



# Surf Casting & Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.)

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## Minutes of General Meeting, 12 November 2003

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room  
Time 8:10 PM. Bob Henderson presiding.
- Present:-** 33 Members, 3 visitors
- Apologies:-** Spencer King, Terry Willison, Damain D'Mello, Brian Stokes.
- Visitors:-** Adrian Dinn, Ian Blamey, Abra de Klerk.
- New Members:-** New members Nicko Moshos, Matt Henderson and Fiona Callender, Mark and Wendy Hansen were welcomed into the club.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Peter Stoeckel seconded Allan Jones, these are a true record. Carried. No business arising.
- Previous Committee:-** Bob Henderson outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.
- Correspondence In:-**
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|----------------------------|---|
| Challenge Bank             | Statement for October.                            |
| Ray White Kalbarri         | Statement for October + cheque \$130.80           |
| Shire of Dandaragan        | OK for camping on November Field Day              |
| Seniors Recreation Council | Have a Go day details.                            |
| BT Funds Management        | Sept statement \$66.36 increase = 1% for quarter. |
| City of Stirling           | Update of Yokine Reserve Master Plan              |
- Correspondence Out**
- Email to SCAC Members submissions to Professional Wetline Review.  
Matt Henderson and Fiona Callender, Dave Moir and Tracy Richards,  
Mark and Wendy Hansen Acceptance of membership applications.  
**Moved** Ross Kember seconded Andrew Aubrey, that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Terry Fuller reported. Accounts for payment:-
- |                 |   |             |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| Terry Fuller    | Stamps \$30, stationery \$2.25                          | \$32.25     |
|                 | Water payment   | \$8.45      |
|                 | inet web page renewal                                   | \$40.00     |
|                 | T Fuller total  | \$80.70     |
| Tom Lund        | Kalbarri Bond refund                                    | \$50.00     |
| Trevor Faulkner | Kalbarri Bond refund                                    | \$50.00     |
| Julie Zammit    | Kalbarri Bond refund                                    | \$50.00     |
| Mal Head        | Kalbarri Bond refund                                    | \$50.00     |
|                 | Total Accounts for Payment                              | \$280.70    |
|                 | Outstanding cheques                                     | \$248.68    |
|                 | Challenge bank Account 880334. Balance as at 12/11/2003 | \$10,352.21 |
|                 | Available after accounts paid                           | \$9,822.83  |
- Moved** Chas Riegert seconded Trevor Stam, accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- Property Officer:-** Vix Alexander reported briefly as in Reel Talk. Rates for the public have risen, rates for members not changed. Roy and Nita Killick were thanked for their work on prickly plants and the area is almost free of prickles now.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported on the coming Cervantes Field day as in Reel Talk. Malcolm presented field day prizes to Tony D'Alonzo for recent Field Days.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Chas Riegert gave details of the November Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. Details of casting at the AAA state dry casting championships were announced.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman reported on the angler of the year presentations on Tuesday 18 November.  
Terry Fuller reported on a meeting with Fisheries Department about some adjustments to the recreational fishing rules.
- Social Organiser:-** Bob Henderson reported on December night cast.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook reported on a 12.5 kg mulloway caught by Matt Henderson.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Nothing to report.
- Notices of Motion:-** Roy Killick **moved** a motion "that Section 3.5.3 of the Club's Competition Rules be amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting therefor:-  
In the single handed accuracy event, targets shall be set between 20 and 40 metres.  
For the open section, the target distances from the base line shall be decided by drawing one of the following groups:-
- |        |    |    |    |    |     |
|--------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Group  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5   |
| Metres | 20 | 22 | 24 | 23 | 21  |
| Metres | 40 | 38 | 37 | 35 | 34" |
- Note:- to be changed.
- There was discussion on why the need for the change and when it could be introduced. Competition rule changes normally can only apply from the start of a competition year. Chas Riegert said that some of the distances should be different. There was some discussion on the formal and informal ways the differences could be resolved. Ian Cook **moved**, seconded Peter Stoeckel that the decision on this motion be deferred until next month - carried.
- Chas Riegert **moved**, seconded John Jardine "the second half of Competition Rule 4.8 should be changed so that the rule will read as follows: "A nylon or wire leader of any breaking strain is allowed, providing it does not exceed twice the length of the rod (measured from the tip to the bottom of the butt) on which it is being used." Carried.
- Chas Riegert **moved**, seconded Peter Stoeckel that Competition Rule 2.2.4 should be changed so that the rule will read as follows: "A competitor must not use more than two rods or hand lines at

any one time. Each rod or hand line must not have more than two (2) hooks, where a flight/gang of hooks is to be considered as one hook so long as the flight fits into a single bait. Additional rods may be carried but competitors must not have more than two (2) lines in the water at a time." After discussions on the Fisheries Regulations' lack of definition of a "gang", limits on the numbers of hooks, and the meaning of "a single bait", the motion was carried.

**General Business:-** Terry Fuller distributed copies of AAA's submission to the Wetline Review and received approval to send a letter from the club endorsing the AAA submission, rather than write a separate submission.

**Instruction Period:-** None.  
**Meeting closed.** 9:30 pm

### Coming Club Events.

#### December Dry Casting.

**When:-** Sunday 7 December, casting starts at 8:30 am.  
**Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.  
**Events:-** 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy plus 112 gram Open

#### December General Meeting.

**When:-** Wednesday 10 December 2003, 8:00 pm.  
**Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

**Instruction Period:-** Christmas get together. **Please bring a plate of food.**

#### December Field Day - Local.

**When:-** Saturday and Sunday 13/14 December.  
**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 6:00 pm Friday.  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday 6:00 pm at G Holman's house followed by the Christmas get together, night cast and barbecue.

**Boundaries:-** Local, Penguin Island to north wall of Two Rocks Marina including the Swan River.

<b>Tides for</b>	Saturday 13 Dec	0.40m @ 8:33 am	0.97m @ 11:04 pm	Sunrise	About 5:05 am
<b>Fremantle</b>	Sunday 14 Dec	0.43m @ 9:08 am	0.92m @ 11:34 pm	Sunset:-	About 7:17 pm
<b>Moon</b>	Saturday 13 Dec	Moonset:-	About 8:29 am	Moonrise:-	About 11:00 pm
	Sunday 14 Dec	Moonset:-	About 9:30 am	Full Moon	9 Dec.

#### December Night Cast.

Following the December Field day weigh in held at George Holman's house, we will hold a BYO barbecue and the club supplies the drinks. On dark, we venture out onto the adjacent oval and run a night cast for those who think they can cast a sinker accurately in the dark. The use of a flick rod, a small sinker and a glow stick supplies many laughs and giggles and a lot of "could haves", and "would haves". With such huge trophies and prizes available, the competition is hot!

So simple, so easy and yet so many excuses. A lot of fun, friendly rivalry and a great night. Finishes by 9:00pm so come and join us.

The challenge is out, the drinks will be cold, the rewards will be huge, the comradery is great, and the honour of being champ will stay with you for the next 12 months. Hendo

#### January Field Day - Dawesville Cut to Binningup.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 17/18 January 2004.  
**Sign On:-** Saturday 12:00 at the Preston Beach Caravan Park. An alternative sign on and weigh in location could be the southern car park at the Dawesville Cut. To be discussed at the December meeting.

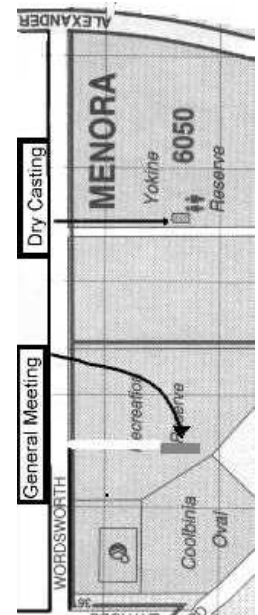
**Weigh in:-** Sunday 11:00 as for the sign on.

**Boundaries:-** North Wall of Dawesville Cut, up to the traffic bridge in the Cut, to boat launching ramp at Binningup.

<b>Tides for</b>	Saturday 17 Jan	0.44m @ 4:00 am	0.92m @ 6:23 pm	Sunrise:-	About 5:30 am
<b>Bouvard</b>	Sunday 18 Jan	0.35m @ 4:23 am	0.98m @ 7:00 pm	Sunset:-	About 7:25 pm
<b>Tides for</b>	Saturday 17 Jan	0.58m @ 6:15 am	1.00m @ 6:37 pm		
<b>Mandurah</b>	Sunday 18 Jan	0.53m @ 5:22 am	1.05m @ 7:23 pm		
<b>Moon</b>	Saturday 17 Jan	Moonrise:-	About 00:45 am	Moonset:-	About 2:45 pm
	Sunday 18 Jan	Moonrise:-	About 1:30 am	Moon Last Quarter	Thurs 15 Jan

#### Local Field Day for January.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 17/18 January 2004.  
**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.  
**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12:00 noon.



**Weigh in:-** Sunday 11:00 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written on the local Field Day weigh in sheets in the scale box. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

**Boundaries:-** Penguin Island to north wall of Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River.

**Tides for Fremantle**  
 Saturday 17 Jan 0.46m @ 3:54 am 1.01m @ 6:08 pm Sunrise:- About 5:30 am  
 Sunday 18 Jan 0.37m @ 4:19 am 1.08m @ 6:49 pm Sunset:- About 7:25pm

**Field Day Boundaries**

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

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

In future, the boundaries will be discussed and set at or before the April General Meeting when the venues are being chosen, and everyone will have a chance to say what they want. Boundaries have been set for the remainder of the venues for 2003/4 as below. These can be still be discussed and altered at the General Meeting.

**2003/2004 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries.**

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 December 2003 Local. Boundaries:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, and including the Swan River. Followed by the Christmas night cast.

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 January 2004 Dawesville Cut to Binningup. Boundaries:- North Wall of the Dawesville Cut, up to the traffic bridge in the Cut, to boat launching ramp at Binningup.

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February 2004 Open. Boundaries:- all WA tidal waters. No private jetties, access through private property, etc unless these are also accessible to all SCAC members on the days of the field day. No non-tidal waters, dams, lakes, etc. are allowed.

Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29 February /1 March 2004 Long Weekend Bluff Creek. The track to this beach needs four wheel drive. Boundaries:- as far as you can walk past the rocks at each end of the beach. Plus the Cheynes Beach area for people who only have two wheel drive vehicles.

Saturday/Sunday/Monday 24/25/26 April 2004 Anzac Day Long Weekend Denmark to Walpole. Boundaries:- eastern end of Ocean Beach at Denmark to Clifty Head near Mandalay Beach west of Walpole.

**Calendar for Next Three Months.**

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

<u>7</u>	Dry Casting						10	General Meeting						<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	Field Day						17	Committee Meeting					
December 2003							January 2004							February 2004														
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun								
1	2	3	4	5	6	<u>7</u>				1	2	3	<u>4</u>							<u>1</u>								
8	9	10	11	12	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8								
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	9	10	11	12	13	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>								
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22								
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>								

**2003/2004 Dry Casting Dates.**

All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30 am.

Sunday 7 December 2003

Sunday 4 January 2004

Sunday 7 March 2004

Sunday 1 February 2004

Sunday 4 April 2004

## **2003/2004 General Meetings.**

All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 10 December 2003

Wednesday 14 January 2004

Wednesday 10 March 2004

Wednesday 11 February 2004

Wednesday 14 April 2004

## **Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.**

Field Day Fees:- \$7 for an individual, \$9 for families.

Dry Casting Fees:- \$6 for an individual, \$8 for families.

## **Happy Birthday to:-**

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

Tom Lund, 13 December

Niko Moshos, 16 December

Brad Zaknich, 25 December

## **Wanted - Aluminium Cans.**

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

## **New Member Acceptances.**

The following application for membership has been accepted, and will be invited to the September General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

None.

## **New Member Application.**

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

None.

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

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

## **Kalbarri House For Rent.**

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc.

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

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

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. Club members need to do their own cleaning on departure, or we can arrange cleaners at around \$49 per clean, extra on the rates above.

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

As at 27 November, the house is available in 2003 11/12 Dec, in 2004 from 10 Jan to 27 Feb, 4 Apr to 9 Apr, 5 May to 10 Sep, 25 Sep to 15 Oct, and 6 Nov to 24 Dec 2004. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

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

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

We are looking for donations of old Reel Talks, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. A few copies, eg all of what we have for the early months of 1982 are not in good condition, so we would take any better copies if they were offered. See the list in the February 2002 Reel Talk.

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

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor.

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

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

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

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

## **Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.**

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

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

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

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

## **Dry Casting Open Events 2003/4.**

In accordance with Rule 3.4.4 Open Events, it is proposed that the following events will occur as follows:

December Drycasting	112 gram Open	February Drycasting	Single Handed Open
March Drycasting	112 gram Open		

## **Dry Casting Report, 2 November 2003.**

The day once again dawned clear and beautiful, but that omnipresent easterly wind was still the bane of SCAC casters.

I arrived at the Yokine Reserve a little before 7:00 am to be just about blown out of the car park with a gust of wind as I alighted from my vehicle. Mind you, a bloke my size takes some shifting with just a puff of wind.

Just a week after the State Titles, only 18 people turned out to keep the day a happy and social occasion. I must welcome Mark Hansen and his good partner Wendy to casting. It is good to see some new faces especially of the feminine kind. Vix is not feeling so lonely anymore and is relishing the company and competition.

Eight seniors, six veterans and four ladies set about the days competition with the seniors hitting off on accuracy first. The roll of the die bringing up course 3 for seniors and course 4 for the vets. Most seniors found getting out to 82 metres at the fourth distance a little difficult when the wind decided to hamper them just a bit more as they prepared to cast.

Congratulations must go to Roy the boy for his magnificent effort of 154 points in the veterans section, then to back it up with another 27 points in the single handed.

By the time that the seniors got around to casting their distances, the wind was still blowing hard. I put my first 112 gram cast up in the air only to see it drift south in the wind and land so far out of court the markers needed a cut lunch and waterbag just to go looking for it. Mind you, I was not alone with the problem. George managed to get BOTH his 56 gram casts to follow suit and land out of court as well.

However, we all had fun. At the conclusion of the normal program, we had a single handed open event. Only seven people were game enough in the conditions to try with only one hand to get a cast down range into that wind.

Yours truly watched Mark try and use a cumbersome outfit that he managed a fair 57 metres. On his second cast I got him to use a slightly lighter outfit and he immediately put it in with the regulars at 74.5 metres. A huge improvement. Everyone had a giggle or two and a couple of casts each with the longest single handed cast of the day reaching 87.2 metres.

As Bob had to 'go to work' and he was our set up man, we managed to get through the day and be packed up just before midday.

As we were all leaving, the wind started to die down to a gentle but satisfying breeze. In these circumstances, a little food for thought.... I know it has been traditional that we cast at 8:30 on the first Sunday of each month, however, for the period say from November through to say March, would you consider starting the casting in the afternoon. Maybe a 2:00 pm start might be able to avoid the easterly winds and might even pick up a sea breeze. Just a thoughty.... Until next time,

TT2, DCO

## Dry Casting Results, 2 November 2003.

o/b = out of bounds, n/c = no cast, s/o = snap off.

Results for the day	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number								Target distance							
							3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points		
<b>Seniors.</b>																						
Chas Riegert	0	156	16	132	127	26	11	13	22	15	11	1	19	16	108	2	8	3	9	22	172	
George Holman	135	144	28	0	0	0	19	9	22	19	19	1	17	14	120	10	10	0	1	21	169	
Malcolm Harris	128	135	26	107	121	23	12	11	21	13	4	0	7	15	83	0	4	6	7	17	149	
Nick Allsworth	133	138	27	114	0	11	10	5	18	10	0	13	23	11	90	0	0	0	8	8	136	
Rick Parker	0	0	0	105	99	20	0	22	25	6	1	19	8	19	100	3	1	0	6	10	130	
Andrew Aubrey	118	128	25	0	115	12	11	1	13	21	13	11	0	18	88	0	0	2	0	2	127	
Mark Hansen	89	105	19	85	0	9	18	0	6	0	6	16	17	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	91	
John Romano	94	101	20	80	75	16	0	2	9	0	0	0	14	9	34	0	0	4	3	7	77	

<b>Veterans.</b>																					
Roy Killick	113	110	22	102	110	21	22	20	19	24	14	20	14	21	154	3	8	9	7	27	224
Bob Henderson	121	129	25	117	121	24	17	22	23	17	13	11	24	20	147	5	6	3	1	15	211
Tony D' Alonzo	112	115	23	100	105	21	15	6	21	18	10	4	20	17	111	3	6	7	7	23	178
Jim Strong	65	83	15	76	0	8	0	17	20	23	0	0	16	22	98	5	7	0	6	18	139
Terry Fuller	53	0	5	0	81	8	11	19	11	13	13	14	6	17	104	6	7	4	5	22	139
Trevor Stam	0	74	7	48	0	5	6	6	12	11	2	21	1	23	82	8	4	0	0	12	106

<b>Ladies.</b>																					
Vix Alexander	87	84	17	0	73	7	19	24	0	18	8	6	5	1	81	0	1	9	0	10	115
Filomena D' Alonzo	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	14	12	22	0	4	11	9	89	0	0	0	0	0	89
Annella Riegert	64	60	12	58	67	13	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	18	21	0	0	0	10	10	56
Wendy Hansen	55	0	6	0	30	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9

Event:	Seniors Winner	Veterans Winner	Ladies Winner	Juniors Winner
112 gram distance	George Holman 28	Bob Henderson 25	Vix Alexander 17	
56 gram distance	Chas Riegert 26	Bob Henderson 24	Annella Riegert 13	
Double Handed Acc.	George Holman 120	Roy Killick 154	Filomena D' Alonzo 89	
Single Handed Acc.	Chas Riegert 22	Roy Killick 27	Vix & Annella 10	
Single Handed Open	Chas Riegert 87.2			
Days High Points	Roy Killick 224			

**Special Request**  
**Would all drycasters  
 please wear club  
 shirts and name  
 badge at monthly  
 casting days.**  
**Chas**

## Single Handed Open Distances.

Name	Cast 1 metres	Cast 2 metres	Name	Cast 1 metres	Cast 2 metres
Nick Allsworth	68.6	70.4	George. Holman	76.2	74.5
Chas Riegert	85.9	87.2	Mark. Hansen	57	74.1
Malcolm Harris	67.5	72.1	Vix Alexander	0	33
John Romano	61	64.1			

## Open Competition Results to November 2003

Section	For	Weight	Name and place
3.	Best Mulloway	12.5 kg	Matthew Henderson, Scarborough
4.	Best Salmon	7.25 kg	John Jardine, Scarborough Beach
6.	Best Tailor	2.50 kg	John Jardine, Scarborough Beach
7.	Best Samson Fish	10.0 kg	John Jardine, Cape Hamelin
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	1.6 kg	Snook, Chas Riegert, Cervantes
14.	Best Snook/Pike	1.6 kg	Snook, Chas Riegert, Cervantes

## Species Badge Results to November 2003

Members with 0 species have not been shown. Contact Recorder Ian Cook if you have caught any species which are not recorded.

Name	Section	Date of first capture	Whiting	Herring	Trevally	Tarwhine	Pilchard	Tailor	Flathead	Garfish	Flounder	Snook	Mulloway	Salmon	Number of species
Don Batchelor	V	Nov-98	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	10
Ian Cook	M	Mar-99	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	10
Tony D'Alonzo	V	May 99	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	10
Roy Killick	V	Jan 99	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	10
Morris Kolman	V	98	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	10
Damien D' Mello	M	98	1	1	1	1		1	1			1	1	1	9
Mathew Henderson	M	Dec 98	1	1	1	1		1	1	1			1	1	9
George Holman	M	May 98	1	1	1	1		1	1			1	1	1	9
David Maxted	V	Aug 98	1	1	1	1		1	1			1	1	1	9
Filomena D'Alonzo	L	Jan 00	1	1	1			1	1	1					6
John Jardine	M			1	1	1		1				1		1	6
Ross Kember	M	Oct 99	1	1	1	1		1						1	6
Andrew Thorgersen	V	Sep 99		1	1			1	1				1	1	6
Derry Barber	V			1	1	1		1				1			5
Ken Black	M	Jan 99	1	1	1			1						1	5
Julie Kember	L	Jul 99	1	1			1		1					1	5
Daniel Stoeckel	J	99	1	1	1			1					1		5
Peter Stoeckel	M	May 98		1	1	1		1				1			5
Mark Farnay	M	May 98		1				1	1			1			4
Terry Fuller	V	Nov 00		1	1			1						1	4
Spencer King	M	Aug 01		1		1		1				1			4
Charles Riegert	M			1				1				1			3
Andrew Stoeckel	MJ	99?		1						1		1			3
Ian Taggart	M	Oct 00	1					1				1			3
Bradley Zaknich	M	Apr 01				1		1						1	3
Malcolm Head	V							1					1		2
Paul Terpkos	M	Jan 99		1				1							2
Vix Alexander	L							1							1
Andrew Aubrey	M	Sep 99							1						1
Nick Hocking	M	Nov 03											1		1



## **Recorder's Report**

**Open Competition.** Matthew Henderson has entered a 12.5 kg mulloway caught at Scarborough on 24 October. There have been a number of high quality fish landed in the Scarborough / Trigg's area over the last couple of months

Chas Riegart has entered a 1.6 kg snook caught at Cervantes before the FD last weekend for section 8 & 14.

**Grand Masters Competition Changes.** Chas Riegart's Snook also qualifies for this section

**Species Competition.** Both Morris Kolman and I caught their final fish for this section. We both caught a gardie at the Cervantes Field Day.

**Species Competition.** Terry Fuller and I are working on linking the Species Competition to the monthly Field Day results to pick up your species automatically. This will take Terry a lot of work and take some time and will only apply to future Field Day results after the software is written and tested. For those who wish to enter past eligible fish, let me have the species and the Field Day that they were caught on and I will update the list manually. The current list is printed in the Reel Talk this month.

**Barron Lure Competition.** I have not had any entries for this competition recently. With the tailor season starting, remember to enter your lure caught fish. Categories:- Heaviest tailor, Heaviest Salmon, Heaviest Scale Fish

**Application Form.** A copy of the Application form for all competitions is on the Web for downloading. Use this application form in conjunction with the current fishing competition rules. Please read both carefully. You also received a copy with your October Reel Talk on page 19. Tight Lines  
Cookie + "Hunter"

## **Notice of Motion - Single Handed Accuracy Distances**

Roy Killick has amended the notice of motion "that Section 3.5.3 of the Club's Competition Rules be amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting therefor:-

"In the single handed accuracy event, targets shall be set between 20 and 40 metres.

For the open section, the target distances from the base line shall be decided by drawing one of the following groups:-

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	20	22	24	23	21
Metres	40	38	37	35	36"

This will be voted on and decided at the December General Meeting.

## **Capes Marine Park Progress Report.**

Here's some progress information for those of you wondering if there's a disaster around the corner with the proposed Capes Marine Park covering from the Capel Shire boundary to Cape Naturalist to Cape Leeuwin and around into Flinders Bay east of Augusta.

The minutes and outcomes of the last meeting 6/7 November are on the CALM website at [http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national\\_parks/marine/capes/meetings/index.html](http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/marine/capes/meetings/index.html)

I am looking for any comments on these from people to send on to the Advisory Committee, or you can send your comments directly to Jessica Meeuwig at [JessicaM@calm.wa.gov.au](mailto:JessicaM@calm.wa.gov.au)

There's a lot of information in these docs and they need to be read carefully before firing off any questions which might already be answered.

After sending the Perth based fishing club comments on the second meeting, I had a few emails from the Chairman of the Advisory committee, which ended with my getting an invitation to attend the November meeting as an observer.

Here are a few of my personal observations about the process as I saw it last week, remembering they are working their way through, it's not a straight line to an end, and there's still a long way to go.

As well as all the listening time, I had a chance to talk to many of the committee and observers and learnt a lot about what's going on, and quite a few other things.

It's hard to see why there are such extreme differences between what's been reported for the Walpole Nornalup Marine and what I saw here for the Capes Park. Let's hope CALM and MPRA change to this way of doing it.

CALM says "Advisory Committees are locally-based to ensure that reserve planning reflects local issues and concerns. Members bring their expertise and local knowledge of the area to the discussions"; and that certainly showed in many of the comments and the really detailed local knowledge in the Committee.

One important change the Committee insisted on is that the management plan must go back to the committee after the public comment period and after the MPRA might have amended it, and before it goes to Ministers for approval. That was a major problem with the Jurien Bay process, so that's a win for the comments we put in.

One very interesting topic was the "no take zone" discussion. The committee had been shown a video of New Zealand "no take zones" and two of the Committee members went to NZ and see for themselves. Big problems there included pollution, overuse and lack of community ownership. See the minutes of the Evening Session and Day 2 opening session.

There was a lot of discussion on the need for the community to own and accept whatever is proposed, or it won't work. Several committee members seem to have strong views about the need for community ownership which would work against any push to have restrictions which didn't have really good reasons or affect the community in ways they don't agree with.

The Committee decided after a lot of discussion and clarification, that the area will be known as a Marine Park. That means as a starting point, every existing activity will be allowed, except where there are good reasons why some particular things and activities need to be protected and/or separated. I thought their early discussions on the types of zones which might be needed were mostly realistic. Of course, we need to see the final list, but that's still to come...

One controversial outcome, after a lot of discussion, was to include the Hardey Inlet (up to where the rivers enter) in the Marine Park, not by consensus as should occur, but by a 8/3 majority vote. See the detail in the minutes. There's sure to be more on that, and about the role of the chairman in this decision...

There's a clear understanding that they can't achieve much with reserves in the ocean if the majority of the problems come from pollution, run off, water use, etc from the land, and the need to fix up these problems.

There weren't very many comments received from the public or the Sector Reference Groups, and there weren't very many observers, so there is concern these won't come until people see something which affects them personally.

The chairman asked for extra effort to involve the community and Sector Reference Groups, and get more observers to attend the Committee meetings.

There wasn't any obvious and open strong push by the CALM people present to force any point of view or direction for the committee to take.

Read the docs, put in your comments and /or use the open invitation and come along to Meeting 4 which will be held on 8/9 January at Augusta and see for yourself if you are really concerned about some things. Don't assume anything based on what might have happened in the past or happened elsewhere.

## **Recfishwest Report**

The November 2003 Recfishwest Board Meeting covered the following.

Election of Board Chairman Des Wood and Sub committee chairmen.

After inspection of Carnarvon Prawning Jetty, RFW have now realised the importance of this jetty. Will write to the Carnarvon Shire, and will develop and publicise a general Jetty Policy to cover the slow disappearance of jetties.

A policy to be developed on the Port Catherine development south of Fremantle.

Discussed proposals for Boating Competency Training and licenses.

Report on the Coral Coast Advisory Committee meeting and proposals for Ningaloo Marine Park, some people are quite antagonistic towards recreational fishing.

Wetline review interim submission discussed and approach was agreed. Will get Ian Curnow from the Review Panel to address the RFW Board.

Rottneest's Marine Committee looking at changes and pushing for fishing restrictions. Ross Cusack, Norm Halse trying to keep it on track.

Reported on the previous Capes Marine Park Advisory Committee and the meeting set for the following two days 6/7 November.

Discussion and questioned CALM and MPRA actions on Marine Reserves, and their interaction with RFW. To write to them and the Environment Minister about problems.

Reported on meeting with Fisheries 10 November and issues to be discussed.

Raised objections to the way the rules for Pink Snapper in Cockburn Sound were changed and announced and impact on clubs and people fishing out of the Cockburn Sound ramps.

There will be a meeting on 12 Nov to discuss the Kimberley and Pilbara recreational fishing reviews.

New RFW Policy Officer Mark Pagano is working on assessments of aquaculture proposals and preparing objections, and marron and trout management

RFW have finally cracked Fisheries' reluctance to move on the critical sustainability problems with the Commercial Shark fishing fishery.

RFW will write to Minister about the setting of the Blue Groper size limit at 50 cm, apparently to allow commercial catches.

Mackerel management plan. Despite an announced implementation date of Jan 2004, nothing much has been done yet. RFW to raise with the Minister.

## **Where Are All the Fishing Stories?**

Looking at the list of contents for the Reel Talk this month, where are all the fishing stories? I'll print what I'm given, or I have to search for stories, and then what you see is what you get.

## **AAA Wetline Fishing Review Submission.**

AAA has sent the following submission to the Professional Wetline Fishing Review Panels, and the Surf Casting club has endorsed this as discussed at the November General Meeting. The Wetline Review notice said "It is anticipated that the Panels will be in a position to release discussion papers in the early part of next year (2004) for public comment."

This submission has been prepared on behalf of the Association which represents recreational anglers from clubs throughout the State. The Association actively supports and endorses responsible fishing and the preservation of the environment, so that all recreational anglers can enjoy continued access through the long term sustainability of all fishing activities.

As such, we are very interested in the sustainability and equity of commercial fishing activities and we welcome the opportunity to put a submission to the Wetline Review Panels. Our submission is covered in several parts. Some of the points made may already be used, however even if this is so, Integrated Management and resource sharing issues make it important that these continue and are strengthened.

**1. Fish are an asset owned by the community.** Fish stocks in Western Australian waters are a community owned resource and asset, and must be managed and harvested in a sustainable and equitable manner so that the Western Australian community gets the benefit and value from the use of the community's resource.

**2. All commercial fisheries must have controlled access.** All commercial fisheries should have access controlled by requiring a specific license to operate in the fishery for that species or small group of species. Open licenses where commercial fishers are able to operate in a large number of different fisheries should be withdrawn. The number of licenses issued for each fishery should be limited so that the combined fishing capacity falls within the level which will ensure long term sustainability.

**3. All commercial fisheries must have total allowable catch quotas.** At present commercial fishing controls are on the equipment, the number of boats and numbers of licences etc. There is no restriction on the amount in tonnes which can be taken for most species.

All fish caught by commercial fishers must be covered by species quotas for the maximum total commercial catch in tonnes per year or season for each species or appropriately grouped species.

The quota should be set and based on research into the expected population, the sustainable catch, the commercial/recreational and other shares in each period, the environmental impact, and all other relevant factors. Commercial catch quotas should be split into geographical areas appropriate to the fishery.

Where appropriate, the total commercial quota should be split up between commercial fishers who have licenses. Where this is done, when an individual commercial fisher's quota is caught, that individual must stop fishing unless some quota is transferred from some other licensed person. When the total quota is caught, everyone must stop fishing. If the quota is not caught in one season, then the shortfall must not be available in the next season.

Quotas for some species (for example Australian Salmon whose movements are influenced by currents) must allow some flexibility if the predictions on which the quotas were set are obviously very wrong. It must allow reduced quotas if there are fewer fish, and may allow increased quotas if there are actually many more fish than predicted and the acceptable markets are available.

All data, research, allocations, actual catches, quotas, etc must be open and readily available to the public in real time.

Catch returns and records must be managed to ensure that all fish caught are recorded and counted towards the catch quotas.

**4. Daily catch limits.** At present, there are no prescribed limits on what can be caught by a commercial license holder in any given period. The only limit is what fish are in the water, can be caught and what can be physically handled.

Some commercial fishing activities have a potential to take large quantities of fish from aggregations in a very short time, because there are no daily catch limits.

License conditions and areas which can be fished must use the precautionary principle and best available data to ensure that commercial fishing activities are managed for sustainability and equity, which may require the use of tools such as daily catch limits, closed seasons or closed areas for some species.

**5. Unused catch.** Commercial fishing interests must use practices that guarantee the condition of their fish until delivered to their processor or reseller. Commercial fishing must take only the catch that can be processed and transported and for which a known and acceptable market exists.

All fish killed as a result of attempts to catch them must be counted in the total allowable quota. If commercial fishers can not sell the catch, they should not catch it.

Any fish caught and then dumped for any reason other than a small allowance for things which are out of their control, should be counted as twice that amount towards that license's catch quota, as a penalty for the waste of a community resource. It should also count as twice that amount towards the total quota caught.

**6. Food fish only species.** Species of great importance for food should be declared "food only" species, where only a small amount may be used for non food purposes.

The species to be declared, and the non food amount allowed should be negotiated by Department of Fisheries and Peak bodies and supported by appropriate data.

**7. Human consumption.** An argument often put forward in support of commercial fishing is that this provides the fish for consumption by the general Western Australian public who can not or do not wish to catch their own fish. We accept that this is a legitimate use of the community resource.

However, we do not accept this argument when it is used in support of any significant exploitation of any species which is (1) important to any other part of the Western Australian community, or (2) important to the environment or the marine food chain, if those fish are to be exported outside of Western Australia, because those consumers are not the owners of the resource.

As a guiding principle, we believe all edible fish taken by commercial fishing must be used for human consumption. There must not be any captures just to harvest parts of fish, eg fish roe, shark fins, etc. Marketing these parts is acceptable if all of the rest of the edible part of the fish is used for human consumption.

These conditions must be part of the license, sale and processing conditions. The conditions may include some concessions which allow a percentage of edible fish to be used for other than human consumption. These must be explicitly listed for each species, as set by sustainability issues and equity issues and as negotiated by Department of Fisheries and Peak bodies and supported by appropriate data.

All these conditions must apply as well to all the processors who buy the fish. It must not be possible for the commercial fisher or the Department of Fisheries to say "it's out of our hands once we deliver it to the processors."

**8. Non human consumption.** There may be pressure to catch fish for other purposes, bait in particular, fish food, and for pet food and fertiliser.

Catches of edible fish for these low value or non-human consumption uses must be counted and managed as part of the conditions or concessions.

Offcuts, head, backbones, offal etc, can be used for what ever commercial purpose is available. "Recycling" of wasted fish and fish pieces for these purposes should be undertaken at the earliest possible time. Fish wastes are available from primary and secondary fish processors. There must be opportunities to develop other non fish based rock lobster bait and fish food.

The rock lobster fishing industry and aquaculture industries should investigate the use of alternative baits and foods so that the catch of wild fish for bait or fish food is minimised or phased out in as short a time as possible.

The catch for non human consumption must be only that portion which is in excess of recreational and human consumption needs. The catch must still be ecologically sustainable and any growth in recreational and human consumption needs must be at the expense of non human requirements.

**9. Where and when commercial fishers can fish.** Commercial fishermen are harvesting a community owned resource, and are sharing it with the recreational fishing community. This sometimes leads to overlaps or conflicts in time or locations.

Some commercial fishermen use high technology equipment and are able to operate in areas away from the areas used by the majority of recreational anglers. Other commercial fishing from beaches, estuaries or for inshore species is more visible and can lead to issues with the community.

Some existing license conditions, agreements or formal or informal "codes of conduct" cover some of these potential interactions by setting the timing, location and conduct of commercial fishing activities.

The principle of negotiating and publicising such license conditions, agreements or codes of conduct to minimise any possible conflicts and ensure public awareness should continue and should be extended to all areas of real or potential conflicts.

Agreements should be negotiated with the local community, or with Department of Fisheries and the commercial and recreational peak bodies as appropriate.

In special cases, these could negotiate "recreational fishing only areas" in some areas close to high populations or of very special attraction to recreational anglers.

As a general principle, we accept commercial fishing should be possible at all times to suit the commercial fisher's needs and the availability of fish. However the agreements should recognise, if not already included, high recreational use times such as Christmas, Easter, Anzac Day and some long weekends, and must place limits on some types and locations of commercial fishing which could have a large impact on the success of recreational fishing at these times.

**10. Bycatch.** Real or potential bycatch from some commercial fishing activities is of great concern because of the impact on fish stocks, the marine food chain, and on some species of great value to recreational anglers.

Bycatch must be managed and must be a critical part of the decisions on where and when to allow commercial fishing, and what methods may be used.

An example is the claim by WAFIC in 1991 that it is virtually impossible to avoid catching tailor, saying that tailor school with mullet, bream and sometimes with whiting, and sometimes there can be a 30-40% mix of species.

**11. Recreational only species.** Species of great importance to recreational fishing, and of limited value to commercial fishing should be declared "recreational only" species, where only a small amount of bycatch may be retained by commercial fishers.

The species to be declared should be negotiated by Department of Fisheries and Peak bodies and supported by appropriate data.

Species for early assessment and decision should include tailor and mulloway.

**12. Impact on the environment.** Real or potential impact on the environment from some commercial fishing activities is of great concern for some types of equipment used for the reasons above.

Impact on the environment must be managed and must be a critical part of the decisions on where and when to allow commercial fishing, and what methods may be used.

**13. Impact on the marine food chain.** The extent of some commercial fishing activities are of great concern because of the impact on the marine food chain, and the flow on effect on some species of great value to recreational anglers.

The impact on the marine food chain must be managed and must be a critical part of the decisions on where and when to allow commercial fishing, and what methods may be used.

**14. Catch data in the "State of Fisheries Report".** The latest State of the Fisheries Report 2001-2002 on the Department of Fisheries website is for catches made in 2000/2001 or during "the 2001 season". As such, the data is at least 2 years old, if not considerably older, and does not show the significant changes in commercial catches over the last two years which have been of great concern to recreational anglers.

Up to date catch data must be available to the public. At the very least, this requires that the next State of the Fisheries Report must cover two years to catch up, and then progressive data must be published so that the public can be aware of trends as they occur.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Terry Fuller, Secretary, Australian Anglers Association (WA Division)

### **Safari 2004 - Warroora Station.**

Now is the time to ensure that your place is booked for this 'Safari' of a lifetime. Currently I have a list of 13 names for the period 15 May to 22 May 2004. I have made bookings and MUST know numbers attending by January 2004 General Meeting. At this time accommodation for the period above for seven nights is \$150.00.

I must have payment by the February 2004 General Meeting in order to pay for the accommodation and ENSURE we get in. This destination is a popular stopover for tourist buses and confirmed paid for bookings are essential.

The accommodation is: One cottage with two double bedrooms and up to four single beds in a sleep out arrangement; Shearer's quarters consisting of modern 'dongas' sleeping two single beds to a unit; one self contained double bed with ensuite off the main house. The Shearer's quarters have a common kitchen facility with a common ablution block. The cottage has a large shower area with only one toilet.

240 volt power is supplied via a wind generator/diesel power plant. It is essential that such items as 'hair dryers' are not used as sudden surges in power throw the fuse switch and everyone ends up powerless until it can be fixed. Depending on where the owners are, this could be several hours or even the best part of a day. Doesn't do a lot for items in fridges or freezers...

Also, fresh water is a premium. Ablution water is mostly bore water of a very good quality, however drinking water is all rain or bottled water, which needs to be conserved. Oh. There is a public telephone situated near the main homestead, so if you are that way inclined, bring plenty of coins.

The current list of names I have is as follows:

Bob Henderson + 1	Chas Riegert + 1	Peter Stoeckel	Brian Stokes
John Romano	Ross Kember + 1	Ian Cook	Terry Fuller
Mal Harris	Vix Alexander		

If your name is not on this list and you want to be there, name and money up front gets you there. Contact me on 0438 535 848 or email at: [riegert@warp1.com.au](mailto:riegert@warp1.com.au)

For those that weren't at the general meeting when Bob and I told you of this location, I hope the following helps a bit. Warroora Station has approximately 68 kilometres of coastline. This varies from pure white as snow sandy beaches in the north to everything your mind can imagine to the south.

Fourteen-mile beach is Coral Bay type white sand so hard that when we were there a Magna was pulling a caravan along the beach. This area is inside the Ningaloo Reef and still generally flat water suitable to small tinnies if you have one. Along the beach there is interspersed reefs that congregate most northern species of pelagic type fish.

As you move south, the coastline changes to beach somewhat like the area between Trigg and Sorrento, with wide reef platforms to fish from. The Pelican Point area is a designated SANCTUARY area with NO FISHING allowed. However a mask and snorkel in this area is very enlightening as to species in the area. It is well protected with the Ningaloo Reef less than a kilometre off shore.

South to Steve's and the reef comes in even closer with large lagoons and reef platforms to fish from along with some very interesting beaches.

South from the homestead we get towards such places as Bulbarli Point with reef platforms into some very deep water. Nearby is another point from which it is conceivable to 'balloon' from if the wind is in the right direction. All along the coast south from the homestead is interspersed with reef platforms, sandy beaches and cliff faces that all simply spell "FISHY" water.

Most places are readily accessible by two wheel drive vehicles. Just some are a little longer walk than others. Walking for two wheel drives may vary from 5 metres to 500 metres, depending on which fishing spot you are trying to access.

I hope this has been of some help in making your decision on whether or not to come.

Chas.

### **Changes to Recreational Fishing Rules.**

As reported in past Reel Talks, one of quite a few "stings in the tail" of the new recreational fishing regulations is the limits the "filleting at sea" and "boating possession limits" place on people who fish from the shore at Rottneest island after going there by ferry. This is changes to the bag limits on Rottneest by stealth. Other "stings" we reported were the definition of "fillets" and "whole" fish in the possession limits, and filleting of fish at sea and on islands tied up with the "48 hour" rule.

Following the first unsatisfactory reply received from the Fisheries Minister, AAA has obtained a copy of the new Recreational fishing regulations, has checked these out and found problems and inconsistencies between the Minister's reply, the regulations and the publicity.

We have sent three more detailed follow up letters to the Fisheries Minister covering Limits on Shore fishing on Rottneest Island, Filleting and Whole Fish Rules, and Filleting at Sea Rules. Full copies are on AAA website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/SubmissionsMain.html> or contact Terry Fuller for a copy.

The Department of Fisheries requested a meeting on 10 November with AAA and Recfishwest to discuss the issues as a result of the letters and all the publicity. We had a two hour meeting with Peter Rogers, Chief Executive, Department of Fisheries and recreational Fishing Manager Andrew Cribb to talk about the points raised in the Australian Anglers Association's letters and a few other things raised by other people.

We pointed out all the problems, discussed the wording and interpretations of some of the new regulations, and specifically how some of the regulations were NOT what was negotiated during the West Coast and Gascoyne reviews, and how some things which were explicitly written in the West Coast papers were changed in the regulations without any advice or consultation.

The changes discussed include the "maximum of 1 day's bag limit on a boat" rule, the 48 hour rule, the "2 fillets considered as 1 fish" rule, filleting exemptions for large fish by size not species, heading and tailing of fish, cutting large fish into two pieces, filleting of fish which don't have size limits, application of these to fishing on Rottneest and other islands, using fish for bait, labeling and packaging requirements, changes to Fisheries' interpretation of the possession limit options, and the Cockburn Sound Pink Snapper rules.

At the time of writing this article to publish the Reel Talk, the Department of Fisheries is still looking at how the regulations should be changed to handle the points we have raised. More details will be published on the AAA website as soon as they are available.

### **Fisheries Statutory Management Authority**

The draft report of the Fisheries Statutory Management Authority Advisory Committee has been released for public comment until 20 Feb. Check the details on <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/corp/broc/SMAACReport/index.html>

Summary of recommendations.

1. That a statutory management authority not be established to administer the State's fisheries on either a broad basis or in the cost recovery fisheries only.
2. That a move from the cost recovery program to the introduction of a fisheries royalty, in conjunction with increased security of access rights, be considered for future implementation. eg *Commercial fishermen should pay money for the fish they catch and sell.*
3. That, to assist consideration of a fisheries royalty, an expert panel be established to advise on its possible form and implementation.
4. That the existing Ministerial/Management Advisory Committee model be retained as an advisory and consultative mechanism.
5. That membership of Ministerial/Management Advisory Committees be reviewed on a case by case basis, with a view to an improved input, as appropriate, on ecological, social and economic issues. eg *Get real experts on the committee and change these to suit the subject.*
6. That an expertise based WA Fisheries Advisory Board be established to advise the Minister on strategic fisheries and marine management issues.
7. That a strategic direction be established for all fisheries encompassing a statutory Management Plan and a strategic operating plan.
8. That strategic operating plans be developed for all commercial fisheries within two years, and be reviewed at least every two years thereafter.

9. That strategic operating plans be developed for all other fisheries within five years, and be reviewed at least every two years thereafter.
10. That the development and review of strategic operating plans be conducted by the Department of Fisheries in consultation with all stakeholders (including Ministerial/Management Advisory Committees).
11. That an independent audit process be established to validate the methodology, accuracy and interpretation of key research outcomes particularly biomass estimations and recommendations on yield.
12. That the Department of Fisheries, in conjunction with the WA Fisheries Advisory Board (if established), develop a mechanism to collect, analyse and consider relevant social and economic information for key fisheries and projects.
13. That the proposed WA Fisheries Advisory Board review and advise on performance measures to demonstrate efficient and effective management of the State's fisheries resources.
14. That an independent review be conducted to identify opportunities for improved coordination and integration of marine management in WA. eg *Fisheries Dept and CALM, etc stop working separately, get together and manage fish properly.*
15. That the Department of Fisheries be retained as a stand-alone agency. TerryF.

### **Childhood Fishing Memories in Adelaide.**

Adelaide is not unlike Perth in many respects. The sun rises in the east over the Adelaide hills and the sun sets in the west over the sea. It is built on a coastal plain with the River Torrens running on the northern side of the city eventually meandering east into the ocean - as a trickle.

The Torrens can not be compared to our mighty Swan - Canning Rivers and has had to "held in place" with a lock to ensure there is water in it year round for simple recreational boating. In fact there has been a standing joke that any one finding the Torrens would they kindly put it in a bucket and return it to its rightful place! Never the less it is part of the beauty that is Adelaide and there is nothing better for the visitor to take a ride on "Popeye" from the city down to the Adelaide Zoo.

Adelaide, again like Perth, does have two primary rivers however and whilst not co-joined as the Swan and Canning both have had important roles in the city culture. The other is the Port River which flows in from the ocean via Outer Harbour down to Port Adelaide which was the home of all the shipping companies for many years and was a busy port right in the middle of suburbia. Cruises, like the Gulf Trip started and finished there via vessels like the "MV Minnipa" and "MV Moonta" which were passenger vessels of the Adelaide Shipping Company, which still exists today but without any interests in shipping at all. How things change - progress?

Port Adelaide or the "Port" as it is known is mainly a tourist attraction these days and houses museums, the ubiquitous coffee strip and other minor attractions. Gone are all the freighters, chandlers, repair shops, slipways and the business infrastructure that supported them and the host of clearing houses, customs and wool stores. Gone is the hustling and bustling port which "fed" Adelaide and with it all the countless identities. Like Perth the Sugar company (CSR) has disappeared from where it was built on the side of the river adjoining the train line at Exeter. As kids we used to dive into the river from the jetty across the rail line and swim across the river to the banks.

I moved down to live in Largs North in 1949/1950, which was north of the Port and was on the ocean side of the main road (Victoria Road) which connected the "Port" to Outer Harbour via "The Ford Motor Company", Electricity Trust Power Station, Adelaide Brighton Cement, ICI and all the petroleum company terminals which lived alongside the river as it ran down to the ocean. The location was ideal for a lad of 12 with only a push bike and two legs to get around with. Our home was midway between the ocean and the river and one could walk to both location within 30 minutes, 45 minutes when laden down with a rod, bait bag and crabbing drop nets.

My first rod was one made of galvanized metal probably about 6" long, two pieces which were screwed together. My reel was made of bakelite which had the loudest ratchet one could ever wish for! and the reel housed a green string (cotton) line, a lead sinker and three hooks which were joined to the line via a nylon trace. I don't ever remember as a child of owning or seeing a nylon line. The "old timers" all had cane rods lovingly built by them in the TV less evenings of that day.

Times were tough but filled with fun and above all enterprise. Enterprise, energy and enjoyment - excellent for one's soul and it made the fish taste better at the end of the day if one had been lucky - if not - there was always tomorrow.

If one decided to go fishing for the day it went something like this. Up early, generally around 5.00am. Pick up the 5 drop nets for crabbing, the rod which had the reel, hooks and sinker all attached go out the front door and head out on to the rail track and walk along the path right alongside the line towards the tidal flats north of the Power station. Trains didn't run on Sunday mornings so it was quite safe. Even if they did it mattered little as one was going fishing and nothing more mattered.

Once I arrived at the "flats" it was time to look for cockles. These would be used for bait and if one felt brave enough one could have a feed of them straight from the water. Once I had collected sufficient for a good morning's bait I would head back to the ICI plant where the cooling water, which was warm, would run out into the river from

an outlet which was hidden under the jetty. There was always a good run out of water into the river and sometimes if one of the old timers was feeling generous he would lend me a pencil or blob float and some burley to get out and take advantage of the man made current. The fishing was good in those days and a good feed of "gardies" (Garfish) was always on the cards with Tommy Ruffs and on some days a Johnny Dory or two.

I would clean the fish and keep all the gut and heads and this was used as bait for the crabbing nets. Over the side they would go and drop down into the warm river outlet and it was a bad day if I went home without a feed of say 10 or more "Bluies". Generally the whole outing would take up the better part of the day and one would know they had been out as whilst tired beyond belief, on the hot summer days in particular, there was always a feeling of satisfaction and contentment.

Whilst the Port River provided a lot of enjoyment in terms of fishing over the years it was not the only "spot" available to me and many were the days that I went down to the beach for a days outing. The beaches were not as strenuous in terms of getting there as I would not have to go digging for cockles but generally had a piece of red meat which my mother held for such days on the promise I had to pay for it out of my pocket money if I came home with an empty bag. God, what an incentive to really work the weed beds and the "holes" alongside the pylons.

Adelaide beaches unlike Perth house many jetties which are tourist attractions. I don't ever recall them being home to any fishing vessels rather being an extension of the promenade or main street and they were always filled with families who were taking their children out for the day or the lads who were out "courting" or those who were checking out the "sheilas".

The jetties went from Largs Bay in the north to Brighton in the south. The highlights were the ones in Semaphore, Henley Beach and Glenelg (known as The Bay). The latter was home to a huge aquarium and the jetty and all its creatures were lost in a wild storm that hit the coast as I recall. They have since been rebuilt minus the aquarium.

These jetties provided a haven for countless fishermen and enabled one to get out from the beach without the need for a boat. Boats were an item only for the fishing fleets and really rich people! And I wasn't in the latter although my mother who was from Port Pirie came from a family which built boats at one time for the locals.

I would again take my drop nets, trusty rod and reel with the same sinker and hooks (not chemically sharpened!) and my piece of red meat and head to Largs or Semaphore. The fishing was good it seemed year round and catches of Tommy Ruff and Gardies were common as were whiting and squid. The latter were always plentiful and were a source of bait. They were caught using a jig and a peeled potato pushed down over shank of the jig – very effective. (Is it still used today anywhere?) I don't ever recall having today's Calamari. There were always cuttle fish around and I could never tell the difference between those and the squid.

Crabs were always plentiful and seemed to like the weed beds for breeding and the warm coastal waters which were almost transparent. One could almost see the big Blue crabs going for the bones in the net and they were generally easy prey for us youngsters with a sharp eye, quick hands and strong arms to pull them up out of the water and up to the jetty and over the hand rails.

Because of the exposure to the elements and the rougher waters in the St Vincent Gulf I never ventured out much during the winter from these jetties and my fishing was generally confined to a seven month calendar. Never the less it was enjoyable and if the fish weren't biting one stripped down to his jocks and dived into the water for a swim. It was always a time to "show off" how brave one could be, diving or jumping in off the end into deep water and swimming around the top end and back up onto the jetty via the ramp which was on the northern or lee side and do all it all again - especially if there were comments or further encouragement from any of the "sheilas" who may have come down for a look and a giggle.

Whilst I did have the opportunity to be taken up to mighty Murray I never caught a fish there nor ever saw one caught yet I was taken aback by many of the stories of the Murray Cod that had been landed on several stretches of the river I visited. I even ventured down to the mouth of the Murray and into Lake Alexandrina in the hope of catching some Callop but again they eluded me and did much to damage my ego and fishing prowess.

I went back and fished my beloved Port River and enjoyed the jetty at Largs Bay until High School came into my life and sadly fishing was no more a possibility with train travel being necessary to get to and from school each day. Never the less the memories for me are as real and exciting today as they were then and I still get a "buzz" of excitement when I fly into Adelaide and look down on those places that were special to me then and always will be.

Jim Atkinson.

## **Have a Go Day**

Once again a successful event was held within the Burswood grounds and considering the day was the hottest for the year at over 40 degrees, the lads stuck to their guns and presented themselves well.

Roy, Jim, Trevor, Terry and Chas joined me to exhibit our club's promotional boards and leaflets. The flick rod casting was well received by many and I had a good feed back regarding the friendliness of our troops. Well done, fellas.

I must extend a sincere thank you to Chas who came early and assisted in setting up our displays, did not stop all day promoting the club and stayed back to dismantle and pack the gear. The only complaint is that I had to change after he threw the esky ice water over me at the end of the day.

Hendo.



## **President' s Report.**

As President sitting at the helm at our Club meetings, it is great to see the Club members make an effort to display their enthusiasm and wear their Club shirts. I find it a little difficult to understand some Club member's demeanor to refuse to wear any clothing that indicates that they belong to the Club. Joining any Club generally indicates that you want to be a part of the group, to participate, be involved and to show that you are proud to belong.

Shirts are available, the cost is minor, so how about making an effort.

Xmas will soon be upon us so I'll take this opportunity to wish one and all a VERY MERRY XMAS and A HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR. I'm sure that each member of the committee also extend the same message to you all.

I received an early Xmas gift from my son who is working at the Jabiru Resort in the NT. Just a return ticket, free accommodation at the resort, 4 days of fishing for barra on the East Alligator river, and a container of cough medicine to keep the mozzies at bay. Heading up on the 22nd & returning on the 30th. I hope you realise that life can get a little awkward when you don't have any commitments. Hendo.

## **Club Raffle.**

Called the "One Hundred" club, we sell one hundred tickets at \$10 each, with the first prize being \$400, second \$50, third prize \$50.

Great odds and a good fund raiser, so come to the next club meeting and participate in the raffle.

## **November 2003 Field Day, Cervantes.**

An interesting field day was this one, twenty six participants including four visitors. It started out with some lively discussion regarding the boundaries and the potency of individual memories. Once we had that sorted, everybody dispersed to their favorite spots.

The boundaries were extended on this occasion north to Sandy Point and south to back beach. The exact location of boundaries is something that we as the committee will have to make very clear in the future.

Vix and I headed to Hill River, where last year produced some good Tailor. Our usual spot was weeded out so it took us a little while to find a weed free patch further north and get the vehicle in position for camping that night. It was quite a warm day with little breeze but the flies were very friendly, finding their way into tight places even behind the sun glasses and a couple down the throat.

The next step was to assemble all this stuff that we think is essential to successful angling; it seems to take for ever. In the back of your mind is this nagging voice that is saying; "you know all this stuff that you are taking out you will have to eventually put away again at some stage and then wash when you get home."

Eventually we were set up and lines in the water waiting eagerly for that first tap to indicate all this effort was worth it. There we were gazing out to sea enjoying to moment, funny I didn't notice that white water on the horizon, must be a reef. Odd, it extends south to north, do reefs move because this white water is getting closer. Perhaps it could be the sea breeze.

It was upon us in about 3 minutes, screaming in from the south west at about 30 knots. Well at least that had taken care of the flies. It was ok, fishing at an angle to the beach and keeping the rod low we managed. The trouble with wind, it tends to move things in the direction that it blowing, including weed. What once was a weed free patch was steadily being converted into a very weedy patch. To add insult to injury, our original spot was fast clearing itself as the weed headed north. No use mumbling about it, just pack up all the stuff and move back to our original spot.

We weren't the only ones to be set upon by the wind. Peter, Andrew and Brian were in the process of setting up their tent when it became obvious that without very long sand pegs they would be spending the afternoon tent sailing instead of fishing.

Later in the afternoon the wind died off but then swung around to the east and cranked back up to a very fresh status. There is usually an up side to every change, this one was casting distance, pity nothing was waiting that far off shore. I wonder if the Stirling Council would consider shifting the car park to the eastern side of the Yokine oval for our summer dry casting.

George, Dave, Rick, Ross, Julie, and a few visitors fished to the south of Hill River and caught some good fish between them. George landed the heaviest scale fish for the weekend, a Tailor of 0.85kg. Tony and Filomena did their usual nomadic thing again, venturing as far north as Sandy Point, which earned Tony the heaviest bag for the competition.

Mark and Wendy Hansen fished second reef with a nice bag of storm gardies. Morris and Cooky fished there as well for a mixed bag of species. John and Paul found the going a little slow up at Jurien but never the less managed a few good fish. Chas presented an excellent snook of 1.45kg taken on a single handed rod. It was caught the day before the field day so was ineligible for the competition but it will no doubt find its way into the open competition.

Cervantes seems to be good value for effort, just 2.5 hours from Perth, you are still able to camp outside of the town and there is every likely hood of catching a reasonable bag of fish. It was pleasing to see a good turn out for this field day.

Just a reminder of the new bag and size regulations that have now come into force. For example the minimum length of tailor has gone from 250mm to 300mm, skippy from 200mm to 250mm and snook from 280mm to 300mm (these are not the only changes in size). There are also other changes in regard to mixed bag limits.

It is your responsibility to make sure that your bag complies with these new regulations before presenting your fish for weigh in. Brochures are available from tackle shops or the Fisheries web site.

As a very visual group of fishos, we set an example to the general public in regard to fishing and fishing etiquette, let's make sure it's the right one.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris Field Day Officer

Species caught on this field day were:- herring, tailor, snook, garfish, flathead, western rock blackfish, wrasse, skippy, tarwhine and whiting.

Results for the November Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	9.36 kg	6	30	203.6
Malcolm Harris	6.35 kg	6	23	173.5
George Holman	5.675 kg	4	14	146.75
Julie Kember	4.65 kg	4	11	126.5
Filomena D'Alonzo	5 kg	3	18	120
Ross Kember	2.5 kg	4	7	115
Mark Hansen	3 kg	3	18	110
Paul Thompson	2.55 kg	3	15	105.5
Morris Kolman	1.15 kg	4	4	101.5
Ian Cook	1.35 kg	3	9	93.5
Vix Alexander	1.775 kg	2	9	87.75
David Maxted	1.75 kg	2	4	87.5
John Romano	1.45 kg	2	11	84.5
Eric Parker	0.975 kg	2	3	79.75
Wendy Hansen	0.2 kg	1	2	62
Bob Henderson	0	0	0	50
Tom Lund	0	0	0	50
Geoff Raftis	0	0	0	50
Charles Riegert	0	0	0	50
Peter Stoeckel	0	0	0	50
Andrew Stoeckel	0	0	0	40
Brian Stokes	0	0	0	40
Martin Lockett (Visitor)	0	0	0	40
Paul Mollett (Visitor)	0	0	0	40
Heath Holman (Visitor)	0	0	0	40
Terry Fuller	0	0	0	20
Mathew Henderson	0	0	0	20

**Field Day prizes for November.**

Best Scale Fish	George Holman	Tailor	0.85 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	9.36 kg
Best Shark			

**Sportsperson of the Year Sections for November.**

Best Scale Fish	George Holman	Tailor	0.85 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	9.36 kg
Best Shark			

**Field Day Top Ten for 2003/2004 up to November.**

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	1357.9	6	Vix Alexander	311.3
2	Malcolm Harris	472.4	7	John Jardine	293.5
3	Ian Cook	452.0	8	George Holman	287.8
4	John Romano	381.8	9	Bob Henderson	253.0
5	Filomena D'Alonzo	328.0	10	Morris Kolman	241.5

## **Field Day Sections for 2003/2004**

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1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Dhufish	10.5
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	George Holman	Tailor	0.85 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Matt Henderson	Shark	4.6 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Filomena D'Alonzo	Mulloway	7.05 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	John Jardine	Tailor	4.3 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Skipjack Trevally	0.65 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Parrot Fish	3.95 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	38.3 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.2 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	George Holman	Tailor	4.8 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Matt Henderson	Tailor	0.425 kg
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Matt Henderson	Tailor	0.3 kg

### **December General Meeting Instruction Period.**

**When:-** Wednesday 10 December 2003, after the General Meeting which starts at 8:00 pm.

**Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

**Instruction Period:-** None – it's the Christmas get together.

## **Please bring a plate of food.**

### **Where Are All the Fishing Stories?**

Looking at the list of contents for the Reel Talk this month, where are all the fishing stories? I'll print what I'm given, or I have to search for stories, and then what you see is what you get.

Special thanks to new member Jim Atkinson for his article "Childhood Fishing Memories in Adelaide" in this month's Reel Talk.

That could be the start of a series. Where and when did you start fishing and what did you get up to? Tell us all about it.

# **December Night Cast**

Following the December Field day weigh in held at George Holman's house, we will hold a BYO barbecue and the club supplies the drinks. On dark, we venture out onto the adjacent oval and run a night cast for those who think they can cast a sinker accurately in the dark.

The use of a flick rod, a small sinker and a glow stick supplies many laughs and giggles and a lot of "could haves", and "would haves". With such huge trophies and prizes available, the competition is hot!

So simple, so easy and yet so many excuses. A lot of fun, friendly rivalry and a great night. Finishes by 9:00pm so come and join us.

The challenge is out, the drinks will be cold, the rewards will be huge, the comradery is great, and the honour of being champ will stay with you for the next 12 months. Hendo.

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