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Life Members of the Club

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

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Minutes of General Meeting, 11 April 2007

Venue : Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club Room.

Date : 11 April 2007.

Time: Meeting opened at 8.10pm.

Present : 21 present (19 Members, 3 Visitors)

Apologies : Scott Maloney, Sandra & Peet Wessels, and Greg Walker.

Visitors : Cameron Hogan (Friend of Tino), Paul Little (Friend of Morris), and John Webb.

Previous Minutes : As published in the March Reel Talk.

Moved Ian Cook, ***Seconded*** Jim Strong.

New Member Presentation : Presentation of new member information kit to Ken Parsons.

Inwards and Outwards Correspondence : None as Secretary Scott Maloney was unable to attend this meeting.

Secretary's Report : *Not Present*

Treasurer's Report : *Not Present*

Property Report : Vix gave a brief outline to new members and visitors regarding the benefits of the Kalbarri house for rent and the great fishing that can be had in the region.

Field Day Report : Malcolm spoke about the upcoming April Cape to Cape Field Day.

Drycasting Report : Given by Peter Pekaar in Scott's absence – drycasting was explained to the new people and the benefits it has for fishing on the beach.

For the day winners of the Men's, Veterans, Ladies and Juniors sections see drycasting results page.

AAA Report : George spoke about the article in the West Australian Newspaper by Mike Roennfeldt regarding the West Australian State team who attended the National Drycasting Championships in March. The team was featured with a great photo and article which explained the techniques of drycasting and the benefits to beach fishing. George has thanked Mike for his article on behalf of the team.

Regarding the AAA Fishing Clinics, unfortunately George has had to bow out of organizing them this year because of his other heavy commitments.

AAA is still having issues with getting officers for its Committee.

Recorder's Report : Ian presented Mark Hansen with a Species Badge, Mark having obtained his badge by catching ten of the eligible species.

Ian gave a brief outline to new members and visitors regarding the Species, Masters and Grand Masters badges and what is required to attain them.

Social Organiser : Josh has organized a car rally and will advise the club of two dates for members choose. He is working with Peter Stoeckel in regards to the organization of the Clubs Presentation Night and Dinner in June.

Reel Talk Editor : Marcia reported on the latest Reel Talk and also the letters she had sent out to Schools inviting them to the clubs Drycasting day. The letters have a flyer attached about the Club and its activities should the students want to learn more about fishing. Governor Stirling School has responded with interest.

General Business :

Raffles – A new format for the raffle was held at the last General Meeting as well as this one. Scott organized a meat tray which created a lot of interest last month and Vix organized a Unisex Anti-Mulie Cleanup kit for this month which also created interest. A second draw prize was donated by Mark and Wendy Hansen – A jar of Hansen Honey which was most appreciated.

Notice of Motions -

From Recorder Ian Cook – Leave Grand Masters Badges qualification level as they are but drop Masters qualification level down. *Motion Accepted*

From Peter Pekaar – Open up the drycasting court to AAA size. *Motion Accepted*

From Dry Casting Officer Scott Maloney – Increase fees for Drycasting, Single from \$6.00 to \$10.00 and Family from \$8.00 to \$12.00. *Motion Accepted*

From Field Day Officer Malcolm Harris – Increase fees for Field Day, Single from \$7.00 to \$10.00 and Family from \$9.00 to \$12.00. *Motion Accepted*

From a directive from committee to Field Day Officer Malcolm Harris – Field days prizes to be replaced by Certificates of merit. *Motion Accepted*

From Field Day Officer Malcolm Harris – New format for Local Field days. *Motion declined*

From Field Day Officer Malcolm Harris – Field Day Venues and dates voted on by Members and ratified for Competition Year 2007/2008
Reel Talk May 2007

George Holman moved, seconded Ian Cook that Field Day rules to remain as is for next competition Year 2007/2008

George Holman moved, seconded Ian Cook that Open Section rules to remain as is for next Competition Year 2007/2008

George Holman moved, seconded Ian Cook that Dry Casting rules to remain as is for next Competition Year 2007/2008

Instruction Period

Ian Cook presented a very interesting and comprehensive talk complete with maps and aerial photos of the Steep Point area in preparation of the upcoming fishing trip mid year.

Meeting Closed 10.15pm

Calendar for Next Three Months

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

29	AAA Event																				
8	Dry Casting						11	General Meeting			14	15	Field Day		18	Committee Meeting					
May 2007							June 2007							July 2007							
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					1	2	3	30	31					1	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	

Please note 10 June Dry Casting Day due to Field Day on 3 June.

2006/2007 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries

The following is the list of Field Day dates, venues and boundaries.

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details
11, 12, 13 May 2007	Rottnest	Rottnest Island
2-4 June 2007	Emu Springs	

2007 Dry Casting Dates. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting 8:30am.

Sunday, 6 May 2007	Sunday, 10 June 2007
Sunday, 1 July 2007	

2007 General Meeting Dates. All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, start 8:00pm.

Wednesday, 9 May 2007	Wednesday, 13 June 2007
Wednesday, 11 July 2007	

COMING CLUB EVENTS

May Dry Casting

When: Sunday, 6 May 2007

Where: Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events: Double handed accuracy, single handed accuracy, 56g distance, artificial bait distance, 112g distance

All casters please assist with the setting up at the beginning of the day before setting up your own gear.

Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

Sausage Sizzle: Sausage & Bread \$1.00; Can of Cool Drink \$1.00

Casting Sinkers also available on the day.

May General Meeting

When: Wednesday, 9 May 2007

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

Please remember to tick your name off the attendance sheet which is on the table near the door. And while you are there, what about buying some of the raffle tickets for the Unisex Post-Mullie Pack?

Field Day, Local

When: 12-13 May 2007

Sign On: Phone the FDO

Lines Down: Check with FDO

Boundaries: Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

Weigh In: 13 May at George Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8.00pm that night.

Field Day, Rottnest

When: 12-13 May 2007

Sign On: Phone the FDO

Lines Down: Check with FDO

Boundaries: Rottnest Island. Check with FDO

Weigh In: Sunday 13 May. Check with FDO

Dry Casting Winners for 1 April 2007

Event	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
56 gram Score	26	Peter Pekaar	28	George Holman
56 gram Distance	129	Peter Pekaar	141	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	25	Peter Pekaar	26	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	129	Peter Pekaar	135	George Holman
112 gram Score	31	Peter Pekaar	27	Bob Henderson
112 gram Distance	157	Peter Pekaar	157	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	87	Mark Hansen	139	Bob Henderson
Single Handed Acc.	29	Mark Hansen	32	George Holman, Terry Fuller
Section Highest Points	198	Mark Hansen	247	Bob Henderson

Event	Ladies Winner	
56 gram Score	16	Wendy Hansen
56 gram Distance	83	Wendy Hansen
Artificial Bait Score	6	Wendy Hansen
Artificial Bait Distance	63	Wendy Hansen
112 gram Score	15	Wendy Hansen
112 gram Distance	85	Wendy Hansen
Double Handed Acc.	84	Marcia Pekaar
Single Handed Acc.	4	Marcia Pekaar
Section Highest Points	114	Marcia Pekaar

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to April 2007	
56 gram Score	28	George Holman	29	Keith Heaney
56 gram Distance	141	George Holman	148	Keith Heaney
Artificial Bait Score	26	George Holman	27	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	135	George Holman	157	Joe Pullella
112 gram Score	31	Peter Pekaar	32	George Holman, Malcolm Harris
112 gram Distance	157	Peter Pekaar, George Holman	189	Keith Heaney
Double Handed Acc.	139	Bob Henderson	166	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	32	George Holman, Terry Fuller	34	George Holman
Day's High Points	247	Bob Henderson	269	Bob Henderson

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Contact: Brian Abbott

April Dry Casting Report

A cloudless sky, a light fresh breeze and friendly faces greeted me when I arrived at the oval. With plenty of help, the casting areas were soon set up ready for the day. A few regular faces were missing so numbers were down.

With the Vets on D/handed, a small group of seniors joined the Ladies on the distance court. Quite a few "visitors" arrived as our "write up in Saturday's *West Australian*" on our victories over in Victoria brought them to the oval to get some casting tips. Two were from Mandurah, another from Gingin with others from around the metro areas.

Once again, our "Club Members" gave guidance and there were many happy people improving their distance and accuracy in casting. Not one was interested in joining us and taking up casting as a sport.

During the Vets s/handed event the friendly banter did not deter the "quiet achiever" Terry who equalled George's score to share the section wins for the day. That blasted bail arm gave Trev a bit of curry by having a mind of its own. I'm told that "Bare Foot Boy" and Stokes from the seniors were grinning like "Chelsea Cats" because of their bull's eyes.

Meanwhile, I got a tip off that a certain bloke was a bit dejected when he was told that "The Missus" had beaten his d/handed score and commented that his distances were better. Going the distance aint nuffin if you can't get them straight!!!!

Cookie was grumbling that he just wasn't getting those casts right so George pulled him aside and gave a few little tips. It worked for he pipped me on his last cast and beamed with enjoyment. Poor "Ol Trev" should get some assistance too because that blasted "bail arm blues" was on his back all day.

Great casting by George won him the 56gram and a/bait events although "Perfect Pete" wasn't far behind. Pete made good by winning the 112gram event. George also won the s/handed Open event with two good casts. Marcia did well on her first attempt but had line problems in the end.

Well that's the end of the 2006/2007 casting year so it will be interesting to see the final results as many of you have improved greatly in all events which showed in your participation at the Nationals. Both Scott and I would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to all that have assisted us in running the dry casting during the past year.

A BIG THANKYOU TO PETE STOECKEL FOR THE SNAGS AND DRINKS.

MAY YOU CONTINUE TO HAVE FUN ON THE OVAL

Bob Henderson

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, takes them to the recyclers when he has enough and the price is right, donating all the proceeds to the Club.

Mal Head

Cape to Cape 14/15 April 2007

This was the last field day for our fishing year and we had the staggering number of four members elect to put in a couple of days fishing the south-west coast. The weather forecast was not brilliant for the Sunday, but Saturday promised to be ok. This is exactly how it turned out, fine although a little windy on Saturday and bucketing down on Sunday.

Since there were only four of us and the promise of rain on Sunday, Sandra, Peet, Vix and I shared a cabin at the Yallingup Holiday Village for the weekend. Well worth the few dollars for the convenience of a hot shower and a warm bed. From there we had easy access to all the boundaries from the jetty at Busselton to Margaret River.

After the sign on, Peet and Sandra headed off for a look around and after visiting a number of spots ended up at a small section of beach just south of Moses. Vix and I did the same and as the swell was rising, we also picked a small beach only we were a little to the north of Moses.

No sooner had my first mulie hit the water it was set upon by what could only be a hoard of Herring, so changing down to a double headed white bait rig, the Herring began to hit the beach in a constant stream. There was no shortage of Herring from then on and all we could hope for was that something bigger might put in an appearance at some time. Not to be, unfortunately, and the only other species in the bag at the end of the day was a good size Wirrah that I had landed at some rocks further to the south.

We were alone on the beach for the first couple of hours but were then joined by four guys on surfboards. By this time the swell had picked up considerably and these guys were having a great time riding some big waves. After an hour or so they staggered off the beach to recover and we had the beach to ourselves again.

Sandra and Peet had almost the identical experience as us with the Herring except Peet did manage to land a good Salmon of just over 3kg. Big waves were also crashing in on their beach as well and there are always one or two bigger ones that will catch you off guard which it did and sent their backpacks riding up the beach, drenching the contents in the process. Not all bad news, nothing lost, just the inconvenience of drying everything out.

By Sunday morning, it had started to drizzle with rain so it was unanimously decided that a return to our warm beds was in order and after a leisurely breakfast a few hours later we had our very brief weigh in. Peet had the heaviest scale fish with his Salmon and Vix had the heaviest bag of scale fish with over 20 Herring.

The drive home was very enjoyable, huge quantities of rain that washed the vehicle from top to bottom which was a welcome sight after such a long dry spell.

The next field day is Rottnest. Ian has made all the arrangements, however I think there are a couple of places available because of a few people have not been able to make it, contact Ian for details.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

*Malcolm Harris
Field Day Officer*

Field Day Sections up to and including April

Section		Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best Scale Fish (1 st Six Months)	George Holman	Mulloway	6.915
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Peet Wessels	Salmon	3.160
2	Most Meritorious Fish	0	0	0.000
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Malcolm Harris	Shark	8.150
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	George Holman	Mulloway	6.915
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Ian Cook	Tailor	2.900
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.150
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Trevally, Skipjack	0.834
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)	0	0	0.000
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Peter Osborne	Yellowtail Kingfish	2.490
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	12.742
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Ian Cook	Mulloway	5.000
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	8.180
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	0	0	0.000
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	0	0	0.000

Sportsperson Of The Year Sections for April

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	Peet Wessels	Salmon	3.160
Best Bag of Scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	4.658

Field Day Prizes for April

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	Peet Wessels	Salmon	3.160
Best Bag of Scale fish	Vix Alexander	Mixed Bag	4.346

Steep Point

This is a brief over view of issues relating to Shark Bay / Steep Point

Please look at the Steep Point Web site which is very informative and edited by an ex member Phil Braine. The Western Angler has had numerous articles on Shark Bay area.

Most westerly location in Western Australia and arguably one of the best land based fishing locations in Australia

Travel Distances		kms
Perth	- Overlander Roadhouse	704
Overlander Roadhouse	- Hamelin Pool	34
Overlander Roadhouse	- Nanga	80
Overlander Roadhouse	- Denham	128
Denham	- Monkey Mia	24
Overlander Roadhouse	- Carnarvon	200
Overlander Roadhouse	- Useless Loop	200

Getting There

From the Overlander Road House you turn onto the Denham road. Go 41km up the Denham road and turn onto the Useless Loop road. Just keep heading west and it is 149 km to Steep Point. The road can vary from fair to poor depending on weather, traffic etc. The last section of road from Bibbigidy Mill is 4 WD and can be very rough.

You pass through both **Tamala Station** – Mr Ian and Mrs Kerry King Ph/Fax: (08) 9948 3994 Or write to PMB 20 Via Geraldton WA 6530 and Carrarang Station.

Travel Times Depending on speed and pit stops

Perth - Geraldton	5 hrs
Geraldton - Overlander	3 hrs
Overlander - Steep Point	3 hrs

Weather and Time of Year

Summer is the time most mooted for mackerel and is very hot with strong SW winds on afternoon

In the winter months you need to allow a 10-day excursion so as to get some good fishing conditions in between the weather fronts. Once the front has passed the winds will return to light easterlies

It is advisable to go out of school holidays as there can be up to 40 vehicles in the area. The better fishing locations are usually all gone unless you get up very early to stake a spot.

The 4 major fishing locations are Steep Point and False Entrance the Zuytdorp Cliffs Pronounced (Zurtoff) and the inner bays. The cliffs range from Sea level to 160m. This area is extremely dangerous and has taken numerous lives and injured club members in the past. Take extreme care and talk to an old hand about fishing locations.

Scenic Views

The cliff scenery is spectacular especially during a storm with big swells hitting the cliff face and water coming up hundreds of feet. During good weather you can see Manta Rays, Sharks and fish swimming pass you. During the whale migration season whales can move slowly along the base of the cliffs being no more than 50 metres out. Some whales even come into Shelter Bay which is the camping location. When the bait fish are schooling you can watch the spectacle of whales and sharks herding up the bait fish and lunging through the bait balls to feed. There some interesting coral and sponge beds for those who snorkel.

Fishing Locations

Examples are the Arm Chair, Suicide, Freight Train, Washing Machine, Thunder Bay and Crayfish Bay. Some locations can only be fished SAFELY in very good conditions ie Thunder Bay.

Targeted Species

Narrow Barred Spanish Mackerel 6 to 35 – 40 Kg

Mulloway, YT kingfish, Cobia, Sailfish, Tuna, Tailor 5 – 6 kg

Pink Snapper, Spangled Emperor, Yellow Fin Bream and Yellow Fin Whiting

Do not forget fishing the flats and inner bay for Pink Snapper, Yellow finned Whiting, Yellow Fin Bream, Flathead. Fishing the reefs along the inside of Dirk Hartog Island can produce Baldchin groper, Emperor, Tailor, Large Flathead and Pink Snapper.

Specialised gear and know how ie Flying gaff operation. Deep spool Alveys, Strong lifting rods. Fly fishing on the flats. Ballooning, Lures, Bottom Bouncing, Light Gear, Boat Fishing. Subjects to be covered in another article

Camping

False Entrance

Limited camping 6 camps, no facilities, Less cliff face to fish than Steep Point and swells run along cliff face. False Entrance is 24.2 km as the crow fly's south of Steep Point. You can fish False Entrance with wind directions between South Easterly through South Westerly

Steep Point

Allocated camp sites, pit toilets, rubbish removal, boat launching, some supplies available, more people. You can fish Steep Point with wind directions between Easterly through West South West.

Permit

\$22 per vehicle inc GST and \$5 per person per day Plus a refundable \$100 Environmental levy.

Hire

Generators, freezers, ice, walk-in freezer & fresh water. FUEL no longer available.

Alternatives

Tamala Station, Cararang Station

Weather

10 days especially in winter to allow for a cold front to pass and winds to return to light easterlies.

Wind Direction

August	SE with afternoon around the compass predominantly SW
October	Beginning of strong South/South Westerly afternoon breezes
December to February	S to SW all day
March - April	SE with afternoon SW
May - June	SE to NE with afternoon SW
June - July	SE to NE with afternoon around the compass
July	SE to NE with afternoon around the compass

DOLA Web site

OPENING Skyview

<http://www.steepoint.com.au/>

DOLA Skyview

http://www.landonline.com.au/skyviewwa/content/asp/skyviewwa_index.asp?product_group_id=78

Opening SkyView can be a pain with some computers and software initially.

1. Use Internet explorer
2. Allow popups
3. Launch by holding Shift and return.
4. Then allow popups temporarily from tool bar
5. If asked say always allow popups for this site
6. Proceed
7. click low resolution
8. Click on Shark Bay area folder
9. Open map
10. Drag and enlarge to desired area
11. Click image and again use toolbar tools to manipulate image

Ian has a number of wind charts which, unfortunately, didn't print well in the Reel Talk. Please feel free to contact Ian by email on iancook@iinet.net.au if you'd like a copy [ed].

Tight Lines Ian

Recorders Report April 2007

2006 / 2007 Open Competition Results till April 2007

Section	For	Min Weight	Details
1.	Most Meritorious Capture	None	Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.
2.	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	
4.	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5.	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman 4.0 kg False Entrance
7.	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Andrew Pekaar Flathead 0.375 kg
9.	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman 3.3 kg False Entrance
10.	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	Dave Maxted 0.6 kg Steep Point
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman 11.5 kg False Entrance
12.	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	
13.	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14.	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15.	Best Black or Yellow fin Bream	0.6 kg	
16.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	George Holman Bonefish 2.8 kg False Entrance
17.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	

Please let me know if there are any omissions.

Barron Lure Competition

Heaviest Tailor	2.4 kg	Mal Harris
Heaviest Salmon	3.85 kg	Mark Hansen
Heaviest Scale fish		

Species for the Species Badge are not automatically recorded from the FD results. You need to give the recorder a written list of the species and which FD you caught them on. Species caught outside of a field day need to be submitted on the standard application form.

I am sure there are a number of members who will have captured the required species for the species badge but which are not recorded.

Recfishwest Report for AAA Delegates Meeting 17 April 2007

Discussions Dept of Fisheries and Recfishwest. An informal meeting was held Wednesday 11 April. Items discussed included:-

No fishing signs in Ascot Waters.

Whiting and tarwhine exemption size limit exemptions in Shark Bay.

Mortality in abalone catch estimates.

Research priorities, including herring and recreational catch estimates under IFM.

Barramundi Accord.

Concerns about Giant threadfin salmon.

Review of South coast estuaries.

Wetline implementation issues in 2007.

Recreational issues in Departmental submissions.

Changes to funding for Integrated Fisheries Management.

Commercial Total Allowable Catch for oceanic pink snapper in Shark Bay.

Management change information advice to Recfishwest.

Recfishwest's article in Hotbite magazine about the wetline review.

Halt the Salt Campaign. The Halt the Salt campaign at www.haltthesalt.org had generated over 2,400 submissions against the proposal for a very large salt mine on the eastern shores of Exmouth Gulf.

Working with Political Parties. Recfishwest has prepared and published a policy which sets out what RFW will and will not do politically. This includes:

"Recfishwest has made a deliberate decision that it will work positively and constructively with all elected governments of whatever political party:-

- 1. to ensure sustainable management of fish stocks and habitat,*
- 2. to preserve the environment,*
- 3. to obtain adequate funding, and*
- 4. all other items which could affect the interests of the recreational fishing community of Western Australia.*

RFW will work within the overall political and administrative system for suitable decisions during the development stage of policies and proposals affecting these important issues.

RFW will provide credible alternatives where we do not support some details of any policies or proposals made by others.

RFW will cooperate to provide comments to any party, organisation or individual during the development of their policies or proposals.

RFW will not openly support any one political party or candidate over any other, and RFW will not recommend or advise people how they should or could vote or comment on political issues.

RFW's public comments on policies and proposals affecting the interests of recreational fishing may be used by people, or ignored, as just one of many inputs to their own personal decisions on how to vote, who to vote for, or what comments to make.

For the full text, see <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/PolicyWorkingWithPoliticalParties.htm>

Rowley Shoals and Montebellos/Barrow Islands Marine Parks. The final plans for these were announced on Easter Monday. These have a significant effect on recreational fishing in the areas which previously had a very small impact. Such fishing tourism provided a presence in the areas for monitoring illegal fishing. Some of this monitoring will be lost, for no gains in environmental protection.

Other Topics

Fisheries Research Advisory Body Stakeholder Workshop
Kahawai (Aust Salmon) Legal Challenge (New Zealand)
Federal Court Ruling; the Blue Mud Bay Native Title Case (Northern Territory)
Commonwealth South West Bioregional Marine Planning
City of South Perth Salter Point Lagoon Management Plan
Swan River Trust Boating Management Strategy
Commonwealth Community Grants Scheme
Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Submission
Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme
Boating Industry Association/Recfish Australia/Recfishwest Meeting
Sepia Depression Ocean Outlet Working Group
Puerulus (Rock Lobster) Aquaculture Working Group
Bennett Brook Taskforce – actions on feral fish.

Submissions in Preparation

Western Rock Lobster Integrated Fisheries Management Allocation Report
Draft Healthy Rivers Plan
Abrolhos Islands Management Plan Review

Recfishwest Membership

Recfishwest is your public voice whenever decisions are being made which affect our fisheries, or access to areas for fishing. Fish stocks, the waters and coastal areas are owned by the whole community, not by any individual or any company who may be licensed to exploit them.

Decisions are being made now which will affect fishing opportunities for you, your children and your grandchildren in the future. Recfishwest represents the needs of both current and future generations of recreational fishers to maintain their access to their fair share of the State's fish stocks.

You need Recfishwest to look after your recreational fishing interests. Who else has the time, the knowledge, the professional approach, the realistic alternatives, the willingness and the contacts?

Recfishwest needs YOUR support. We would really like you to become a member, get involved and help us. After all, **you** are the ones who will benefit if Recfishwest succeeds, or **you will lose out when Recfishwest is ignored.**

Membership costs only \$22 per year which, to put in perspective, is the about the same cost as a couple of blocks of mulies, a couple of decent lures, 100 yards of fireline, or 20 litres of fuel, which every fisher uses in his vehicle or boat but 20 litres doesn't last very long.

A membership form is on the Recfishwest website <http://www.recfishwest.org.au> which is kept up to date with current and previous activities. But if you can't join or help, at least find out what Recfishwest does, tell Recfishwest what you need and give Recfishwest your comments. Most of all, please spread the news about what's going on and let others know who is working for recreational fishermen and getting things done - and that is Recfishwest.

Please let other people know when you agree with what Recfishwest is doing, because that sort of support is vital. Otherwise some people who make the decisions will question your silence. If you don't agree, please let us know why so we can discuss it with you.

Your Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association working voluntarily on your behalf is Terry Fuller. Contact Terry on 9447 4545 or email terryfuller@iinet.net.au with any questions or comments.

***Report prepared by Terry Fuller
Recfishwest Board Member for Australian Anglers Association***

2007 AAA National Championships

Dry Casting Individual Results by WA Entrants

Men's Division

1st	W018M	Joe Pullella								WA	
Accuracy		23 16	0	19	20 18	14	19		129	90.85%	
Up to 112 gram distance		159.08			158.69				317.77	94.34%	
Artificial Bait distance		132.54			121.13				253.67	100.00%	
Total										285.19%	
Overall%										100.00%	

5th	W015M	Malcolm Harris								WA	
Accuracy		22 15	7	7	0 21	22	20		114	80.28%	
Up to 112 gram distance		142.17			133.30				275.47	81.78%	
Artificial Bait distance		105.28			99.09				204.37	80.57%	
Total										242.63%	
Overall%										85.08%	

9th	W024M	Keith Heaney								WA	
Accuracy		6 17	6	19	0 21	18	20		107	75.35%	
Up to 112 gram distance		172.56			0.00				172.56	51.23%	
Artificial Bait distance		130.94			113.17				244.11	96.23%	
Total										222.81%	
Overall%										78.13%	

10th	W023M	Scott Maloney								WA	
Accuracy		10 20	0	19	9 21	0	13		92	64.79%	
Up to 112 gram distance		127.26			122.64				249.90	74.19%	
Artificial Bait distance		119.10			93.35				212.45	83.75%	
Total										222.73%	
Overall%										78.10%	

11th	W012M	Nick Allsworth								WA	
Accuracy		12 22	16	22	9 11	14	7		113	79.58%	
Up to 112 gram distance		135.55			0.00				135.55	40.24%	
Artificial Bait distance		122.23			115.96				238.19	93.90%	
Total										213.72%	
Overall%										74.94%	

23rd	W021M	Mark Hansen								WA	
Accuracy		3 0	0	13	0 13	12	0		41	28.87%	
Up to 112 gram distance		0.00			133.32				133.32	39.58%	
Artificial Bait distance		97.35			105.73				203.08	80.06%	
Total										148.51%	
Overall%										52.07%	

24th	W017M	Peter Pekaar		WA								
Accuracy			0	13	11	2	23	18	0	12	79	55.63%
Up to 112 gram distance			0.00				133.10				133.10	39.52%
Artificial Bait distance			119.80				0.00				119.80	47.23%
Total												142.38%
Overall%												49.92%

Veterans Division

2nd	W010VM	Gary Gildersleeves		WA								
Accuracy			16	14	25	14	25	20	25	20	159	100.00%
Up to 112 gram distance			129.53				131.81				261.34	88.59%
Artificial Bait distance			106.73				95.38				202.11	90.68%
Total												279.27%
Overall%												93.88%

3rd	W013VM	Alan Jones		WA								
Accuracy			16	20	23	19	21	16	23	18	156	98.11%
Up to 112 gram distance			114.74				114.43				229.17	77.68%
Artificial Bait distance			96.85				93.16				190.01	85.25%
Total												261.05%
Overall%												87.75%

5th	W007VM	Bob Henderson		WA								
Accuracy			16	1	8	20	14	19	0	7	85	53.46%
Up to 112 gram distance			132.79				131.85				264.64	89.71%
Artificial Bait distance			107.71				96.12				203.83	91.45%
Total												234.62%
Overall%												78.87%

8th	W025VM	George Holman		WA								
Accuracy			22	15	0	19	21	20	21	13	131	82.39%
Up to 112 gram distance			123.45				0.00				123.45	41.85%
Artificial Bait distance			118.08				99.88				217.96	97.79%
Total												222.03%
Overall%												74.64%

10th	W020VM	Ian Cook		WA								
Accuracy			5	20	0	0	5	10	11	19	70	44.03%
Up to 112 gram distance			122.45				105.78				228.23	77.36%
Artificial Bait distance			99.14				94.34				193.48	86.81%
Total												208.20%
Overall%												69.99%

11th	W011VM	Malcolm Head		WA							
Accuracy		1	24	11	14	18	0	13	10	91	57.23%
Up to 112 gram distance		109.64				111.32				220.96	74.90%
Artificial Bait distance		87.21				81.92				169.13	75.88%
Total											208.02%
Overall%											69.92%

20th	W019VM	Trevor Stam		WA							
Accuracy		9	10	8	17	21	12	0	8	85	53.46%
Up to 112 gram distance		78.93				57.17				136.10	46.13%
Artificial Bait distance		70.05				39.81				109.86	49.29%
Total											148.88%
Overall%											50.05%

Ladies Division

1st	W014F	Vix Alexander		WA							
Accuracy		13	9	19	18	20	1	1	13	94	88.68%
Up to 112 gram distance		94.97				80.01				174.98	93.09%
Artificial Bait distance		63.80				51.87				115.67	72.94%
Total											254.71%
Overall%											100.00%

7th	W022F	Wendy Hansen		WA							
Accuracy		0	7	0	13	0	21	2	3	46	43.40%
Up to 112 gram distance		86.41				76.64				163.05	86.74%
Artificial Bait distance		53.47				34.32				87.79	55.36%
Total											185.50%
Overall%											72.83%

8th	W016F	Marcia Pekaar		WA							
Accuracy		0	0	0	0	0	19	2	22	43	40.57%
Up to 112 gram distance		69.77				61.12				130.89	69.63%
Artificial Bait distance		55.92				54.26				110.18	69.47%
Total											179.67%
Overall%											70.54%

Junior Division

3rd	W009J	Andrew Pekaar		WA							
Accuracy		0	9	21	11	22	23	0	0	86	76.79%
Up to 112 gram distance		128.38				122.46				250.84	95.39%
Artificial Bait distance		77.80				81.67				159.47	82.04%
Total											254.22%
Overall%											86.28%

Dry Casting Teams Results by WA Entrants

Men

1st	WA A Team	Acc Total	56 gm Total	Art Bait Total	
W012M	Nick Allsworth	113	247.80	280.68	
W021M	Mark Hansen	41	249.48	216.64	
W017M	Peter Pekaar	79	271.90	270.75	
W023M	Scott Maloney	92	246.25	242.29	
W024M	Keith Heaney	107	156.23	319.50	
W015M	Malcolm Harris	114	240.78	264.36	
W018M	Joe Pullella	129	135.82	162.63	
Reserve / low score eliminated		634	1412.44	1594.22	
		100%	100%	100%	300.00%

Veterans

1st	WA A Team	Acc Total	56 gm Total	Art Bait Total	
W007VM	Bob Henderson	85	257.78	244.33	
W011VM	Malcolm Head	91	238.85	193.89	
W010VM	Gary Gildersleeves	159	258.47	245.04	
W025VM	George Holman	131	297.06	133.98	
W013VM	Alan Jones	156	244.16	223.76	
Reserve / low score eliminated		537	1057.47	907.02	
		100%	100%	96.8%	296.80%

Veterans

6th	WA B Team	Acc Total	56 gm Total	Art Bait Total	
W020VM	Ian Cook	70	139.90	201.35	
W019VM	Trevor Stam	85	121.03	189.94	
Reserve / low score eliminated		155	260.93	391.29	
		28.86%	24.67%	41.76%	95.30%

Ladies

4th	WA A Team	Acc Total	56 gm Total	Art Bait Total	
W022F	Wendy Hansen	46	155.70	134.25	
W016F	Marcia Pekaar	43	0.00	134.01	
W014F	Vix Alexander	94	205.37	161.29	
Reserve / low score eliminated		183	361.07	429.55	
		70.11%	63.23%	81.07%	214.42%

Juniors

3rd	WA A Team	Acc Total	56 gm Total	Art Bait Total	
W009J	Andrew Pekaar	86	268.09	210.00	
Reserve / low score eliminated		86	268.09	210.00	
		41.35%	62.28%	53.71%	157.34%

2007 Phillip Island National AAA Convention Report

The 30th National Angling Championships and Convention was held at Phillip Island, Victoria from 21st of February to 9th of March 2007.

Sponsorship and support was forthcoming from the Department of Sport and Recreation and Recfishwest which assisted the group participating. Terry Fuller was integral in the early arrangements and Bob Henderson, who was State Captain, did a lot of the work before and at the Convention.

To DSR, Recfishwest, Terry Fuller and Bob Henderson must go a very sincere thank you from all who participated and from our WA AAA Division.

A contingent of 18 representatives attended from Western Australia and competed mainly in the dry casting events.

Planning and preparation commenced some 18 months earlier. When our 18 representatives finally arrived it was the result of a lot of meetings, sorting out a few bumps along the way, making concrete decisions, and a group working together - teamwork!

The convention numbers were down on previous carnivals as New South Wales and Queensland fishers do not like fishing at Phillip Island.

Credit must go to Graham MacPherson (President General) and Tim Hose (Coordinator/Secretary) and the workers from the Victorian Division for the efficient manner the events were run and the success of the Carnival.

Most of our group travelled from Melbourne airport and around the venues in a 22 seater bus which was a positive way of bonding the group together and was very enjoyable. It enabled everyone to have a good look at what Phillip Island and surrounding areas had to offer and also helped us to transport our rods and equipment to and from the casting area.

Woolamai Race Course was the venue for the casting and four "V" courts were laid down in the centre of this venue which was quite appropriate. The Western Australian group was 95 percent responsible for marking and laying down the courts on the Thursday afternoon because of lack of workers due to one of the other competitions being held at that time. Thank you to those who helped out.

The weather for the Friday casting was hot and the breeze did a full 360 degrees during the day. Saturday welcomed us with a headwind varying from light to strong, some thunderstorm activity and even a shower of rain.

I was very impressed with the camaraderie and teamwork of all our representatives, ably led by our State Captain Bob Henderson, and the manner with which they all went about the task of representing our State. The results were just reward.

In the team events we were successful in winning the Open and Veteran's divisions, and our Ladies came fourth.

Joe Pullella won the Open Individual event, Vix Alexander won the Ladies Individual event, and Gary Gildersleeves was runner up in the Veterans division.

Our junior caster, Andrew Pekaar, cast extremely well to run third and was very close to two very talented juniors who have a lot of casting experience. Andrew has been casting for less than six months but I am sure he will be the leader in this event in two years' time.

Keith Heaney from Western Australia had the longest cast of 172.56 metres in the 112 gram distance event which was cast into a brisk headwind.

All our team members cast well, learned a lot and have all put their hands up to attend the next Carnival.

This will be held at Wallaroo on the "Copper Coast" of York Peninsula, South Australia from 21st of March to the 3rd April in 2009.

All events, Boat, Beach, Estuary and Casting will be over two days each and results will be counted for both individuals and teams.

Charter boats will be available for the offshore fishing events.

We look forward to seeing boat and beach fishers attend this venue.

George Holman

The 18 members who attended were:-

Men's: Malcolm Harris, Joe Pullella, Nick Allsworth, Mark Hansen, Scott Maloney, Peter Pekaar, Keith Heaney.

Veterans: Bob Henderson, Alan Jones, Malcolm Head, Gary Gildersleeves, Ian Cook, Trevor Stam, George Holman.

Ladies: Vix Alexander, Wendy Hansen, Marcy Pekaar.

Junior: Andrew Pekaar.

Kalbarri House For Rent

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

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

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

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

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

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

Vix Alexander, Property Officer

CASTING RECORDS

CLUB STATE NATIONAL

Club

Each month at the end of the SCAC dry casting day, your efforts are recorded by the Club DCO and checked to see if a record has been achieved. Individuals should also do their own check on receiving next month's Reel Talk. Each division is checked and if a caster has been successful then the DCO adjusts the Club records AND notifies the caster concerned at the next Club meeting, PLUS advertises in next month's Reel Talk. A certificate recognising the record cast is to be presented.

The "Club Record" is also checked with the current State and National casting records. In the event that the "Club Record" is also a State/National record, the caster is advised and "The Proper AAA Application Form" is to be filled out and forwarded to the State branch of the AAA "Along" with the correct recording fees **BY THE CASTER**.

A follow up with the AAA of WA Records Division **MUST** be carried out by the applicant to verify receiving entry and if application is successful.

State

All Club casting results are eligible for a State record as the SCAC casting days are registered with the AAA of WA. Casting results at AAA State Titles are also eligible.

All casting results at any AAA National Convention event **ARE** eligible for a State record.

Any successful caster **MUST** fill out the "The Proper AAA Application Form" and forward "With the Correct Fees" to the AAA of WA State Records Division **ASAP**.

A follow up with the AAA of WA Record Division **MUST** be carried out by the applicant to verify receiving entry and if application is successful.

National

All casting results at any National Convention are eligible for a National Record **AND** State record.

Any successful caster **MUST** fill out "The Proper AAA Application Form" and forward "With the Correct Fees" to the AAA of WA State Records Division **ASAP**.

A follow up with the AAA of WA Records Division **MUST** be carried out by the applicant to verify receiving entry and if application is successful.

NEVER RELY ON OTHERS ... ALWAYS CHECK

Bob Henderson

A young man walks onto the stage of the English TV show "*Stars in Their Eyes*", on Crutches, with a plaster cast from his feet to his hips. The compare Matthew Kelly Introduces him as Simon. 'It's very brave of you to come out here,' says Matthew. 'Please tell the audience what happened?'

'Well' replies Simon 'about a year ago, I was driving with my uncle when we had a really bad accident. Unfortunately my uncle was killed outright but I survived. I was trapped in the car for six hours. Before I was eventually cut free, the doctors had me in surgery for 12 hours but they couldn't save my legs.'

'That's terrible. But I see you have legs now. Are they artificial?' asks Matthew.

No Matthew, while I was in hospital the doctors informed me that my uncle had in fact died, but that his legs were fine and with all the advances in medical science, they could graft the bottom half of his body onto mine. As you can see the operation was successful. I have been having physiotherapy for six months and hope to be walking fully again by the end of the year.

A huge round of applause erupts from the audience. Matthew responds with "that's an unbelievable story".

So tonight, who are you going to be?'

'Tonight, Matthew, I am going to be "Simon and Halfuncle"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS WHO HAVE THEIR BIRTHDAY IN MAY

Mal Harris	3 rd
Doug Edward	7 th
Lee-Anne Heaney	15 th
Marcia Pekaar	20 th
Joe Pullella	22 nd
Scott Maloney	23 rd
Peter Stoeckel	25 th

Field Days 2007/2008

Date	Location
12-13 May 2007	Rottnest
2-4 June 2007 (LWE)	Emu Springs
14-15 July 2007	Cape to Cape
18-19 August 2007	Rottnest
15-16 September 2007	Cervantes to Sandy Cape/Local (new format)
29 September - 1 October 2007 (LWE)	Horrocks to Kalbarri
17-18 November 2007	Cervantes
15-16 December 2007	Yanchep to Seabird
12-13 January 2008	Local
16-17 February 2008	Cervantes
1-3 March 2008 (LWE)	Bluff Creek
25-27 April 2008 (LWE)	S-Bend