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Dry Casting food and drinks

The dry casting sausage sizzle will be available AFTER the main dry casting events have been run, so please try to keep the dry casting moving along. Cool drinks will be available during the day.

Drinks are \$1.50 each. Sausage and onion in a bread roll \$2.50 each.

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2012 Presentation night venue

Pat McKeown and George Holman have chosen the Woodvale Tavern Reception Centre, 143 Trappers Drive, for the Club's 60th year Presentation night on 23 June.

See details inside the Reel Talk.

Please reserve Saturday evening 23 June in your diary.

All donations for prizes will be welcome and acknowledged.



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Note 4.

The Immediate Past President is a consequential fact. It is not a Committee position elected by the members or filled by resolution of the Committee, as are all other Committee positions and functions.

Life Members of the Club

Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ric Parker, Ian Cook, Bob Henderson, Terry Fuller.

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Please show your friends your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

Minutes of General Meeting 14 March 2012

Venue Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Commenced 8:00 pm. President George Holman presiding.

Present 25 members.

Apologies David Maxted, John Crompton, Wendy Hansen, Greg Keet.

Visitors Victor and Slavka Schilo, John Devitt, Bruce Davies, Ron Thomas, Sonney.

New member None this month.

Minutes of previous meeting **Moved** Trevor Stam, seconded Jim Strong the minutes of the previous meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

Previous Committee meeting Action points from the minutes of the Committee meeting have been published in Reel Talk.

Secretary's report Secretary Eric Parker reported.

<u>Correspondence in</u>	Westpac	Bank statement to 29 February 2012
	Victor and Slavka Schilo	Application for Membership
	AAAWA	Minutes of February Delegates Meeting
	AAAWA	State Boating sub-committee change of review meeting date to Monday 19 March at MAAC
	AAAWA	Minutes February Boating sub committee
	Dept of Sport and Recreation	Working with children workshop, update club details
	Woodvale Tavern	Details of menu
	City of Stirling	Sports ground users meeting Wed 21 March.
	Recfishwest	Proposal to change WA's Recreational Fishing Rules
	Fishers with Disabilities	Donations of fishing gear for disabled fishers.
	Prostate Cancer Foundation	Pirtek Fishing Challenge 15 April 2012
<u>Correspondence out</u>	City of Stirling	Summer reserve dates for dry casting.
	Neil Smith, Raymond Yong,	Info about the Club
	Aaron Whitely, Victor Schilo	

Moved Trevor Stam, seconded Ray Walker that correspondence be accepted, carried.

Treasurer's report

Accounts for payment.

To	For	Amount	
Terry Fuller	Stamps for Reel Talk	\$66.00	
	Printing of Reel Talk	\$109.80	T Fuller total
	Stamps 10 x 60c for general postage	\$6.00	\$181.80
	Account for 14 Jan to 13 Feb	\$27.45	
Telstra	Power at Kalbarri 29 Dec to 28 Feb.....	\$266.05	
Synergy	Dry casting booking Yokine Reserve	\$320.00	
City of Stirling	PO Box 2834 Malaga rental to 31 March 2013	\$93.00	
Australia Post	Aussie sausages	\$14.67	
Pat McKeown	Pepsi drinks 24 can carton	\$17.99	
	Tomato sauce.....	\$2.52	
	Mustard.....	\$3.99	
	Onions loose	\$3.26	
	Tip Top BBQ buns 12 pk x 3	\$20.07	
	Paper towel 3 pk.....	\$4.40	
	Pepsi Max 24 can carton.....	\$18.00	P McKeown total
	Ice bag x 3 \$4.50 ea	\$13.50	\$98.40
Marcia Pekaar	Batteries for digital scales	\$8.40	
Total new accounts for approval at March GM		\$995.10	

Bank account summary

Bank balance as at 14 March	\$10,241.06
Accounts for payment	\$995.10
Available balance after payment of new accounts	\$9,245.96
Cash held for banking	\$0.00
Outstanding cheques	\$0.00
Available total	\$9,245.96

Income / money received since February

General meeting

Drinks at February General meeting.....	\$15.00
Kalbarri bond, cleaning, rental	\$320.00
Field day fees March 2012 Local	\$10.00
Dry casting weights	\$5.00
Sinker fund donation	\$32.00
Trophy fund donation.....	\$500.00
Nomination fee Family Concession	\$10.00
Total income received since February	
General meeting	\$892.00

Income / money received at March General meeting

Dry casting March 2012, 23 casters.....	\$186.00
Field day fees March 2012, Bluff Creek, 16 people	\$128.00
Field day fees February 2012, Cervantes, 17 people....	\$112.00
Sausage sizzle and drinks at Dry casting March 2012 ..	\$120.40
Raffle at March General meeting	\$75.00
Club shirt.....	\$35.00
Total received at March GM	\$656.40

Moved Peter Osborne, seconded Pat McKeown the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment, carried.

Property Officer Ray Walker said there were few bookings for the Winter period.

Field Days Peet Wessels gave out certificates and some details for the Cervantes and Bluff Creek field days.

President George Holman thanked Martin Wearmouth for taking Chris Stickells to Bluff Creek, and said they appeared to have had a great time with some good fish and a lot learnt.

Dry Casting Officer Allan Jones reported on some results for the March Dry Casting. A Single handed Open will be held in April. He thanked Pat, Andy and Ray for the sausage sizzle.

AAA report The AAAWA Rock and Beach championships will be held at Jurien Bay on 24/25 March. Peet Wessels read out the names of SCAC team members. This should be a good social event with members fishing together. Some accommodation has been arranged at Jurien and Cervantes.

Peter Osborne won the Veterans section of the AAA State Boating Championships. Results are on the AAAWA website.

John Curtis advised that there was no prospect of running a National AAA championship in WA in 2015.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown advised the menu for the Presentation night on 23 June at the Woodvale Tavern Function Centre has been received and published in Reel Talk. Tickets will be \$60 for adults and \$20 for children of 12 years and under having the child's meal. A memento will be given to everyone attending.

Recorder John Curtis passed around a photo of a Samson fish caught and released unharmed by Justin Rose. See the story in Reel Talk. It was agreed that a weight of 12kg would be recorded for the Club's competitions.

Reel Talk Terry Fuller thanked members for previous articles and said more were always welcome. John Devitt said he was greatly impressed with the professional standard and quantity and detailed information in the Reel Talk. Prospective member Victor Schilo agreed about the Reel Talk and said there was also an amazing amount of information on the Club website which was a great credit to the Club, and said together these had influenced him to come to Dry casting and the General meeting and see for himself.

Recfishwest report Will be published in Reel Talk. The major item was the Department of Fisheries' proposals in Fisheries Management Paper No. 252 "A Resourced-based Management Approach for Recreational Fishing in Western Australia 2012 - 2017" as outlined in articles in March Reel Talk. The instruction period later tonight will cover these in more detail.

Notices of Motion These will be discussed and voted on at the April General Meeting.

Terry Fuller explained the 5 notices of motion for changes to the Dry casting Competition Rules as published in the Reel Talk.

Notice of Motion George Holman moved that Section 5 in Rules Section 4.12, "Open Competition Minimum Weights" be changed from Best Dhufish, Legal size to Best Flathead, minimum 0.5kg.

Notice of Motion Separately, after the meeting, Allan Jones noted that there were no specifications for pompoms for Single Handed accuracy, and gave the Minutes Secretary a notice in writing. This has been added to the motion on Section 3.3.7 as follows:- *For Single Handed Accuracy, a pompom with a minimum overall length of 50 mm and a minimum of twenty (20) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent shall be used.*

Recorder John Curtis has some proposed changes to the Competition Rules which he will email to the Reel Talk Editor for publication in Reel Talk. **AP GM3/12 #1**

All proposed changes to the Competition Rules need to be published in the Reel Talk for members to consider before and at the next meeting. The April Reel Talk is the last opportunity to publish these. Members were advised to send proposed motions to the Reel Talk editor before the deadline as published in the March Reel Talk. **AP GM3/12 #1**

Field day venues 2012/13. It was agreed that the venues for September will be a Safari to Esperance, plus a local Field Day on the normal weekend with extended boundaries. The October venue will be Cervantes on the normal weekend. This list to be updated in Reel Talk and voted on at the April General Meeting. **AP GM3/12 #2**

General business John Curtis advised the next education session at his house will be held on Friday 30 March. See article in Reel Talk.

George Holman thanked Trevor Stam for his donations of \$500 for the Trophy fund and \$32 for the sinker fund as reported in the Treasurer's report.

Peter and Marcia Pekaar were given permission to take the Club's digital scales to the AAA Rock and Beach Championships weigh in.

Jim Strong will be 90 on his next birthday on 26 April.

Raffle First prize, lure and knife, won by Sonney. Second prize, honey won by Victor Schilo, and third prize, reef bag won by Wayne Collis. Honey donated by Mark Hansen, other prizes provided by the Club.

Meeting closed Formal meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

Instruction period AAA Rock and Beach Championships arrangements by Peter Osborne and Peet Wessels, followed by a 30 minute discussion on the proposals in Fisheries Management Paper No. 252 "A Resourced-based Management Approach for Recreational Fishing in Western Australia 2012 - 2017," by Terry Fuller. See details in Reel Talk.

Action points from March 2012 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM3/12 #1	Send proposed motions for changes to Competition Rules to the Reel Talk editor	All members	
AP GM3/12 #2	Update list of proposed Field Day venues in Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	

Action points from October 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM10/11 #1	Pay deposits for Rottneest Field Day May 2012	Members	Time's running out

Action points from September 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM9/11 #2	Prepare an article on AAA club member insurance for Reel Talk	John Curtis	Ongoing

Action points from July 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM7/11 #1	Make suggestions for the Presentation night for the Club's 60th year in 2012	All members	Ongoing

Action points from April 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM4/10 #1	Help locate the old "Sportsperson of the Year" trophy.	All members	Ongoing

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Action points from March Committee meeting

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General Meeting, often summarizing the action points from the Committee meeting.

Future Instruction periods.

April	Finalisation of 2012/13 competitions and updates to Competition Rules. Please bring your April Reel Talk to the meeting.
May	Kalbarri/Wagoe information. Peet Wessels, Peter Osborne.
June	Rottnest information. Peet Wessels, Peter Osborne.
Later	Solunar charts, John Curtis. Knots, John Curtis.

For members' information, here is the set of action points and status from the last Committee meeting as recorded in the draft minutes.

Action points from 21 March 2012 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM 3/12 #1	Send address of supplier of casting shields to Allan Jones	Terry Fuller	Done
CM 3/12 #2	Prepare list of past winners of the Sportsperson of the Year from info in Reel Talk Library and current trophy. Loan personal copies of Reel Talk for copying to add to Reel Talk Library.	Terry Fuller ----- George Holman	-----
CM 3/12 #3	Propose addition to the rules to specify the pompom for single handed accuracy	Terry Fuller	Done in April Reel Talk
CM 3/12 #4	Prepare some sample comments on FMP 252, proposals for recreational fishing rules.	Terry Fuller	
CM 3/12 #5	Suggest which past members should be added to a list to be invited to 2012 Presentation night, and update contact details if known.	Committee members	
CM 3/12 #6	Proposed amendments to the Club's Competition Rules to be put in the form of motions and published in the April Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	
CM 3/12 #7	Updated Asset Register for Committee changes at the 2011 elections, and complete AP CM5/10 #6	Terry Fuller	
CM 3/12 #8	Arrange for check of the hour meter on Club alternator	George Holman	

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events

April Dry Casting

All casters **please come early** and assist with the setting up of the casting courts, targets, etc at the beginning of the day after setting up your own casting gear. Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

When:- Sunday 1 April 2012. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance, **PLUS** Single Handed Open.

Casting order:-

Month	Seniors, Ladies and Juniors	Veterans
1 April	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
6 May	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
10 June	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
1 July	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
5 August	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
9 September	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Fees must be paid to by 8:00am to allow the collector some time for practice casts before the 8:30am start. Please let someone know if you are going to be late.

AAAWA dry casting meeting

There will be a meeting of the AAWA State dry casting group at George Holman's residence at 8pm on Monday 2 April to start preparations for the State casting event in October, look at the equipment and trailer from Victoria, also the forthcoming National AAA mid-term meeting, and hopefully a result on our insurance claim. Interested members and casters please attend.

AAAWA Dry casting chairman, George Holman

April General meeting

When:- Wednesday 11 April 2012, 8:00pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Sign In:- Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet and buy some raffle tickets. See Jim Strong and the helpers at the front table.

Instruction period:- Finalisation of 2012/13 competitions and updates to Competition Rules. **Please bring April Reel Talk to the meeting.**

Field Day sign on, fishing and weigh in times

The proposed sign on, fishing and weigh in times for the next 2 months' Field Days are published in each Reel Talk.

If you are not able to be at the venue by the nominated sign on time, or need to leave early, for example for health reasons or other commitments, arrangements can be made for a late sign on, and possibly for an alternative weigh-in at the discretion of the Field Day Officer.

Reel Talk Editor

April Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 April.

Where:- Capes (Naturaliste to Leeuwin).

Boundaries:- Busselton Jetty to river mouth at Augusta. New members are encouraged to fish with older members for guidance and help.

Sign On:- Saturday 10 am at car park next to the Busselton Jetty.

Lines Down:- Saturday 11 am.

Times:- 11 am Saturday to 11 am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

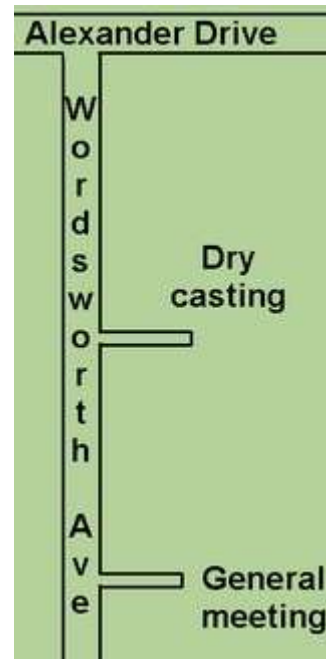
Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am at car park next to the Busselton Jetty.

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family.

<u>Tides for Margaret River</u>	Sat	0.59m at	1.11m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 1:50pm at 252 deg
	14 Apr	1:50am	11:15am		

Sun	0.64m at	1.06m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 1:00am at 106 deg
15 Apr	2:20am	11:20am	<u>Moonset</u>	About 2:30pm at 257 deg

<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:40am at 79 deg	<u>Sunsets</u>	About 6pm at 281 deg
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Local Field Day for April

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 April.

Sign On: At General meeting or phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.


Lines Down:- Saturday 11 am.

Times:- 11 am Saturday to 11 am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 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 FDO by 8 pm the following night.

Boundaries:- Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole.

Fish together Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat 14 Apr	0.58m at 1:55am	0.97m at 3:25pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 1:45pm at 252 deg	
	Sun 15 Apr	0.63m at 2:25am	0.92m at 6:15pm	<u>Moonrise</u> <u>Moonset</u>	About 0:55am at 105 deg About 2:20pm at 257 deg	
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:35am at 79 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 5:55pm at 280 deg	

April Committee meeting

When:- Wednesday 18 April, 7:30pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Visitors. Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the discretion of the President. Please contact the President or the Secretary well prior to the meeting to arrange your invitation.

May Field Day Rottnest

When Saturday/Sunday 12/13 May 2012. This is the first field day for the 2012/13 Competition Year.

Where Rottnest.

Sign On Saturday 10:45am at Caroline Thomson Cabins.


Lines Down Saturday 12 noon

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family.

Times 12 noon Saturday to 7 pm Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in Sunday 9 pm at Caroline Thomson Cabins.

Boundaries All non-restricted areas around Rottnest Island.

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat 12 May	0.65m at 12:40am	1.06m at 11:40am	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 12:20 pm at 256 deg About 11:50 pm at 102 deg	
	Sun 13 May	0.71m at 1:18am	1.00m at 12:07pm	0.78m at 11:58pm	<u>Moonset</u>	
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:55 am at 69 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 5:30 pm at 291 deg	

Local Field Day for May

- When** Saturday/Sunday 12/13 May 2012. **Sunday is Mothers' Day.** Don't forget!
- Sign On** At General meeting or phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.
- Lines Down** Saturday 12 noon.
- Times** 12 noon Saturday to 7 pm Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.
- Weigh in** Sunday 7 pm at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8 pm on Monday night.
- Boundaries** Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole.
- Fish together** Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.
- Tides, etc** See details above.

Fishing together on field days

Some comments regularly made are about the value of members fishing together, particularly for new members.

The Club encourages members to fish together on Field days, and will help arrange this. However it helps everyone if members who want help or want to fish with someone, ask and arrange to go with other members. This can be done either before or during the sign on or at the previous General meeting or any Club event.

Check at the General meeting for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Calendar for next three months

Here's a calendar showing the dates for Dry Casting, General and Committee meetings, Field Days and other Club events in the next three months.

23	Presentation Night		27	Deadline for Reel Talk articles, 5pm																
8	Dry Casting		11	General Meeting		14	15	Field Day		18	Committee Meeting									
April 2012							May 2012							June 2012						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30						<u>1</u>		1	2	3	4	5	<u>6</u>					1	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

New member applications

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.

Victor and Slavka Schilo

Ron and Deidre Thomas

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

New member acceptances

The following applications for membership have been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

March 2012 Field Day, Bluff Creek

Thursday morning 1st March finds us struggling to pack and fit all our camping and fishing gear into and on top of the Pathfinder. It seems that there is more and more stuff to pack every year. I think it is definitely time to have a closer look what are the bare necessities one needs for a long week end away. Finally by 12 noon we got going. I was so exhausted that I asked Sandra to do the first stint down to Williams. From there I drove to Katanning which was our stop over for the night.



Surfcasters at the weigh in. George, Terry, Dave, Wendy, Mark, Peet, Sandra, Louise, Theo, Frank, Martin and Chris. Sumarie took the photo.

Early Friday morning we set off to Albany where we stopped for a brunch and stocked up with the last provisions and fuel. On reaching the Bluff Creek farm gate we deflated the heavily loaded car tyres down to 20psi.

Carefully and slowly we entered the single track down to the beach. We both noticed how much the track had deteriorated since last year.

One really needs to take it very slowly and we were relieved to reach the beach without encountering traffic from the front. What a lovely feeling to breathe the fresh and cool air once on the beach. Not long after we realized we needed to deflate the tyres more. Down to 15 psi we went. The traction became so much better on the very soft sand and soon we were travelling in a slow and relaxed manner towards our camp site. The weather was just perfect and the beach had beautiful gutters all along. It just looked so fishable.

We found a convenient campsite behind the dunes with good protection against the always present wind. A couple of hours later and the camp was set up and ready for the weekend. After a little rest and a few beverages we decided to have a scout around to see if we could find a few good fishing spots.

On our excursion we met up with George, Terry and Dave. Very soon George briefed us with all the important information and much more. After driving up and down the beach we decided it was time to wet a line at one of the deep gutters we had spotted. Within half an hour we had landed 5 species and we were very happy with the fishing results. Off to camp just before dark we were settled in for the night.

Saturday morning we awoke to another beautiful day and took a few photos of the sun at daybreak. We could not resist the urge to wet a line again. We tried a few different spots but

could not get past the trillion Herring that were around. At the end we put a few of these nuisances out as live bait and sat back and relaxed while waiting for the sign-on.



Sandra and bream



The Wessels' campsite

Late Saturday we met up with Theo, Louise, Frank and Sumarie. We decided to fish together and tried out the good spot from the previous day. With Theo's first cast he hooked into a Skippy of around the 1 kg mark. We all thought that it was going to be a very productive afternoon, but to no avail. It was the only Skippy for that session. We did land a few fish and we all opened our account for the Field Day competition.

With darkness fast approaching we made a beeline for our camp and it was not long before we sat around a small Weber barbecue discussing what the new day may hold.

Early Sunday morning we were on the small reef trying out our luck. After bait casting in many places we finally located an area that was reasonably good and we started to land a couple of good size Skippy. This did not last for long before the Herring absolutely drove us off to go and find some more productive waters. We found a good gutter just past the eastern side of the creek with some rocky structure around. First cast and I was on to a beautiful Bream. After another couple of casts and another nice Bream found the hook.

This continued for some time and then we decided to call it an early break and went for a little lunch and a few hours of relaxing.

On returning to the little reef we found a couple of fellow Surfcasters fishing the western side of the reef. After witnessing a couple of fish landed we decided to go east and fish a section of the beach just past the creek. The water looked so good and we were sure we would get a few good fish. However we soon realized that we were fishing on barren ground. We tried to berley but with no results. Soon we decided to move back west where we caught up with fellow members. We did land a couple of fish but decided to go for an early night's rest. After cleaning our fish we headed back to camp and had a very enjoyable evening together.

Monday morning we woke to another beautiful day and it was not long before we were out with fishing rods in the hand. The first ray of sunshine was met with the first Skippy for the day. Soon we had our bag limits of Skippy and Herring and with happy faces we were cleaning the catch and got ready for the weigh-in. By 10 am we were all gathered around the scale and it was so good to see that once again Bluff had produced reasonably well.

The biggest scale fish for the weekend was caught by George Holman with a Tarwhine of 1.17 kg. The biggest bag of scale fish went to me with a total of 10.12 kg. All too soon a wonderful weekend came to an end and it was time to pack up and make for home.

Hope the next time I see you is with a bent rod in the hand. Tight Lines

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

Catch results and points for March Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
George Holman	9.52 kg	5	29	195.2
Peet Wessels	10.12 kg	3	30	181.2
Theo Van Niekerk	9.8 kg	4	30	178
Sandra Wessels	8.92 kg	3	30	169.2
Martin Wearmouth	4.92 kg	5	14	149.2
Frank Gaudin	3.28 kg	3	15	102.8
Mark Hansen	2.27 kg	3	16	102.7
Terry Fuller	2.21 kg	3	10	102.1
Chris Stickells	1.26 kg	2	7	82.6
David Maxted	1.1 kg	2	6	81
Allan Jones	0.88 kg	2	2	48.8
Ian Cook	0	0	0	40
Louise Van Niekerk	0	0	0	40
Sumarie Gaudin	0	0	0	40
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40
Pat McKeown	0	0	0	20

Points include Field Day and March General Meeting points. Species weighed at the Bluff Creek Field Day were:- Herring, Western Yellowfin Bream, Flathead, Whiting, Tarwhine, Sweep and Skipjack Trevally. Species weighed at the Local Field Day were:- Herring and Snook.

Sportsperson of the Year winners for March 2012

Best scale fish	George Holman	Tarwhine	1.17 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	10.12 kg

Field day section winners for March 2012

Best scale fish	George Holman	Tarwhine	1.17 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	10.12 kg

Field Day top scores for 2011/12

Total scores up to and including March Field Day and General meeting.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peet Wessels	1726.9	1	Ray Walker	250.3	18	Geoff Raftis	85	35
Peter Osborne	1458.3	2	Allan Jones	232	19	Melvin Wee	84.3	36
Sandra Wessels	1386.3	3	Marcia Pekaar	200.7	20	Malcolm Head	67.2	37
George Holman	1215.9	4	Christian Wearmouth	191.5	21	Morgan Keet	66.3	38
Mark Hansen	833.7	5	Sumarie Gaudin	188.5	22	Felicity Keet	62.5	39
Shane Wignell	508.3	6	Thomas Wearmouth	179	23	Wayne Shaw	57	40
Theo Van Niekerk	505.7	7	Ian Taggart	174.2	24	Stephen Pekaar	52.4	41
Wendy Hansen	404.5	8	David Maxted	173.5	25	Bev Grigo	50	42
Pat McKeown	373.1	9	Chris Stickells	172.6	26	Bob Henderson	50	43
John Crompton	366.9	10	Aniello Pizzolante	164.6	27	Dean Stewart	50	44
Sarah Wignell	361.6	11	Michael Gaudin	123.5	28	Des De Villiers	40	45
Martin Wearmouth	357.3	12	Stuart Spickett	108.8	29	Ian Cook	40	46
Justin Rose	336.1	13	Nick Edwards	103.6	30	Lachlan Spickett	40	47
Peter Pekaar	331.8	14	Terry Fuller	102.1	31	Louise Van Niekerk	40	48
Greg Keet	324.7	15	Ron Lindsay	100	32	Olivia Keet	40	49
Frank Gaudin	290.2	16	Shane Becu	100	33	Sharon Osborne	40	50
Sabby Pizzolante	261.8	17	Liam Wignell	98.9	34	John Curtis	20	51

Masters and Grand Masters caught on March field day

Grand Masters	George Holman	Tarwhine	1.120 kg
Masters	Theo Van Niekerk	Trevally, Skipjack	0.950 kg
	Peet Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	0.780 kg
	Sandra Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	0.620 kg
	George Holman	Trevally, Skipjack	0.680 kg
	Martin Wearmouth	Trevally, Skipjack	0.630 kg
	Terry Fuller	Trevally, Skipjack	0.570 kg

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches during the March Field Day. The Committee has amended the species Black Bream to Bream (all) so that this category will be the same as for all other Club competitions. See the write up of proposed changes to the Competition Rules elsewhere in this Reel Talk.

Name	Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Theo Van Niekerk	1	1			1				1	1			1	1	1		1	9
Terry Fuller	1	1		1	1					1		1	1		1			8
Justin Rose				1	1		1				1		1		1	1		7
Martin Wearmouth	1	1			1							1	1		1	1		7
Frank Gaudin	1	1			1					1					1		1	6
Chris Stickells		1			1								1					3

Recorder, John Curtis

Field Day sections 2011/12

Up to and including March Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	George Holman	Pink Snapper	6.55 kg
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	George Holman	Tailor	1.26 kg
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	George Holman	Bronze Whaler	5.48 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	1.92 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)			
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	1.13 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best scale fish (other than above)	Peet Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	5.83 kg
10	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	17.38 kg
11	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish Min)			
12	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish Min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	5.58 kg
13	Best fish on S/H rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Peter Osborne	Wrasse	0.36 kg
14	Best fish caught on fly rod	Frank Gaudin	Trevally, Skipjack	0.75 kg

Open fishing competition 2011/12

The Open Competition is for fish caught other than on Club Gazetted Field Days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates. Entries for the Open competition close 30 days after capture.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	Mal Head, 11 kg, Kalbarri
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Justin Rose, 3.2 kg, S Bend
7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	Justin Rose, 12 kg, Lucky Bay
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman, 3.0 kg, False Entrance
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	Pat McKeown, 0.5 kg, False Entrance
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman, 17 kg, False Entrance
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	George Holman, 2.5 kg, False Entrance
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman, 10.75 kg Northern bluefin tuna, False Entrance
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	

Barron Lure competition 2011/12

The Barron Lure competition is sponsored by Eric Parker, who donates the trophies. Try Eric's poppers, you will not be disappointed.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	Justin Rose	1.92 kg Tailor
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	No entry yet	
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	Justin Rose	1.92 kg Tailor

Bluff Creek 2012

After reading the Reel Talk write ups on Bluff Creek I decided that I would have to give this trip a go. All I needed was someone to come with me to share the fuel expense, at the general meeting Chris Stickells was looking for a lift so that settled it pack up and get ready to go.

We decided to leave on Friday morning so I picked Chris up early at 5.30am and we hit the road, we arrived at the Bluff Creek camp site just after 12pm and found George, Terry and Dave.

After setting up camp we followed George that afternoon east up the beach to try our luck, conditions were not good with a strong breeze and swell it was hard to get and keep a line out, we did manage a few herring and returned to camp just after dark.

On Saturday we saved our fishing till after the sign on. Chris and I headed east again and did not have much luck. Again conditions were hard due to the wind and swell so we headed back hoping Sunday would be better.

Got up early on Sunday 5.30am and headed west to the reef. We fished on the beach at the west side and the conditions had improved with less wind. Chris caught a flathead first, then

it was my turn on the 5th cast I got a good bite and this fish was putting up a great fight and in came a skippy about 0.7kg.



Five species in Martin's catch

After that I could not seem to do anything wrong. After an hour I had 4 nice skippy, 4 good bream, a flathead and a whiting, what a great morning.

Sunday afternoon saw us at the reef again but due to high tide I could not get out to the fish and went home early empty handed with a plan to get up early again and head back to the reef.

Monday morning about 5.30am back to the reef but no luck. I was hoping for a few more skippy but not to be, just a couple of herring.

All in all that Sunday morning made the trip well worthwhile. My biggest skippy and bream, would have liked to get a salmon, but there is always next time.

Martin Wearmouth

Bluff Creek sun, fun and squeaky sand

When I woke up on Friday morning I was so excited as it was the day of my first trip to Bluff Creek. Some time away to relax, think about things, learn new fishing info, bonding with members and go fishing. One of the club's member, Martin, was giving me a lift which is much appreciated.

Martin picked me up about 5:30am. We chucked the gear in the car. We were both eager to get the trip underway so we hit the road and after following the info In the latest Reel Talk we got there with no trouble at all. One thing we did note was the squeaky beach sand made for an unusual conversation piece. The first thing we did was set up camp which was really easy thanks to Martin's instant tent. It didn't take us long to get camp up and running.

With that done we were both eager to get some fishing done. There were plenty of herring around. This was also when I caught my first flathead, but I would catch 3 others after sign on. After sign on we spent some time relaxing and talking at camp with other members. Thank you to everyone for the tips, advice and gear. Martin and I followed George's group and we fished together. This made for a good time and great info.

Martin and I had times when we went off and fished together and this produced herring for me and a few more flatties but not the Skippy I wanted, probably due to my difficulties casting out far enough. Oh well, this just means my Skippy is still waiting for me.

Martin caught some good Skippy and bream. With fish in hand we went back to camp. The food was always good, as were the beaches, lovely blue clean water with fantastic white beaches surrounded by dunes and high hills. No mobile coverage and no buildings in sight. Rods, reels, food and good times, does it get any better people?

After weigh in on the final day some members were giving some of their fish away so I made sure to nab some herring. Thanks guys the kids will love them. Then we packed up the camp which was really quick and easy, said goodbye to the group and thanked them for everything and headed back home, with plenty of happy memories of Bluff Creek.

Can't wait for the next trip.

Christopher Stickells

Bream species identification

There was some discussion about the identification of some bream species caught at Bluff Creek. There are some fish which are still being called by old common names.

A number of bream were caught on the Bluff Creek field day back in 2004, and I covered that with an article in the April 2004 Reel Talk, updated here.

There are three species of "bream" caught within the area covered by our field days, Kalbarri to South Coast. These are Tarwhine (*Rhabdosargus sarba*), Black bream (*Acanthopagrus butcheri*), in the past sometimes called "Southern" Black Bream in some places, and Western Yellowfin Bream (*Acanthopagrus latus*).

Tarwhine are often called "Silver Bream" but the correct and accepted name is Tarwhine.

Black Bream and Southern Black Bream are just different names for the same species of fish.

Yellowfin Bream is the accepted common name for Western Yellowfin Bream. Some fish ID books say these occur from Shark Bay north, but tropical species are being caught up and down the West Coast, and even on the South Coast. With the strong Leeuwin currents in some years bringing down warm tropical water, fish researchers now recognise all previous "limits" of distribution are no longer guaranteed.



Yellowfin Bream. Note "pointed" mouth and prominent teeth, black edge to tail. Photo above from 2012, photo on right from 2004.



Yellowfin Bream



Tarwhine. Note "rounded" mouth, the easiest way to identify them. Colour photo shows the gold spots on scales.

Usually it is fairly easy to distinguish between the three species. Black Bream and Western Yellowfin Bream have a more pointed lower head and mouth area than the Tarwhine which is quite rounded at the front of the head.

The Tarwhine has 6-7 scale lines above the lateral line whereas the Black Bream has 4 scale lines above the lateral line.

The Western Yellowfin Bream is best distinguished from Black Bream by the yellowish colouration of the dorsal and anal fins. Dependent on the colour of the water from which they are caught, the skin of Black Bream is often quite dark, but fish from clear water and sandy or light backgrounds can be quite silvery.

Carry a copy of the three Species Identification Guides, for West Coast, for South Coast and for Gascoyne region, available free from the Department of Fisheries. When all else fails, buy a good fish identification book with more species shown. If in doubt about the identification of a fish species, keep the fish whole and freeze it. For your records and later identification, take good **close up** colour photographs of the fish including some photos with the fins spread, as soon as possible because colours can sometimes change rapidly after fish are removed from the water.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Recommended Field day venues and boundaries 2012/13

Venues and boundaries for the coming 2012/13 competition year will be decided and confirmed by the members at or before the April General Meeting. Areas exclude any no fishing zones which may be within the boundaries.

Once these away venues and boundaries have been decided and confirmed by the members, they will not be changed. The FDO will still have the option, on the day, with the agreement of the people who have signed on, to make changes to cater for unfishable or dangerous conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

Local field days with boundaries from Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole and fishing times the same as the away field day will be held every month.

Month	Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details
May 2012	Rottnest	12/13 May 2012	<i>Short.</i> All areas around the perimeter of the island.
Jun 2012	Kalbarri	2/3/4 June 2012 Sat / Sun / Mon long weekend	<i>Long.</i> 590 km. Kalbarri to mouth of Bowes River at Horrocks.
Jul 2012	Capes North	14/15 July 2012	<i>Medium.</i> 260 km. Busselton Jetty to Gnarabup area (south of Prevelly.)
Aug 2012	Rottnest	11/12 Aug 2012	<i>Short.</i> All areas around the perimeter of the island.
Sep 2012	Esperance Safari plus	15 to 22 Sept 2012	<i>Long.</i> 730 km. Safari "Field Day" 12 noon Wed 19 Sept to 12 noon Thursday 20 Sept.
	Local Field Day	15/16 Sept.	Extended local. Boundaries to be decided.
Oct 2012	Cervantes	13/14 Oct 2012	<i>Medium.</i> 200 km. Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes.
Nov 2012	Cervantes	17/18 Nov 2012	<i>Medium.</i> 200 km. Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes.
Dec 2012	Local	15/16 Dec 2012	<i>Short.</i> Swan River upstream of Fremantle traffic bridge (includes Canning River.)
Jan 2013	White Hills to Preston	12/13 Jan 2013	<i>Short - medium.</i> 110 km. South wall of the Mandurah Cut to 2 km south of Preston Beach access.
Feb 2013	Cervantes	16/17 Feb 2013	<i>Medium.</i> 200 km. Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Mar 2013	Bluff Creek	2/3/4 Mar 2013 Sat / Sun / Mon long weekend	<i>Long.</i> 490 km. Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.
Apr 2013	Capes South	13/14 Apr 2013	<i>Medium.</i> 310 km. Mouth of Margaret River to mouth of Blackwood River at Augusta.

State Rock and Beach Championships

The State Rock and Beach fishing championships were held on Saturday and Sunday 24/25 March 2012, with headquarters at Jurien. Boundary: Cervantes jetty to Greenhead jetty including jetties.

Results have not been provided for the AAawa website by the time this April Reel Talk needed to be printed. The May Reel Talk will have a report.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Draft calendar for coming year 2012/13, updated

Spot any mistake(s), please. I need people to read and check all these dates. Please tell me if you find anything wrong or if **you think** something's wrong.

This **draft** calendar shows the Committee's recommended dates for field days and Safari, all subject to members' final approval at the April General meeting.

Please bring your Reel Talk to the April General Meeting.

22 Safari, Esperance	23 Presentation Night	25 AAA Event	? Night cast (TBA)
6 Dry Casting	13 General Meeting	12 13 Field Day	16 Committee Meeting

Draft SCAC event calendar 2012/13 - Draft version dated 17 March 2012.																							
May 2012							June 2012							July 2012									
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Recfishwest report

The details of the proposed revised recreational fishing rules on pages 31 onwards has replaced the Recfishwest report for March.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Bluff Creek after the Field Day



Who wouldn't be smiling with fish like these?

George, Dave and Terry stayed on for another day at Bluff Creek after everyone else left.

Monday evening after the Field day at Bluff Creek, George had a great catch of quality fish.

Three skippy, three Yellowfin bream and a great flathead. Clearly shows the benefits of being able to cast a long way to reach where the fish were.



The catch

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

The Reel Talk needs to be out during the week before the first Club event for that month. Can I please have all general articles and reports for the

May Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Friday 27 April.

June Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Friday 25 May.

July Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Sunday 24 June (to allow for the Presentation night).

Please contact me if any item will be late.

I would really appreciate getting any articles well before the deadline, please.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Social Organiser Report, March 2012

Hello fellow members.

Hope this finds you all well and fighting fit, ready for the upcoming Presentation Night, the Club's 60th birthday. Tickets are now available, please book early so that we can organise the night.

The cost per ticket is: \$60.00 per Adult, \$20.00 per child 12 and under.

Places are limited, all bookings must be paid for and menus completed by the May General Meeting. We need to supply numbers for catering etc.

The Menu is available to view in Reel Talk. A menu order form will be available for you to complete so that we can hand them on to the catering staff. Please notify any food allergies on the menu form.

John Curtis has accepted to be our MC for the evening. Many thanks John. There will door prizes throughout the evening.

Engagements for marriage are happening in the club. Rick and Sonney, Justin and Kristy. Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy future.

Tight lines

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Dinner menu for Presentation Night, 23 June

Entrée Butternut squash soup or Bruschetta

Main Course

Sirloin steak grilled until medium and served with chips, side salad and mushroom sauce, or
Oven roasted chicken breast filled with sun dried tomatoes, spinach and camembert. Served with mash, steamed vegetables and champagne sauce, or

Grilled snapper fillet served with mash, steamed vegetables and lemon butter sauce

Dessert Profiterole cake served with fresh cream or Apple crumble served with vanilla custard

Children's (12 and under) menu

Sausage and mash, or

Chicken nuggets and chips, or

Golden fried fish and chips

Ice cream sundae for dessert

More details of the Presentation night over the coming months.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Dry Casting report 11 March 2012

The day was fine and hot with a gusty east to northeasterly wind blowing. By 10:30 the temperature had reached 35 degrees and it had reached 41 degrees at 12:30pm.

We had 6 visitors involved in the dry casting, Katie Trinder, Dean Vitali, Bruce Davies, Victor and Slavka Schilo, and Ron Thomas. Another visitor, Neil, was most impressed with the way the Club has such organised casting, and is expected to come next month to try out casting with us. In total 27 casters all up.

Thank to all who helped set up the distance and accuracy courts. Thanks also to Bob Henderson who put out the flags and banners. To Greg and Morgan Keet for helping bringing them in.

There were 4 bullseyes in total, all in single handed accuracy. In the veterans we had George Holman, Allan Jones and Gary Gildersleeves all with one each, and Morgan Keet a Mini Junior with one. Well done Morgan.

Best distance casts for March	Seniors	Peter Pekaar	167 metres	112 grams
	Veterans	George Holman	146 metres	112 grams
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	87 metres	56 grams
	Juniors	Felicity Keet	79 metres	112 grams
	Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	92 metres	56 grams

Section winners for March	Seniors	Peter Pekaar	236 points
	Veterans	George Holman	256 points
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	212 points
	Juniors	Felicity Keet	78 points
	Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	115 points

Despite the heat and not feeling well after a stay in hospital, Marcia Pekaar had her accuracy eye in, and cast a very creditable 146 points in double handed accuracy to get the second highest accuracy score of the day, just 6 points behind the accuracy leader.

April casting is on the 1st of April with the Seniors, Ladies, Juniors and Mini Juniors starting with Distance followed by Accuracy. The Veterans will have a go at Accuracy then Distance.

As the next drycasting day is on April Fools' Day, please leave the practical jokes to the kids.

Keep it long and straight. See you at the next dry casting.

Dry Casting Officer Allan Jones

Seniors, Ladies, Juniors and Mini-Juniors

Despite the heat wave conditions that we are currently suffering in Perth, we were surprised by the number of casters who turned up to cast today. Even the easterly wind that blew into our faces most of the day provided little relief from the 41.2 degrees C day.

We had several visitors today; some in the Veterans group and two in our group, Dean Vitali and Katie Trinder. Both Dean and Katie happily joined in and cast well, also helping with scoring. Katie obviously has the ability to cast well and we hope to see her again soon.

Olivia Keet had the highest score in double handed accuracy in the Mini-Juniors with 40 points, but her brother, Morgan, came back strongly in the single handed accuracy to finish the event with 29 points, which included a bullseye.

Morgan is also knocking on the door for his first 100 metre cast, with his best cast today being 91.64 metres. He then borrowed his father's rod and cast an unofficial 95.09 metres. It appears a few records may be under threat from any one of our Mini-Juniors. Sarah Wignell came a close second in the double handed accuracy with 37 points.

Apparently the heat didn't affect Marcia's accuracy, as she recorded a personal best of 146 points, even beating Gary!!

Congratulations go to Shane Wignell for a personal best - his first 100m cast in Artificial Bait.

Well done, Jeff Hewton, for winning the Seniors single handed accuracy with 20 points.

Dean did well scoring on five out of the eight accuracy casts. This is not bad considering the easterly wind at the time and the fact that the longest distance was 88 metres. In the distance events, he hit 99 metres with ease and with a few changes should be a great distance caster.

Armed with a new distance casting rod, Greg Keet had mixed success but with two break-offs and unfavourable conditions was unable to reach his full potential.

Everyone in our group deserves a big thank you as we all came together to get things moving, helping with scoring, reading the laser, and writing down the scores. We were eating lunch by 12.30pm which is a credit to our group's efficiency.

Marcia and Peter Pekaar

Dry Casting top scores for 2011/12

Total scores up to and including March casting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. These will be announced at and published after the Presentation of Trophies in June 2012.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Terry Fuller	2375	1	Alan Hale	944	16	Shane Wignell	187	31
Allan Jones	2275	2	Geoff Raftis	753	17	Ian Cook	164	32
George Holman	2239	3	Morgan Keet	738	18	Sarah Wignell	147	33
Gary Gildersleeves	2172	4	Greg Keet	685	19	Dean Vitali	110	34
Peter Osborne	2013	5	Ron Thomas	656	20	Lydiya Laver	92	35
Peter Pekaar	1956	6	Eric Parker	621	21	Bruce Davies	91	36
John Crompton	1756	7	Felicity Keet	547	22	Victor Schilo	70	37
Marcia Pekaar	1610	8	Bev Grigo	514	23	Katie Trinder	58	38
Malcolm Head	1557	9	Rhys Jones	489	24	Jim Strong	51	39
Jeff Hewton	1414	10	Olivia Keet	483	25	Martin Wearmouth	44	40
Dean Stewart	1363	11	Ray Walker	410	26	Matthew John	14	41
Trevor Stam	1309	12	Shane Becu	381	27	Brett Anderson	13	42
Mark Hansen	1159	13	Terry Willison	345	28	Kevin Selesnew	12	43
Bob Henderson	1151	14	Chris Stickells	303	29			
Pat McKeown	1052	15	Wendy Hansen	262	30			

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Dry Casting winners for 11 March 2012

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	27	Peter Pekaar	26	George Holman
56 gram Distance	139	Peter Pekaar	131	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	28	Peter Pekaar	23	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	143	Peter Pekaar	116	George Holman
112 gram Score	33	Peter Pekaar	29	George Holman
112 gram Distance	167	Peter Pekaar	146	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	125	Peter Pekaar	152	George Holman
Single Handed Acc.	20	Jeff Hewton	32	Allan Jones
Section Highest Points	236	Peter Pekaar	256	George Holman

Event	Ladies winner		Juniors winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	17	Marcia Pekaar	15	Felicity Keet	18	Morgan Keet
56 gram Distance	87	Marcia Pekaar	78	Felicity Keet	92	Morgan Keet
Artificial Bait Score	7	Marcia Pekaar, Katie Trinder	12	Felicity Keet	14	Morgan Keet
Artificial Bait Distance	72	Marcia Pekaar	63	Felicity Keet	71	Morgan Keet
112 gram Score	16	Marcia Pekaar	15	Felicity Keet	18	Morgan Keet
112 gram Distance	83	Marcia Pekaar	79	Felicity Keet	91	Morgan Keet
Double Handed Acc.	146	Marcia Pekaar	21	Felicity Keet	40	Olivia Keet
Single Handed Acc.	16	Marcia Pekaar	5	Felicity Keet	29	Morgan Keet
Section Highest Points	212	Marcia Pekaar	78	Felicity Keet	115	Morgan Keet

Event	Overall winner for March		Year's best up to March	
56 gram Score	27	Peter Pekaar	31	Alan Hale
56 gram Distance	139	Peter Pekaar	163	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	28	Peter Pekaar	31	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	143	Peter Pekaar	161	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	33	Peter Pekaar	34	Alan Hale
112 gram Distance	167	Peter Pekaar	186	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	152	George Holman	167	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	32	Allan Jones	35	George Holman
Section Highest Points	256	George Holman	278	George Holman

President's report

I was pleasantly surprised at the good attendance at our last General meeting which indicates healthy interest. Good to see John Devitt present as he was a member in 1975 in which year he won the National Dry Casting Championship at Albany and I hope he looks favourably on our club again. Ron Thomas, an accomplished caster and fisher of many years standing was also present for the first time and has been to a number of our casting days, is enjoying himself and is nominating for membership. Also I welcome Victor and Slavka Schilo and Bruce Davies along to our club meeting as they attended our last casting day and have now experienced our club meeting and we would welcome them as members.

I've left our other visitor until last, as Eric Parker's fiancée Sonney was present, only arriving in Western Australia last Saturday. When I made the announcement of their engagement everyone applauded and wished them well for their future. Eric surprised us all.

The decision was made at our last meeting to proceed with the Esperance Safari in September but it would be great to see a lot more interest and participation. Start planning now and book your accommodation and let us know as soon as possible so we can make it an enjoyable event. The location and facilities are great, not to mention the fishing.

At our next meeting there will be a number of motions to deal with about the competition rules for our forthcoming competition year, as listed in this Reel Talk. The length and time of the meeting will depend on your responses, so please bring your Reel Talk to the meeting. A lot of thought has gone into these proposals with the intent of conforming to State and

National casting competition rules, and giving a sound balance to help achievement and enjoyment of your club activities.

Our recorder John Curtis has done a lot of work tidying up wording and balance in our competition rules and I'm sure we will all appreciate the work he has done.

Pat McKeown announced prices for our forthcoming dinner and Presentation night to be held on 23 June, and the menu and all relevant information has been published in Reel Talk. We need you to make your bookings as soon as possible with Pat along with payment and your menu selections as it will be a problem if you leave it until the last minute. We will invite a good number of past members along. The venue has a limit of just over 100 people and they need payment and numbers early in June for catering purposes.

It was good to see Justin Rose place an entry in the Open Section for the best Samson fish. He caught and released one estimated at 12 kg which is a great fish. He's a good angler.

Terry Fuller did a great presentation as an instruction period on explaining the new Fisheries management paper entitled "A Resourced-based Management Approach for Recreational Fishing in Western Australia 2012 - 2017." The dates say it all, it covers the next five years so once implemented that is how long it will go for and possibly longer.

It is so important that we get it right, make positive submissions with a good balance for both fishers and the fish as it is our future so we need to get the right result. Terry explained in detail the main points (and there were many) and suggested you all make sure you take the trouble to fill in the "Have Your Say" document from Recfishwest along with your personal comments before the closing date of 30 April. I would like to thank Terry on your behalf for the way he explained the procedures and document so that we could all understand it as it is so important for us to get it right. Terry's expertise is invaluable.

Peet and Peter gave us a rundown on the forthcoming State Rock and Beach event to be held at Jurien Bay on 24/25 March and highlighted what we need to do to achieve a positive result, along with the rules etc and also an appraisal of the areas to fish. It is great to see the reward for their efforts as there are about 17 Surfcasters going to attend and we should have a team in all divisions. All the best for our club members attending and I hope they will be rewarded for their efforts

Congratulations to Peter Osborne for winning the Veterans Division in the recent State Boat Championships and he also ran third overall winner out of over 160 competitors.

Trevor Stam has done it again and made a very significant donation towards our Presentation night as reported at the General meeting. Thank you Trevor.

There will be a meeting of the AAAWA State casting group at George Holman's residence at 8pm on Monday 2 April to start preparations for the State casting event in October, look at the equipment and trailer from Victoria, also the forthcoming National AAA mid-term meeting, and hopefully a result on our insurance claim. Interested members and casters please attend.

Jim Strong will turn 90 on 26 April and he has informed me he has just passed his annual driving test. Well done Jim.

Tight lines and good casting.

President 2011/12, George Holman

Future AAAWA State Championships

AAAWA holds four State Championships each year. AAAWA's competition year runs from 1 August to 31 July the following year.

2012/13 State Dry Casting, Sunday 28 October 2012

State Estuary, Saturday/Sunday November 2012, Swan River / Cockburn Sound.

State Boating, TBA March 2013 from Mindarie.

State Rock and Beach Fishing, June 2013 long weekend, S Bend.

See the list for later years on page 17 of the February Reel Talk

AAAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

Bookings for hire of Club alternator

The Club owns a petrol powered Honda alternator type EU20i, 240 volt, with a rated output of 1600 watts. It has an hour meter, protective cover, operator's manual and optional 15 amp dual use link kit for coupling together two **identical** alternators.

The alternator is available for short term hire for use by club members only, when not required for a Club event which has priority. Some details were published in page 22 of the November 2010 Reel Talk. Requirements, conditions and booking form are available from the Treasurer or Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/HireOfClubAlternatorIssue1.doc>

The following bookings have been made.

Member booking	20 March to 31 March 2012
Member booking	5 April to 14 April 2012
Member booking	22 April to 29 April 2012
Member booking	7 July to 21 July 2012

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Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2012

See the article on the inside back cover. All bookings and queries should go to the Property Officer, Ray Walker.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the public rates for rental of the Kalbarri house. A **20% discount** on public rates will apply for the months of July, August and September.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings in 2012 for the following dates, inclusive. Tenants will leave by 10 am on the last date shown and the property can be booked for the afternoon/evening of the day of the last date shown. All other dates not listed are currently available. Note some bookings run to the end of one month and into the start of the next month. This list is at 26 March and does not include any bookings or changes which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

2012		2012	
April	5 Apr to 15 Apr, 21 Apr to 30 Apr	May	1 May to 11 May
October	9 Oct to 15 Oct, 20 Oct to 31 Oct	November	1 Nov to 10 Nov

Property Officer, Ray Walker

Proposed changes to Dry casting rules

Please bring your Reel Talk to the April General meeting. These motions will be discussed and voted on, so you need to think about these and be ready to vote, please.

At the February Committee meeting, the Committee recommended that all rules covering the rigs used for Club dry casting specify the same details as the rig rules for AAAWA dry casting, to ensure that any cast was eligible for a State record, and not rejected because of a rig which did not comply with AAAWA rules. This would also simplify casters' preparation for the State Dry Casting Championships. The following proposed rule changes are to change some details in Club rules so that the rigs will also comply with AAAWA rules.

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Draft Notice of motion 1. Current version of Dry Casting Competition Rules Section 3.3.4 is:-

3.3.4 Leaders. A heavy leader is compulsory for all events. For 56 gram, 112 gram and accuracy events the leader must not be more than 380 mm in length. In Artificial Bait rigs, the length of the leader from the terminal knot to the weight shall not exceed 1,000 mm. Swivels or rings may also be used between the weight and the line.

Proposed amended version of Dry Casting Section 3.3.4:-

3.3.4 Leaders. A heavy leader is compulsory for all events. The breaking strain of all leaders shall be a minimum of 25kg and a maximum of 50kg, must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used. For 56 gram, 112 gram and accuracy events the leader must not be more than 350mm in length. In Artificial Bait rigs, the length of the leader from the terminal knot to the weight shall not exceed 1,000 mm.

Reason for proposed change. To specify the requirements for leaders to be the same as required by AAAWA rules. However a specific Club requirement are leaders sufficiently strong to allow a buried weight to be pulled out of the soft ground using the leader. The AAAWA rule only specifies a maximum strength. The Club also requires a minimum strength. This proposed change adds the words "The breaking strain of all leaders shall be a minimum of 25kg and a maximum of 50kg, must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used," changes the maximum length to 350mm and deletes the words "Swivels or rings may also be used between the weight and the line."

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Draft Notice of motion 2. Current version of Dry Casting Competition Rules Section 3.3.5 is:-

3.3.5 Line and Terminal Knots. In all events the breaking strain of line shall be optional, but must be equal gauge throughout. Terminal knots shall not exceed 100 mm in length, the measurement taken from the end edge of the weight, dowel or swivel.

Proposed amended version of Dry Casting Section 3.3.5:-

3.3.5 Line and Terminal Knots. The breaking strain of the main line used is at the discretion of the caster. The gauge of the line shall be of a consistent diameter throughout. There shall be no knots, splices or joins in the first 85 metres of the main line. Any leader used shall comply with Rule 3.3.4. The style or type of knot used to attach any weight, dowel or swivel shall be at the discretion of the caster. Terminal knots used shall not exceed 100 mm in length. The knot length shall be measured from the edge adjacent to any weight, dowel or swivel affixed to the line.

Reason for proposed change. To specify the requirements for line and terminal knots to be the same as required by AAAWA rules.

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Draft Notice of motion 3. Current version of Dry Casting Competition Rules Section 3.3.7 is:-

3.3.7 Plastic Tube and Pompoms. Plastic tubing must be used for all level line distance events. The plastic tubing shall be of a soft flexible material, of minimum length of 200 mm and maximum length of 250 mm. The diameter shall be nominally 2.5 mm inside diameter to 4.5 mm maximum inside diameter. Colour must be flouro pink.

For Accuracy casts, a visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used. 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, or coloured strips of flat plastic of minimum width of 2 mm, 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.

Updated. Proposed amended version of second paragraph of Dry Casting Section 3.3.7:-

3.3.7 Plastic Tube and Pompoms. (First paragraph - no change)

A visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used for double handed accuracy events. Pompoms shall be dark in colour with a maximum overall length of 100 mm and a minimum overall length of 50 mm and consist of a minimum of thirty (30) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent. Pompoms may be securely attached to the casting weight with any method of fastening such as a clip, a swivel/clip combination, a solid or a split ring, monofilament line, thread or wire. Any such item used for fastening which does not form an inline or weight bearing part of the leader shall not count for the application of rule 3.3.4. *For Single Handed Accuracy, a pompom with a minimum overall length of 50 mm and a minimum of twenty (20) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent shall be used.*

Reason for proposed change. To specify the requirements for a pompom to be the same as required by AAAWA rules, and add specifications for pompoms for single handed accuracy. Words *in italics* have been added since the version printed in the March Reel Talk to cater for Club Single Handed Accuracy (not run by AAAWA)

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The following proposed changes are to update the rules for reasons as shown.

Draft Notice of motion 4. Current version of Dry Casting Competition Rules Section 3.8.4 is:-

3.8.4 Club Record cast at State Event. If a Club caster betters an existing Club Record whilst representing the Club in a State Event, it shall be deemed a Club Record.

Proposed amended version of Dry Casting Section 3.8.4:-

3.8.4 Club Record cast at State Event. If a member of the Club betters an existing Club Record whilst casting in a State Event, the cast shall be deemed a Club Record provided the member has nominated the Surf Casting and Angling Club in the registration form for the event.

Reason for proposed change. The word "*representing*" may not be considered to apply for casts in the Individual casting events. The proposed change will cover all Team and Individual casts at a State event provided the member has nominated this Club.

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Draft Notice of motion 5. Current version of Dry Casting Competition Rules Section 3.3.10 (a) is:-

3.3.10 (a) Measuring Tapes - Distance. Standard commercial measuring tapes in metres shall be used to lay the court out. Measured "Cross Lines" or flags can be set up and a measurement, by tape, can be taken from the cross line. Alternatively certified surveyor's equipment may be used.

Proposed amended version of Dry Casting Section 3.3.10 (a):-

3.3.10 (a) Measuring Tapes - Distance. Standard commercial measuring tapes in metres shall be used to lay out the court. Laser measuring equipment shall be used to measure the distances of level line casting. Alternatively standard commercial measuring tapes in metres may be used.

Reason for proposed change. Recognises the use of laser measuring equipment as a quicker and more accurate alternative to the old method of flag markers at 5 metre intervals on the boundary lines.

Proposed changes to Fishing competition rules

An action point CM 3/12 #6 from the March Committee meeting reads "*Proposed amendments to the Club's Competition Rules to be put in the form of motions and published in the April Reel Talk.*"

Please bring your Reel Talk to the April General meeting. These motions will be discussed and voted on then, so you need to think about these and be ready to vote, please.

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Draft Notice of motion 6. Add words as shown in **bold italics** to Competition Rules Section 2.2.1

Gaffs. All gaff hooks must be covered, ***for safety until required for use.***

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Draft Notice of motion 7. Amend Competition Rules Section 2.3.1, Eligible Species List for Field days.

Snapper (Red and Swallowtail) to read ***Snapper (Red, Yellow-eye Red and Swallowtail)***
Herring to read ***Herring Australian***

Salmon to read **Salmon Australian, Beach, Threadfin**

Add **Warehou**

Dhufish to read **Westralian Dhufish**

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Draft Notice of motion 8. Delete struck out words in section 4.2 Photographs.

Photographs of fish must be supplied with the application, showing side elevation of fish with ruler or object of known size ~~e.g. cool drink can~~ for size comparison. The photograph must be taken so that the fish fills the photograph. ~~For a light fish use a dark background, for a dark fish use a light background.~~ Colour and fin size of scale fish and shark must be clearly shown.

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Draft Notice of motion 9. Amend and delete struck out words in section 4.3 Other Details Required.

Length and girth of fish must be supplied plus place and date of capture and breaking strain of the line and description of the type of bait/lure used. For sharks include a tooth from the upper jaw. ~~top and bottom tooth.~~

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Draft Notice of motion 10. Amend and delete struck out words in section 4.4 Weighing

All fish entered should be weighed on ~~Government Tested and~~ Certified Scales (where possible) with proof of weight supplied with the application. If tested scales are not available, the actual scales used must be supplied for subsequent testing by the Club ~~Recorder~~ or person designated by the Committee within thirty (30) days of capture.

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Draft Notice of motion 11. Amend and delete struck out words in the second paragraph of section 4.6 Estimated Weights of Sharks

The entry must provide all other details as above, with the exception that a tooth is not required. To enter a shark for a record, it must be weighed, and a tooth from the upper jaw. ~~top and bottom tooth must be provided.~~

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Draft Notice of motion 12. Amend and delete struck out words in section 4.7 Line Breaking Strain Tests

A 5 metre sample of the line used for the capture must be supplied with the application for breaking strain tests. ~~If protest line has been used, supply 5 metre samples of the line from both the reel and from the original spool.~~

Electronic line testing may be used for breaking strain tests,

Any line submitted for testing shall be tested to determine the "wet strength" of the line. It shall be tested in the following manner;

Line tests shall be performed on an unsupported 500mm (+/- 10mm) length of line. ~~or~~The method of testing shall be the ~~dry line~~ wet strength test using the recognised sand method. The line being tested shall have (3) equal sections selected from it. ~~and~~ Each section shall be wrapped around a 100mm diameter support such that the line does not cross, and support a bucket or similar container. Dry sand is then poured into the sand container until the line parts. The weight of the bucket / container shall then be weighed and the results recorded. The average for the three (3) tests ~~is then~~ shall be calculated to give the breaking strain of the line.

With each test the line shall be wrapped evenly around both support bar and sand container handle with the ends of the line taped. At no time shall any knots be tied in the line, nor shall the line at any point cross. Each section of the line being tested shall measure ~~600~~ 500 mm from underside of the support bar to the top of the sand container handle.

Line testing shall be carried out by the Club Recorder and one other senior member.

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Draft Notice of motion 13. The current version the first part of Section 4.10, Eligibility of Species is:-

Only fish actually caught in natural Western Australian Territorial Waters including still or flowing freshwater streams, rivers or lakes, but excluding closed or artificial impoundments, are eligible for Club competitions, with the following exceptions:-

Amend the first part of section 4.10 Eligibility of Species, to read

Only fish actually caught in any waters under Western Australian jurisdiction, including still or flowing streams, rivers or lakes, or the open ocean, bay or inlet, but excluding closed or artificial impoundments, are eligible for Club competitions. All species captured must be taken from a shore based location. This includes all islands under Western Australian jurisdiction. The following exceptions apply:- (continues same as current version)

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Draft Notice of motion 14. Amend section 4.11 Game Fish Badge list of species.

Bonefish to read **Bonefish (min. 3kg)**

Dolphin Fish to read **Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)**

Tunny or Tuna (all species) to read **Tuna (all species)**

Mako /Blue Pointer Shark to read **Mako Shark**

Add the following species to match IGFA lists

Australian Salmon (min 6kg)	Mulloway (min 10kg)	Pink Snapper
Barracuda	Barramundi	Saratoga
		Spearfish

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Draft Notice of motion 15. Amend section 4.12 Open Competition Minimum Weights

Section 5. Replace Dhufish, Legal size with **Flathead, 0.5kg**

Section 7. Best Samson Fish, ~~4-5 kg~~ **5.0 kg**

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Draft Notice of motion 16. Amend and delete struck out words in section 4.15 Presentation of Badges.

Line ratio badges shall be awarded for both Field Days and the Open Competition. Badges will be presented for 2, 3, 4, 5 and over line ratios only. All line ratio and Game Fish badges shall normally be presented at the ~~first General Meeting after verification~~ **Club's Annual Dinner and Presentation Night.**

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Draft Notice of motion 17. Amend section 5.1 Species Competition.

Item 13, replace Black Bream with **Bream (all)**

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Draft Notice of motion 18. Amend section 5.2 Junior Master Angler Competition, section 5.3 Master Angler Competition and section 5.4 Grand Master Angler Competition

Separate the category Tarwhine, Black or Yellowfin Bream into 2 separate categories, to read

Tarwhine (with same minimum weights as in each existing section listed), and

Bream (all) (with same minimum weights as in each existing section listed).

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Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri rings and rigs

With strong southerlies forecast over the trip I was about to embark on I decided to leave the boat at home as the trip to Kalbarri would be quicker, and besides Kalbarri is an ideal location for some land based fishing even with strong winds.

Departing mid morning isn't my usual method on a fishing trip but this tends to happen when non fishing partners who need their sleep are also along for the trip. Arriving at the Surfcasters house we unpacked and decided on a nice stroll down to the river where I surprised my partner Kristy and proposed. We then enjoyed a nice bottle of champagne while watching the wildlife and the sun set. Oh and she said yes!

Now enough of the mushy stuff, this is a fishing magazine.

The next morning I was up much to Kristy's disgust at around 4.30am down to Chinamans casting poppers at the legendary reef structure and as soon as there was a bit of light the big tailor were out to play. My poor popper was getting monstered by fish that were mostly 2kg and upwards and extremely angry. That day alone was one of the best tailor sessions I have had, catching and releasing somewhere in the vicinity of 15 to 20 fish and getting busted off only metres away from my feet with one last lunge by a true monster that looked in the 6kg+ category, I am still getting over that.

As the evenings were so windy and Kristy a bit reluctant to get sand blasted I didn't fish at night. Instead ate out at the growing number of Kalbarri restaurants and just persisted with the early morning tailor raids which were good or slower depending on the clarity of the water.

On Sunday we went mid morning down to Lucky Bay for a nicer spot to swim as the Kalbarri beaches were fairly clouded up with river water. Even though it was midday I rigged up a whole tailor and threw it off the point and proceeded to hold on as the wind was approaching 25 knots. A solid weight screamed off some line and I was locked in a battle that was taking me up, down and around the point and I was picking it for a substantial eagle ray. It just kept going and going which was putting me under a bit of pain as I like to use a gimbal with that particular rod and it was lying on the sand all but 10 metres from me but I needed help to hold onto the rod and put it on. Eventually I attracted Kristy's attention who was 300m away walking along the beach and the gimbal was eventually fitted with her help so I could start to return some line onto my rapidly diminishing spool.



Justin Rose with Samson fish.

I started to see colour for a split second before another run and I thought it may have been a small shark pulling way above its weight so I asked Kristy to go get the camera from the car. After a solid 20 minute battle I managed to lift over the sand bar to my surprise it was a pretty decent Samson fish. It all made sense now, the long runs and stubbornness.

After a couple of quick photos I was anxious to return the fish to the water as like the angler it was fairly spent. After about 5 minutes of my swimming it in the shallows the big Sambo swam off strongly much to my enjoyment. I have caught bigger Samson fish offshore and they always provide a great contest but from the shore they are right up there with one of the better sport fish you can ever catch.

I would also like to add to Shane Wignell's recent article on Kalbarri that we were also impressed with the Surfcasters' house and look forward to returning again. We enjoyed breakfast at a great spot, the Gorges cafe, which is located a little further up river from the house.

Justin Rose

Happy birthday to

Frank Gaudin, 2 April

Keith Teale, 7 April

Shane Wignell, 14 April

Andrew Pekaar, 15 April

Liam Wignell, 16 April

Kaye Holman, 20 April

Jim Strong, 26 April, his 90th birthday.

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Heavy duty sewing

Contact Terry Fuller if you need some heavy duty strong sewing. The sewing machine can handle reinforcing or repairing tarpaulins, rope edging, plastic, canvas, leather, shade cloth, webbing, straps, buckles, etc, for tent flies, windbreaks, bags, fish bags, covers, etc.

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Bring a friend to a Club activity

Please bring a friend, a relative, a workmate, neighbour or an acquaintance to a General meeting, to Dry Casting or to a Club fishing Field day. Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members. Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

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Sportsperson of the Year scoring system

An article will be prepared for a future Reel Talk.

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Induction / information / training sessions

At a recent General Meeting, several members requested that there be some training sessions held for new members and include other not so new members. After discussing this at Committee, it has been resolved that the Club will offer the following instruction periods to new members, and any other interested persons.

Sessions will be held on the last Friday night of March, May, July, September and November. The sessions will run from 7:30 - 9:30pm. They will be held in the carport workshop at John Curtis' home in Padbury. John has taught a beach fishing class for many years at TAFE and has notes from that course as well as other equipment.

Invitation is open to any member of the club to attend on the condition that they indicate their intention at the previous club meeting, or by advising John in advance of their intention to attend. Groups will be limited to a maximum of 10 with no minimum number required to run a session. Members will need to bring their own pliers, cutters and a pen and notebook.

Can members wishing to attend please advise me prior to the event and also bring items as above.

John Curtis

Instruction period on proposed revised recreational fishing rules

The March General Meeting included a 30 minute discussion and outline of the proposals in Fisheries Management Paper No. 252 "A Resourced-based Management Approach for Recreational Fishing in Western Australia 2012 - 2017" See March 2012 Reel Talk for an outline, and see the FMP for full details. The presentation was given by Terry Fuller, with a handout and was recorded. An electronic copy of the recording can be made available on request.

1. Reasons for the proposals

Aim started as standardisation and simplification of fishing rules, and has now been presented as management for the next 5 years. These proposals are still not simple! But the topic **is very complex** and is really difficult to simplify.

- Proposal 1 - Resource-based approach (leads to categories of fish in bag limits)
- Proposal 2 - State-wide finfish possession limits
- Proposal 3 - Unaccompanied fish (Bans consignment of fish using commercial carriers)
- Proposal 4 - Landing fish (from boats)
- Proposal 5 - Bag limits and size limits for finfish
- Proposal 6 - State-wide bag limits for crustaceans
- Proposal 7 - State-wide bag limits for molluscs and other invertebrates

2. Do these proposals pass the "3 questions" test?

Question 1. What exactly are the proposals trying to achieve?

Question 2. What will they actually achieve?

Question 3. If the answers to Q1 and Q2 are different, why are they being done?

3. Bag limit proposals

Demersal Finfish & Sharks/Rays	
High vulnerability due to biological characteristics (e.g. long-lived, late maturing, large maximum size, sex change, limited distribution or small stock size, late maturing reproduction, etc).	
Individual bag limits All species have an individual bag limit of 2 fish per fisher (or licensed fisher, when taken from a boat) unless otherwise specified - note some species have a bag limit of 1 or 5.	
South Coast, Gascoyne, North Coast Bioregions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed species daily bag limit - 5 per angler 	
West Coast Bioregion (as per existing arrangements - to be separately reviewed in 2012)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed species daily bag limit - 2 per angler • Boat limit of 2 Western Australian dhufish (6 on a charter boat) • Closed season 15 October to 15 December for demersal finfish (excludes sharks and rays) 	
SPECIES	See Fisheries Management Paper for size limits and scientific names
Barramundi cod	
Boarfish	
Cods, all species (breaksea, estuary, harlequin, eightbar grouper, Chinaman, sea perch, etc)	
Coral trout and coronation trout Bag limit of 1	
Dhufish and Pearl perch Bag limit of 1	
Emperors and seabream (spangled emperor, grass emperor, Robinson's sea bream, etc)	
Foxfish and pigfish	
Baldchin groper [#] and tuskfish	
Hapuku, bass groper and trevalla	
Redfish (bight redfish, yellow-eyed red snapper, swallowtail, etc)	
Morwong (blue (queen snapper), jackass)	
Dory (John and mirror)	
Knifejaw	
Parrot fish	
Pink snapper [#]	
Pink snapper – inner gulfs of Shark Bay [#] Bag limit of 1 additional rules apply in Freycinet Estuary	
Sharks and rays	
Sea sweep	
Trevally, Golden and Giant (Mistake in FMP - should not be listed as Demersal, see Large Pelagic)	
Tropical snappers and sea perch (red emperor, ruby snapper, job fish, fingermark, goldband, chinaman fish, stripey sea perch, etc.)	
Western blue devilfish	

Large Pelagic Finfish	
Moderate/high vulnerability	
State-wide	
Mixed species daily bag limit – 3 per fisher (or licensed fisher, when taken from a boat)	
SPECIES	See Fisheries Management Paper for size limits and scientific names
Barracuda	
Amberjack, Samson fish and yellowtail kingfish	
Marlin, sailfish, swordfish	
Cobia	
Dogtooth tuna	
Barracouta, gemfish	
Mahi Mahi	
Mackerel (grey/broad barred, school, shark, spotted, Spanish)	
Wahoo	
Trevally, giant and golden	
Tuna (big eye, mackerel, northern bluefin, skipjack, southern bluefin, yellowfin)	

Nearshore/Estuarine Finfish	
Moderate vulnerability	
State-wide	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed species daily bag limit – 8 per fisher (or licensed fisher, when taken from a boat). Note some species in this category have a lower bag limit of 1 or 2 	
SPECIES	See Fisheries Management Paper for size limits and scientific names
Barramundi Bag limit of 1	Barramundi possession limit of 2
Bream (black, silver [tarwhine], Northwest black, pikey, yellowfin, etc)	
Bonito and other tunas	
Dart	
Flathead	
Flounder	
Javelinfish and sweetlips	
Leatherjacket	
Marine and estuarine catfish	
Black jewfish (northern mullet) Bag limit of 2	
Mullet Bag limit of 2	
Mangrove Jack Bag limit of 2	
Pike, long finned	
Snook, seapike	
Tailor	
Trevally, queenfish and other species except needleskin queenfish and yellowtail scad	
Giant threadfin Bag limit of 2	
Threadfin – other species	
Tripletail Bag limit of 2	
Western Australian salmon	
Whiting – King George	
Wrasse and parrotfish (all species not specifically mentioned) Family Labridae	

All Other Species of Finfish

All other unlisted species of fish (except baitfish and feral fresh water species)
Lower/moderate vulnerability

State-wide

- Mixed species bag limit of 30, No size limits for species in this category.
- Explanation: This category includes herring, garfish, mullet, whiting, etc, eg every species not specifically listed in earlier categories.

Baitfish: A combined daily bag limit of nine litres applies to baitfish of the sardine, anchovy and hardyhead families (Clupeidae, Engralidae and Atherinidae – mulies, whitebait, scaly mackerel, anchovies, hardyheads).

4. Discussion:- Implications of the bag limit proposals on shore based fishermen

These affect all Club fishermen - particularly shored based.

For shore based fishermen, the proposed Mixed species daily bag limit - only 8 per fisher of Nearshore/Estuarine Finfish, Mixed species bag limit of 30 for the "other", limited opportunity to catch fish from the other categories.

Currently 12 and 30 for Category 2 and 3 in West Coast, 16 and 40 for Category 2 and 3 elsewhere.

This FMP mentions that the proposed changes are partly based on "socially acceptable" criteria, not scientific or sustainability based criteria. The Fish Resources Management Act requires the Department of Fisheries to manage fisheries sustainably for current and future.

What is the definition of "sustainable"? I suggest this is "No or limited change in abundance and size and age distribution over time."

The FMP lacks any historical or projected allowable catch versus actual catch data, in support of the need for the amount of the proposed changes. Compare this with the detailed stock status and catch information supplied when the West Coast demersal changes were introduced in 2009 which clearly showed that drastic action was needed for sustainability reasons.

Where are "socially acceptable" limits defined? Socially acceptable criteria can change dramatically with misinformation and ideologically based pressure from conservation or non involved groups.

Should any socially acceptable limit be set by the numbers of fish or the weight of fish? These can vary by 10 times or more dependent on the species.

5. Discussion:- Implications of the possession limit proposals on shore based fishermen

Proposal 2 - State-wide finfish possession limits

- 10 kg of fillets* or pieces of fish of any species (plus an additional 10kg of the 'Large Pelagic' category of fish[^]); or
- 7 kg of fillets or pieces of fish plus one day's bag limit of whole fish; or
- two days' bag limit of whole fish.

* Fish heads, tails and 'wings' are not included in the fillet weight possession limit.

[^] Fillets of any 'Large Pelagic' fish (as defined in the bag limits) would need to have skin-on for identification purposes.

Recfishwest Board passed a resolution that it would not entertain any changes to current possession limits under the guise of "Standardisation and simplification of fishing rules" however Department of Fisheries now presents this as "*management for the next 5 years*"

Current limits and what is changed in this proposal. 20kg of "fillets", or 10kg plus 1 day's bag limit, or 2 days' bag limit. Wings are currently counted.

Backbones or frames? No mention so it seems these **are still** counted as pieces/fillets.

Description of what are "whole" and "trunked" fish.

Where's the justification for the reduction? Largely using "socially acceptable" or anecdotal comments or data which is not put into any context, eg the volume of fish offal from a fish cleaning station over a 12-month period.

Despite being asked, the Department of Fisheries have not provided any estimates of how much effect this change will have on the total number or weight of fish which are caught and/or kept by recreational fishers, particularly the estimated proportions caught by people while away from home compared to those fishing from home.

That fails the "what will actually be achieved" question, means that no one will be able to measure if the change is giving the planned (or acceptable) reduction, and leads to the possibility of "there needs to be more restrictions" at some time in the future.

Possession limit applies to place of permanent residence, but that's not enforced, since Fisheries have given an undertaking that this requires a warrant from a Magistrate to search, and that requires evidence from surveillance, etc.

Possession limit is not linked to actually having fished and/or having caught any fish or being licenced. Full "possession limits" can be held by anyone in a family or group or residence.

Possession limits really affect people fishing while away from home, but has little impact on people fishing from home.

There is a real danger when already having some fish in possession that you may go over the limits due to catching some more fish, well within the daily bag limits, if you are checked.

Whole or trunked fish options do not cater for long fish which are difficult to store whole.

Turns honest people into law breakers, while the people who ignore the rules - or socially acceptable limits - can continue to ignore them, by catching up to a daily bag limit each day as often as they like to go fishing from home.

The additional 10kg of the 'Large Pelagic' category of fish fillets is not often available to most shore based fishermen.

6. Unaccompanied fish

Proposal 3. Headed "Unaccompanied fish". Proposes a ban on sending (consigning) unaccompanied fish by commercial transport.

Under current rules, once consigned fish reach their destination, they are no longer considered to be "in the possession" of the person who consigned them, and there is nothing to stop that person accumulating another possession limit. I believe this proposal should be supported, since it is clearly fixing a loophole in the intentions of having any possession limit.

7. Overall

These proposed bag limit and possession changes will have a significant effect on all recreational fishermen, particularly shore based fishermen and holidaying or travelling fishermen.

Ask yourself some questions such as:

"Has this Fisheries Paper convinced me that that these changes to bag and possession limits are **essential** to ensure sustainability and fish for the future?"

"Are they fair and equitable for all fishermen?"

"Will they have some undocumented and unwanted consequences?"

"Could they be still simpler?"

and then put in your comments.

8. Opportunity for public comment and making a submission

The release of this discussion paper for public comment provides an opportunity for you to express an opinion on how recreational fishing should be managed. It is equally important that you respond whether you agree or disagree with the various proposals.

A review panel comprising of representatives from the Department of Fisheries and Recfishwest will consider the submissions received to ensure all issues are taken into consideration.

Recfishwest, as the peak body representing recreational fishers, will be providing independent advice to the Minister for Fisheries, which takes into account the level of support and community views expressed on each of the proposals. The Minister will consider this advice, along with advice from the Department of Fisheries, before making decisions on the future management of recreational fishing.

When making your submission and to ensure your comments are as effective as possible, please:

- Clearly and briefly describe each separate subject you wish to address.
- Refer to the different proposals in the discussion paper.
- Tell us whether you agree/disagree with any or all of the proposals.
- Suggest alternative ways to resolve the issues raised in this paper or identified by you.

The closing date for submissions is 30 April 2012. Please send your submission along with your full name and address to: Recfishwest, PO Box 34, North Beach, Western Australia 6920 email: recfish@recfishwest.org.au

The FMP and "Have Your Say" document are available in booklet form from tackle stores. An online survey can be accessed from the RFW website Home page or directly at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/recfishwesthaveyoursay>

Recfishwest Board Member and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Capes (Ngari) Marine Park announced

On Saturday 24 March, the Premier and the Environment Minister announced the Ngari Marine Park which will cover about 124,000 hectares and extend from Geographe Bay near Busselton to Augusta, including the waters between Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin.

15 sanctuary (no fishing, no take) zones are included, but the announcement says 93 per cent of the coastline would still remain open for recreational fishing.

The DEC website says the final management plan and an analysis of public submissions will be available after the Ngari Capes Marine Park is formally created through a government gazettal notice.

At this stage, some details of the exact boundaries and areas where shore based fishing will be affected by sanctuary zones are not clear. A map has been released showing the zones, however some sanctuary zones have boundaries which do not come right to the shore, to allow shore based fishing, others do come to the low water mark and there are some Special Purpose (Shore based activities) zones between the shore and some Sanctuary zones. All these boundary details are normally in the management plan and gazettal notice.

Remember, the areas which affect fishing are the sanctuary (no fishing, no take) zones. There is usually little if any impact on recreational fishing in the remainder of most Marine Parks.

Limited details are on the DEC website <http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/view/6974/2504/>

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Wanted - aluminium cans

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Mal Head 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 is away at present. Please save the cans until he is back, and then please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Please bring your Reel Talk to April General Meeting

The motions published in the Reel Talk will be discussed and voted on at the April General meeting.

There are a lot to cover, so you need to think about these and be ready to vote, please.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri House for rent

The Club owns a house in Kalbarri which is ideal for a fishing holiday in the area. Access to the famous fishing spots at Wagoe, Lucky Bay, Port Gregory, etc is just a short drive away via the bitumen road.

The Mallard Street house has easy access to the river, beaches and town. It has two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 new commercial grade bunks.

Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a modern LCD digital television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, large fridge and a separate chest freezer. A new front loading washing machine has been installed.

Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Rates are:

Off season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$100 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
On season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$120 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
	Weekly rates	6 times daily rate as above		

Surf Casting and Angling Club members

Off season	\$200 per week	On season	\$300 per week	} \$100 deposit/bond
Short term	\$60 one night	\$50 per night (two or more nights)		} plus \$60 cleaning

A 20% discount on public rates will apply for the months of July, August and September.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0414 925 538 for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc., or email the Club on surfcast@inet.net.au Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

See 14 photos on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/KalbarriHouseMain.html>
If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval.

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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