

# Reel Talk

## March 2025



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*Cover picture – Wignell family fishing Kalbarri WA*

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# March General Meeting

## New Venue : The Italian Club

217 Fitzgerald Street, West Perth

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2025,

Dinner at 7:00PM

General Meeting at 8:00pm.



### 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.

### March Birthdays

John Curtis 1<sup>st</sup> March

Klaus Dieter Schonwolf 21<sup>st</sup> March

Maureen Wignell 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Rita Pizzolante 25<sup>th</sup> March



# President's Report

**General Meeting 12/02/2025**

## ***Move to new meeting location.***

Due to rising cost associated with our present location the committee has decided to look for cheaper accommodations for our general meetings and our committee meetings.

The committee has also decided that it need more time than is currently available to discuss club matters and to implement any decisions before the general meeting, so we are going back to separate committee meeting days one week ahead of the general meeting.

A recommendation from Vince Iozzi for the Italian Club has been explored by the committee and we think it will work.

The Italian Club has a main bar and dining area open to their members and the public, however, we will have our meeting in the lounge bar which is a more private space which we will have to ourselves.

The Italian Club serves meals as well as drinks at cafe style prices however there is also available three specials of the day priced at \$12.00 each (need to buy a drink to with the meal, not included in the \$12.00 price), pizza, roast of the day and pasta.

The address of the Italian Club is 217 – 225 Fitzgerald St West Perth. There is ample parking at the rear, access via Fitzgerald St. There is an entrance to the club from the car park.

To get to the lounge bar walk past the main bar to the Fitzgerald St end of the bar, past the unusual animal sculpture and the lounge bar is on the right-hand side.

You order and pay for your meal at the bar but make sure that you inform the staff that you will be in the lounge room and the meal will be brought to you. That is if you want to eat in the lounge bar. There is the option to eat in the main dining area and then come into the lounge bar.

## **Same hours as usual, arrive 7.00pm, meeting starts at 8.00pm.**

The savings for the club for this move will be in the region of \$250.00 - \$300.00/ month.

## ***New Reel Talk Editor***

Maureen Wignell has agreed to take on the role, for which we are very grateful, thank you Maureen. Now the Reel Talk is only going to be as good as we contribute to it. Our previous Reel talk editors were always pleading for more information from the members so if you have any stories to tell or information to share please forward it to Maureen, if she doesn't get input from us then the magazine will be very slight indeed.



### ***Email inquiry***

We received an email from a mature aged gentleman who has been a keen fisherman for most of his life and would like to pick it up again. His inquiry to the club was that if any of the members fished locally he would be interested in joining with them. He is without a licence so would need transport and would be quite happy to share costs. He lives in Como so is close to the river and the Melville/Fremantle area. If anyone can assist then contact myself and I'll give you his details.

### ***Fishing locations for the 25 -26 fishing year***

The committee is currently putting together the locations for fishing for the next completion year. If anyone would like to nominate their preferred fishing locations and time of the year please forward them to Sandra and we will add them to the list.

### ***Western Angler***

I have been in touch with Scott Coghlan in regard to the article he has written for the Sunday Times, this will go press in the 23rd February edition, so look out for that.

Scott also has given the club a great deal on an ½ page ad in the Western Angler magazine for the price of a ¼ page ad. Sandra found a brochure from a few years ago that the club had printed and Western Angler will base the layout of the add on this. This will be included in the March edition of their magazine so hopefully we will get a few more members to join the club.

### **Malcolm Harris**

## **CLUB NEWS**

At the February General Meeting we warmly welcomed 2 new members who received their club membership package from Vince our New Member Coordinator.



# Competition and Events

## March April May 2025

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

EVENT	DATE/S	VENUE	BOUNDARIES
Field Day	FEBRUARY 15th & 16th	Wilbinga/3 Mile Moore River	Nth Mole - Yanchep
Field Day	MARCH 1st, 2nd & 3rd	<b>Reef Beach to Bremer Bay (LWE)</b> Lines Down: Saturday 12.00pm Lines up: Monday 9.00am Weigh In: Monday 11.00am	West end of Reef Beach to Devil Creek
	MARCH 1st, 2nd & 3rd	<b>Local:</b> South Mole to Mandurah Lines Down: Saturday 12.00pm Lines up: Monday 9.00am Weigh In: Monday 11.00am	Mandurah - South Mole
Dry Casting	10th March	Perth Polo Club Meadow St Guildford WA 6055	
Field Day	APRIL 19th 20th & 21st	<b>Bluff Creek</b> (LWE) (Easter)	
	APRIL 19th 20th & 21st	<b>Local:</b> Nth Mole - Yanchep	Nth Mole - Yanchep
Rottnest	JUNE 20th-23rd	Ferry leaves Friday(Northport) 5.45pm Monday leaves Rotto 10.30am	Rottnest
Rottnest	AUGUST 8th -11th	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 weekend 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 18th Easter Sunday 20th Easter Monday 21st Friday 25th ANZAC Day.

# Rottnest Field Days 2025

Dear Members

Our Rottnest Fishing Field days are booked for 2025!

We could not secure a booking for May due to availability of accommodation that suited our adventure. We did, however, secure bookings for June and August in 2 x 6 bed Heritage Bungalows in North Thomson Bay.

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.

**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.

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.

**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 end of May 2025 and balance of payment \$80 before end of June 2025.

**The dates for June 2025.** 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.

**The dates for August 2025.** 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.



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 February 2025

Monday morning, Gary set up the casting courts at “sparrows” on the freshly mown turf, aligning them to take advantage of the forecast southerly. Mark and his two hounds showed up soon after. As we were the only two casters there, we had to mark each other in the accuracy events, Gary won the double handed while I took out the single-handed.

During the distance events Gary did the legwork with the target board in the field while I manned the laser measurer. The wind varied from mostly dead calm to occasionally gusting southerly, making for differing results. Gary had the longest cast of 143.40 metres in the 112gram. Fortunately, there were no break-offs or out of bounds cast, we were all done by 10.30am. After packing up the gear, we decided to give the sausages a miss this time round.

The winner on the day was Gary.

Our next drycasting day is on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**, hopefully with a few more casters to take the load off Gary’s legs. Because the Club lacks a DCO at the moment, Gary and I have shared the DCO’s duties, he sets up the courts while I do the paperwork.

### Acting/Stand In DCO

**Mark Hansen**

*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*

### Results

DISTANCE EVENTS										
NAME	56g	H/C	SCORE	ART/BAIT	H/C	SCORE	112g	H/C	SCORE	TOTAL
Gary Gildersleeves	135.35	2	137.35	115.17	5	120.17	134.37	6	140.37	
	132.27	2	134.27	107.87	5	112.87	143.4	6	149.40	794.43
Mark Hansen	72.34	35	107.34	78.06	34	112.06	94.51	42	136.51	
	78.07	35	113.07	78.7	34	112.7	99.33	42	141.33	723.01

ACCURACY EVENTS							
NAME	Double Handed	H/C	SCORE	Single Handed	H/C	SCORE	TOTAL
Gary Gildersleeves	153	0	153	19	3	22	175
Mark Hansen	88	48	136	23	7	30	166

FEBRUARY’S TOTALS			
NAME	ACCURACY	DISTANCE	TOTAL
Gary Gildersleeves	175	794.43	969.43
Mark Hansen	166	723.01	889.01

# FIELD DAY REPORT

12/02/2025

## ***Cervantes 15 – 16 December 2024***

Peet, Sandra and Oliver Wessels and I fished Hill River at Cervantes and Mark Hansen fished the Swan River for the local.

Hill River was a very good away field day based on the last few months, we actually caught some fish this time. The weather was perfect, sunny with a light sea breeze, just enough to ruffle the water.

The days started out as usual, blowies and pickers, Oliver and Sandra had enough of that so they switched to the river. Black Bream were in abundance however mostly under size but much better than catching blowies. Peet and I stayed on feeding the blowies until about 3.00pm when Peet caught the first tailor and it was on from then until about 7.00pm. We reached our bag limit quite quickly and then it was catch and release. Peet had most of the action as I was called way to winch out a couple of very enthusiastic young lads who thought their four-wheel drive could go anywhere with highway tyre pressures.

Results for the day was 8 Tailor for Peet, Sandra with 5 Tailor, Oliver with 2 Tailor and one Black Bream. I managed 9 tailor (I fished the next morning) 2 herring and a couple of nice size Yellow Fin Whiting.

Driving up and back to Cervantes was rather sombre experience, with a major fire having consumed great swathes of bush on each side of the road. I would estimate that we drove through about 40Kms of charred landscape, all that remained was little black sticks in place of what was once thick bush. A timely reminder of fire restrictions during our summer period. Back on the Swan River, Mark fished Chidley Point for 4 Yellow Fin Whiting 1 Wrasse and the usual gaggle of Blowies.

## Ledge Point/Lancelin 11 – 12 January 2025

I was looking forward to fishing this field day however our dog decided she needed to go visit the Vet on Saturday morning and spend all of her next year's pocket money all at once. All for nothing as these things go, any pet owners will know the feeling.

Dale and Allen were keen starters so they headed north only to be confronted to long stretches for weed in both Ledge Point and Lancelin.

Mark fished Chidley point again for the local and did very well with a Flounder, 5 yellow Fin Whiting and the usual blowies. Mark has out fished everyone over the last few months just by fishing local and of course his finely tuned fishing skills as well!

## Reef Beach to Bremer Bay 1 – 3 March 2025

Boundaries for the long weekend are West end of Reef Beach to Devil Creek

Local: South Mole to Mandurah

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

## Beach Safari Raffle

Winners of the Beach Safari Raffle which was held at the February General Meeting were very excited when their tickets were drawn.



### Fishing Joke

Bob was a very keen angler, but he eventually found time to meet a lovely girl and they were married. After the honeymoon, Bob was in his garage sorting out reels when his new wife came in to watch him.

After a long period of silence she finally said: “Darling, I’ve just been thinking; now that we are married, maybe you don’t need to spend so much of your time out here in your garage and you could think about selling some of your fishing stuff ... like do you need all those rods, lures, old reel parts and smelly nets. You could sell that tatty boat and with the money we could have a new bathroom.”

A horrified look crept over Bob’s face and silently stared at her. She said, “Darling, what’s wrong?”

He replied, “Nothing ... but for a minute there, you were starting to sound like my ex-wife.”

“Ex-wife!?” she screamed, “YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU WERE MARRIED BEFORE!”

Bob replied, “I wasn’t...”