per person. Contact Peter Stoeckel - contact details in front of Reel Talk.

## **Donations for Trophies.**

We are looking for trophies for this competition year. Please give us your suggestions for people / companies / etc to contact.

There are some things members can do:-

1. Donate a trophy yourself – particularly if you have been on the on the receiving end in past years.
2. 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 if or when we contact them, they will know that this Club's members support them..

## **Open Competition Sections.**

These are the details of the Open Competition Sections as listed in the existing version of the Competition Rules.

<b>Section</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Minimum weight</b>	<b>Entry</b>
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	9 kg Tony D'Alonzo, Jurien Bay
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	No entry
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	No entry
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	12.5 kg John Jardine, Quobba
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	12.0 kg Cobia John Jardine Quobba
Section 16	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod..		10.5 kg Golden Trevally Tony Ong Exmouth

## **Barron Lure Competition.**

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. No entry yet  
Heaviest Salmon on Lure. No entry yet.  
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. No entry yet.

## **Sponsorship by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park**

As you can see by the inside front cover, we have a new sponsor for 12 months. The Yallingup Beach Holiday Park has provided the club with an accommodation voucher to the value of \$250 for two adults for two nights in one of their Malibu ensuite cabins.

The voucher would be ideal as accommodation for the AAA Beach and Rock Championships 28/29 May 2005.

This voucher was raffled at the February General Meeting and was won by Tony D'Alonzo.

The park has a waterfront location with spectacular views over Yallingup Bay. Opposite is a safe swimming lagoon and an excellent fishing beach plus the world famous Yallingup surf break.

On site accommodation includes ensuite cabins and standard cabins (for the budget conscious) plus plenty of well grassed van and tent sites.

This is an ideal base from which to visit the numerous nearby wineries, go whale watching, take scenic drives and walk trails and visit the spectacular Yallingup Ngilgi Cave, or of course, go fishing!!.

Check the website at <http://www.yallingupbeach.com.au/>

## **Kalbarri House For Rent.**

The Club has a 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) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc.

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:- Off season \$250 per week, On season \$390 per week } all plus \$50  
Club Members:- Off season \$160 per week, On Season \$210 per week } deposit / bond.  
Club Members:- Short term \$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights } plus \$55.00 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. The club has decided that cleaning will need to be paid for and is \$55.00 extra on the rates above for future new bookings. The club is now being charged GST on the cleaning.

Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for more details and for bookings.

Check in time is 1pm. Check out time is 10am. Keys can be picked up from Ray White, Shop 1, Kalbarri Arcade. If people arrive after hours, they leave a note on the door of their office with a map of how to get to the house and telling them where the key will be.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval. Members who are staying in the house are not allowed to authorise any repairs or services on the house without authority from the Property Officer, Treasurer or President.

## **Happy Birthday to:-**

A lot of members haven't told us their birth date, so there may be more birthdays. Dob them in!

Vix Alexander, 19 April Jim Atkinson, 24 April Jim Strong, 26 April - will be 83 years old.

John Romano, 30 April

## **New Member Acceptances.**

The following application for membership has been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club. None

## **New Member Application.**

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the next 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. None

## **Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.**

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor. Thanks to Bob Henderson and Mark Farnay for the articles in this Reel Talk.

## Railings for the Kalbarri House.



Terry Fuller assembled and installed these railings on the veranda at the Surfcasters Kalbarri house

The railings are made from CCA treated pine. At about the time I was installing them, there were some news items about the potential danger of CCA pine if children play on it and chew it – and the counter claims about the very large amount of exposure which would be needed to cause any ill effect.

This timber is not the deep green colour commonly seen in CCA round posts. It is almost normal pine colour and hard to see that it has been treated - I did have to ask to be sure.

If there are any concerns, any risk can be removed if the railings are sealed by painting.

That's another job for a busy bee or a volunteer when the fishing isn't any good.....

Here's a view of the railings from inside the veranda. Setting them on the edge of the veranda prevents forming a ledge for little kids to walk along (and to fall off.)

Thanks to Roy Killick for the very detailed measurements he made during one of his trips. These helped to work out the design and the materials required.

Most of the cutting and assembly for the railings was done in Perth. 1.7 metre sections were taken to Kalbarri in an enclosed 6 x 4 trailer. A couple of slightly longer sections were cut to length to fit and assembled on site.

Here are the railings for the side steps leading out from the laundry.

I had intended to fit railings on both sides, but my hammer drill had problems before I could drill any of the holes in the brickwork needed for the left hand side.

One of the motor's brushes got stuck in its brush holder. This was a simple fix when I got back to Perth - a new brush was all that was required.

## Club Fish Records

Revised February 2005 by SCAC Recorder Ian Cook

Fish	Scientific name	Weight kg	Date.	Line B/S kg	Bait Used	Reel/Rod Type	Location of Capture	Length mm	Girth mm	Name
Amberjack	<i>Seriola dumerili</i>	4.800	04.08.1995							
Barracoutta	<i>Thyrsites atun</i>	1.984	20.07.1960				Cosy Corner	89	229	M Britten
Barracuda	<i>Sphyræna barracuda</i>	9.500	26.08.1980	19	Tuna	Alvey	Steep Point	1355	430	C Waddams
Blowfish North West	<i>Lagocephalus sceleratus</i>	6.804	17.11.1965	5.5	Boney Herring	SH	Monkey Mia	737	356	B Payne
Bludger (Trevally)	<i>Carangoides gymnostethus</i>	7.257	22.04.1973	6.8	Mulie	Diawa / FG	Wagoe	953	495	A Norman
Blue Catfish	Cannot Identify	3.200	3.06.1980	5	Tailor		Steep Point	710	345	B Waddams
Bonefish	<i>Albula neoguinaica</i>	0.500	07.05.1983	8	Mulie		Coral Bay	400	180	Reg Noble
Bream- Black	<i>Acanthopagrus butcheri</i>	1.871	27.09.1962	5.5	gilgie	River Mitchell, S/H	Belmont	457	406	B Payne
Bream, Western Yellowfin	<i>Acanthopagrus latus</i>	2.500	18.07.1980	9	Mulie		Useless Loop	381	356	A Norman
Catfish, White- Lipped	<i>Paraplotosus albilabris</i>	0.600	17.08.1996	8	White Bait	Shimano 4010/Ugly Stick	Scarab Beach	510	178	Ian Mascarenhas
Cobia	<i>Rachycentron canadus</i>	33.000	02.10.1979	14.5	Mulie		Steep Point	1360	875	A Carr
Cod, Potato (N/W Slimey)??	<i>Epinephelus tukula</i>	29.483	30.4.67	18.2	Mullet	Penn 68, DH F.G.	Murchison River	1295	813	L Tate
Dart Common	<i>Trachinotus botla</i>	3.289	01.06.1975	7	Mulie	DH	Cape Cuvier	737	432	E Griffith
Dhufish	<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>	19.958	14.5.1961				Rottnest	117	112	V Davis
Drummer Silver	<i>Kyphosus sydneyanus</i>	6.700	14.06.1977	6.8	Mulie		Useless Loop	638	580	A Norman
Emperor -Red	<i>Luijanus sebae</i>	1.500	1980	18	Mulie	D/H	Steep Point	450	360	R Flynn
Flathead	<i>Platycephalus</i>	2.920	17.12.1966	8	Mulie	Sportex 607	Moore River	752	333	Dave Latto
Flounder Small tooth	<i>Pseudorhombus jenynsii</i>	0.650	13.4.1996	3.6	White bait	D/H	Hill River	381	508	M Kolman
Gold Spotted Sweetlips	<i>Diagramma labiosum</i>	4.180	21/12/2005	13	Mulie		Wagoe	700		Malcolm Harris
Groper, Baldchin	<i>Choerodon rubescens</i>	4.300	00.00.1980	18.2	Mulie	D/H	Steep Point	800	520	Mal Head
Groper, Western Blue	<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	26.308	06.01.1955				Rottnest Is	1067	864	V Davis
Harlequin Fish	<i>Othos dentex</i>	1.814	11.09.1967	6.8	Flesh	DH	Rottnest			K Hunt
Herring, Australian	<i>Arripis georgianus</i>	0.652	27.04.1960				Yallingup			N. Cross
Kingfish, Yellowtail	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	24.494	17.05.1959				Yanchep	1422	711	L Ellis
Large Scated Grinner	<i>Saurida undosquamis</i>	0.500	18.07.1997	9	Mulie		False Entrance	435	160	P Brayne
Leather Jacket, Horseshoe	<i>Meuschenia hippocrepis</i>	1.000	16.08.1980	4	Octopus	Alvey	Rottnest	710	360	B Waddams
Long Tom- Slender	<i>Strongylura leiura</i>	4.100	22.06.1977	4.5	Mulie		Cape Cuvier	1235	215	G Reeley
Mackerel, Narrow- Barred Spanish	<i>Scombetomorus commerson</i>	31.921	15.09.1973	9	Spinner	D/H	Exmouth	1676	578	D Bibby

Fish	Scientific name	Weight kg	Date.	Line B/S kg	Bait Used	Reel/Rod Type	Location of Capture	Length mm	Girth mm	Name
Mackerel, Spotted Australian	<i>Scomberomorus munroi</i>	4.536	09.03.1974	8.2	Mulie		Jurien Bay	686	305	J Strong
Mackerel-Shark	<i>Grammatocygnus bicarinatus</i>	10.000	04.10.1979	10	Mulie	DAM 550	Steep Point	1015	490	C Friend
Mangrove Jack	<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>	1.474	02.03.1969	8.18	Mulie	Mitchell / Sportex 807	Kalbarri	400	289	D J Talbot
Morwong (What Type)	Cannot Identify	1.134	07.03.1960				Rottneest Is			V Davis
Mullet Sea	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1.134	24.05.1955				Triggs Is			B Payne
Mullet-Red	<i>Upeneichthys vlamingii</i>	0.794	12.09.1965	8.6	White Bait	DH	Rottneest	381	254	R Kildahl
Mulloway	<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>	30.391	26.03.1988	24.5	Tailor flesh	D/H	Murchison R	1524	812	A Livesey
Parrot Fish Blue-Bared Orange	<i>Scarus ghobban</i>	4.000	17.08.1996	6.8	Mulie	D/H	Steep Point	675	500	Dave Maxted
Queenfish	<i>Scomberoides commersonianus</i>	7.938	13.09.1973	5.5	Mulie	DH	Coral Bay	1016	511	T Howson
Ray, White Pointer ??	Cannot Identify	27.215	28.11.1959				Quinns beach	1676	610	K Hawker
Ray, White-Spotted Shovelnose	<i>Rhynchobatus djiddensis</i>	55.338	13.01.1971	13.6		Alvey / Sportex 807	Preston	2152	774	G Holman
Sailfish, Indo - Pacific	<i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>	30.200	28.04.1985	13	Tailor		Steep Point	2660	690	G Reeley
Salmon, Western Australian	<i>Arripis truttaceus</i>	7.025	30.2.1996	7	live herring		Bluff Creek	795	485	Rom Niecejewski
Samson Fish	<i>Seriola hippos</i>	23.133	4.03.1973	6.8	Mulie	DH	Kalbarri	1295	686	R Lerch
Sea Perch- Purple	Cannot Identify	1.184	09.04.1967	10.4	Flesh	DH	Kalbarri	483	356	D Savage
Seaperch, Stripey	<i>Lutjanus carponatus</i>	2.400	15.7.1999	15	Whiting	7/177	Dirk Hartog Is	510	456	Ian Cook
Shark Black Tip	<i>Carcharhinus Limbatus</i>	27.100	14.8.1996	20	Snook		Steep Point	1700	660	G Holman
Shark Bronze Whaler	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i> (3)	76.657	26.02.1973	14.5	Tailor	Penn / Sportex	Kalbarri	2438	965	R Shirley
Shark Gummy	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	10.433	09.10.1965	10.9	Mulie	DH	Jurien Bay	1321	508	A Bunnnett
Shark Gray Nurse	<i>Eugomphodus taurus</i>	106.14	26.02.1973	22	Tailor	Alvey / 807	Kalbarri	2591	1118	L Griffith
Shark Tiger	<i>Galeocerdo cuvieri</i>	38.102	13.04.1970	16.8	Mullet	Alvey / DH	Kalbarri	2007	762	J Devitt
Shark Lemon	<i>Negaprion acutidens</i>	48.000	25.05.1999	13.6	Giant herring		Dirk Hatog Island	1950	500	Darren Batchelor
Shark, Scalloped Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	23.246	02.03.1969	10.5	Mullet	Alvey / sportex	Kalbarri	1727	635	T Vivian
Snapper	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	16.017	19.11.1953	8.1	Herring	Graeme Sup, R/C	Waikiki	1054	749	A J Werner
Spangled Emperor	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i> Note 4	4.082	12.06.1972	6.8	Prawn	Diawa / 526	Exmouth	711	540	B Hanks
Snapper Black	Note 2	4.536	09.04.1970	16.8	Tailor	Jig Master / 3 276	Wagoo	762	533	P E Savage

Fish	Scientific name	Weight kg	Date.	Line B/S kg	Bait Used	Reel/Rod Type	Location of Capture	Length mm	Girth mm	Name
Snapper Queen	Nemadactylus valenciennes	2.268	27.06.1955				Cosy Corner			J Graham
Snook	Sphyraena novaehollandiae	3.374	30.05.1970	5.5	Mackerel	Abu 6000 Sportex 601	Augusta	991	330	N Knight
Stingray	Cannot Identify	56.245	12.05.1955				Rottneest			V Davis
Sweetlip Gold Spotted	Plectorhynchus flavomaculatus	1.500	01.06.1979				Quobba			Bob Klein
Tailor	Pomatomus saltator	6.123	19.01.1961				Triggs Is	876	445	A McDonnell
Tarwhine	Rhabdosargus sarba	1.361	16.07.1961	4	White Bait	River Mitchael, S/H	Garden Island	406	356	R Tucker
Threadfin Salmon, Striped		1.100	10.07.1997	3	Mullie strip		Terrurier Is	435	270	Rom Niciejewski
Trevally Golden	Gnathanodon speciosus	15.000	12.12.1980	6.8	Mullie	DH	Steep Point	1110	680	A Tuvik
Trevally, Giant (Lowly)	Caranx ignobilis	27.500	03.05.1975	14.5	Live Tarwhine	Alvey / Sportex 807	Cape Cuvier	1270	865	R G Klein
Trevally, Gold-Spotted (Turrum)	Carangoides fulvoguttatus	9.080	02.06.1974	9	Mullie	Ambas 9000 / Sportex 807	Cape Cuvier	965	584	D Green
Trevally, Silver (Skipjack)	Pseudocaranx dentex	5.443	16.09.1955				Triggs Island	787	457	W Cooper
Trout Coronation	Variola louti	4.000	20.04.1984	8.18			Steep Point	900	450	L Clifton
Trout, Brown	Salmo trutta	1.261	3.11.1999	3	Celta Lure		Drakes Brook Dam	500	260	J Bennett
Trout, Rainbow	Salmo mykiss	0.749	00.12.1995	3	Mudeye		Drakes Brook Dam	450	243	A Reeley
Tuna Yellow Fin	Thunnus albacares	16.000	21.05.1981	6	Lure	8/120	Steep Point	1090	640	T Richardson
Tuna, Mackerel	Euthynnus affinis	8.930	03.06.1973	6.8	Buck tail jig	499m / Shaflex	Capecuvier	902	521	T O'Hara
Tuna, Northern Bluefin	Thunnus tonggol	17.463	02.04.1962	8.75	Scaly M	SW Mitchell / DH F.G.	Murchison	1156	686	R Shirley
Tuskfish Blue	Choerodon cyanodus	4.250	26.03.1985	18.2	Mullie		Steep Point	650	470	D Stiglmayer
Whiting Sand	Sillago vittata (1)	0.567	28.12.1972	8.6	Mullie	DH	Wedge Island	419	191	G Holman
Whiting Spotted (King George)	Sillaginodes punctata	1.134	01.02.1960				Rottneest Is			V Davis
Wirrah, Leopard	Acanthistius pardalotus (2)	1.814	01.09.1965	12.3	Mullet		Murchison River	483	356	T Smith
Wrasse King	Coris auricularis	0.325	13.04.1986	4	White Bait		Rottneest Is			D Stiglmayer

Entries that have been left blank have to be properly categorised

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cannot positively ID

Note 1

Grants Page 384 Morwong or Painted Sweelips Plectorhynchus pictus

Note 2

Marine Fishes of Tropical and South East Asia G Allen page 125 Plate 45/1 Diagramma labiosum Painted Sweelips

Note 3

Black Snapper ID from Club record book cannot ID

Note 4

Not positive ID

Note 4

Identification on weight



## **March Dry Casting Report.**

A crisp morning proceeded with the order placed by Terry Willison at the general meeting for a perfect casting day. Each and every person that even started to suggest or mention anything about wind was quickly silenced. A vague notion of breeze emanated from over the right shoulder as all and sundry prepared for the days casting.

In preparation for the upcoming Nationals in Yeppoon, George was relegated to the veteran's section so he could get in some practice. It must have been a bit of a problem, as he only managed to get one cast out of six for distance to score for him. He wasn't the only person with this problem however, as for whatever reason it was, most other casters didn't manage to score as well.

Our super, supervet, Jim Strong was the only person in that section to get two casts to stay together in the 56 gram event and took out the vets section for that event. Good onya Jimmy: As if not to be outdone, our other aging veteran, Trevor Stam, managed to outscore all the vets in the single handed accuracy event. Two SUPERVETS taking out two of the five sections for the day. Well there is hope for us all still....

The seniors section was graced by the return of Nic Allsworth, who proceeded to dominate all six (yes a grand total of only 6) casters in the seniors section. Nic won three of the five sections and took out the overall points for the day.

Vix got some competition this month with the return to the casting court of Filomena and Annella. Overall ladies winner on the day going to Filomena by a mere 2 points. Most rewarding to myself was to see my one and only lady winning the 112 gram event on her return. It just goes to show, two smaller casts both in court are better than just one big one. Well done Annella.

This report would not be complete without thanks being extended to TT1 For setting up the courts, and to all those who helped to pack them up. THANKS GUYS (AND GALS). Many hands sure do get things put away REEL quick.

April is the last competition for the casting calendar year. At the moment, competition is fierce for positions as caster of the year. The final days casting WILL in all probability decide the placings for the year. There are numerous 'what if' situations that will determine who drops a point, or picks up another point, to determine final placings. This is not just directed at our top casters, as those further down the list are currently determining who will get the points to win. It is currently a fascinating conundrum.

Looking forward to next time. TT2 - DCO

## **Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.**

We usually hold a sausage sizzle on every Sunday after the dry casting. Gives everyone a chance to talk over the morning's casting, gear to use, what's coming up, fishing, the state of the world or whatever, over some lunch.

But the sausage sizzle is not free, much as we would like it to be. It has to be paid for somehow, and the prices are quite reasonable compared to what you would pay elsewhere. **Don't forget to put the money in, please.**

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

1 drink plus 1 sausage in bread for \$2.00      Extra drink for \$1.00      Extra sausage in bread for \$1.00

## **Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.**

We now have some stocks of short and long sleeved Club Polo shirts, long sleeved Club Jackets and baseball style caps with a club logo for sale to members. These are in the club colours of Gold (Yellow) and Black, and help to identify you as a "Surfcaster" member. Contact Andrew Aubrey.

## **Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.**

We are looking for donations of old Reel Talks, 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 2002 Reel Talk.

## **March 2005 Recfishwest Board Meeting.**

Here are some of the main points from the RFW Board meeting on 9 March 2004

The location of the boat ramp at Fremantle is not clear, considering the Labor Party's policy which said it would not be built at Rous Head.

The Saxon Ranger boat would be sunk as a dive wreck near the 5 fathom bank and Fisheries want a 250 metre radius fishing exclusion zone around it. The exact location is claimed to be in a sand area where no recreational fishing is done.

An approach will be made about the sinking of a vessel for the benefit of recreational anglers - maybe the submarine which is looking for a deep water home.

Nine fishing clinics are booked, to cater for 450 children.



Recfishwest is organising a new single axle fishing clinics and display trailer to replace the very heavy dual axle trailer.

Several Recfishwest policies have been revised and some new policies have been adopted and will be placed on the Recfishwest web site in the near future.

An interim reply has been prepared to the "Geobay for the Future" proposals prepared by the group from Busselton.

Recfishwest has had meetings with representatives from Fremantle Ports about the proposals for developments in Cockburn Sound and recreational anglers' access to fishing platforms, parts of the breakwaters and parking for anglers' vehicles.

Recfishwest has been placed on the list of contacts for the Department of Planning and Infrastructure in the discussions and decisions on making Mangles Bay into a controlled boat mooring area. This is expected by the end of June 2005.

The desalination plant is being fast tracked. Amended proposals for the intake and outlet positions conflict with plans by Fremantle Ports for their port facilities.

A project manager has been appointed for the Inland Marina in the Rockingham area.

Department of Fisheries has more research information on pink snapper in Cockburn Sound and nearby oceanic areas. They want to hold a small workshop to discuss the issues before finalising the spawning closure for the coming spawning aggregation period and catch restrictions.

The Rottneest Marine Strategy Working Group had continued with their plans for Rottneest until the Premier had given a definitive response to a question from Frank Prokop by saying there would be no increase in no take zones at Rottneest.

The results of the State election and the allocation of portfolios to ministers was discussed. The new fisheries Minister is Jon Ford, and Dr Judy Edwards retains the Environment Ministry and gets the new Science Ministry. The previous Fisheries Minister, Kim Chance is naturally keen to see some of the reforms he started get completed.

Recfishwest will continue to work with the Labor government and will use the election policies and promises for both environment and fishing in the future negotiations about what is done and the timing for this.

There have been lots of inquiries for the position of Admin Assistant at Recfishwest, but only a few inquiries about the fishing clinic assistant.

Recfishwest has written letters to Recfish Australia about the unauthorised negotiations about northern bluefin (long tail) tuna, and the Recfish Australia representative on the National Oceans Advisory Group.

Natural Resource Management is a big problem for many organisations in Western Australia. The Commonwealth funds 15 to 25 people for each region and there are five regions in WA but there is no extra funding or people provided for the many organisations who are expected to comment on and contribute to or bring reality to the NRM strategies.

Recfishwest initial approach to Natural Resources Management for funding for staff for negotiations and comments on the NRM proposals has been rejected. Further discussions will be held.

Recfishwest are concerned about the draft discussion paper on a draft approach to a Bioregional Marine Planning Strategy and the Bioregional Conservation Bill, because of the very complex interactions and the lack of certainty about which is driving which. RFW's view is that the strategy must be reasonably clear before the contents of the Bill can be decided. RFW does not want to get into the situation where implementation of the strategy might be restricted by provisions of the Bill which were finalised before the strategy was finalised.

A briefing meeting from a CALM representative on the draft approach to a Bioregional Marine Planning Strategy is planned for 13 April.

Recfishwest sent a representative to the Barramundi Accord Review meeting in the Kimberleys recently. Most of the proposals from the previous meeting have been transferred into the Fisheries Regulations. There is now a realisation that the commercial catch of barramundi over the 80 centimetre maximum size limit is more than had previously been realised. There is a move in Broome to ban gillnetting in Roebuck Bay.

Recfishwest will prepare comments on the Fisheries Management Paper 184 South West Beach Seine Fishery which closes at the end of March. Also on the three Fisheries Management Papers 189 to 191 about Commercial Wetline Fishing

One of the Recfishwest staff observed and was affected by commercial salmon netting in Hamelin Bay over the recent long weekend.

The Marron season is likely to be moved to later in the year in future. Trout stocking is still an ongoing issue. Drakesbrook Weir will be drained and this decision was made about 10 years ago. Electric motors are legal on Harvey Weir, and RFW awaiting on confirmation from the Water Corporation.

Four more Samson fish have been recaptured at Denmark, Bremer Bay, Bunbury and Binningup. There have been five jewfish recaptured and seven pink snapper. One snapper had been caught in 186 metres of water and had been a simple release, that is no release weight used. It was later recaptured some distance away in water of 40 metres depth.

A debrief meeting for the Samson fish tagging program will be held on 19 March.

### **Summer Holiday at Rotto**

It probably comes as no great surprise to most people who know me that Rottnest Island is one of my favourite places, especially when it comes to wetting a line. The two club trips during the year are always looked forward to with enthusiasm but a trip to the island during summer is a little bit different. Apart from the obvious temperature difference a summer holiday at Rotto is as much about relaxing as it is about catching fish.

I had been given a copy of Ross Cusack's new book 'Hooked for Life', for Christmas. It was just great to be able to lay back, read a chapter and then have a bit of a snooze with the balmy mix of hot air and cool breeze wafting over me. Magic. It's a great read too if you haven't come across it yet. Plenty of stories about old members of the club including one Victor Davis who I believe was one of the founding members of the club. Anyway it's a fantastic book so grab yourself a copy and do your bit to encourage authors to write about fishing and maybe they will do more of it.

It's easy to relax on Rotto but you've got to make sure you don't relax so much that you don't get to go fishing! Remember there's no bus to pick you up at 5-30 in the morning. Wherever you want to go you've got to ride to, so trips to West End are usually limited to a couple at best. It gets bloody hot on Summer mornings by about 10:00, usually when you are ready to come home. Fortunately there are plenty of good spots closer to Thompson Bay that don't require as much physical exertion to reach.

And so it was that I found myself perched on the edge of a reef platform that drops off into pretty deep water for a land based spot. It was a place I had caught a few tailor at in the past and had had one line scorching run at, only to be bitten of when the unseen fish had swam back towards me. It's a place I always enjoy because it's one of those spots that can turn up pretty well anything on the day, so you just never know. (check your Sandgroper's Guide for a clue).

On this particular day I had along my 17 year old nephew to keep me company and also to perhaps learn a few angling tricks. The best fish he had caught to date was a herring! That was about to change in a most dramatic way. We had been casting away for about half an hour, using the time honoured technique of baitcasting whole mulies. With a bit of tuition he had managed to sort out how to bait up for himself and his casting was improving.

I had just moved a few meters to try casting in a new area, when young Nick yelled out " I think I've got a fish". Followed by " Oh, maybe It's just seaweed", as I watched his rod tip bob up and down. I quickly rushed over to offer all of my vast experience on how to play this unseen beast and also to ensure I didn't end up with a reel with stripped gears. I pulled out my short gaff ready to impale this fish which looked to be a fairly substantial Buff Bream.

As it came closer however it became apparent that this was no stinking buffy but a beautiful big fat Dhufish! I could not believe it. Here was this kid who had never caught anything bigger than a herring, and I have just hauled out of the water on the gaff a Dhufish that ended up measuring 750 mm long and estimated to weigh around 10 kg! I was ecstatic. So ecstatic I felt like pushing him in and claiming the prize for myself!

He took it all in his stride as if it was a regular occurrence. I am still waiting to catch one. So I made sure he knew the significance of his capture. We hauled the fish into shore and quickly got on the mobile to ring my daughters so they could come out and take some action shots while the fish was still fresh. What a magical day!

That night we dined on one of the finest fish in the sea.

Summers at Rotto, you've gotta love it!

Mark Farnay.

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Thanks to Mark Farnay for the above story. He said in his email with the story:- *"Hi Terry, as you know I enjoy reading the stories you print about the old days of the club, but I am concerned that future members won't have anything to read about what fishing was like in our era. Maybe they will think we didn't go fishing?!?! "*

So come on, what about all the rest of you telling us what you've done?

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### **Life Members of the Club.**

Doug Edward, Ric Parker, Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ian Cook.

## **Environment and Water Quality of the Rivers.**

Algal blooms (Swan River) and fish kills (Serpentine River) are in the news **AGAIN**. Before the election, Andy Thorgersen told me what he wanted to say and asked me to draft a letter for him to send to politicians, including the Environment Minister Dr Judy Edwards, who is his local member for Maylands and who knows him personally. It was sent on 14 January but he didn't receive a reply until after the election.

*Dear Judy*

*I have lived near and fished in the Swan River for 70 years. It has become hard to catch crabs and prawns and most of the varieties of fish in the River where these used to be very common.*

*As a concerned recreational angler, resident and voter, I believe some real action on the environment and fishing in the Swan River is long overdue.*

*I believe reasons for the lack of fish and crabs and prawns include changes to the River's environment; changes in water quality, and overfishing.*

### ***Environment and Water Quality of the Rivers.***

*I am sure the pollution, environmental problems and poor water quality have had a very serious effect on fish life and fishing in the Rivers.*

*I know there is work already being done on the environmental problems with the Rivers and their catchment areas. I know these problems have been building up ever since settlement, and I know they will be difficult to fix. Some people might say it is not realistic to expect quick changes.*

*A healthy River and healthy river life is very important to all the residents of Perth, and must be a very high priority.*

*I am concerned that too little is being done to actively reduce the problems in the Swan and Canning Rivers, and too little is being done to clean up the catchment areas, particularly to make the hard decisions affecting people and businesses in catchments such Ellen Brook which put such a large pollution load into the Swan River.*

*I am concerned that the work being done will not be able to stop the problems from getting worse, and it will be a long time before things get much better.*

*I say that we must be doing everything possible so that we are actually getting lots of things improved or fixed wherever possible.*

*We need much more work done and much more money spent so that we will see really noticeable and measurable improvement in water quality and fish and other water life well within the next five years or even sooner.*

*Then we need the money and the work to continue in future years so that these improvements keep coming over the next ten to twenty and more years until the Swan and Canning rivers are once again really clean, healthy and productive.*

*We need strong laws and strong enforcement so that people or organisations who pollute the catchments or the rivers through either their actions or failure to do something will be caught and fined and forced to either clean up their pollution or pay to have their pollution cleaned up and pay to fix problems or replace any fish or other life injured through their actions.*

*Judy, please advise me what you will do and what your Party's policy will be to include some real increases in action, some real increases in funding and some real increases in protection for the Rivers in your Environmental Policy for the next State Election, so that we will see some real improvements during the next term of Government.*

### ***Fishing in the Rivers.***

*Western Australian fish and crabs belong to the West Australian community and West Australians have the first right to these stocks. Fish and crabs in the rivers should be available to people who want to catch fish there.*

*Overfishing is particularly due to some of the commercial net fishing methods which I have personally seen and which don't allow many fish or crabs to get past the nets to travel freely up and down the rivers.*

*Commercial fishing, however, claims that it is essential to provide fish and crabs for people who cannot catch those for themselves. I would not disagree with that claim if all the fish caught were used locally, but I am told a lot is exported, including to some places which have overfished their own stocks.*

*Exporting to other States or countries should not be allowed if these exports take away the ability of West Australians to catch or buy a feed of fish or crabs, and particularly if there are any local shortages which cause local WA residents not to be able to catch a feed of fish or crabs in their own Rivers.*

*Small and medium bait fish such as mullet are a critical part of the food chain and must be left there before a range of fish species and sizes can live in the rivers.*

*I believe the time is long overdue for commercial fishing to fit in with what the whole community wants and needs from the rivers, and what the rivers and fish stocks can sustain.*

I have read the Coalition Party's Position Statement on Recreational Fishing and I welcome their promise to return the Swan and Canning Rivers to recreational fishing. I would not have any objections to allowing a commercial fishery for bait fish for local use only, provided it remains small and is tightly managed to ensure catches allow for the needs of the other fish in the rivers .

Judy, please advise me what your Party's policy on fishing, both commercial and recreational, within the Swan and Canning Rivers will be, and what action a Labor government will take on keeping WA fish for WA consumers.

**The reply:-** Our Reference: 32716 Dear Mr.Thorgersen

**FISHING, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER QUALITY OF THE SWAN AND CANNING RIVERS**

Thank you for your letter of 11 January 2005 to the Minister for the Environment regarding fishing, environment and water quality of the Swan and Canning rivers. The Minister has requested that I reply to you on her behalf. You have expressed very well some of the key shared concerns about the rivers.

In regards to recreational and commercial fishing in the river, the issue of fishery management is more a policy matter for the fisheries portfolio. However, as you correctly say, the state of the fishery is intimately connected with the health of the waterway.

The State Government is concerned that the Swan and Canning rivers require a high level of effort sustained over many years to ensure their protection. Tremendous effort has been ongoing for some years but the Government last year recognised that resources and the legislation to manage and protect the rivers needed to be significantly strengthened.

With this in mind, the Hon Premier and Dr Edwards, announced last year the preparation of new legislation which would give the Swan River Trust a greater mandate to ensure the river system is managed in an integrated way. The legislation has been developed to draft form and is being consulted on with key stakeholders before being introduced to Parliament later this year.

You raise the issue of penalties and enforcement. I have been advised that penalties will be increased under this legislation. Also, enforcement actions to protect the river are often taken under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the Government has done much to strengthen the powers available in the Act to use against offenders.

Early last year the Government also announced major new funds to the Swan River Trust on top of extra funding the Government had provided in 2003. The key programs to receive increased funding under the new \$15 million package include:

**Riverbank foreshore protection and restoration:** The Government has provided an extra \$4 million over the next four years to the Riverbank program, whereby the Swan River Trust works with local government to restore river foreshore, beaches and wetland areas, including through the construction and maintenance of retaining walls. This is an important part of providing a healthy ecosystem to support the river's fishery. These funds have also been used to support the installation of fishing platforms in the Canning River to encourage anglers to keep off areas of foreshore sedges and rushes.

**Drain rehabilitation and nutrient stripping works:** The Government has provided an extra \$4 million over the next four years for nutrient-stripping works, including the re-engineering of drains to reduce nutrient discharges, the creation of nutrient stripping wetlands, the restoration of tributary vegetation and the use of Phoslock and other materials which remove nutrients. This is on top of a one-off \$750,000 allocation made in 2003-04.

**River, catchment and drain monitoring programs:** Between 2005-06 and 2007-08, the Government will provide an extra \$1.35 million to extend programs which monitor nutrient, phytoplankton and non-nutrient contamination levels in waterways, catchment areas and drains.

**Community-based nutrient reduction works and programs:** The Government has provided an extra \$1.25 million over five years for catchment groups that implement nutrient reduction works aimed at improving water quality. Such works include the rehabilitation and revegetation of river foreshores, catchments, wetlands, drains and compensating basins. The extra funds will boost the Swan River Trust's contribution to the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program to \$350,000 a year, building on Alcoa funds of \$200,000 a year.

These and the many other projects being run through the Swan River Trust, local governments and community catchment groups are all contributing to addressing the issues you raise. Even with these boosted resources we face many years of effort to realise the goals but the Minister is convinced that we must persevere. Thank you for your interest in this issue and Dr Edwards is heartened to see that a keen river user such as yourself has the health of the rivers in mind.

Yours sincerely, Ross Field CHIEF OF STAFF, 25 Feb 2005

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Does this reply give you any warm feelings that things will change in the time scale that Andy covered in his letter? With a projected 2004/5 surplus of \$420 million to distribute, these amounts spent on the Rivers look pretty small – but that money is all gobbled up to fund the Gov't's OTHER election promises. TerryF

## **Barra Fishing**

The following is a personal opinion on what I have seen and experienced so far fishing in the rivers and Billabongs of the Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory. It is the "wet season" So a fair bit of rain has led to run off from the flats creating muddy waters. The rivers are also affected by tide movements every day which stirs up dirty water conditions.

Being a real novice to Northern Territory's style of fishing I have found it does not excite me to a large degree and videos and magazines overrate this action. I will gladly say that I have been spoilt due to the action our southern shores produce.

Almost all fishing is done from a high sided dinghy due to the size and closeness of the saltwater crocodiles. Their population has increased and sizes ranging from six footers to 12 footers are common. They are used to humans and come within feet of your dinghy, will rise from beneath your boat to grab a fish and are always there even if you cannot see them. Leaning over the side to belly or head lift a fish into your boat is a big "no no". Landing nets are the way to go, then a quick measure, weigh and photographs and returned a fish with a diving action into the water on the other side of the boat.

The size and layouts of these purpose built "Barra boats" are fantastic and oversized outboards hurl these craft up and down river at a brisk rate. Echo sounders are essential and it is truly frustrating when fish are displayed on the screen yet refuse any lures you put to them. Three casters on one boat put lures close to the middle man's ears. Crushed barbs are a must so that a personal hookup does not ruin the trip. A bloody cheap way to pierce your ears.

Any snag along the river's edges, the banks of creeks and run off gutters, rock bars and deep water are the favourite spots. Everyone uses braid with a monofilament leader, short rods and overhead reels. Deep, medium and shallow rattling lures are the go although rubber tails are taking over. Cast, let it sink to the bottom, twitch once or twice, wind in the slack, twitch once or twice again, etc etc. If you do not snag do it again and again and again.

At every stop do it again and again, move and try again. Get a hook up and you keep your tip high and the pressure on. Hope your drag is set properly because the first run is powerful but short. There is a chance of a halfhearted jump or two (must be the weather) and another one or two short runs, then your fish comes to you side on until it sees the net and it will explode and run off. A couple more short runs and it is exhausted and easily netted. A bit lethargic as far as I am concerned, give me a salmon or tailor in the surf any day.

It is the wet season where the days are hot averaging 36 degrees C. The humidity is very high and the flies are very, very friendly. Your fishing day starts around 5 am and ends around 5 pm, so liquids are necessary to avoid dehydration. The day ends with a cold shower or two, a light tea and an early night because the old codger has trouble coping.

This is not a put down on fishing in the Northern Territory, just that I have been brought up in a totally different fishing environment. Put a sea breeze and salt spray into my face, the sights, sounds and smells of the surf and weed on my line, Cap it off with a couple of smelly mates standing alongside and a cold drink within reach and I am in heaven. I would not be caught dead for quids.

Okay, so I have only scratched the surface of the Northern Territory fishing. I intend heading out to the West Coast to a place called Dundee Beach to try some sight beach fishing for Queenfish and trevally. Junior hopes to take me out to the mouth of the South Alligator River for a spot of reef fishing. We are organising permits to go out to the East Coast area of Gove Peninsular for some rock and beach fishing. Hey, I am not getting it too easy you know.

I can tell you that barbecued fish is very dry, there is a definite difference in taste between freshwater and saltwater barramundi and it is sheer delight eating a decent sized fillet that has been poached in milk, white wine and lemon butter. God I am spoilt.

Then again, I could throw it all away and return to you all and toss a line out onto the oval. Yeh, pigs do fly.

PS. The Northern Territory is at its best during the wet season. Hardly any tourists, lots of greenery and plenty to see. Hendo.

## **Donations for Trophies.**

We are looking for trophies for this competition year. Please give us your suggestions for people / companies / etc to contact.

There are some things members can do:-

1. Donate a trophy yourself – particularly if you have been on the on the receiving end in past years.
2. 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 if or when we contact them, they will know that this Club's members support them..

## **Your Club's Future**

To survive and prosper, the Club needs the participation of all its members in the various activities that we run. Membership numbers need to be maintained at a level so that the work load is spread and burnout is eliminated.

We all have a common interest, achieve individual rewards and obtain a magnificent prize called comradery. No one person runs the Club. The committee is there to guide you.

**Well, we need your input so we can guide the club into the future.**

Got any new ideas to improve our Club

Any ideas on fund raising etc.

Are you prepared to put your hand up and assist.

What can we get involved in...why, when how.

What we should not do.

The Club elections are coming up in July. Who is going to be on the Committee? Who is going to be President, etc?

It only takes a phone call, a note on a piece of paper, a new fandangled email, but most of all, it's just **DO SOMETHING**.

## **New Committee Members.**

Some committee members may not be standing for the jobs they have done this year 2004/5, so replacements may be needed. Please consider standing for Committee. You will find the work interesting and it will help you to be part of the club and get more out of being a club member. Remember you get out what you put in.

The responsibilities of all committee positions have been listed, so you can easily find out what's involved in any job. Contact the Secretary or any committee member for more details.

Most importantly, if there aren't enough workers, the workers we do have will get burnt out and will not be able to carry on, so there'll **HAVE** to be new people, or.....

If there is no one prepared to do the work to run some activity, one option is to **cancel the activity**.

Imagine if we said "there's no dry casting officer, so all dry casting is cancelled" or

"there's no field day officer, so all field days are cancelled" or

"there won't be any more Reel Talks" or

"there's no Social organiser, so no Trophies, Presentation Night or Dinner, and no food or drinks or raffle at the General Meetings"

"there's no President, or Secretary or Treasurer, or ..... so the club will have to be wound up, dissolved, cancelled, gone, ended, no more....."

## **Annual General Meeting 2005.**

The club's Annual General Meeting and election of the new committee for 2005/6 will be held on Wednesday 13 July 2005.

## **Safari 2006.**

The next opportunity for a club safari is during calendar year 2006. Esperance has been suggested as a possible location. Suggestions for alternative places, dates, etc are wanted, please

## **Field Day Garden Island – 20/21 April, 1963.**

Weather conditions:- South-westerly sea breeze about 18 knots swinging more southerly later in the evening, with seas quite rough. The weather was much colder than last month's Field Day although not unpleasant provided you could find some wind break. The northern beaches especially in the gun area, were heavily weeded but further north where some of the descendants of Burke and Wills found their way, was fishable in the earlier part of the evening until the weed moved along

A total attendance of 43 consisting of 32 members, 2 visitors and 9 juniors was once again a very good roll up and it was pleasing to see Ross Wilton and Bill Bridger, with son Don, along on a Field Day once again. I believe Allan Bunnnett was not quite as pleased (or so he said) after he had an exciting tussle trying to gaff Bill's 70lb. ray. Young Don also did well with 2 tailor and a 2lb. whiting - the only junior to record fish.

Most areas seem to yield a few fish, although not as plentiful as last month. An indication of approaching winter could be the number of skippy caught and also the first salmon for the year. The beaches just north of the track were eaten away and very steep and together with the soft sand made walking extremely difficult. Also the wind has eroded the sand away at the steep hill at the end of the track and it was that steep I ended up crawling up on my hands and knees.

The most productive area was the second bay north where Ron Kildahl and Ron Shirley won the heaviest bag and heaviest scale fish respectively. Ron Kildahl's six tailor included one beauty of 5lb. and he also battled and defeated a 45lb. ray and one smaller. The salmon landed by Ron Shirley was an extremely unusual shape being very short and fat. At first glance it looked to be about a 12 pounder but as everyone knows our scales never lie. This fish also knocks off Ian Brown's kingle in Section 2 which has stood since last November.

Norm Clark fished the same area for a good bag of 6 tailor and it was noticeable that his casting, improved considerably with the new Penn he is trying out. Incidentally someone remarked they thought it was a mortar bomb exploding when Norm's wire sinkers hit - when they are put, they stay put, don't they Norm?

Joe Strange journeyed South to the rocks and his effort of a nice 3lb. tailor and a ¾ lb. whiting was certainly commendable from an area which is difficult enough to fish at any time. The walking types mentioned earlier were not rewarded as well as previously for their considerable effort, although Bob Lilly included a 3½lb. skippy in his bag to win Section 8.

Ted Savage, Bob Tucker, Jerry Windus and Tom Smith all fished the same area together with a few other members for varying bags, mostly tailor. George Greenham dragged Noel Wilkerson about 2½ miles further North again, to catch 12 herring and a whiting between them. Speaking of herring Phil Neri also returned a nice bag of Herring weighing 8lb.

A shrill whistle blast about 4 a.m. had everyone wide awake in the hut and although I copped considerable abuse at the time, I think most of the chaps got out of their warm beds to give it a go once they were awake. However our members were not the only ones to abuse me that morning, for when Norm Giles and I were returning from the beach, we came on a hut with a bed propped across the doorway and a Quokka (or Tammar) trapped inside. We released him only to cop said abuse from some University bods who were collecting these animals to take back for study.

So ended the last Field Day for the current competition and it has certainly been an excellent year what with attendance records broken again. Altogether 78 out of a total of 104 members attended at least one Field Day during the year. Congratulations to the various award winners both on the Field Days and in the Competition itself, you certainly earned them. A special mention to shutterbug Backhouse with his efforts on behalf of our album - your patience trying to pose this bunch Arthur must have been sorely tried.

Transporting all the gear from the hut to the jetty became quite hazardous, for Jim Hawkins informed us that the footbrake on the truck was completely ineffective and asked for a volunteer driver. Bill Bridger stepped up and away we went but on arriving at the end of the jetty Bill headed for a soft sandy spot and there we stopped. When asked "What about backing out along the jetty?" Bill replied "Not B- likely."

While waiting on the jetty for the boat home some of the bods who have never had enough hauled out their hand lines to have some sport with the blues. It certainly was on, with the mackerel biting mad and an occasional sampson fish to liven things up. I would also like to mention the excellent handling of gear this trip. With everyone pulling their weight it's on and off with a minimum of time and effort.

Boat timetables are yet to be finalised for the May Field Day but it appears that the winter timetable will operate with 9:30 am and 2:0 p.m. departure from Palm Beach. However the skipper informed me that he would run the mid-day boat for a minimum of fifteen passengers. Details will be finalised at the next General Meeting, so see you all there.

Jim Strong F.D.O. 1963

#### Field Day Top Ten for 2004/2005 up to March 2005.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	3199.5	6	Spencer King	613.3
2	Malcolm Harris	946.5	7	Chas Riegert	411.3
3	Filomena D'Alonzo	915.7	8	Grant Taggart	349.5
4	Vix Alexander	913.2	9	Peter Stoeckel	341.1
5	George Holman	808.5	10	Dave Maxted	320.8

#### Field Day Sections for 2004/2005 up to March 2005.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.05 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.985 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Shark	24.45 kg
4	Best Mulloway	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.05 kg
5	Best Tailor	Malcolm Harris	Tailor	1.70 kg
6	Best Salmon	George Holman	Salmon	3.65 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Skipjack Trevally	1.15 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	2.0 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	26.045 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	19.85 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	7.3 kg

## **March 2005 Field Day, Bremer Bay/Bluff Creek.**

Thirteen of our members and one visitor traveled south for this split venue field day. Ten fished Bremer Bay with the remaining four fishing Bluff Creek. Vix and I were able to get the Friday off which made a huge difference to the weekend, promising the boss all manner of efficiencies upon our return. Promises like these that are made at the time with all sincerity but that are rather hard to live up to at a later date.

The six hour drive down went well, with a few stops to change drivers and have a coffee. I can't endorse this format of changing drivers enough, I used to do all the driving at one stage (the blokey thing to do) but sitting in the passenger seat for half the time and playing with the stereo is far more relaxing.

The weather was favorable on the lead-up to the weekend, but as is so often things change, especially down on the south coast. By sign-on on Saturday the wind was up and it was going to make the open beaches an unpleasant place to fish. We decided to grin and bear it anyway and drove out to Fosters beach.

One of the changes since we were here last is that the land owner, through which the track to Foster's runs, now accepts a donation of ten dollars to help keep the beach clean and the track in passable condition. He is obviously very passionate about keeping his part of the world in as good of condition that he can. He regularly takes a trailer onto the beach to clean up any rubbish that is washed ashore or left behind by unthinking individuals.

He also very keen to talk to those who access Fosters through his property about doing the right thing regarding safe driving and taking their rubbish out with them. In these times of diminishing access to spots like Fosters, it's good to see a land owner wanting to work with fishers rather than shutting us out completely. It goes without saying that the responsibly also rests with us to do the right thing in how we treat our coastal environment.

Back to the fishing, the beach was quite shallow with only a handful of deep gutters channeling water back out to sea. This meant that any one of these gutters were prime real estate as we were one of about a dozen vehicles on the beach. The fishing was not electric by any stretch of the imagination. We fished long sessions for a few herring, a couple of skippy and three salmon.

One of Vix's salmon was a beauty, pulling the scales down to just a hair under the five kg mark gilled and gutted. However one of the species that were in great numbers were sand crabs, stripping your bait in less than a couple of minutes if you left it stationary, we even managed to land a few of them and each would not be far from the size of a legal blue manna.

Tony and Filomena did their usual travelling nomads impersonation, travelling from one boundary in the East to the other in the West and as usual it paid off. They each weighed in four salmon, a bag of good size skippy for Tony and some of the biggest herring I have ever seen between them.

Chas and his visitor Brett along with Peter, Brian and the boys fished Reef Beach with much the same results as us. They shared a few salmon and skippy between them. However there was one very happy junior amongst them, Andrew landing his first salmon, even if he did have to cast across a couple of his companion's lines to get it. Well done Andrew.

The reports from Bluff Creek indicated that the four members enjoyed deep water for most of the length of the beach. From the entry onto the beach to about two thirds the length of the beach was one huge gutter. Herring were in good supply along with a few skippy and a single flathead. Of the bigger fish caught were two salmon to Spencer and some good tailor to George and Dave.

Spencer's salmon just edged out Vix's salmon for the heaviest scale fish by twenty five grams and the heaviest bag going to Tony with just over twenty six kilos.

It is a long drive down to the south coast and with fuel prices going through the roof lately, it was good to see a reasonable number of our members make the effort to fish our great south coast, a better place in the world would be hard to find.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field day Officer.

### Results for the March 2005 Field Day:-

<b>Angler</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Points</b>
Tony D'Alonzo	26.045 kg	7	30	380.45
Filomena D'Alonzo	14.969 kg	4	29	229.69
Vix Alexander	11.592 kg	5	11	215.92
Spencer King	8.825 kg	4	9	178.25
George Holman	8.5 kg	3	29	165
Malcolm Harris	6.35 kg	5	10	163.5
Charles Riegert	4.23 kg	4	4	132.3



David Maxted	4.875 kg	2	24	118.75
Mark Hansen	2.49 kg	3	16	104.9
Brian Stokes	4.106 kg	2	2	101.06
Andrew Stoeckel	4.042 kg	1	1	90.42
Brett Smith (visitor)	1.13 kg	3	3	81.3
Peter Stoeckel	0.392 kg	1	2	53.92
Daniel Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40

#### **Sportsperson of the Year Sections for March 2005.**

Best Scale Fish	Spencer King	Salmon	4.985 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	26.045 kg

#### **Field Day prizes for March 2005.**

Best Scale Fish	Spencer King	Salmon	4.985 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	26.045 kg

### **Tailor Survey Goes Back to the Beach**

Media Release from the Department of Fisheries late 2004. The annual tailor survey is going back to the beach in 2005. The survey, carried out by Department of Fisheries researchers and volunteer anglers, has traditionally been conducted at the Point Walter jetty in the Swan River every Tuesday night between February and April, but this year they will be fishing every second Tuesday from Floreat Beach.

Tailor (*Pomatomus saltatrix*) is an important recreational fishing species in WA and any fish caught during the survey are measured and then released. From data collected since the survey began nine years ago, researchers are building a picture of the abundance and movements of tailor in metropolitan waters.

"We last did the survey at Floreat Beach in 1995 and 1996 and haven't been there since so we are keen to repeat all the conditions – same time of year and day, even the same bait – so we can compare our data and extend our knowledge of tailor off the coast," said Dr Rod Lenanton, supervising scientist at the Fisheries Research Division.

In the early 1990s, recreational anglers expressed concern about declining catches of tailor around Perth. The tailor survey began as a tagging study to examine the survival rates of fish after they had been caught on a variety of gear then released, as they would be if undersized or over the bag limit.

Although the study showed the death rate was very low (an estimated 3 per cent), the Department recommends that anglers not use trebles or barbed hooks to minimize injuries and improve the survival rate of released fish.

"The data we have collected has suggested a lower than average survival of young fish over the last four or five years," Dr Lenanton said. "Data from Floreat as an inshore marine site should tell us whether the results from the Swan extend to the metro beaches."

The survey is also an example of how volunteers can become involved in Fisheries research and their participation in the tailor survey has been essential for its success. "There is a group of dedicated Volunteer Fisheries Liaison Officers who help with this, and other research projects," Dr Lenanton said.

"They give us their time and expertise, many have been part of the tailor surveys for the entire nine years, and we couldn't do this kind of long-term time-consuming survey without them."

Tailor tagging will take place at: 29 March Floreat 6:30 – 8:30 pm, 5 April Point Walter 6:30 – 8:30 pm, 12 April Floreat 6:30 – 8:30 pm, 19 April Point Walter 6:30 – 8:30 pm, 26 April Point Walter – wind up bbq & fishing From 5:30 pm."

Note. Laurie Birchall from the Offshore Angling Club is one of the long term volunteers helping with this.

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