

THE SURFCASTING & ANGLING CLUB OF W.A. (INC)  
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CLUB COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1998/1999

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George Holman  
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Alan Brayne

CLUB ETIQUETTE

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

**DRYCASTING:** Dry casting competitions are usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. instruction is given to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of the members casting.

**FIELD DAYS:** These normally follow each General meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign on. However, only under very exceptional circumstances will failure to attend weigh-ins not be penalised with the loss of points acquired during that field day. It is the Field day officer's duty to inform the Committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh in. It is then the Committees duty to decide what action shall be taken. disputes may be taken to the Committee. Entries for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the club Recorder within 30 days of capture, and using the approved club forms.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Please notify the Treasurer and the Reel Talk Editor of any change or incorrect listing of address or phone numbers.

**GENERAL ETIQUETTE:** If any member intends to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the treasurer, and become due on 1<sup>st</sup> May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31<sup>st</sup> July. All voting/Nomination rights at the A.G.M. will be withdrawn if not financial.

LIFE MEMBERS

VIC DAVIS -D. EDWARD-L. DUNN-E. PARKER-J. STRONG-B. KLEIN-G. HOLMAN

# The Subscribers and Angling Club of W.A. Inc

**Topic:** General Meeting

**Minutes:** 8 December 1999

**Venue:** Bedford Scout Hall

**Time:** 8:15 PM

**Present:** See Attached List

**Apologies:** Julie Kember, Dave Maxted, Andrew Griffiths,

**Visitors:** Keith Derbyshire, Peter Osborne, Shamus McGovern, Gordon Richards.

**New Members:** Two applications received. Gordon Richards. Keith Derbyshire

**Previous Minutes:** As published in the Reel Talk. No Business Arising.

**Corres In:** Publication from Water Corp. "Treading Lightly", Christmas card from Jim Strong, Letter from Seniors Recreation Council, Offer of short courses at UTS in Sydney.

**Corres Out:** No outward correspondence.

**Treasurers Report:**

- Accounts for payment.

Artisan (for club jackets)	\$575.00
M Hardy (Cleaning)	\$51.00
Western Power (Kalbarri)	\$125.70
Jiffy Print ( Reel Talk Oct, Nov, Dec)	\$239.40.
- An account from Jiffy Print for the Raffle tickets is expected within Two weeks. This will be tempered by the \$200 sponsorship from Blue Water Tackle.

**Property Officer:**

- Bob Henderson provided a report on the condition of the Kalbarri House. All is in excellent condition apart from the fence destroyed in a recent willy willy. An insurance claim has been made. It was noted Jim Strong sec Derry Barber that the fence is repaired with assistance from the neighbour and the expenditure recovered from the insurance company at a later date. The motion was passed.
- Derry reminded that the Insurance Company prior to work commencing should clear this action.

**Field Day Officer:**

- Cervantes FD was held last month with all that attended enjoying the event. Ian and Damien Offered their thoughts of the venue to all present.
- Next FD will be a local culminating in a BBQ and Night cast at George's residence.
- January FD will be Myalup/Preston Details to be advised.

**Dry Casting Officer:**

Bob issued certificates from the State Dry Cast Championship to

Filomena D'Alonso

Jason Reeves

Matthew Snedden

The Open Champion trophy was presented to George Holman.

**AAA Delegate:**

- Thanks were offered to the club for their efforts in manning the Clinic it is expected that profit will be approx \$1300 down on previous years. The public may be attracted back to the event by having two clinics, one in the North and an additional clinic in the South.
- George reported that the date for the Mandurab 500 is not settled at this stage due to lack of financial assistance from the sport federation. He also suggested that changes to the method of awarding prizes might be changed to stop un-sportsman like attempts to win.

**Recorder:**

Ian reported that an additional hut will be needed for the May Rottneest FD. However two additional places need to be filled before he can confirm his bookings.

**Reel Talk Editor:**

Bets story award for November was presented to Matthew Seddon.

All reel talk copy shall be with the editor by Friday 17 Dec to meet the deadline.

Two books of raffle tickets will be issued with each reel talk this month.

**Social Organiser:**

- Thanks to George Holman for organising the Fishing clinic.
- Reminders that those attending the BBQ should bring a \$5.00 present for the lucky dip
- Helpers are still required for the Caravan & camping show.
- Ideas are required for social events for the remainder of the year.
- The club windcheaters are now available at \$30 each See Andrew Aubry

# The Successes and Highlights of 1999

## Special Resolutions: Nil

### Fishing Reports.

- Darren described his trip to White Hills with the Melville club, a great time but no fish.
- Damien enjoyed an extremely successful week at Kalbarri. Staying at the house and enjoying great fishing. However his partners in crime were extremely difficult to motivate preferring to relax in the comfort of the house watching TV.
- Roy suggested that Bob's efforts with party balloons should be confined to birthdays and other such events and he also suggested that if Bob were to go Cray fishing he should get a larger line.

### General Business

- Karen reported that the insect repellent buttons that were trialed were a success. The club will endeavour to obtain a ctn of 20 twin packs of the buttons for internal sale, the cost will be \$58.85. The individual costs are expected to be \$4.85 per pack of two or \$2.46 each. As an option a pack of 60 individual buttons will cost \$140.90, a cost of \$2.46 each.
- George addressed the meeting by stating that the club faced a sound future. Entering the new millennium with a positive outlook. A good membership and a strong committee. On behalf of the Committee he wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
- Bob Henderson was thanked for his efforts in organising the Dry casting.

Action

### Raffle Winners:

First Prize in the Hamper .....Mark Farnay  
Second Prize.....Ross Kember  
The chocolate wheel \$39 went to a visitor Keith Derbyshire

Merry Christmas and a  
safe and Happy New Year  
to all club members  
and their families!

See you in 2000!!

### JANUARY 2000 GENERAL MEETING

**WHERE:** BEDFORD DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB HALL 1 CATHERINE ST BEDFORD  
**WHEN:** JANUARY 12TH 2000 AT 8:00PM  
**INSTRUCTION** BREAKAWAY RIGS, FLOATING BAITS

### JANUARY DRYCASTING

**WHERE:** YOKINE RESERVE CNR ALEXANDER DRIVE AND WORDSWORTH AVE  
**WHEN:** 9TH JANUARY 2000  
**EVENTS:** 112GM DISTANCE, 56GM DISTANCE, D/H ACCURACY,  
S/H ACCURACY,

### JANUARY FIELD DAY

**WHERE** PRESTON TO MYALUP  
**WHEN** 15/16TH JANUARY 2000  
**SIGN ON** PRESTON BEACH TURN OFF UNDER TREES JUST AS YOU TURN IN  
ON THE LEFT AT 2:00PM SATURDAY  
**WEIGH IN** 10:00AM SUNDAY BACK UNDER TREES AT TURN OFF  
PRESTON BEACH CARPARK TO MYALUP CARPARK  
**BOUNDRIES** PRESTON TO MYALUP

**NOTE:-** THE ABOVE FIELD DAY WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE GENERAL MEETING  
DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE MANDURAH 500 RUNNING THIS MONTH  
AT THIS STAGE THE FIELD DAY WILL RUN AS IS, ANY CHANGES WILL  
BE ANNOUNCED AT THE GENERAL MEETING.  
**IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND THE MEETING IT IS UP TO YOU TO CONTACT  
THE FIELD DAY OFFICER, 93379169 OR 0419903872 FROM 8 TILL 6.**

### FEBRUARY FIELD DAY

**WHERE** OPEN  
**WHEN** 12/13 FEBRUARY 2000  
**SIGN ON** AT GENERAL MEETING 9TH FEBRUARY  
**LINES DOWN** 2:00PM SATURDAY  
**WEIGH IN** 6:00PM G.HOLMANS RESIDENCE FOLLOWED BY NIGHT CAST  
**BOUNDRIES** OPEN

### LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR JANUARY 2000

**SIGN ON** PHONE IN SIGN ON TO F.D.O BY 2000HRS THURSDAY NIGHT OR AT GENERAL  
MEETING IN SIGN ON BOOK PROVIDED.  
**LINES DOWN** SATURDAY 1400HRS  
**WEIGH IN** SUNDAY 1000HRS G.HOLMANS HOUSE. SCALES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON HIS  
BACK PATIO, WEIGHTS MUST BE WITNESSED BY AN ADULT, FD MONEY TO  
BE LEFT WITH THE SCALES IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME. NO MONEY  
NO POINTS. RESULTS TO BE PHONED TO THE FDO BY 1800HRS THAT NIGHT.  
**BOUNDRIES** SOUTH MOLE TO MINDARIE KEYS *EXCLUDING* THE SWAN/CANNING RIVERS

### FIELD DAYS 1999/2000

JANUARY	MYALUP/PRESTON	APRIL	OPEN
FEBRUARY	OPEN	STATE B/ROCK COMP	ESPERANCE
MARCH		BLUFF CREEK	ON ABOVE FIELD DAY

<b>VENUE :</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>	SENIORS	10	JUNIORS	3
<b>ATTENDANCE :</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	SENIORS	0	JUNIORS	0
	<b>LOCAL:</b>	SENIORS	0	JUNIORS	0
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	13			

<b>MEN</b>		<b>NO FISH</b>	<b>NO SPEC</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
D'ALONZO	TONY	30	4	6.30	153.0
BATCHELOR	DON	10	5	3.33	133.3
BATCHELOR	DARREN	8	4	2.13	111.3
HOLMAN	GEORGE	3	1	0.53	65.3
FARNAY	MARK	2	1	0.45	64.5
HENDERSON	BOB	0	0	0.00	50.0
WILLISON	TERRY	0	0	0.00	50.0
BLACK	KEN	0	0	0.00	50.0
STOECKEL	PETER	0	0	0.00	50.0

<b>LADIES</b>					
MADER	KAREN	8	3	2.10	101.0

<b>JUNIORS</b>					
SNEDDON	MATHEW	0	0	0.00	50.0

<b>MINI JUNIORS</b>					
STOECKEL	DANIEL	1	1	0.15	51.5
STOECKEL	ANDREW	0	0	0.00	40.0

	<b>FISH</b>	<b>KG</b>	<b>LAST YEAR</b>	<b>FISH</b>	<b>KG</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	62	14.98		52	9.14
<b>NO PEOPLE</b>	13		<b>NO PEOPLE</b>	18	
<b>AVE/MEM</b>	4.77	1.15	<b>AVE/MEM</b>	2.89	0.51

<b>FIELD DAY PRIZES</b>					
<b>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</b>	DON BATCHELOR				0.72KG
<b>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH</b>	TONY D'ALONZO	MIXED			6.3KG
<b>MYSTERY PRIZE</b>	SKIPJACK				NIL
<b>JUNIORS PRIZE</b>	DANIEL STOECKEL				0.15KG

<b>SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS</b>					
<b>HEAVIEST SCALE FISH</b>	DON BATCHELOR				0.72KG
<b>HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH</b>	TONY D'ALONZO	MIXED			6.3KG

<b>FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY</b>					
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
PILCH	12	4.18	S/S PIKE	4	0.7
TAILOR	11	3.48	MACKERAL	2	0.68
HERRING	21	3.13	FLATHEAD	3	0.63
WHITING Y.F	6	1.15	TARWHINE	1	0.23
SALMON	1	0.73	WHITING TRU	1	0.1

**YEAR TO DATE**

<b>MEN</b>		
D'ALONZO	TONY	1602.5
BATCHELOR	DARREN	1281.4
HOLMAN	GEORGE	807.8
D'MELLO	DAMIEN	442.1
COOK	IAN	414.5
KOLMAN	MORRIS	373.0
BLACK	KEN	368.6
GRIFFITHS	ANDY	346.5
FARNEY	MARK	341.5
WOODFORD	ANDY	273.3

<b>LADIES</b>		
KAREN MADER		393.2
LARA WOODFORD		155.0

<b>JUNIORS</b>		
MATHEW SNEDDON		269.50
KARL WHYTENBURG		40.00

<b>MINI JUNIORS</b>		
DANIEL STOECKEL		193.70
MOLLY WOODFORD		168.00
ANDREW STOECKEL		141.00
EMILY WOODFORD		100.00

## FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1999/00

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH ( 1ST SIX MONTHS )	IAN COOK	MULLOWAY 5.1KG
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH ( 2ND SIX MONTHS )	DAMIEN D'MELLO	MACKERAL 3.36KG
MOST MERITORIOUS FISH		
HEAVIEST SHARK ( 4.5 Kg MIN )		
HEAVIEST MULLOWAY ( 2.0 Kg MIN )	IAN COOK	5.1KG
HEAVIEST TAILOR ( 1.0 Kg MIN )	DARREN BATCHELOR	2.5KG
HEAVIEST TAILOR ( 1.0 Kg MIN )	GEORGE HOLMAN	2.5KG
HEAVIEST SALMON ( 3.0 Kg MIN )		
HEAVIEST TREVALLY ( 0.5 Kg MIN )	TONY D'ALONZO	0.95KG
HEAVIEST S/FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE	MORRIS KOLMAN	Y.T.KING 3.0KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	TONY D'ALONZO	MIXED 24.25KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	GEORGE HOLMAN	13.0KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY	IAN COOK	7.95KG
HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD ( 4Kg b/s max )	DARREN BATCHELOR	SKIPPY 0.75KG
HEAVIEST MACKERAL ( 3KG MIN )	DAMIEN D'MELLO	3.36KG

## OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES

December 1999

1	Most Meritorious Fish					
2	Heaviest Shark	4.5 kg min	Lemon Shark	48.0kg	Dirk Hartog Island	Darren Batchellor
3	Heaviest Mulloway	5.0 kg min		3.9kg	Kalbarri	Mal Head
4	Heaviest Salmon	3.0 kg min				
5	Heaviest Dhufish					
6	Heaviest Tailor			4.8kg	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman
7	Heaviest Samson		Sampson Fish	20.0kg	Kalbarri	Fred Neal
8	Heaviest fish. S/H/rod	4.0 kg line class				
9	Heaviest Pink Snapper					
10	Heaviest Tarwhine					
11	Heaviest Mackerel		Shark Mackerel	6kg	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman
12	Heaviest Trevally (S)	1.0 kg min				
13	Heaviest Trevally (N)	1.0 kg min	Gold Spot Trevally	7.5kg	Dirk Hartog Island	Glen Stoeckel
14	Heaviest Snook/Pike					
15	Heaviest Scale Fish	2.0 kg min				
	(other than sections 2 thru 14)		Cod	8.8kg	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman

There has been one change to the Open Section this month. Mal Head has submitted a 5.0kg Mulloway. The AAA has ratified my 2.2kg Striped Sea Perch as a National Record. It would be good to see a few other records with Surf Casters names against them. Darren caught a Pilch on the State Estuarine comps that he will put in for a club record.

There are a number of members who have 9 species in the Species Badge section. It would be good to see some more members achieve their Masters Badge also. Please keep the entries coming in. Remember to check on the requirements for entries on the back of the entry forms and in the bylaws.

## LURE FISHING COMPETITION

December 1999

*Chris Scobles has again been willing to support this competition and will be providing the prizes*

Heaviest Tailor	4.8kg		Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman
Heaviest Salmon				
Heaviest Scale Fish	6kg	Shark Mackerel	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman

The Scobles Lure competition needs a nudge so try a few lures for Tailor and Mulloway and Salmon.

I hope all those that are going away have a relaxing holiday and a safe journey.

*I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year  
Best Wishes for the new MILLENNIUM.*

Hope some of your fishing fantasies and dreams come true

Good Fishing

Cookie Monster + "Hunter"

## December Social Report

Hello! The Club's Christmas meeting was well attended, considering the amount of distractions at this time of year. George shortened business proceedings, so that plenty of time was allowed for members and visitors to enjoy each other's company around a generous spread of food and drinks.

Thanks to George and Kaye for the use of their house, which is the ideal setting for the Club's Nite Cast events. Again we had a good roll up for the weigh-in, BBQ, nite cast held under threatening skies, which gave way to a star filled canopy as we were out on the field. Bob, Ross and Tony organised and ran the casting event very smoothly. Thanks fellas! Matthew cashed in on all that pre-event practice to win the event. Congratulations Matt, Peter and George. When Karl asked me for my glow sticks after casting, he didn't realise how happy I was to hear that question once again. We're going to miss that boy, but we do wish Maree and Karl all the best for their new start in Queensland.

Wayne and Rhonda Morris diverted from a recent fishing field day to spend a weekend at the Kalbarri Club house to fit new curtains. Rhonda had to do a lot of sewing to achieve this result, and in recognition of her efforts we were going to present her with flowers and a card at the Christmas BBQ, but regrettably this was overlooked and I do apologise, Rhonda. I shall organise these and present them to you through Wayne at the next committee meeting. Thankyou. As I stated at the last meeting, it's this type of initiative that has enabled the club to survive and every little bit helps!

George celebrated his birthday on the 12<sup>th</sup> December and I think there was a bit of confusion on the night when the word poppa was used!

Our main fundraiser, the Caravan and Camping Show, will need Club members' support. I'm raising the matter now so that you might be able to save a day from planned holidays or rostered days off work to help us out selling raffle tickets and passing on fishing knowledge to the general public. Bob and Peter are eagerly waiting for names to plan ahead for the tent rosters. 1 hour; 1 day; or every day. Please notify.

Enjoy the Christmas break and Happy New Year.

Ken Black

## NITE CAST 1999

Once again the Christmas Nite Cast was very successful with over 15 competitors. The champ for the evening went to young Matt Sheddou, George came second and Cookie came third (tossing his garden lights). The top three were separated by a couple of points, whilst Don, Stokes, Fred and Andy were only points behind.

Peter Stoeckel won the special long distance event, so it goes to show that small miracles can happen to anyone. Still, a winner is a grinner.

A big thankyou to Ross Kember and Tony D'Alonzo for assisting in the running of the Nite Cast. On behalf of all who attended, a sincere thankyou to the hospitality of our hosts, George and Kaye Holman.

Hendo  
DCO

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GEORGE HOLMAN**

**(SO RIC IS OLDER THAN YOU, GEORGE!)**

## President's Notes

Well here we are at the doorstep of the new millennium...how time flies! The pace of life and progress has increased dramatically and we wonder what is in store from 2000 onwards. We would hope as fishers that we could relax more, do more fishing and that the future management of fishing would provide an abundance of fish at sustainable levels so that our activity and our club will go on infinitum. With some of these new management bodies we have at present one has to wonder but it is up to us to put in the hard yard and have as much input as possible so we may steer them on the correct path so our future as a club and fishers is assured!!

We enter the new millennium with a sound and stable club, well managed with a good committee at the helm, financially sound and with achievable goals. The club atmosphere at present is great and as long as we work along positive lines and are prepared to give and take and work together, our future as a club and our friendships will be of a lasting nature.

When I look back over the 34 years I have been on committee, I have witnessed some really great Surfcasters who have set up and guided the club through some rough years and let our club be one of the leading clubs in the State for just on 48 years. We have been affiliated with the WA Division of the Australian Anglers Association for over 35 years and on a competitive trend our members have done us proud both State and nationally. Some of these stalwarts are no longer with us but they have left a sound basis for the newer members to continue to achieve on. We can look forward to the millennium thanks to them.

Each meeting we see a few new faces and at our December gathering Shamus McGovern and Abdul Idris came along to see what we are about and also Keith Derbyshire and Gordon Richards returned and have filled in a nomination form to join our club. Welcome along to you all and we look forward to seeing John Jardine, the Mitchell Family and Rhys Williams at our January meeting to receive their club badges.

This month we said farewell to Maree and Karl Wytenburg who have decided to move to Queensland to be near family and to make a new life in a new environment. We wish them every thing they would hope for and I say thankyou to you all as Surfcasters for the way you helped them both over a difficult time in their lives and the way you continued to help them. I know I speak for them both and it was and is appreciated. Friendships are precious.

Good to see Tony D'Alonzo on the mend and back fishing again after a visit to hospital a month ago. Tony doesn't say much but we know he will be back to full fitness soon as he has Flomena spoiling him rotten!

Eric Parker's hand is improving each day and that's probably because every time he pulls up in his new Personnel Carrier there is another new do-dad fitted!! Dery Barber is also playing 4-wheel drives at the moment and we wonder what he will end up with!! Typical Derry! Probably have a "Whiting" sticker on the side of it!!

Bob Henderson and Don Batchelor must be doing something right at drycasting as we all had to sit down with shock as we were blessed with the presence of our worthy treasurer Wayne Morris. Wayne really gave a few outfits a good try out and was the last man standing. The Barbecue and drinks put on at the finish was muchly appreciated by all and finished off a great day.

Basil Marsh also rocked up to make an inspection and to show off his battle scars at our casting day and his jovial presence was noted. He also reported that Doug Edwards was on the mend as well, which is great news.



Congratulations to Ken Black and Bob Henderson on a successful barbecue and Nite Cast after our club weigh-in at the December field day. These events were held at the Holman's residence and a great roll-up of members enjoyed good company, great activity and well ordered weather.

Wayne Morris has organised the raffle tickets for the Caravan and Camping Show and you will all receive a couple of books to pre-sell. Please attend to this, as we will all benefit. Bluewater Tackle helped by advertising on the tickets and this has helped with the printing costs. If you can sell more, contact Wayne.

The May field day at Rottnest already has seventeen starters thanks to Ian Cook's organisation. Any other starters had better contact him ASAP.

Next meeting our instruction period will be on live baiting, bait presentation and the sewing and presentation of floating baits on break away gear by Paul Willis from Bluewater Tackle in Morley. This will be a topic that you will all enjoy and Paul's presentation is first class. Make sure you are present.

We are waiting until the AAA delegates meeting to find out what is happening regarding the Mandurah 500 as this may have a bearing on our January or February field days. We can let you all know at the January meeting so make sure you are present or at least contact Darren Batchelor and get the details on the field days.

See you in the new millennium and let's make it great!!

George Holman

### Denial

Over the past 5 or 6 weeks I have been driving around in my nephew's old Kombi Campervan whilst I carry out some maintenance on the Rangle. During this period I have received numerous personal insults by fellow Club members who have labelled me as "Hendo the Hippie".

Now, the thingy book tells me that a "hippie" is a young person who's behaviour and dress sense implies rejection of conventional values, yelling out "make love not war", give peace a chance, the use of the victory sign by their fingers, wearing long hair, snogging on pot, never try to work, etc, etc.

Do I really fit this description? You see I prefer to be known as a "Geriatric Gypsy" who's doing his best to grow old disgracefully. I am still a student of life, studying the enjoyment of living. At the moment I'm in the classes of diplomacy, tact and temperament, all which I have failed in previously.

I've experienced a fair bit of life and desperately want to enjoy a bloody lot more. Having fun and laughter each day is my main ambition. As far as acting like a "hippie", I take a different view to some.

Making love is too dangerous these days; making war is better when you can beat the hell out of some mongrel who deserves it. I'm still chasing the piece. I'm a little backward with the fingers, the hair's all grey and falling out, the only pot I use is the one to heat the baked beans, I've stood aside from the workforce (after 40 years) to allow the youth to have their chance. Most of all, "conventional values" have disappeared, so I'm nicking off too.

I do stand guilty of poor dress sense occasionally. Okay, I did turn up at an ex-relative's wedding in thongs, black shorts and a fishing shirt. Blimey, I only turned up to return my ex mother in law's broom. I promise next time that I won't wear my bait bag.

As the repairs to the Rangle are nearly complete (even new water wings are fitted) I will soon be back to my best. Therefore the previously mentioned title can be deleted and once again I will be recognised as the old bloke in the rustic 4 x 4. "Life's worth living - ain't it."

## December Drycasting Report

With the day looking like being a hot one, Don, Dave and Willo gave a hand setting up the casting arena. For the first time in 12 months it looked like we'd be blessed with a tail wind. I took the time to hand out the AAA State Drycasting certificates to our winners and grinner. Once again our Club was top dog and also the best of them all. Congratulations to our State Champion George Holman, and to all fellow Club members who participated.

The tail wind must have been good to Darren, for his first distance cast travelled 170 metres (but was out of court). Unfazed, Dazza then belted down another cast 169 metres, 5 metres short of the Club record. Later on he tried again and this time he equalled the record. Blimey, he even won the artificial bait distance event, too.

Another caster that's going from strength to strength is 'the Grinner', collecting a bullseye in the double handed event had him flashing his 'pearlies'. Still, the whimpers of sympathy for a bent sinker didn't faze any of us, so Aub's still collects our ribbing.

Mucking around with the mini-juniors, I try to get them to be serious about their casting but most times it doesn't work. Young Karl equalled Rhys's artificial bait record with a cast of 57 metres and the others all cast down straight. Newcomer Andrew Kendrick is learning quickly and is showing that he will be very competitive soon.

Unfortunately I am missing out on the goings on in the Vets section and can only relate to their score sheet. The Golden Oldies just enjoy themselves and I must join them ASAP so that I can write a few fibs about some of them.

Once again George held court and gave casting guidance to quite a few visitors that came from the Fishing Clinic. I spoke to a few who heaped praise on the clinic and the casting education received from our club members. Some were impressed with our relaxed casting competition and how enjoyable a morning it is even though we don't wet a line.

At the end of casting quite a few of the lads stayed back to enjoy a sausage sizzle and a couple of cold drinks to celebrate the forthcoming festive season. Special thanks to Willo and Aub's for helping me put it on for the blokes. **Hang around after the January casting day as we're going to have another to start the New Year off.**

Whilst the above was going on, we all noticed a short stumpy fellow practicing his casting well over to one side. Crikey, if he tosses our dough as far as he can cast then our Club's finances will go a long way. Pity we can't convince him to compete against us as he would give a few a run for their money.

Well, that's it for 1999 and both Don and I wish one and all the best for the festive season and New Year. Once again a sincere thankyou to all that have made our casting days so much fun.

Keep it straight and long,  
Hendo

P.S: On behalf of all fellow casters may I wish young Karl Wytenburg and his mum Maree, a happy and prosperous New Year over in Queensland. Gone but never forgotten, young Karl promises to return to cast some day in the future. We look forward to that day.

**MARCH DRYCASTING DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM THE 5<sup>TH</sup> TO THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO THE BLUFF CREEK FIELD DAY (5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH).**

**DRY CASTING RESULTS**

**5/12/99**

SENIORS	112 gram			Artificial Bait			D/H Acc.	S/H Acc.	DAY TOTAL
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
R. Henderson	132	137	27	113	117	23	105	12	167
T. Willison	0	148	15	118	0	12	82	24	133
P. Stoeckel	92	104	20	96	0	10	76	9	115
A. Aubrey	131	141	27	0	114	11	72	16	126
G. Holman	169	160	33	0	130	13	118	26	190
R. Parker	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	5	95
D. Batchelor	0	170	17	130	129	26	100	17	160
K. Black	123	110	23	95	102	20	81	0	124
G. Gildersleeve	127	147	27	114	118	23	161	13	224
<b>VETERANS</b>									
T. Starn	104	110	21	0	0	0	85	10	116
J. Strong	81	86	17	0	75	8	113	1	139
M. Head	113	0	11	102	0	10	116	26	163
R. Killick	0	90	9	0	91	9	137	17	172
D. Redwood	85	90	18	80	74	15	70	15	118
A. Jones	111	113	22	102	82	18	76	17	133
<b>JUNIORS</b>									
M. Sneddon	0	108	11	92	104	20	73	19	123
<b>MINI JUNIORS</b>									
A. Stoeckel	18	23	4	30	21	5	15	0	24
D. Stoeckel	43	49	9	43	27	7	27	0	43
R. Jones	51	65	12	24	46	7	22	0	41
K. Wytenburg	57	69	13	0	57	8	62	2	85
A. Kendrick	41	50	9	37	35	7	53	4	73

112 gram Winner  
 Artificial Bait Winner  
 D/H Acc. Winner  
 S/H Acc. Winner  
 Winner of the Day  
 Junior Winner  
 Mini-Junior Winner

G. Holman  
 D. Batchelor  
 G. Gildersleeve  
 G. Holman & M. Head  
 G. Gildersleeve  
 M. Sneddon  
 K. Wytenburg

**Drycasting Date: 9th January 2000. Start 8.30am**  
**112gram; 56gram; D/H Acc.; S/H Acc.**



## Cervantes Field Day 13/14 November

Saturday the 13th November. Hang up the suit, put on the shorts, and point the four wheel drive towards off road territory.

The trip to Cervantes was uneventful except watching the fuel gage go down and giving Cookie a mild heart attack as he was thinking of the dollars that had to come up with from his end to square up when the trip was over. The sign on produced seventeen hopeful faces, some fairly young ones including Andrew Griffiths and Damian Demello with his new four wheel drive itching to try it out. There was also another new four wheel drive, this time, Andy and Lara Woodford's machine, sleek in its gray demur and turbo charged. Andy was all smiles looking forward to testing his new beast whilst everyone in the group reminded him of the scratches and to enjoy the smooth surface for the last time. We obviously weren't the only one's admiring the vehicle the Woodford's were relaxing, taking in the views where some of the local inhabitants, a swarm of bees, decided to visit and invaded the new four wheel drive (*but then again Lara is a bit of a honey*) However, Andy, in the finest British tradition, took the sting out of the situation and removed the offenders from the vehicle.

Everyone headed to Black Rock only to find that the water was dirty, it was low tide and the sand had drifted, as had the weed bank, resulting in the rock being basically unfishable. This meant going up further to Hill River and that was where most of the vehicles went.

Being the field day officer doesn't necessarily mean that good driving goes with the job. Cookie and I were trying to enjoy the tranquillity and all we heard were loud screams "*a sort of a father and son thing*" and the father was saying to the son "*perhaps he should learn to drive*" we looked over the hill and Darren was bogged squarely across the slope, he had obviously come down the track, turned on the beach, realised it was too soft and backed up. The slight error that he made was that he backed straight into a sand hill wedging himself between the track. We arrived there and said the *right thing (of course)* asking him if he was fishing for the best bog of the day, and then suggested that he find a shovel. Darren produced the shovel which was all of about two foot long (*perhaps he had picked it from a school play pen*). We then produced a long handed shovel, dug him out and, with a bit of shunting he was up and on his way. We decided to fish that particular spot and settled into what was an interesting afternoon and had almost our bag limits by the time nightfall came.

The Bennett's settled for the mouth of the Hill River snugly tucked into a track with John handling two or three considerations at a time being ably commanded by Elenor ensuring that he not only did everytime but he did it correctly. Eleanor had a great weekend. Well done John, fulfilling the male role in life.

Sunday morning was magnificent. We rose about five thirty, went down the beach and within thirty minutes had caught enough so that the bag was full and it was time for lines up. Barber, being a clean beast by nature, had the morning wash (*fisherman style*) diving into the ocean with night and day, firmly clasped in hand. Obviously, the local inhabitants didn't enjoy the bliss as I was promptly bitten by a crab. I suppose it's nice having somebody want your body but a crab is a bit left wing. I guess there's one consolation it could have been worse, one could have been sitting down. When the weigh in commenced, it was the usual group that gathered in liars corner, but the one that took the cake was Peter Stoeckel. Peter did the right thing, caught his fish, cleaned them, then neatly put them in the bucket, sat back, and watched the people that were still fishing. When it was time to pack up he picked up everything that wasn't required, old bait etc, and threw it in the ocean. He then asked the other fisherman why were all those fish floating on the surface, suddenly realising that the last bucket that he had thrown out, was his own, including his fish that he had so carefully cleaned a couple of hours before. At least that is the story that he is telling us, why he didn't weigh in any fish. Andy weighed in some fish and also some scratches on the car and reckons its now a fully fledged member of Surfcasters. I might add we did query his fishing methods, I mean honning around the sandhills then going down to the local jetty and sitting on there without getting your feet wet is not exactly what you'd expect on a field trip.

On the way back we noticed the track was in disarray, obviously one vehicle had gone straight off and we wondered whether Darren had tried another trick on his way back or if it was someone else. We also considered it might have been Andy or the Damian doing a bit of low flying trying out their new machines. On arrival back at the way in it was confirmed that a group of four wheel drive people who had gone through evidently kicking up their heels and were the one's who had caused the damage.

The main fish at the weigh in were taylor, one skippy, predominantly herring, whiting, snook, and gardies. George Holman and Dave Maxted produced good bag's with George pulling heaviest bag on scale fish for the comp. The person that won the field day was also the proudest member being Damien Demello, christening the new vehicle and crowning the event by catching a really magnificent mackerel. Well done Damian - great effort.

Most people took the highway out which is an easy route and a comfortable drive. Not Cooky, he looked at something that was dusty, gravelled, full of holes and as rough as hell, with something on the sign post which looked like Mambo Park (or was it Mooron Park). It's a road that you normally wouldn't take a car on but, Cooky had the next best thing, someone else's car. What we found was a lot of gravel and dust, it ended up being a little bit quicker than going the other route. We are now on the way home and heading towards Cattaby which serves up a magnificent home made fruit and nut slice which is definitely worth making a stop for. As the city starts to appear one thinks of the inevitable cleaning up, then the enjoyment of the trip, and visions of the next club venue.

Derry Barber

### Editors Report

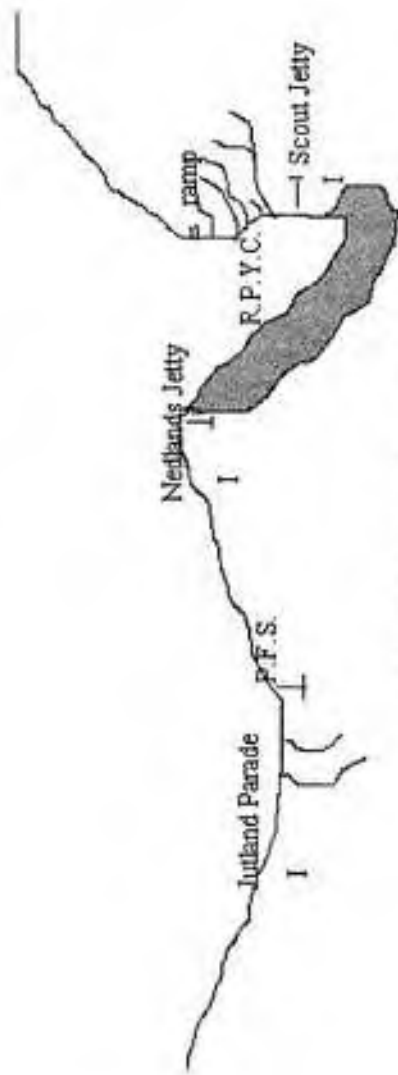
I would like to start by thanking everyone for the favourable comments on the last couple of issues of the "Reel Talk". I feel that I'm finding my way easily now and the great stories that are coming in help immensely. Please keep sending them in! Matt Sneddon won the 'Best Story Prize' last month for his story on Penguin Island. It was both informative and interesting. The gift he received from Fleets Tackle in Marley was apparently 'just what he needed!' Thankyou again to Fleets for donating the 'Story Prize' each month and congratulations Matt on a well written story.

You will find your raffle tickets to sell in this issue of the Reel Talk - please help your Club. It doesn't take much to ask a couple of work mates, friends and neighbours if they would like to buy a ticket and have the opportunity to win some great prizes. Naturally, the more tickets sold, the more the Club can do for the members with the profit made.

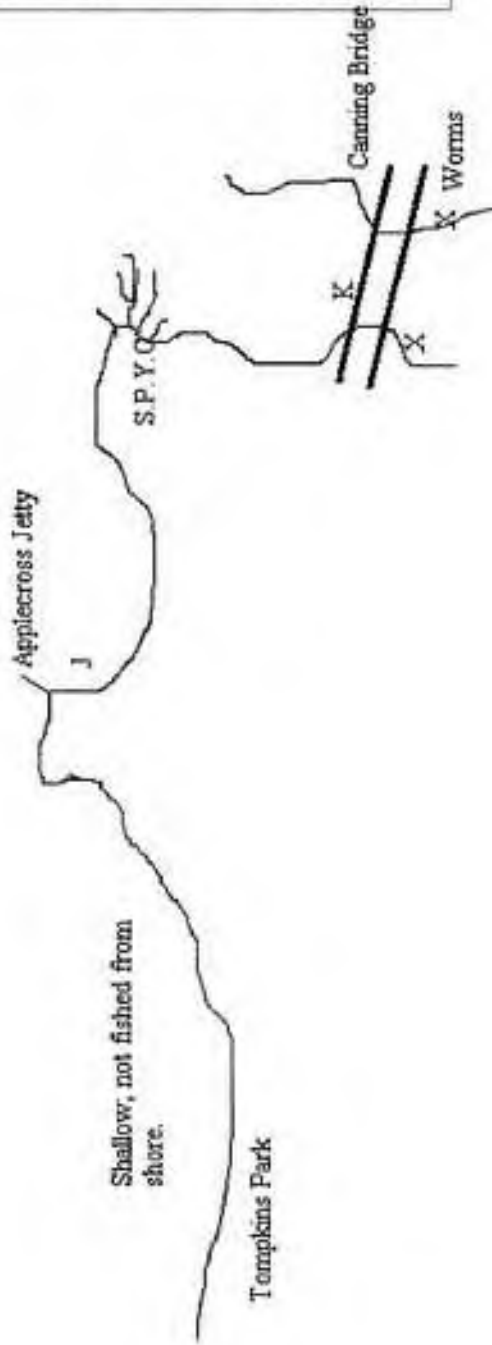
The new club meeting hall is working out well but, **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS AT THE BEDFORD HALL.** We were lucky enough to find a good venue - we don't want to lose it because of unnecessary damage to the lawn. There is plenty of parking area available.

We are slowly getting members to help out at the Caravan and Camping Show but there is still plenty of space for anyone else that can give some time to help out. If you have kids bring them along. There are a lot of games, races and fun things for kids to participate in.

Once again, our family would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very safe and prosperous New Year. Take care and we are bound to see you in the year 2000! Hopefully next year won't disappear quite as quickly as this year did!!



CANNOT FISH YACHT CLUBS  
ANY MORE



I. Cobbler at night. Nedlands Jetty - Bream in winter. Tailor at night in summer. Scout Jetty at night. Park on road, river worms for bait. Cobbler, Bream, Yellow Tail.

J. Tailor early P.M. Malloway evening.

K. Bream during winter. Tailor, Pilch, Malloway during summer. In coming tide under bridge. Tide 2hrs from Fremantle.

ALWAYS WATCH YOUR CAR AROUND RIVER.  
DO NOT LEAVE RODS ON CAR.  
ONLY TAKE FISHING WHAT YOU NEED.

### Wheels

In desperate need of some new tyres for my Nissan, I hunted around to over half a dozen tyre stores getting supply and fitting charges.

Well, I can recommend to you to see "Cameron" at Tyre Power, Wanneroo Road, Balcatta next time you need tyres. His friendly and efficient service together with prices that cannot be beaten, make his deals the best.

Let him know of the deal he did for me and I am sure he will help you to obtain the best deal around.

Willo

**Any Club members paying by cheque for anything within the club must make the cheque out to SCAC and NOT to any club members.**

**'Caravan and Camping Show' raffle tickets can only be obtained from Wayne Morris.**

### January Instruction Period

This will be an instruction period worthy of taking the number one spot into the year 2000. Make sure you are all present as Paul Willis from Bluewater Tackle in Morley is coming along to show us how to live bait, bait presentation and also sewing floating baits suitable for break-away casting. These are new concepts of fishing for most of us and are most interesting and something you will be able to use in the future.

### Club Shirts etc.

Polo Shirts:	1 size 16		T-Shirts:	1 medium size	
	4 size 18	\$20:00		1 large size	\$15:00
	6 size 20				

12 caps at \$5:00 each

20 cloth badges at \$6:00 each

Please see Ken Black at the Club meetings or ring him on 9276 8476 to purchase any of these items.

### New Membership Applications

The following applications for membership have been received and will come before the January committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any application should not be received they should contact a committee person and state their reasons.

**Keith Derbyshire**

**Gordon Richards**

### New Members Accepted

The following applications have been accepted for new memberships:

**Keith Jardine**

**Rob Mitchell and family**

**Rhys Williams**

### **J.R. & E.E. Devitt**

**22 Frangipanni Loop, Marangaroo 6064**

Rod binding and rotisserie machines

Line testing to I.G.F.A. & A.N.S.A. specifications

Reels serviced, modified

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### **COASTAL GATES**

**Colourbond; Tubular Pool;**

**Timber with Galv Frames;**

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**Manufactured & Installed Direct**

**Free measure and quote**

## 55 Things you never needed to know!

1. Save the whales. Collect them all.
2. A day without sunshine is like, night.
3. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
4. I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
5. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
6. 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
7. I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.
8. You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.
9. I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
10. Honk if you love peace and quiet.
11. Remember half the people you know are above average.
12. Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how popular it remains?
13. Nothing is foolproof to a talented fool.
14. Atheism is a non-prophet organisation.
15. He who laughs last thinks slowest.
16. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
17. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
18. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
19. I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.
20. I intend to live forever – so far so good.
21. Borrow money from a pessimist – they don't expect it back.
22. If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
23. Mind like a steel trap – rusty and illegal in 37 states.
24. Quantum mechanics: The dreams stuff is made of.
25. The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes.
26. Support bacteria – they're the only culture some people have.
27. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane and going the wrong way.
28. If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
29. A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
30. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
31. For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.
32. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
33. Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.
34. No one is listening until you make a mistake.
35. Success always occurs in private and failure in full view.
36. The colder the x-ray table the more of your body is required on it.
37. The hardness of butter is directly proportional to the softness of the bread.
38. The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the ability to reach it.
39. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
40. To succeed in politics, it is often necessary to rise above your principles.
41. Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7 of your week.
42. You never really learn to sear until you learn to drive.
43. Two wrongs are only the beginning.
44. The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
45. The sooner you fall behind the more time you'll have to catch up.
46. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
47. Change is inevitable except from vending machines.
48. Get a new car for your spouse – it'll be a great trade.
49. Plan to be spontaneous – tomorrow.
50. Always try to be modest and be proud of it.
51. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
52. How many of you believe in telekinesis? Raise my hand...
53. Love may be blind but marriage is a real eye-opener.
54. If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving isn't for you.
55. Never argue with a fool. He may be doing the same thing.



I found these in my dad's "Model Mania" magazine and thought we could all relate to more than a few of these comments!