

# Reel Talk

## April 2025



*Official newsletter of the Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc)*





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# April General Meeting

## Venue : The Italian Club

217 Fitzgerald Street, West Perth

Wednesday 9th<sup>h</sup> of April 2025,

Dinner at 7:00PM

General Meeting at 8:00pm.

Members enjoying a meal and chat  
before General Meeting



## Dinner At Italian Club

**\$12 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIALS**

- ✚ \$12 main | \$12 pasta | \$12 margherita pizza
- ✚ Each person must purchase a drink for special to apply
- ✚ Order meals at counter and let them know you are in The Lounge Bar
- ✚ There is no need to RSVP to club secretary if dining before General Meeting.
- ✚ Meals & drinks paid by members as they order.

## April Birthdays

Vix  
Shane  
Sri



# President's Report

General Meeting 12/03/25

*Well the main focus has been the change of venue for our meetings. Responses?*

## **Other News**

We have had the Sunday Times story by Scott Coghlan. To date we have had one new member inquiry from Gary Shelton, who is here tonight.

## **Western Angler Magazine**

The March edition of Western Angler magazine is now out, and our half page advert is included, right up the front of the magazine on page 14. Many thanks to the Western Angler Magazine's Scott Coghlan and team for supporting our club with this low-cost advert. If we can secure the same rate, I think it would be a good investment in the four editions that they produce each year.

## **New Membership**

We also had one new membership application, Bill Chin, you may remember he attended our last general meeting. Does anyone have any objections regarding Bill's membership?

## **Reel Talk**

I'm sure you have all received the latest edition of the reel talk, congratulations to Maureen Wignell for reviving this most important method of communicating with the members. Not all members are able to attend the meeting, so this is perfect way of keeping in touch.

## **Field Days**

February and March field days were attended by small group of members, we would like to see these numbers increase so if anyone has any suggestions on how we make these more attractive the committee would like to hear from you.

## **Reminder**

Just a reminder that suggestions for next year's fishing calendar would also be appreciated by the committee. The next fishing year begins in May.

## **Fishing Tip**

Fishing the beaches north and south of Perth in the summer seems to come with the unwanted attendance of feral bees looking for a drink. They will be attracted to any moisture be it water beer or soft drink and can quite easily become trapped in a drink container and if not careful can be swallowed with disastrous results. One way around this is to give the bees



what they want but away from your camp. A wet sock or rag hung up in a tree or something similar a short distance away will lure the bees away so as not to be a nuisance. Don't forget to replenish the sock or rag after a few hours.



*Thirsty bees.*

*Malcolm Harris*

*President*

## CLUB NEWS

Thank you to Dale for sharing these photographs of a fishing trip to Reef Beach in 2023.



It is great for members to share photos/stories/memories of club events and personal experiences. It reminds everyone of shared times and why our club has remained successful.



# Competition and Events

## April May 2025

Field day dates for the Competition Year have been set and Long Weekends(LWE) noted .

EVENT	DATE/S	VENUE	BOUNDARIES
<b>Dry Casting</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> April Monday	Perth Polo Club Meadow St Guildford WA 6055	
<b>General Meeting</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> April Wednesday	The Italian Club 217 Fitzgerald Street, West Perth	
<b>Field Day</b>	APRIL 19 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> (Easter)	<b>Bluff Creek</b> Lines Down: Saturday 12.00pm Lines up: Monday 9.00am Weigh In: Monday 11.00am Location to be decided at the meeting	Bluff Creek
	APRIL 19 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> (Easter)	<b>Local: North Mole to Yanchep</b> Lines Down: Saturday 12.00pm Lines up: Monday 9.00am Weigh In: Monday 11.00am Location to be decided at the meeting	North Mole to Yanchep
<b>Rottnest</b>	JUNE 20 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ferry leaves Friday(Northport) 5.45pm Monday leaves Rotto 10.30am	Rottnest
<b>Rottnest</b>	AUGUST 8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Ferry leaves Friday(Northport) 5.45pm Monday leaves Rotto 10.30am	Rottnest
	<b>Standard weekends</b> Lines down Saturday 0600 Lines up Sunday 0900		<b>Long weekends and Rottnest</b> Lines down Saturday 0600 Lines up Monday 0900

Venues will be reviewed at the General Meeting before the Field Day and if inclement weather or other concern is raised then the venue may be changed

Local Field Days will be Mandurah to South Mole and North Mole to Yanchep. These venues will be alternated each month.

Long weekends have been considered and some Field Days have been changed from the weekend following the General Meeting to allow for the Long Weekend.

Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Friday 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day.

# Rottnest Field Days 2025

Please see the information below and let me know **ASAP** if you are interested in joining us for these action-packed weekends. You can confirm your interest by email [peetwessels@gmail.com](mailto:peetwessels@gmail.com) or by SMS message or phone call to my mobile 0407160795.

## JUNE

Leave Fremantle Northport - Friday 20 June 2025. 5.45pm arriving Rotto 6:15pm. Return Monday 23 June 2025 leaves Rotto 10.30am arriving Fremantle Northport 11:00am.

**Individual Total Costs for June is \$180.** This payment includes accommodation, Island transport and 2 ferry crates. Excluded in the cost is car park, ferry, food, drinks and bait. **ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT**

For the June FD we need a deposit of \$100 before end of March 2025 and balance of payment \$80 before end of May 2025.

## AUGUST

Leave Fremantle - Friday 8 August 2025. 5.45pm arriving Rotto 6:15pm. Return Monday 11 August 2025 leaves Rotto 10.30am arriving Fremantle Northport 11.00am.

**Individual Total Costs for August is \$180.** This payment includes Accommodation, bus transport and 2 ferry crates. Excluded in the cost is car park, ferry, food, drinks and bait.

For the August FD we need a deposit of \$100 before the end of May 2025 and balance of payment \$80 before end of June 2025.



Over the years we had some fantastic Rotto Field days, and Rottnest Island is still my number 1 fishing venue on our fishing calendar. Not only is it an awesome fishing location but also a venue where we share great camaraderie and friendship between us all

I hope to see a lot of interest by our members for this unique venue and I am looking forward to fishing shoulder to shoulder to you out on that great Radar Reef.

Tight Lines

**Peet Wessels**

**Rottnest Field Day Coordinator**



# DRY CASTING

## Report & Results March2025

The morning had an autumnal feel, with a cool easterly blowing across the soft, dewy turf. As per last month, there were only two casters for the March drycasting. Normally we would start with the accuracy events, however because of the easterly blowing at our backs, the decision to have the distance to begin with was made. Gary took out the 56g and 112g casts with the longest being 146.95m. I jagged the artificial bait event 'cause Gary dropped one out of bounds.

We then went onto double handed accuracy which Gary won also the single-handed where he made the target ring with a bullseye. After we'd packed away the equipment we chatted with Brad, the groundsman, who let us know that the Polo tournaments will conclude mid-April. **This means our next drycasting day is on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, from May onwards, we will return to Sunday mornings casting.**

**Mark Hansen**

**Acting DCO**

### Results

DISTANCE EVENTS										
NAME	56g	H/C	SCORE	A/BAIT	H/C	SCORE	112g	H/C	SCORE	TOTAL
Gary Gildersleeves	127.32	2	129.32	115	5	120	146.95	6	152.95	
	132.04	2	134.04	0	0	0	137.53	6	143.53	679.84
Mark Hansen	73.25	35	108.25	67.1	34	101.1	86.94	42	128.94	
	71.42	35	106.42	83.27	34	117.27	96.42	42	138.42	700.4

ACCURACY EVENTS							
NAME	DOUBLE HANDED	H/C	SCORE	SINGLE HANDED	H/C	SCORE	TOTAL
Gary Gildersleeves	148	0	148	20	3	23	171
Mark Hansen	100	48	148	18	7	25	173

MARCH'S TOTALS			
NAME	ACCURACY	DISTANCE	TOTAL
Gary Gildersleeves	171	679.84	850.84
Mark Hansen	173	700.4	873.4

*Dry casting is held once a month at Perth Polo Club Meadow St Guildford WA 6055  
Please contact Mark Hansen if you are interested in joining in. All Welcome*

# FIELD DAY REPORT: 15-16<sup>th</sup> February

## Wilbinga to 3 Mile Reef

15-16 February 2025

We had arranged to meet at the Wilbinga Grove parking area at 11.00am Saturday to discuss where we would fish for the weekend. After waiting for some time for someone else to arrive Peet, Sandra, Oliver and I headed off to suss out 3-mile reef.

No one from our little party had fished the 3 Mile Reef before so it was always going to be a search and discover tour. I had heard that the beach north of Guilderton was very soft so we decided to take the back tracks. After some soft sand and a few corrections, we arrived at the coast to find that we were parked on a cliff face of about 3 meters above the beach with no vehicle access to the beach, reassessment time.

Peet, Sandra and Oliver had arranged to meet family later in the day at our chosen spot, however, the family was never going to find us where we were so they decided to drive back into Guilderton to see if they could find a more accessible spot. While in Guilderton they just happened to meet Vince and Todd who had got the timing of the morning meeting slightly off. Looking around the beach at Guilderton they decided to fish outside the boundaries so headed up to Cervantes.

I elected to stay at 3 Mile but not having the vehicle on the beach was disappointing, so I set off to see if there was access at some of the other tracks that we had passed on our way in. Eventually got onto the beach and yes, the beach was very soft but managed to get back to the reef so fished there the weekend.



Great fishing clear patch alongside the reef.

It was a great spot, but the fish were in scarce supply, ideal conditions but not much biting.

I finished the weekend with just two Tailor and a usual number of blowies.

### Cervantes Results

David Wessels: 1 x Tailor.

Sandra Wessels: 2 x Tailor, 1 x Flathead, 1 x Butterfish, and numerous Blowies.

Peet Wessels: 2 x Tailor, 1 x Butterfish and numerous Blowies.

Oliver Wessels: 1 x Doughnut.

### Local Results

Mark fished local again and out fished us all again with five species, might be a lesson here somewhere.

Mark Hansen: 1 x tailor, 1 x Black Bream, 16 Whiting, 1 x Butterfish and numerous Blowies

**Malcolm Harris**

**Field Day officer**

## **FIELD DAY REPORT: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

*Reef Beach*

*1 – 3 March 2025*

It is always with great expectations that I look forward to catching sight of the Southern Ocean and Reef Beach is no exception. Blue water, white sand stretching away to the east and west.

We had five members plus myself make the trip down on the Friday. The weather was clear and a steady south westerly blowing. There was however a moderate swell running so large amounts of water were being dumped in shore behind the reef. This meant that all this water had to get back out to sea so that produced quite a strong side current where the beach is close to the reef.

Saturday broke to cloud cover but cleared by lunch time so down to the business of fishing. Earlier in the morning I drove down to the far east end only to find that the lagoon that is a favourite spot was completely washed away. A section of about 400m from where the headland meets the beach had just disappeared and in its place were rocks about 600mm

sticking up above the sand. All the sand that had been moved had washed into the lagoon making for a quite narrow fishing area.



What is left of the lagoon at the far east end of the beach.

Reef Beach is eight kms long, so it was not hard to find another likely spot to park up. The Wessels found a nice, sheltered spot at the far west end of the beach to set up camp and fish.

The number of fish caught over the weekend was not huge, I think we took the opportunity to relax and enjoy the amazing south coast.

Catches for the weekend:

**Oliver Wessels:**                **1 x Flathead.**

**David Wessels:**                **1 x Skippy.**

**Sandra Wessels:**                **2 x Skippy, 4 x Herring.**

**Peet Wessels:**                **1 x Salmon, 1 x Herring.**

**Norm Vojdinoski:**                **1 x Skippy, 1 x Herring.**

**Malcolm Harris:**                **4 x Skippy, 8 x Herring, 1 x Flathead, 1 x Wirra.**

Mark fished Chidley Point again for a few hours on the Sunday and another couple of hours early Monday morning for good results for the time spent.

**Mark Hansen:**                **1 x Flathead, 4 x Herring, 10 x Whiting, numerous Blowfish.**



Beautiful sculptural  
sandhills at  
Reef Beach



**The next field day is Bluff Creek on the weekend of 19th – 21st April. (Easter)**

Boundaries:

**Local: North Mole to Yanchep**

Sign on: Saturday 11.00am Location to be decided at meeting.

Lines Down: Saturday 12.00pm

Lines up: Monday 9.00am

Weigh In: Monday 11.00am Location to be decided at the meeting

**Malcolm Harris**

**Field Day officer**

**Articles & Information:** Just click on the link to view article

Thank you to Chris who sent in an interesting article for members regarding how deep-sea sponge trial nurseries in Apollo Marine Park hope to restock oceans.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-02-18/ocean-sponge-gardens-offshore-biotechnologies-apollo-marine-park/104870724>

Massive school of salmon spotted off Cheynes Beach in southern Western Australia

[https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-03-27/huge-salmon-school-cheynes-beach-wa/105097860?utm\\_campaign=abc\\_news\\_web&utm\\_content=link&utm\\_medium=content\\_shared&utm\\_source=abc\\_news\\_web](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-03-27/huge-salmon-school-cheynes-beach-wa/105097860?utm_campaign=abc_news_web&utm_content=link&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_source=abc_news_web)

A personal account of a man rock fishing from Merchant Rock near Hamelin Bay WA and how using the rock anchor bolts saved his life.

<https://fishandsurvive.com.au/blogs/news/this-is-my-personal-recount>

## COMMON FISHING TERMS EXPLAINED

**CATCH AND RELEASE:** A conservation method that happens most often right before the local Fisheries officer pulls over a boat that has caught over its limit.

**CAST:**

- [1] The co-ordinated act of swinging a rod to lob the bait / lure into the water.
- [2] The plaster protection wrapped around an angler's dislocated arm/shoulder after overdoing an unco-ordinated cast

**HOOK:**

- [1] A curved piece of metal used to catch fish also an angler's fingers / ears / etc.
- [2] A clever advertisement designed to entice a fisherman to spend his life savings on a new rod & reel.
- [3] The punch administered by said fisherman's wife after he spends their life savings [see also, Right Hook, Left Hook].

**LEADER:** The first in a convoy of 4WDs spending more time driving up and down a beach looking for a "good spot" than actual fishing.

**LINE:** Something you give your co-workers when they ask, on Monday, how your fishing went on the weekend.

**LURE:** A shiny object that maybe semi-enticing to fish, but will drive an angler into such a frenzy that he will charge his credit card to the limit before exiting the tackle shop.

**REEL:** A weighted object that causes a rod to sink quickly when dropped overboard.

**ROD:** An attractively painted length of fibreglass that keeps an angler from ever getting too close to a fish.

**SCHOOL:** A grouping in which fish are taught to avoid your \$29.99 lures and hold out for bait instead.

**TACKLE:** What your last catch did to you as you reeled him in, but just before he wrestled free and jumped back overboard.

**TACKLE BOX:** A box shaped alarmingly like your comprehensive first aid kit. Only a tackle box contains many sharp objects, so that when you reach in the wrong box blindly to get a Band Aid, you soon find that you need more than one and possibly a hospital.

**TEST:**

- [1] The amount of strength a fishing line affords an angler when fighting fish in a specific weight range.
- [2] A measure of your creativity in blaming "that damn line" for once again losing the fish.

