



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

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## CLUB INFORMATION

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

**DRYCASTING:-** Competitions are usually held on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is available to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of their casting.

**FIELD DAYS:-** Are normally on the weekend following the General meeting. It is compulsory for safety reasons for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign on.

**ENTRIES:-** for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture, using the approved club forms.

**MEMBERS:-** Please notify the Secretary of any change of address, email or phone numbers.

**MEMBERSHIP:-** If any member intends to resign from the club, a letter of resignation should be sent to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the Treasurer, become due on 1st May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31st July.

**CLUB'S CONSTITUTION and COMPETITION RULES:-** cover all the rules under which the club and the members operate. Contact the Secretary for more information.

## LIFE MEMBERS

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

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## Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. Minutes of General Meeting, November 2001

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:05 PM. President Ross Kember presiding.
- Present:-** 24 senior members, 1 junior member.
- Apologies:-** Trevor Stam, Lou Tangaris, Roy Killick, Andy Thorgersen.
- Visitors:-** Ron Delaney-Simpson, Neville Jones.
- New Member:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** J Strong, seconded P Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Business arising. Work to be done on Catch and Release rules. Ross Kember asked members to fill in the member details form in the November Reel Talk.
- Correspondence Out:-** Fax to Yokine Bowling Club – Membership meeting Nov 23rd.  
Letters to members about new member initiation arrangements.
- Correspondence In:-** Doug Edward – old photo and trophy donation.  
John Lee – complaint about cost of booking Kalbarri.  
John Bennett by email – resignation.  
AAA Delegates Council Meeting minutes 16 October.  
AAA – Invitation to Angler of the Year Presentation.  
**Moved** P Stoeckel, seconded C Riegert, correspondence be accepted: Carried
- Treasurer's Report:-** Accounts for payment:-  
Jiffy Print, Reel Talk \$112.00  
Parmelia Print, Brochure \$638.00  
**Moved** J Strong, seconded P Stoeckel, that accounts for payment be passed. Carried.
- Property Officer:-** Kalbarri is well booked for some weeks. Ross said he had a report from a member that the barbecue, freezer basket and mop bucket were missing. Rob Mitchell to contact Ray White about the standard of property inspections. Ross said he had a letter about a mix-up over the price of a member's booking made before the reduced rates were announced – a refund will be sent.
- Field Day Officer:-** J Jardine gave details of the coming November Cervantes and the December Metro Field Day as in Reel Talk. Tony D'Alonzo asked about the northern boundary which will be extended to the north wall of the Two Rocks Marina. The boundaries for the Cervantes field day had been set after a show of hands at the October meeting.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson congratulated all members who had come to the AAA State Dry Casting and cast or helped. Brief details of the November dry casting were given. Details in Reel Talk.  
There will be a night cast and barbecue after the Field day on Sunday 16th December.  
He apologised for breaking the rules last day when he allowed a caster to cast from a forward position in the lane.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook listed three entries from Mal Head. 7.5kg Mulloway from Frustration, 2.5kg Tailor from Red Bluff for the Seaducer lure competition, and 3.5 kg Tailor from Red Bluff.
- AAA Report:-** Club will field a team for the State Estuary Championship 24/25 November at Peel Inlet. Bob Henderson gave details – as in November Reel Talk.  
G Holman has been interviewed by the West Australian about AAA reaction to the West Coast Recreational fishing proposals.  
George reported on AAA activities on the West Coast Recreational fishing proposals – will be using this club's comments for beach and rock issues, and getting boat clubs to give boating comments.  
WARCO is having trouble getting a meeting with Minister Stevens about caravans and camping. Campaign is proposed to write to all other Ministers.
- Special Business.** Ross introduced Shelley Edwards, Recreation Coordinator, 0401 253 031 who gave some details of a program which helps people with disabilities. She is looking for help for a Nollamara mid 30 year old with an intellectual disability but no physical disabilities who has some experience with fishing with his family who lived in Mandurah.
- Social Organiser:-** Bob Henderson reported on the Have A Go day on 13 November.  
Members who want club shirts, car stickers, etc should contact him.  
He told members about the raffle \$5 per ticket for 5 chances of a \$100 cash prize. He has books of 10 tickets, which must be returned by 16 December.

Corporate bowls nights at the Yokine Bowling Club were a great success and will restart on Wed 21st November.

**SubCommittee Report:** Derry Barber reported on the proposed arrangements for a membership drive at the Yokine Bowling Club on 23 November.

T Fuller passed out copies of the brochure about the club.

**Notices of Motion:-**

None.

**General Business:-**

C Riegert advised of the Safari to Exmouth May 2002. Accommodation has been arranged for 22 people. Deposits are needed now.

The Exmouth trip will clash with the May Rottnest Field Day. A decision will be made later if there are enough starters for the Rottnest Field Day on the original date.

T Fuller passed out copies of the draft of comments on the West Coast and Gascoyne Recreational Fishing Proposals and the Minister's responses. He asked for members to give him any changes – more, less, different which should go into the Club's submission. If any member would like one to send a personal set of comments, based on this draft, he offered to change and print out a personalised version.

The December general meeting will clash with functions at the Yokine Bowling Club.

**Moved** Ric Parker seconded P Stoeckel that the date be changed one week to 5 December – carried.

Members have been invited to the Yokine Bowling Club Christmas Party on Friday 21 December.

C Riegert to find out if access to Garden Island will still be possible in February with the increased security now in place in military areas.

Ian Mascarenhas gave some details of fish caught in the Denham area.

**Instruction Period:-**

Derry Barber described some bream fishing in south coast rivers and asked members to indicate their interest in a trip to the area.

Chas Riegert described a fishing trip with Damien D'Mello and Kade Ross to rivers, dams and creeks in the south west where plenty of redfin were caught and some terrific trout were caught (and released) from some very small pools.

Meeting closed at 9:50 pm

### **Change of Date for December General Meeting.**

The December General Meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th December 2001 at 8:00 pm, at the Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine. This is our Christmas social get together – please bring a plate of food which doesn't need re heating.

### **Garden Island Field Day February 2000.**

**GET ON THE LIST NOW.**

The club has the OK in principle to fish at Garden Island on Saturday 16 February 2002, and will be making the final arrangements in early January.

Details of all members who want to go need to be supplied to the Navy well before the Field Day, and they may do a security check of the names. There won't be any chance to jump into a vacant spot after the list is sent or at the last minute.

Your name will go onto a list for the Security people at the mainland end of the Causeway and you will need to carry identification, and if you're not on the list or can't be identified then you won't get onto the Island. We need to limit the number of vehicles used, and would organise for people to go 3 or 4 to a vehicle. Members will have to assemble and go over in a group, and you won't be able to just front up and go over at any time. You are able to leave the Island any time you like.

The list will be finalised at the January General Meeting on Wednesday 9 January 2002, and sent to the Navy soon after.

At the November Committee meeting, it was decided that we would fish up to around 9:00pm Saturday night, and be off the Island by around 10:00pm. We don't want to ask for too much on our first field day there.

Fishing may be in two main areas on the western side, and you will have to walk to your fishing spots from parking areas near the beach. There are no vehicle tracks or vehicle access to the beach in those areas, so you don't need a 4WD.

Please register your interest in going by filling in the form on page 25/26 with your FULL name, address, phone number and your vehicle registration number (in case your vehicle is one used) and send to the Secretary.

## Coming Club Events.

### December Dry Casting.

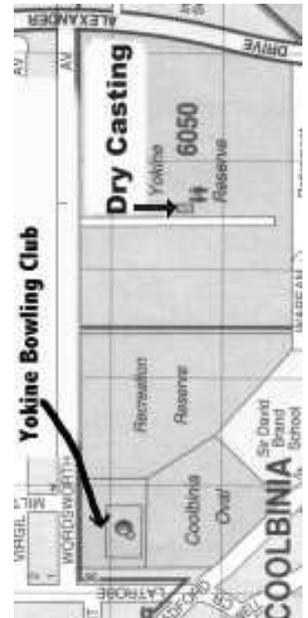
**When:-** Sunday 2 December 2001, 8:30 am start.  
**Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, about 400 metres from Alexander Drive.  
**Events:-** 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance,  
Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

### December General Meeting. **NOTE:- DATE CHANGED**

**When:-** Wednesday, **5th** December 2001, 8:00 pm.  
**Where:-** Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.  
**Instruction Period:-** Christmas social get together – please bring a plate of food which doesn't need re-heating.

### December Field Day.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 15/16 December 2001.  
**Where:-** The December Field Day is a Local, in the Perth Metropolitan Area.  
**Sign On:-** At the December General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.  
**Lines Down:-** Saturday 13:00  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday 17:00 at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. Followed by barbecue and night cast.  
**Boundaries:-** Rocks 500m south east of Point Peron to north wall of Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River.  
**Tides for Fremantle.**  
Saturday 15th December 0.29m at 6:42 am 1.04m at 8:58 pm  
Sunday 16th December 0.30m at 7:13 am 1.02m at 9:20 pm  
**Sun** Sunrise:- Around 5:05 am Sunset:- Around 7:18 pm  
**Moon** Moon Phase:- New Moon is on Saturday 15th December.



### December Night Casting.

Night cast and barbecue Sunday 16th December after the December Field Day weigh in.

### January Field Day.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 12/13 January 2002.  
**Where:-** Preston/Myalup.  
**Sign On:-** Saturday (see January Reel Talk)  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday (see January Reel Talk)  
**Boundaries:-** To be announced – (see January Reel Talk)  
**Tides for Bunbury.**  
Saturday 12th January 0.21m at 5:25 am 0.97m at 7:48 pm  
Sunday 13th January 0.20m at 5:59 am 0.96m at 8:23 pm  
**Sun** Sunrise:- Around 5:20 am Sunset:- Around 7:30 pm  
**Moon** Moon Phase:- New Moon is on Sunday 13th January

### Local Field Day for January.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 12/13 January 2002.  
**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.  
**Lines Down:-** Saturday 13:00  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday 11:00 at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. 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 20:00 hrs that night. (All details still to be confirmed, see January Reel Talk)  
**Boundaries:-** ASI Groyne to Mindarie Keys, excluding the Swan River.  
**Tides for Fremantle.**  
Saturday 12th January 0.32m at 6:00 am 1.05m at 8:26 pm  
Sunday 13th January 0.32m at 6:24 am 1.04m at 8:53 pm

## Surfcasters Cervantes Field Day – 17/18 November 2001.

The view from the Black Point Reef was impressive. The waters were shallow and calm and the light wind ruffled the surface of the green waters. The oily slick from the burley trail was dimpled with rising fish and every now and again a small beak wagged about above the surface. As my burley cage splashed down, thin green missiles homed in with malicious intent. Garfish were in abundance and true to form were proving difficult to entice. Not so for Damian though. He was hooked up again and another silvery shape skittered across the waters and soon joined a growing collection in his reef bag. My only fish had earned an unintentional release when it wriggled free from my grasp to freedom. I never did land a gardie and when the bite shut down with the rising sea-breeze we headed back to Cervantes.

It was early on Saturday morning and the signs though were looking good for one of the traditionally more popular field days. The sign-on was well attended with 22 anglers present including a number of visitors. With the formalities over, engines were started and a procession of vehicles headed northwards along the track towards Hill River. We headed to a place that had been fruitful in previous trips, driving along the back of the dunes and checking out the options along the way. This was my first trip along these parts and I must say I was not inspired by what I saw. Shallow water protected by distant off shore reefs, extensive weed banks, no significant surf and a southerly wind blowing strongly.

We arrived at the designated spot. This was it? It looked barren and desolate and anything but inspiring. It must have been a great spot though for in no time four vehicles were parked there and keen anglers were out on the beach planning their strategy. We opted to move a bit further away and set up about 500 metres down the track. Not much to choose from really, the beach has a certain sameness about it.

Pete Brightman and Dan James set up alongside us. Soon we had rods rigged, baits in the water and we were fishing. Well technically, yes, but the howling wind made detection of anything other than a suicidal bite impossible. But we stuck to it, cowering from the gale and regularly reeling in empty hooks and rebaiting. A light rod and ultra fine hooks were used by Damo to register the first catch. The smallest sand whiting I have seen. These were about in moderate numbers it seemed and were thoroughly enjoying all the mulies we were donating.

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The afternoon was a hard slog. The wind howled. Sand whipped along the beach and there was nowhere to hide. With the onset of evening the wind started to abate. As if on cue the tailor started to bite and for a short while it was quite hectic as chopper tailor and occasional herring were landed amidst whoops of delight. The wind

*Windswept and sand blasted on the beach !*

dropped further and with a few fish in the bag and a glorious sunset painting the western sky, matters were distinctly on the improvement. In the growing darkness the heavier rods were rigged and large baits sent out.

The glow-stick on Damo's rod was the first to register some interest. A run was followed by a hard and stoic but unspectacular fight and a moderate eagle ray was beached, unhooked and released. Next up was Dan who had a strong run on his light rod and soon was embroiled in a tussle with a good fish. But the nylon trace did not hold and with much muttering it was back to the tackle box for another rig. The mullet head on my rig was the next to go and this time a similar fight resulted in a small bronze whaler being gaffed and landed. Delight all round and for a while the hopes were high. But the top of the tide saw the action drop off and only occasional herring and small pike keeping the interest up. Dan had a live herring out while he readied his swag for the night ahead. A twang of line had him bolting down the beach to his rod only to find he had been spooled and the noise being the snapping off of the last loop of line. Another missed opportunity.

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The next morning the wind was back with a vengeance. But this time it was an easterly and blowing straight out to sea. Damo sent out a live herring on a balloon. Other balloons could be seen in the distance also eagerly

*Pete Brightman, Dave Maxted, George Holman and Eric Parker weigh a typical tailor.*

prospecting for that elusive mackerel. I tried for some slightly larger whiting and flathead on the edges of the drop-off but succeeded only in catching lots and lots of good sized herring. The action was relatively slow and in the hope of getting some gardies we packed up and headed back to Black Point. The water was beautiful and calm. Schools of hardyheads were everywhere and we soon had a large slick marking our efforts. But the gardies were very tentative. They were hanging well back in the water and were not playing the game. Lack of appropriate bait may have been our downfall in the end. Damo did get one lovely specimen and a nice skippy made my efforts worthwhile, but my gardie drought continues.

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With the flies in plague proportions and the sun beginning to bake, we packed it in and headed for the weigh-in. This as usual was a fun event full of banter and laughter. Lots of tailor were weighed-in, with many members getting bag limits. Herring were abundant and a few pike, flathead and tarwhine were recorded.

The Hunt family fished with Ross and Julie Kember, and while Ross was devoid of fish, young Jessica and Daniel showed him how with some herring each and a nice flathead for Jessica. Tony D'Alonzo managed the best shark at 5.2 kg and his efforts in relocating late at night were rewarded when he added blackfish and wrasse to his winning bag. Tales of missed opportunities and reports of lots of North-West Blowies abounded. No mackerel were landed. Some anglers had done well and others rued their missed chances. All seemed to have had a very good time. With a wave and a cheerio the car park emptied and the wind blew the last dust clouds away.

*Damo with one of the small bronze whalers caught.*

John Jardine  
Field Day Officer.

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At the sign on, people who had been for a look along the beaches gave us the news about the spots and the beach conditions, and the sea breeze was already pushing in. George Holman and his crew had left their trailer up the track, and invited Eric Parker and me to fish near them.

Looking up and down the beach, it was soon clear that nothing much stood out – a lot of it looked exactly like all the rest. Now George is very experienced at reading the beaches, but it turns out that the parking spot was chosen because it was somewhere reasonably easy to back the trailer in. Still it turned out to be a good spot for the tailor.

About 1:30, Heath Holman started fishing, and after a few missed bites, soon had the tailor on the go. The rest of us, Dave Maxted, George, Eric and Terry were soon rigged up and in the water.

In the wind whipping along the beach, it was hard to feel the bites. But there wasn't much drift and no seaweed, so it was very fishable. Well you couldn't call it a hot tailor session. Many of the fish I caught were just lipped on the bottom hook, and I lost a few while bringing them in, despite taking it easy when winding in. It seems they would have a nibble as you moved the bait, and most didn't attack like tailor usually do.

They stayed around for some hours, and there was another one caught ever so often. That was better than a quick run of bites as soon as your bait hits the water but which is over in a few minutes. Soon we had enough and it was release time. They seemed to be gone by around 5:30 or so.

The wind kept going but finally eased off as the sun set, and we hoped some bigger fish would turn up, but nothing showed. The wind swung around towards the east and got stronger and we spent some of the night listening to the tarpaulin flapping and the wind trying to tear it off the 4WD and trailer. Heath looked a bit bleary eyed in the morning and said he didn't get much sleep. The older ones of us were too tired and slept anyway.

In the morning, there were quite a few herring around, lots of hardyheads and some small gardies in the burley, but just a couple of tailor. George put out a balloon in the strong easterly and was rewarded (?) with a north west blowie.

For us it was another great Cervantes Field Day with enough fish for anyone. As someone said, if that wind could just drop off 5 knots or so it would be a lot more pleasant.

Terry Fuller.

Angler	Total Weight	No of Species	No of fish	Total Points
Tony D' Alonzo	14.55 kg	8	30	275.5
John Jardine	11.4 kg	5	28	214
George Holman	6.4 kg	3	20	144
Terry Fuller	6.3 kg	3	22	143
Dave Maxted	6.7 kg	2	19	137
Heath Holman (Vvisitor)	6.45 kg	3	20	134.5
Damian D' Mello	4.4 kg	4	17	134
Filomena D' Alonzo	2.35 kg	4	10	103.5
Eric Parker	3.5 kg	1	6	95
Dan James (Visitor)	3.3 kg	2	9	93
Ian Mascarenhas	1.2 kg	2	5	82
Pete Brightman	0.95 kg	2	3	69.5
Fernandez Alcedes (Visitor)	1.9 kg	1	4	69
Jessica Hunt (MJ Visitor)	0.5 kg	2	3	65
Roger Hunt (Visitor)	0.5 kg	2	4	65
Daniel Hunt (MJ Visitor)	0.6 kg	1	4	56
Julie Kember	0.45 kg	1	4	54.5
Ross Kember	0 kg	0	0	50
Spencer King	0 kg	0	0	50
Darren Batchelor	0 kg	0	0	40
Liz Hunt (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40
Lou Tangaris	0 kg	0	0	40
Ian Taggart	0 kg	0	0	10

Sportsperson Of The Year Sections.				Masters Fish		
Best Scale Fish	Dave Maxted	Tailor	1.05 kg	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	9.35 kg	Dave Maxted	Tailor	1.05 kg
Best Shark	Tony D'Alonzo	Whaler	5.2 kg			
Best Bag including Sharks	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	14.35 kg			

Field Day Prizes.			
Best Scale fish	Dave Maxted	Tailor	1.05 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	George Holman	Mixed	6.4 kg
Best Shark	John Jardine	Bronze Whaler	4.7 kg
Best Bag including Sharks	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	14.35 kg

**Top Ten up to November**

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D' Alonzo	1585.05	6	Ian Cook	307
2	John Jardine	1031.25	7	Ian Taggart	255.5
3	Damian D'Mello	684.5	8	Ken Black	230.5
4	George Holman	497.01	9	Mark Farnay	224.5
5	Andy Woodford	314	10	Chas Riegert	214.5

### Field Day Sections up to November.

Section	For	Angler	Species	Weight.
1a.	Best Scale Fish (1st 6 Months)	Chas Reigert	Yellowtail Kingfish	6.85 kg
1b.	Best Scale Fish (2nd 6 Months)	Dave Maxted	Tailor	1.05 kg
2.	Most Meritorious Fish	Committee decides		
3.	Best Shark (4.5 kg min)	Tony D' Alonzo	Bronze Whaler	5.2 kg
4.	Best Mulloway (2.0 kg min)	George Holman	Mulloway	6.25 kg
5.	Best Tailor (1.0 kg min)	Tony D' Alonzo	Tailor	2.15 kg
6.	Best Salmon (3.0 kg min)	Tony D' Alonzo	Salmon	3.6 kg
7.	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D' Alonzo	Skipjack	0.85 kg
8.	Best Mackerel (2 kg Min)	No entry		
9.	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Chas Reigert	Yellowtail Kingfish	6.85 kg
10.	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D' Alonzo	Mixed	22.5 kg
11.	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish min)	No entry		
12.	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish min)	Damian D'Mello	Tailor	6.9 kg
13.	Best Fish On Single Handed Rod (4kg Line max)	No entry		
14.	Best Fish Caught On Fly Rod	No entry		

### "Have A Go" Day.

Was held within the Burswood Resort Gardens by the Seniors Recreation Council of WA, on Tuesday 13th November. Allocation of a display and casting area saw the club trailer and all our display boards up for all to see.

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Ably assisted by Don Batchelor, Jim Strong, Trevor Stam, Terry Fuller, we gave many seniors a chance to get some coaching in using a flick rod. Quite a few were surprised just how easy these are to use properly after a bit of guidance, and assurances of future fishing trips were given.

With so many static displays and activities on show, it was a fun day and I cannot understand how any retired person can be bored. As the sign says "Have a go" can be put to use on anything. Hey, there's always a smile on my dial.

*Bob with one of the ladies at the "Have a Go" Day.*

Hendo.

I spent some time chatting about fishing stuff and fishing gear with the Recfishwest guys, who had their trailer display set up nearby. They handed out some of our club brochures and pointed people towards our display for some practical help with fishing and casting questions. Shows that working together is good for everyone.

TerryF

### Membership Coordinator's Report.

Thanks for your support, which now enables the Surfcasters new member initiation procedure to commence. We are hopeful of success at our first effort to attract new members, which occurs on 23 November at the Yokine Bowling Club.

The new club brochures are striking and should attract the attention of prospective new members. There are several applications planned for the brochures over the next twelve months. "Watch this space".

Derry Barber.

### Wanted.

Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the meeting and give them to Mal Head. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

## Dry Casting Report 4 November 2001.

After setting up the casting area with Terry Willison, I asked the lads if I could have the day off scoring and have a go casting with the group of veterans. "No worries" - AJ and Alphonse jumped in and looked after the scoring so I send a big "thank you" to both of them. Nick and Keith gave Willo a hand.

For some reason, I didn't hear any laughter or shenanigans going on in the Seniors this month. I can only guess that the distance casting by Nick, George, Joe and Darren had the boys concentrating. Or was it the bullseyes by Nick in both the double handed accuracy AND the single handed accuracy that had them dumbstruck? I know I was struggling to keep up with a few of the veterans who had their eyes in and were peppering the targets.

### Special Request

**Would all drycasters please wear club shirts at monthly casting days.**

**Hendo**

Congratulations to the winners Nick (112 gram), Joe (56 gram), Roy (double handed accuracy), George (single handed accuracy) and Tony for taking out top spot for the day. Congratulations also to young Rhys Jones.

It was great to have Don Batchelor join us for the day although he's not ready to start casting yet. Don's rejuvenating a wonky shoulder but came along to study styles and techniques so that he can offer guidance for others to improve.

Enjoy your casting, fellas. Hendo.

PS. Hey Roy, who's got the 112 gram distance record for the veterans?

Results for the day:-

Seniors.	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Points	Cast 1	Cast 2	Points			
Nick Allsworth	159	170	33	0	145	15	133	25	206
Andrew Aubrey	131	139	27	0	121	12	123	24	186
Peter Stoeckel	96	0	10	94	96	19	58	16	103
George Holman	155	161	31	134	144	28	104	31	194
Ric Parker	131	0	13	130	121	25	88	24	150
Darren Batchelor	151	153	30	144	129	27	88	19	164
Chas Riegert	0	153	15	0	131	13	90	26	144
Joe Pullella	164	0	16	140	149	29	57	8	110

### **Veterans.**

Mal Head	105	113	22	0	105	11	130	7	170
Terry Fuller	112	117	23	104	0	10	135	25	193
Roy Killick	126	122	25	0	116	12	150	26	213
Trevor Stam	93	92	19	89	91	18	61	11	109
Bob Henderson	151	151	30	0	0	0	105	21	156
Jim Strong	0	90	9	0	0	0	109	18	136
Alan Jones	67	112	18	0	89	9	122	16	165
Tony D'Alonzo	116	114	23	109	106	22	148	21	214

### **Mini Juniors.**

Rhys Jones	76	74	15	76	78	15	72	22	124
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### Day Winners.

112 gram winner	Nick Allsworth	33
56 gram winner	Joe Pullella	29
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick	150
Single Handed Accuracy winner	George Holman	31
Winner of the Day	Tony D'Alonzo	214
Mini Junior winner	Rhys Jones	124

**Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 2nd December 2001, 8:30 am start.**

**Events:-**

**112 gram distance,  
Artificial bait distance,  
Double Handed accuracy,  
Single Handed accuracy.**

## AAA State Dry Casting Championships.

The AAA State Dry Casting Championships were held at the Yokine Reserve on 28th October. Brilliant sunshine all day, winds easterly (in the face) for the accuracy and some of the 56 gram casts, shifting southerly (from the right) in the middle of the day and then going to a south wester/west-south wester (from behind 45 degrees right) later in the afternoon.

SCAC fielded a Seniors team of seven, two Veterans teams of four, one Junior, one Lady, and a Mini Junior team of four. SCAC teams came first in the Seniors, Ladies and Mini Juniors, and second in the Veterans and Juniors teams competitions. Some more competitors would have made the day more interesting.

SCAC won the Mens, Ladies and Mini Junior Teams, and came second in the Veterans and Junior Teams. SCAC members filled the first six positions in the Mens Individual results, and Gary Gildersleeves was the Champion Caster.

Two of our members who did very well, Nick Allsworth and Joe Pullella, were actually casting for other clubs in this competition.

Some results are shown in the following pages. These show scores for some people who are not in the Club, but these have been included to show what the winners or runners up scored, so that a comparison can be made with the Surfcasters' scores. Best score or cast is in underlined bold figures like **123.45%**.

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AAA scoring for events works the same as our club's scoring, except that the overall scoring works on a percentage system. The person with the best cast or score is given 100%, and then every one else is given a score which is a percentage of the best score. Seniors teams can have seven members, with the top six scorers to count. Veteran's teams can have five members, with the top four scorers to count.

Then to work out the winning team, the members' percentages are all added up, and the team with the highest percentage is the winner. AAA has a problem with their computer system which doesn't calculate team scores properly if there are, for example, only four people in a Veteran's team. It drops off the lowest score and only adds up three scores, instead of just adding up the highest four scores.

AAA Patron Jim Strong presents a trophy to Gary Gildersleeves.

So some of the "official" AAA teams results percentages are different to what's shown here, but these are the correct ones as per AAA rules.

The AAA events run are:-

1. Double handed accuracy, one round of eight casts. Scores for this count for both the teams and the individual competition.
2. Artificial bait, two events of two casts each, two casts for teams and two casts for individuals.
3. 56 gram, one event of two casts for teams.
4. 112 gram, one event of two casts for individuals.

PS. A special mention of appreciation from all club members and AAA members to Chas Riegert for his assistance with the scoring at the State Dry Casting Championships. Without Chas' efforts with the laser measuring system we would have struggled to finish on time. Thank you, Chas.

## State Drycasting Overall Team Results.

### **Mens.**

Rank 1 SCAC	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Chas Riegert	52.50%	98.01%	92.24%	242.76%
Andy Aubrey	38.13%	83.21%	46.06%	167.40%
Darren Batchelor	65.63%	44.29%	91.82%	201.73%
Gary Gildersleeves	100.00%	88.39%	96.30%	284.68%
George Holman	81.88%	93.78%	97.58%	273.24%
Mat Sneddon	50.00%	87.26%	100.00%	237.26%
Ric Parker	58.13%	83.44%	87.72%	229.29%
Total Points	(With lowest	score	eliminated)	<b><u>1468.96%</u></b>

Rank 2 OSAC Beach (1)				Total
Total Points	(With lowest	score	eliminated)	1210.50%

**Veterans.**

Rank 1 Northern Districts			Total Points	<b><u>884.91%</u></b>
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Rank 2 SCAC (1)	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Allan Jones	70.95%	81.65%	41.93%	194.52%
Mal Head	75.00%	84.49%	37.11%	196.60%
Roy Killick	100.00%	46.88%	89.26%	236.14%
Bob Henderson	81.08%	96.08%	51.65%	228.82%
Total Points				856.08%

Rank 3 SCAC (2)	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Terry Fuller	79.73%	79.75%	82.96%	242.44%
Jim Strong	86.49%	58.74%	21.04%	166.27%
Trevor Stam	51.35%	73.77%	68.42%	193.54%
Andy Thorgersen	39.86%	55.70%	70.36%	165.92%
Total Points				768.17%

**Ladies.**

Rank 1 SCAC	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Filomena D'Alonzo	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	<b><u>300.00%</u></b>

**Juniors.**

Rank 2 SCAC	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Kade Ross	100.00%	0.00%	91.27%	191.27%

**Mini Juniors.**

Rank 1 SCAC	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Daniel Stoeckel	84.91%	86.58%	45.45%	216.93%
Rhys Jones	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	300.00%
Emily Woodford	49.06%	42.68%	95.65%	187.39%
Andrew Stoeckel	56.60%	74.53%	38.38%	169.51%
Total Points				<b><u>873.83%</u></b>

**State Dry Casting Double Handed Accuracy (Individual and Team) Results.**

**Mens.**

Rank	Name	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Percent
1	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters	12	21	23	21	17	23	22	21	<b><u>160</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>
2	George Holman	Surfcasters	21	13	20	19	19	2	20	17	131	81.88%
3	Darren Batchelor	Surfcasters	0	6	18	22	5	21	14	19	105	65.63%
6	Ric Parker	Surfcasters	11	0	21	13	8	0	24	16	93	58.13%
8	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	7	12	13	14	11	0	7	20	84	52.50%
10	Mat Sneddon	Surfcasters	0	0	20	13	16	12	4	15	80	50.00%
17	Andy Aubrey	Surfcasters	14	1	18	8	0	0	11	9	61	38.13%

**Veterans.**

1	Roy Killick	Surfcasters	18	14	20	23	20	11	22	20	148	100.00%
4	Jim Strong	Surfcasters	6	24	24	22	12	12	10	18	125	86.49%
5	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters	15	2	25	17	22	7	16	16	120	81.08%
6	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters	9	18	19	18	0	13	23	18	118	79.73%
7	Mal Head	Surfcasters	16	24	3	17	11	9	14	17	111	75.00%
8	Allan Jones	Surfcasters	11	0	21	20	16	0	19	18	105	70.95%
11	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters	0	10	0	18	15	2	17	14	76	51.35%
13	Andy Thorgersen	Surfcasters	16	2	10	0	0	0	20	11	59	39.86%

**Ladies.**

1	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	0	12	0	6	16	0	21	10	65	100.00%
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**Juniors.**

1	Kade Ross	Surfcasters	13	0	11	19	12	10	12	16	93	100.00%
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**Mini Juniors.**

1	Rhys Jones	Surfcasters	5	22	13	13	0	0	0	0	53	100.00%
3	Daniel Stoeckel	Surfcasters	18	7	16	4	0	0	0	0	45	84.91%
4	Andrew Stoeckel	Surfcasters	0	19	11	0	0	0	0	0	30	56.60%
5	Emily Woodford	Surfcasters	0	1	7	18	0	0	0	0	26	49.06%

## State Dry Casting 56 gram Teams Results.

### Mens.

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Total	Percentage
1	Mat Sneddon	Surfcasters	122.50	134.10	256.60	<b>100.00%</b>
3	George Holman	Surfcasters	124.00	126.40	250.40	97.58%
4	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters	126.00	121.10	247.10	96.30%
5	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	124.30	112.40	236.70	92.24%
6	Darren Batchelor	Surfcasters	125.40	110.20	235.60	91.82%
9	Ric Parker	Surfcasters	111.90	113.20	225.10	87.72%
19	Nick Allsworth	OSAC Beach	0.00	<b>136.80</b>	136.80	53.31%
21	Andy Aubrey	Surfcasters	0.00	118.20	118.20	46.06%

### Veterans.

1	Hoy Hew	Northern Dists.	129.30	127.80	257.10	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Roy Killick	Surfcasters	110.00	119.50	229.50	89.26%
5	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters	106.20	107.10	213.30	82.96%
7	Andy Thorgersen	Surfcasters	84.30	96.60	180.90	70.36%
8	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters	87.80	88.10	175.90	68.42%
10	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters	<b>132.80</b>	0.00	132.80	51.65%
11	Allan Jones	Surfcasters	0.00	107.80	107.80	41.93%
12	Mal Head	Surfcasters	95.40	0.00	95.40	37.11%
13	Jim Strong	Surfcasters	0.00	54.10	54.10	21.04%

### Ladies.

1	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	0.00	<b>81.80</b>	81.80	<b>100.00%</b>
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### Juniors.

1	Daniel Bell	WSSC	95.80	<b>96.80</b>	192.60	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Kade Ross	Surfcasters	91.80	83.90	175.70	91.23%

### Mini Juniors.

1	Rhys Jones	Surfcasters	73.80	73.40	147.20	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Emily Woodford	Surfcasters	68.50	72.30	140.80	95.65%
4	Daniel Stoeckel	Surfcasters	7.60	59.30	66.90	45.45%
5	Andrew Stoeckel	Surfcasters	56.50	0.00	56.50	38.38%

## State Dry Casting Artificial Bait Individual Results.

### Mens.

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Total	Percentage
1	Joe Pullella	OSAC Beach	146.00	<b>148.60</b>	294.60	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Nick Allsworth	OSAC Beach	145.10	145.30	290.40	98.57%
3	Darren Batchelor	Surfcasters	133.00	134.10	267.10	90.67%
4	George Holman	Surfcasters	129.60	135.70	265.30	90.05%
5	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters	124.50	129.80	254.30	86.32%
7	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	130.00	120.60	250.60	85.06%
8	Andy Aubrey	Surfcasters	128.50	121.80	250.30	84.96%

### Veterans.

1	Hoy Hew	Northern Dists.	127.30	<b>130.70</b>	258.00	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters	122.20	119.50	241.70	93.68%
3	Roy Killick	Surfcasters	102.50	118.00	220.50	85.47%
4	Mal Head	Surfcasters	109.40	107.90	217.30	84.22%
5	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters	102.30	112.20	214.50	83.14%
7	Allan Jones	Surfcasters	104.70	104.20	208.90	80.97%
11	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters	91.00	89.00	180.00	69.77%
12	Jim Strong	Surfcasters	79.50	76.00	155.50	60.27%

### Ladies.

1	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	91.30	<b>91.40</b>	182.70	<b>100.00%</b>
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### Juniors.

1	Daniel Bell	WSSC	93.20	<b>100.70</b>	193.90	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Kade Ross	Surfcasters	81.30	96.10	177.40	91.49%

**Mini Juniors.**

1	Rhys Jones	Surfcasters	72.20	<b>74.80</b>	147.00	<b>100.00%</b>
3	Emily Woodford	Surfcasters	60.00	59.70	119.70	81.43%
4	Daniel Stoeckel	Surfcasters	59.10	58.70	117.80	80.14%
5	Andrew Stoeckel	Surfcasters	45.60	0.00	45.60	31.02%

**State Dry Casting 112 Gram Individual Results.****Mens.**

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Total	Percentage
1	Joe Pullella	OSAC Beach	<b>183.90</b>	166.90	350.80	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Nick Allsworth	OSAC Beach	177.40	173.30	350.70	99.97%
3	Darren Batchelor	Surfcasters	167.40	168.10	335.50	95.64%
4	George Holman	Surfcasters	160.60	163.30	323.90	92.33%
5	Gary Gildersleeve	Surfcasters	156.90	157.50	314.40	89.62%
6	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	155.00	157.10	312.10	88.97%
9	Andy Aubrey	Surfcasters	151.30	147.10	298.40	85.06%
19	Mat Sneddon	Surfcasters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
24	Ric Parker	Surfcasters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%

**Veterans.**

1	Hoy Hew	Northern Dists.	<b>161.90</b>	153.10	315.00	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters	147.80	147.00	294.80	93.59%
3	Roy Killick	Surfcasters	134.50	125.50	260.00	82.54%
4	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters	128.30	130.60	258.90	82.19%
5	Mal Head	Surfcasters	127.30	128.10	255.40	81.08%
7	Allan Jones	Surfcasters	119.20	126.00	245.20	77.84%
10	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters	79.40	105.90	185.30	58.83%
11	Jim Strong	Surfcasters	91.50	82.20	173.70	55.14%

**Ladies.**

1	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	<b>111.90</b>	110.60	222.50	<b>100.00%</b>
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**Juniors.**

1	Kade Ross	Surfcasters	113.00	108.80	221.80	<b>100.00%</b>
2	Daniel Bell	WSSC	<b>114.10</b>	103.00	217.10	97.88%

**Mini Juniors.**

1	Rhys Jones	Surfcasters	84.40	<b>89.80</b>	174.20	<b>100.00%</b>
3	Daniel Stoeckel	Surfcasters	74.80	72.60	147.40	84.62%
4	Emily Woodford	Surfcasters	65.40	70.20	135.60	77.84%
5	Andrew Stoeckel	Surfcasters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%

**State Dry Casting Overall Individual Results.****Mens.**

Rank	Name	Club	Accuracy	Art. Bait	112 gram	Total
1	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters	100.00%	86.32%	89.62%	<b>275.94%</b>
2	George Holman	Surfcasters	81.88%	90.05%	92.33%	264.26%
5	Darren Batchelor	Surfcasters	65.63%	90.67%	95.64%	251.93%
6	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	52.50%	85.06%	88.97%	226.53%
9	Andy Aubrey	Surfcasters	38.13%	84.96%	85.06%	208.15%
15	Ric Parker	Surfcasters	58.13%	0.00%	0.00%	58.13%
18	Mat Sneddon	Surfcasters	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%

**Veterans.**

Rank	Name	Club	Accuracy	Art. Bait	112 gram	Total
1	Hoy Hew	Northern Dists.	89.19%	100.00%	100.00%	<b>289.19%</b>
2	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters	81.08%	93.68%	93.59%	268.35%
3	Roy Killick	Surfcasters	100.00%	85.47%	82.54%	268.00%
4	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters	79.73%	83.14%	82.19%	245.06%
5	Tony D'Alonzo	Northern Dists.	91.89%	76.71%	76.10%	244.69%
6	Mal Head	Surfcasters	75.00%	84.22%	81.08%	240.30%
7	Allan Jones	Surfcasters	70.95%	80.97%	77.84%	229.76%
8	Jim Strong	Surfcasters	86.49%	60.27%	55.14%	201.90%
11	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters	51.35%	69.77%	58.83%	179.94%

### Ladies.

Rank	Name	Club	Accuracy	Art. Bait	112 gram	Total
1	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	<b><u>300.00%</u></b>

### Juniors.

1	Kade Ross	Surfcasters	100.00%	91.49%	100.00%	<b><u>291.49%</u></b>
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### Mini Juniors.

1	Rhys Jones	Surfcasters	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	<b><u>300.00%</u></b>
3	Daniel Stoeckel	Surfcasters	84.91%	80.14%	84.62%	249.66%
4	Emily Woodford	Surfcasters	49.06%	81.43%	77.84%	208.33%
5	Andrew Stoeckel	Surfcasters	56.60%	31.02%	0.00%	87.62%

## **Minister's Proposals for West Coast Recreational Fishing.**

Some of the Fisheries Minister's proposals for the new recreational rules for West Coast were published in the November Reel Talk. Get your copy of the papers for the full set of proposals, and put in your comments.

## **Club Comments on West Coast and Gascoyne Recreational Fishing Reviews.**

The following are the comments the club plans to send to the Minister for Fisheries. Comments must be in to the Minister by Friday 7 December, so this will be sent off no later than about Tuesday 4th. If you have any thing to add, take away or change in the club letter, please contact the Secretary by Monday 3rd December with the details. This has been updated *as printed in text like this* since the version handed out at the General Meeting.

If you would like to send some comments personally, based on the club's comments, and want to save the trouble of writing it or typing it all out, please contact Terry Fuller with the details of what you would like to say and I will send a printed copy for you to sign.

Dear Minister,

These comments have been prepared on behalf of the members of the Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. by the Secretary. The club has been in existence since 1952, *and currently has 74 adult and 13 junior members*. The Club's main activities are dry casting and shore based recreational line fishing from Esperance to Exmouth, with members going further north and east on individual trips.

The Club congratulates you for your initiative in publishing these reports and your initial responses at this time, and the opportunity for further public comments before changes are actually introduced. The comments in this letter are based on the details in the "Minister's Initial Responses", unless otherwise indicated.

The club remains concerned that proposed changes to Recreational bag and possession limits are not matched by any effective controls on professional catches. Although professional boat and license numbers are controlled, there is no effective control on how much fish is actually caught by professional fishers, for the great majority of species of interest to recreational fishers. The club is concerned that increased abundance of fish if recreational catches are reduced, could simply result in increased professional catches. This would not meet Key Principle 1 which is that benefits from management of total recreational catch should flow back to the recreational sector. Recent reports of large (legal) professional catches of Dhufish and Pink snapper from metro waters and large Tailor (location not known) reinforce our concerns that controls on total catch are essential.

Our preference is for an immediate introduction of effective controls on the professional catches at the same time as changes to recreational limits, to ensure that fish stocks are sustainable. If this can not be done yet because the Justice Toohey committee inquiry has not reported, then we believe that the changes to recreational limits should be limited to the introduction of the proposed possession limits, with the changes to categories and bag limits to be introduced later, at the same time as effective controls on professional catches. All fish stocks identified as being at risk already have effective catch controls for recreational fishing, so there is no urgency for changes.

The club supports the majority of the principles and recommendations. *This support is given conditionally on the assumption that **effective** controls on professional catches will be introduced. If not, then the club submits that the limits for recreational catches should be publicly reviewed before implementation, when the details of professional limits are known to the public.*

We do not, however, agree with some of the details in the current recommendations, as listed below.

The club supports uniformity of rules across the State, and also recognises the need for special limits where special situations occur. But a comparison, species by species, and category by category of the proposed limits

for Gascoyne and West Coast shows some significant differences between the two regions in minimum and maximum sizes, bag limits and slot limits, and placement of fish in categories. These are not logical and cannot be supported, and will make understanding of and compliance with the proposed rules very much more difficult.

A specific example is:-

Species	Region	Category	Bag Limit	Minimum size	Slot limits
Tailor	Gascoyne	1	6	250 mm	Nil.
	West Coast	2	8	300 mm	Proposed 2.

Strategy W2. The club strongly disagrees with the proposal to increase the minimum size for tailor to 300mm for the Swan and other estuaries. This species rarely grows larger than 250mm in river systems and estuaries, and fish of this size are already hard to catch in the Swan river during the summer. Raising the limit to 300 mm will seriously affect the quality of recreational fishing by people such as children, families and disabled people who can use the jetties and shorelines in the river, where they could not cope with ocean conditions where they might catch tailor above this size. As such, this change is inequitable and unfair.

No data is given which shows that this change is needed, or that it will improve the stocks of tailor. The article by Andrew Cribb in the Oct/Nov 2001 Western Angler, page 20, says "the fishery is both healthy and sustainable at the current level of fishing" and "the need to improve protection for the adult spawning stock..." The club submits that proposed slot limits, and making tailor a recreational only fishery south of Shark Bay (rec 19c) would be sufficient, without taking away an important recreational fishery for those of our community who can only fish in protected waters.

The club further submits that if it is still proposed to increase the tailor size limit for the Swan River and other estuaries, this should occur only after surveys are undertaken during this 2001/2002 summer estuary fishing season to get data on tailor catches and sizes from jetties and shoreline of the Swan and other estuaries, and if that data shows that the quality of recreational fishing for this part of our community would not be greatly affected by the change. If it is claimed that restraint for one year will result in better catches of fish above 300 mm in later years, then surveys should be undertaken to prove this, and if not proven, then the size for estuaries should be reduced back to 250 mm in later years.

*Strategy W2. Black Bream. The club strongly disagrees with the proposed reduction of the bag limit to 4 in the West Coast Region. Currently this is 8 in the Swan and Canning Rivers and 20 elsewhere, and the reduction from 20 to 4 is much too severe. The black bream fishery is in excellent health in the Swan and Canning River and no evidence was presented which showed that the fish stocks are at risk at present, so the reduction from 8 to 4 in the Swan and Canning Rivers is not supported. The club proposes that the limit should be made 8 State wide. Breeding stock would have a considerable degree of protection, compared to the current limits, with the introduction of the slot limit of only two fish over 40cm. Black bream is a species which can easily be bred and restocked if ever required.*

Strategies W2/W3. Pike and Snook in West Coast. The proposal to increase the size limit to 300 mm for both these species is not supported by the club. Snook is a large species and the current limit of 330 mm is appropriate, if not actually too small. Pike is a small species and the current limit of 280 mm is appropriate. Indeed, during the summer, small pike are common and many are below the current limit of 280 mm, yet carry roe, showing that they have already reached breeding age at that size. Increasing this size limit to 300 mm will make it difficult to catch legal sized pike. One reason given for these proposed changes is that the public has difficulty distinguishing between pike and snook, so it is easier to have a common size limit. But pike is a category 3 fish with no individual bag limit within the forty allowed, and snook is a category 2 fish with an individual bag limit of 8. So the public needs to be able to distinguish between them, and publicity and education may be needed, and this cannot be used as justification for having the same size limit.

Strategy W4. Mud Crabs in West Coast. Mud crabs have appeared in several estuaries in the West Coast region in the past year, but there are no size or bag limits proposed. This naturally occurring and potentially valuable recreational fishery should be closely managed in early years to ensure that it is not wiped out by uncontrolled catches.

Strategy W9. Possession limits. The club supports possession limits, but these need to be defined in more detail. It is not at all clear what is meant by "possession limits". While a person is on the beach and water, and travelling on the road, these are clear enough. But is it intended to apply to places of residence, etc?.

These also need some commonsense latitude in their definition and application. The limits allow options which include 1 or 2 day's bag limit of "whole" fish, but many people remove the heads from their fish where this is allowed by Strategy W7, and these should still be classed as "whole" fish. Similarly, not many people have an icebox which can hold a legal sized (900mm) or bigger spanish mackerel in one piece, so may cut it in half. It would be unfair and inequitable if a spanish mackerel or other large fish suddenly became "fillets" if cut in half, and yet these pieces could still clearly be identified as coming from one fish, and that definition then put the owner over the possession limits.

Strategy W12. Set and Haul Netting. The club does not support recreational set netting. Small throw nets should be permitted for the gathering of small quantities of bait in suitable places in estuaries even if these are closed to other forms of netting. See later comments on compliance.

Strategy W13. Prawn Drag Nets. The term "adjoining" in "adjoining nature reserves" needs to be defined before the impact can be assessed. Does this mean 10 metres, 50 metres or 500 metres ?

Strategy W14(a). Unattended set lines. The club fully supports the proposals for heavy set lines. However again some sensible latitude is needed. Shore fishers often place their rod in a rod holder in the sand or rocks and move away to talk, get some food or a drink, etc. The 10 metre limit should be increased or should not be enforced in these circumstances.

Strategy W15. Fishing Competitions. The organisers of fishing competitions simply cannot comply with some of these requirements. An organiser can record the numbers who register, and the fish actually presented for weigh in, but has NO control over the results offered from the public about fish caught and released, or caught and not presented, and cannot compel a competitor to accurately record catch and effort. Any survey conducted from these records may be inaccurate, invalid and totally misleading.

While the club supports most of the proposals, and the precautionary approach where there is some data to justify that, the club is concerned at the apparent misuse of statistics to support and justify some of the proposed actions. The surveys have been extrapolated to 600,000 odd recreational anglers and 10 million odd angler days. In the past, it was said and generally accepted that 10% of the anglers caught 90% of the fish. That didn't necessarily mean they were greedy, just a statement of fact that most recreational anglers aren't very good at, or committed to putting in the effort needed to catch fish. A more recent figure suggested that now 96% of the fish are caught by 4% of the anglers. This statement wasn't supported by hard data, but may well be true, from observations of the great many occasional anglers and their spectacular lack of success.

This concern is supported by the calculations on page 32 of West Coast where the calculated potential herring catch is an impossibly large 21,600 tonnes, yet the estimated catch was only 100 tonnes. All the proposals seem to be based on the premise that all anglers are equal and the result from any one fishing trip is the same as any other. Both of these premises are clearly wrong. An indication that a person has fished on a day does not equal a full day's fishing and does not result in a day's bag limit of fish or anything remotely approaching that.

We question the 10 million fishing days per 365 day year. This comes to 27,400 recreational fishers fishing on every day of the year on average. This would be an absolute boom industry, but one would have to doubt that figure when one can travel a fair bit of the metro area and not see more than a few thousand people fishing (if that) even on busy days, and very few fishing on many days. And look around coastal holiday resorts even during holiday periods and find similar numbers.

Recommendations 22 to 24. Education and Monitoring. Changes to possession and bag limits will not mean anything unless the public is educated and the limits are enforced sensibly. Non compliance is a social problem wherever people do not respect the rules, and there is a limit to what individuals can do when they see breaches. A reporting system is of little value unless it has effective follow up. The club believes a combination of education and enforcement should be used so that those who blatantly don't comply will face a high chance of being caught, and will pay a price which is high enough that it makes them and others do the right thing in future. The fact that there will always be some people who will not comply, despite all the publicity and education, should never be used as an excuse to limit catches by the majority of people who will do the right thing.

Your sincerely Terry Fuller, Secretary

### **How Recreational Fisher Numbers are Calculated.**

People have often wondered how the numbers of Recreational Fishers are worked out. The following is a summary from the Department of Fisheries Annual Report to Parliament for 2000/2001, pages 107 and 108.

Information was derived from a community survey conducted by the Research Division. The objectives of the survey included "to examine key aspects of community fishing and marine habitat behaviour." The survey was conducted by telephone during the first two weeks of June 2001. The telephone numbers were randomly selected from the DTMS white pages on CD-ROM. Respondents were males and females older than 17 years residing in Western Australia. The total sample of 707 interviews comprised 419 metropolitan interviews and 288 from regional interviews.

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Research conducted by the Recreational Fishing Surveys and Statistics section of the Western Australian Marine Research Laboratories gives the number of people in Western Australia

*Participation Rate in Recreational Fishing.*

who went recreational fishing at least once in the previous 12 month period as 642,549 individuals or 37.1 per cent of the WA population (using ABS population estimates for 1999). The participation rate for recreational fishing in Western Australia was 35.4 per cent in 1999/00 and 34.0 per cent in 1998/99.

The average number of days fished by recreational fishers in the last twelve months was 15.9 days with a median of 6 days.

The number of days fished by recreational fishers in the last twelve months ranges from 1 to 365 days. The majority of people in Western Australia fished between 1 and 20 days. However, some fished for considerably more than 20 days, giving a skewed frequency distribution.

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*Average number of days fished 1998/99 to 2000/2001.*

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#### **Notes.**

The sample size of 707 is only about 0.04% of the State's total population.

Only people older than 17 years old were interviewed.

WA's estimated population in 1999 was 1,861,000.

The sample was 59% metro area and 41% regional areas, whereas the population is split 73% in the Perth Statistical District and 27% elsewhere.

*Distribution Plot of days fished (eg about 125 people said they fished 1 to 5 times per year)*

Terry Fuller

### **Fisheries Annual Report to Parliament.**

The Fisheries Department Annual Report for 2000/2001 can be downloaded from the Fisheries web site at <http://www.wa.gov.au/westfish/annualreport/index.html>. Each year, there is a second document called "The State of the Fisheries Report", containing lots of good information about professional fish catches, but this is not yet on the web site.

Some statements made in the report are:-

Commercial fishery. 1999/2000 Catch 16,136 tonnes, Value \$41,412,000. *(This averages \$2.57 per kilogram.)*

Recreational fisheries are a major community asset, contributing over \$570 million a year to the State's economy and supporting an estimated 7,000 jobs.

The Recreational Fisheries Program was allocated a budget of \$10.3 million in 2000/01. About \$1.7 million was contributed directly by resource users through recreational fishing licence fees, with the remainder contributed by the State Government via the Consolidated Fund.

In 2000/01, a total of 60,923 people obtained recreational fishing licenses, a slight decrease from the previous year, but still representing a significant increase of about 20 per cent since 1997/98. These were made up of Rock lobster 25,566, Marron 11,206, Abalone 7,459, Netting 6,043, South-west freshwater angling 4,541, and All categories licenses 11,254.

The 250-strong State-wide VFLO program contributed over 9,529 hours and made 65,172 contacts through beachfront patrols and community education activities in 2000/01.

Major Initiatives in Recreational Fishing in 2001/2002 include to develop a recruitment index for key southern finfish species including herring, tailor and whiting, and to review the consultation arrangements and role of RFAC/RRFACs and Recfishwest.

Few of the State's major recreational fishing activities are based on stocks where the recreational take is the major component of exploitation. Those fisheries where recreational catches are known to be dominant or the activity is managed under a specific recreational licence are:- Inner Shark Bay snapper (at risk), Peel-Harvey Estuary blue swimmer/manna crabs (fully exploited), Leschenault Estuary blue swimmer/manna crabs (fully exploited), Marron (fully exploited), Recreational rock lobster (fully exploited) Metropolitan recreational abalone (fully exploited), and South-west freshwater angling (fully exploited).

A Vessel Monitoring System, which uses satellite technology to track and monitor vessel activity, is in place to monitor most trawl and some trap and line fisheries within Western Australia.

To create an effective deterrent against organised illegal fishing and associated activities the Regional Services Branch maintains specialist investigators. RSB prosecutes approximately 200 offenders per year. Penalties can exceed \$100,000. In 2000/01, 830 formal warnings and 320 infringement notices were issued.

Fisheries WA has negotiated the buy-back of all commercial netting licenses in the Leschenault Estuary through the Voluntary Fisheries Adjustment Scheme. The estuary is now reserved for recreational fishing only.

The drafting of a management plan for the South Coast Estuarine Fishery has commenced. Implementation for these new management arrangements is scheduled for January 2002.

Discount recreational fishing licenses are available for the over 55 age group.

**Social Report.**

The fund raising raffle is up and running at \$5 per ticket for 5 chances at \$100, just in time for Christmas. There are only 300 tickets being sold so do your bit for the club and have a go at selling a book of 10 tickets. Give me, Bob Henderson a call on 9451 6341 and I'll get a book to you as soon as possible. Please return all tickets, sold or not, by 16 December. Closing date is 19 December, with the raffle being drawn at the Committee meeting that night. All the details are on the tickets, as below.

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Over four Wednesday nights, eight Surfcasters have formed two teams to compete in the social Lawn Bowling at the Yokine Bowling Club. In the first competition, team number 1 won the NABA award (no wins!) while team 2 showed amateur class and skill to gain position 6 out of 14 teams. It's started again on November 21st, for three Wednesday nights. Be there around 6pm for a sausage sizzle, then a practice bowl before starting time of 7pm, and all finished by 9:30pm. Come along to see what it's all about – there will be more competitions next year.

On the 21st, Team 1, Derry and Diane Barber, Roy Killick and Ross Kember had a win, while Team 2, Peter Stoeckel, Bob Henderson, Ian Cook and Terry Fuller, were done for all money until clawing their way back from being 7-1 down after just four ends to salvage a 12 all draw!

*Bob and Peter contemplate the grim situation early in the match when the score was 7-1 against.*

Don't forget the night cast at George's place after the Local Field Day on Sunday 16th December.

There's the barbecue, and then the night cast, so bring your snaggers and/or chops and steak, and the glow sticks. For all those "night tossers", there'll be a special event over a slightly longer distance with a substantial prize for the winner. A great social night and a time we can all gather together.

I have put in a request for members to wear their club colours at State and Club events, and it has been great to see many of the members going along with it. How about buying a window sticker for your vehicle too? All shirts, cardigans, peak caps and stickers can be obtained by giving me a call

I'd like to wish all members a Happy Christmas and a fishy New Year.

Hendo, Social Organiser.

<p><b>Ticket Number 001</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Sold by _____</p> <p>SCAC Raffle - Permit LS028589</p>	<div style="text-align: right;"> <p><b>Surf Casting And Angling Club of WA (Inc.)</b></p> <p>PO Box 2032 Marmion W.A. 6020</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>5 prizes of \$100 each. Drawn in time for Christmas.</b></p> <p><b>Tickets \$5 each</b>                      <b>Ticket Number 001</b></p> </div> <p>Tickets on sale until 19 December. Prizes drawn on Wednesday, 19th December 2001.</p> <p>Results published in the West Australian, 21st December 2001. Permit Number LS028589 Issued by Lotteries Commission. Permit Holder R. Henderson, 12A Longhurst Way, Queens Park, WA 6107</p>
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## **Maps for Club Members.**

I would like to make up a catalogue of maps of fishing spots within WA which will be available to Club Members. So I'm asking for any maps or directions from Club Members. Any details would be of assistance for future field days or trips. Please post or hand to me when you see me.

A request from Hendo.

## **Spotter's Fee Offered to the Club.**

Kade Ross' mother has a real estate business, and has made an offer to the Club of \$200 for each real estate lead which results in a settled sale. The money could be used to help fund special club days and events which the club may have planned. The donation would be made upon settlement of each property.

If you have any leads, make sure you mention the Club and contact Tina Ross on:-

email:tina@tinross.com.au, [www.tinross.com.au](http://www.tinross.com.au), mobile 0413 136 769 phone 9448 8462 fax 9448 1589.

## **CD Offer – Copy of the Club Web Site on Compact Disc.**

The Club Web site is at <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au>

I know some members don't have access to the Internet. So I am making an offer to those members:- I will provide you with a CD containing a copy of all of the information on the current Club Web Site. All you have to do is put it into a computer with a CD player, and follow some simple instructions to be able to see everything. The CD will be suitable for an IBM compatible computer.

Having the web site information on CD will have one disadvantage:- it will gradually get out of date, because it won't have the latest changes which are on the web site, unless you give the CD back to me for an update.

Contact Terry Fuller for more information.

## **Happy Birthday to:-**

Kade Ross, 25th November

## **2001/2002 Field Days.**

Saturday/Sunday 15/16 December 2001	Local Metro Area.
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 January 2002	Preston/Myalup.
Saturday 16 February 2002	Garden Island.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 March 2002 LWE	Bluff Creek.
Saturday/Sun/Monday 30/31 March / 1 April 2002	Wago.
Easter Long Weekend	

## **2001/2002 Dry Casting.**

Sunday 2 December 2001, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 6 January 2002, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 3 February 2002, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 10 March 2002, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 7 April 2002, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.

## **2001/2002 General Meetings.**

Wednesday 5 December 2001, 8:00 pm <b>(Changed!)</b>	Yokine Bowling Club.
Wednesday 9 January 2002, 8:00 pm	Yokine Bowling Club.
Wednesday 13 February 2002, 8:00 pm	Yokine Bowling Club.
Wednesday 13 March 2002, 8:00 pm	Yokine Bowling Club.
Wednesday 10 April 2002, 8:00 pm	Yokine Bowling Club.

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

Thanks to Ian Cook for donations of recent years' Reel Talks. We now have from January 1989 to the current issue. See October's Reel Talk for the back issues we still want from 1988 and earlier years. We are looking for donations, or can copy yours if you want to keep them.

Please contact Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller if you have or can donate any of the missing issues.

## **For Rent.**

Club 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), has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$210 per week,	On season	\$350 per week	} all
Club Members:-	Off season	\$150 per week,	On Season	\$200 per week	} plus \$50
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights			} bond.

For bookings and further information, contact the Club' s Property Officer, Rob Mitchell, after hours on (08) 9248 8164.

## **Reel Talk Updates.**

Reel Talk postage is 98 cents per copy. Every copy hand delivered instead of posted saves the club nearly \$12 per year - and you may get it sooner. I deliver some to Terry Willison's work address in Balcatta, and some to homes in Hamersley, Carine, Duncraig, Marmion and Sorrento. Please contact me if you have ideas or can help for other areas.

This and future Reel Talks (minus the preprinted yellow cover sheet) will be available as Microsoft Word 97 documents and can be sent to your email address. Most of the photos in that document will be in glorious colour, but we can only do black and white photos in the posted version.

Thanks for the articles received. More articles, tips, hints etc are always welcome.

Terry Fuller, Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Web Page Editor.

## **Support our Trophy Donors and Advertisers.**

In these tough times for many businesses, trophy donors and advertisers sometimes wonder about the return they get from their support for the Club.

Show them that their support is worthwhile by buying your gear and getting your services from our trophy donors and advertisers. Let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club when you go to them.

Advertisers are on the Reel Talk cover pages. Our 2000/2001 trophy donors were:-

Bluewater Tackle, Scarborough, Morley, Exmouth.	Crackel For Tackle, Perth.	Club Members:-
Gary Shugg, The Complete Fisherman, Nedlands.	Ron McPhee, Ozflex.	
Joe Pullella's Fishing Tackle, North Perth.	Victoria Park Tackle.	Julie & Ross Kember.
Joondalup Fishing and Camping World.	Benbow and Co.	Rhys & Alan Jones.
Got'Ya Tackle and Camping, Balcatta.	Western Angler.	Bob Henderson.
ARB 4x4 Accessories, Osborne Park.	Don Batchelor.	Jennie Stoeckel.
Fleets for Tackle, Morley, Fremantle.	Hankook Tyres.	George Holman.
Doug Clegg, Cleggies Tackle, Trigg.	Hills Trading.	Terry Willison.
Campbell's Protackle, Leederville.	Fishing WA.	Terry Fuller.
Midland Gun Mart and Tackle.	Bruce Alvey.	Jim Strong.
Seaducer Tackle Corporation.	Basil Marsh.	Trevor Stam.
TJM 4x4 Products, O'Connor.	Rodwise.	
Joondalup Cash Converters.	Halco.	
Fisheries WA, Neil Sumner.		

We haven't yet approached companies about donations for our current 2001/2002 year. Club donors so far are:-

George Holman - rod trophy not allocated last year.  
Derry Barber - money not used last year.  
Terry Fuller - money not all used last year.  
Doug Edward

If any names have been missed, please contact the Reel Talk Editor.

## **AAA Coming Events.**

This information has been updated from the latest (October) AAA report. Check for updates in later Reel Talks.

December 8/9, 2001	MAAC - Club Competition.	
December 15/16, 2001	FAAC Field Day	Myalup to Preston.
December 16, 2001	Rockingham OFC - Field Day.	
January 19/20, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Moore River to Wedge.
January 26/27, 2002	Mandurah 500	
February 16/17, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Yanchep to Moore River.
March 2/3/4, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Go anywhere.
March 16/17, 2002	AAA State Beach/Rock Championship	Cervantes/Green Head.
April 20/21, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Cape to Cape
April 27/28, 2002	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Marmion AAC.
May 18/19, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Rottneest
June 1/2/3, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Cheyne Beach
October 27, 2002	AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve.
November 23/24, 2002	AAA State Estuary Championships	Swan River.
March 2003	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Lancelin AAC.
April 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Dawesville Cut to Binningup Cut.

## **Club's 50th Anniversary.**

The Surf Casting and Angling Club celebrates 50 years as a fishing club in June 2002, and will be inviting past members to join us.

We plan to hold our 50th anniversary celebration in conjunction with our annual dinner, dance and presentation of trophies in June 2002.

Planning for the night has started. Bob Henderson has contacted some newspapers and magazines and will put in notices.

Terry Fuller has been scouring all of the old Reel Talks for names - but some of the addresses are many years old. We already have around 770 names - some of which were children at the time.

With so many names, we need to decide who to write to and invite.

We plan to ask some of our members who have been with the Club a long time to go through the list and mark names of those who were with the club for more than just a short time. And then go through the current phone book, and see if we can get the current addresses and phone numbers.

Terry Fuller.

## **Exmouth Safari.**

A booking for accommodation in Exmouth has been made for Saturday 11th - 18th May 2002. Twenty two club people put their names down to go, but there have been some cancellations and there are spot lefts in the accommodation already booked. More houses are available if numbers go past 22, but it would need to be booked ASAP. If you are interested, please give your details to Chas Riegert on 9402 3180.

Chas needs a deposit of \$50 from all those with their names down, and the balance of \$90 by March 2002.

Chas will arrange a meeting in the new year of all those going to discuss all the details what/where/when/etc we are going to fish once we get there. When we will leave. Whether we will all travel together in convoy, etc, etc.

## **New Member Acceptance.**

The following application for membership has been accepted at the November Committee meeting.

Keith Derbyshire,

60 Manbari Crescent, Wanneroo, 6065

## 2001/2002 Open Competition.

Cookie needs more entries !!! Someone must have caught some fish ???

Section	For	Min weight	Current Leader.
1.	Most Meritorious Capture	None	Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.
2.	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry.
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	Mal Head 7.5kg at Frustration, Kalbarri.
4.	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	No entry.
5.	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry.
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Mal Head 3.5kg at Red Bluff, Kalbarri.
7.	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry.
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	No entry.
9.	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry.
10.	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry.
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	No entry.
12.	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry.
13.	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry.
14.	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry.
15.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	Ross Kember, 3.0 kg Cobia at Steep Point.
16.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	No entry.

## Seaducer Lure Fishing Competition.

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

Heaviest Tailor Mal Head 2.5kg at Red Bluff, Kalbarri.

Heaviest Salmon No entry.

Heaviest Scale Fish No entry.

## Joke.

One day a fisherman was lying on a beautiful beach, with his rod propped up in the sand and his line cast out into the sparkling blue surf. He was enjoying the warmth of the afternoon sun and the prospect of catching a fish.

About that time, a businessman came walking down the beach, trying to relieve some of the stress of his workday. He noticed the fisherman sitting on the beach and decided to find out why this fisherman was fishing instead of working harder to make a living for himself and his family.

"You aren' t going to catch many fish that way," said the businessman to the fisherman, "you should be working rather than lying on the beach!" The fisherman looked up at the businessman, smiled and replied:-

"And what will my reward be?" "Well, you can get bigger nets and catch more fish!" was the businessman' s answer.

"And then what will my reward be?" asked the fisherman, still smiling. The businessman replied, "You will make money and you' ll be able to buy a boat, which will then result in larger catches of fish!"

"And then what will my reward be?" asked the fisherman again. The businessman was beginning to get a little irritated with the fisherman' s questions. "You can buy a bigger boat, and hire some people to work for you!" he said.

"And then what will my reward be?" repeated the fisherman. The businessman was getting angry. "Don' t you understand? You can build up a fleet of fishing boats, sail all over the world, and let all your employees catch fish for you!"

Once again the fisherman asked, "And then what will my reward be?" The businessman was red with rage and shouted at the fisherman, "Don' t you understand that you can become so rich that you will never have to work for your living again! You can spend all the rest of your days sitting on this beach, looking at the sunset. You won' t have a care in the world!"

The fisherman, still smiling, looked up and said, "And what do you think I' m doing right now?"

Thanks to Mat Sneddon.

## **Line Twist With Alvey Reels.**

Line twist is a problem many people have when using Alvey Reels. Some people give up or give away the reel in sheer frustration.

If you have twisted line, the simple way to remove the twist you already have in the line is to run it out on the beach or an oval and wind it back onto the reel without anything tied on the end of the line. Hold the line between your fingers as you wind in to force the twists down to the loose end. You may have to do this more than once, because the loose end may twist up and not spin freely.

BUT every time you cast out and wind back in you will put more twists into the line, roughly 2 full twists for every metre of cast with a 6 1/2 inch Alvey. So line twist is always there when using an Alvey, but it doesn't have to cause ANY problems if your rig etc let these twists unwind themselves.

While many people know that you must have a swivel above anything else in your Alvey rig, just having the swivel there isn't any good unless it can spin freely.

The real secret is that EVERY time you wind back in, just take the weight off the swivel so that it can spin and do it's job. As you take the weight off, you will see it spin many times and let out enough of the twist so it isn't a problem. Doing this also makes sure that the swivel isn't locked up with sand, fine weed etc - which often happens.

It's easy to do this when you check your bait or put a new bait on. If you're using a lure you need to swing the lure up, grab it and take the weight off the swivel.

I use box swivels on the top of all my Alvey rigs - they don't seem to get jammed with fine sand as easily as some other types when beach fishing. If you take the weight off after every retrieve, it doesn't matter what type or size of swivel you use, and they don't have to be small unless you're using very light line. Pick the swivel size for the strength you need in the rig.

You can try ball bearing swivels - but whatever type of swivel you use, if it gets sand in or weed wrapped around and jams up, then the line twist will come back - and the first you may know is the line looped up and wrapped around a runner or some part of the reel.

Terry Fuller.

## **Member Information.**

We would like to increase the value of being a member of the Club. Apart from fishing, members of the Club have a very wide range of hobbies, interests and skills which aren't known to other Club members.

See the write up and the form in the November Reel Talk. The response has been completely underwhelming so far.

So please put your details on the form from the November Reel Talk and send it in.

Terry Fuller.

## **Mint Condition Four Wheel Drive For Sale.**

George Holman knows where there is a 1986 four litre Nissan Patrol with roof rack which has traveled around 80,000k and is in absolute mint condition. Being sold because the owner is ill. Will go at a real bargain price. Contact George soon if you're interested.

## **Answer to the "Nine Dot" Exercise.**

Thanks to Roy Killick for the answer to the "Nine Dot" exercise printed in the November Reel Talk.

## **AAA State Estuary Championships - November 24/25.**

Bob Henderson, Peter Stoeckel, Andrew Stoeckel, Daniel Stoeckel, Andrew Aubrey, Ric Parker, Terry Willison, Alan Jones, Rhys Jones, Spencer King, George Holman, Tony D'Alonzo, Rob Mitchell, Terry Fuller, Keith Derbyshire, Chas Riegert and Kade Ross attended the AAA State Estuary Championships which was held at the Peel Inlet, Mandurah on Saturday/Sunday November 24th/25th.

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*A pleasant afternoon at the Cut.*

Tony fished near the end of the south wall and was kept busy by the stingrays. Chas and Kade did some exploring up the estuary by road, and got a mixed bag. George fished near the mouth of the river after dark for plenty of small tailor and herring, but had trouble finding any other species of legal length, despite lots of fish.

Bob had his Kombi with the barbecue, etc, so when the fishing petered out after dark, all the guys gathered for tea and a few drinks and socialising. Despite that, most managed to get up at first light and went fishing again.

They could have stayed in bed – that session didn't add much to the tally. Still it was a good morning to be out and about in the fresh air.

Back at the weigh in, it seemed a similar story. Quite a few who had fished in the river mouth had their limit of eight herring and eight tailor, but other fish were scarce. Ric Parker had the heaviest flathead and Andy Aubrey the heaviest King George whiting.

All in all a great social event, even if the fish forgot to turn up for the fishing side of the trip.

Terry Fuller

Most of the members fished together off a jetty or the south wall of the Dawesville Cut. Despite lots of berley and effort, only a few small tailor, small herring, small skippy, a couple of nice King George whiting, and good flathead were caught. Rob bought his boat and Andy and he fished in the Cut for some herring, tailor and KG whiting, and Andy caught an ugly fish which was the heaviest caught but turned out to be a gurnard and ineligible.

Spencer took his dinghy and treated George to some quality catch and release fishing – unfortunately mostly blowies which were well over the 20cm minimum length, unlike most of the other fish in the Cut. It's a bit grim when you have to measure nearly all the fish you catch to make sure they're legal – that's apart from all the ones that were so small that there was no need to measure them.

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*Up at dawn trying again!*

## **Rhonda, Wayne – Dianne & Derry's Four Wheel Driving Weekend.**

Looking for fishing spots for Club, sadly there were none, but that didn't stop us from having a good time.

We left Saturday morning and headed to the Black Forrest track down South (4 wheel driving, our hubs were engaged but not serious 4 wheel driving) we took our lunch (sandwiches) and had the CB's on so we were able to comment on the scenery as we went. It rained Saturday but that didn't stop us enjoying the bush which was peaceful and beautiful. We had lunch in a grove of trees dripping with rain. I saw one kangaroo only. We left the track and headed for Augusta, we didn't book and had no trouble getting two rooms, stayed the night with all the comforts for \$75 a night with brekky included. We had dinner at the pub and enjoyed each others company.

Sunday morning we left about 8 am went back into the bush on the Black Point track, went past Emu Springs (which I believe used to host trips) saw people enjoying canoeing, went over an interesting water crossing, and found wildflowers galore such as enameled pink orchids, cowslip and donkey orchids and a big race horse goanna on the track was good to watch. The ocean was welcome, however not good for fishing (so I'm told).

We left the track, headed for historical Nannup (the thylacine or Nannup Tiger wasn't to be found). We indulged in a lovely devonshire tea and then on the road for home. Thanks to Rhonda and Wayne for your company.

I am not a fisherperson, however for any other ladies who are the same as me I would suggest the club should have a weekend like this when the ladies can have the company of their men, however not a lot of preparation needed and the added enjoyment of a shower and dinner Saturday night.

**To the non fisherwoman – I suppose there are some like me.**

Using my vivid imagination, I could see after dinner Saturday night if you still felt like doing something, we could have a fun fish on the jetty (of course with someone to help us take the smelly things off the hook) with the lady who catches the first one getting a prize. Of course if you're a Rhonda, Julie or Jennie you can't qualify. Sorry ladies.

**This is a challenge for the Committee!**

Dianne Barber.

**President's Notes: Nov 2001**

On Friday last we gave a presentation to interested members of the Yokine Bowling club and where we did not get the audience numbers that we would have liked, I think we generally did a good job in presenting the club. I was a little disappointed in the numbers of SCAC club members who were conspicuous by their absence. Remember that if we create the impression that we are a cohesive group, then the more chance we have of gaining new members.

It is our job to introduce at least one new or prospective member a year. Please make this a priority.

This leads me to another most important issue, that of social coordinator. As you are all aware Bob Henderson offered to act as the Social Coordinator strictly on a temporary basis. Bob has carried out these duties to date but with his other commitments, he cannot continue in this position.

We are in desperate need of a person to take this responsibility. If anyone can assist please give me a call on 9446 3194 a/h or at work 9479 3088.

A number of us have got together a list of possible functions that will assist with selecting suitable social events, this is available to anyone who thinks that they might like to give it a go.

It has come to my attention the Ric Parker has celebrated another birthday. Many happy returns Ric. "Might be grounds for a master at arms here". George???????

Christmas is just around the corner and the "Silly Season" is getting under way, this is just a reminder that "excess is fine but do it at home." Don't give Chas and his mates more work than they can handle.

"Fish well and Drive Safe" Ross Kember.

**Registration for Garden Island Field Day February 2002.**

I am interested in going to the Garden Island Field Day on Saturday 16 February 2002.

FULL name(s).	
Full residential address.	
Phone number.	
Vehicle Registration.	

Please also fill out for family members who want to come.

Tear out and send to:- Secretary, SCAC, PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020, or bring to the December or January General Meeting. **There is a deadline:-** the January General Meeting, Wednesday 9 January 2002.

## Draft Proposal for Fish Catch and Release in the Field Day Competition.

The aim of this proposal is to allow anglers in the monthly SCAC Field Day Competition events to release some unwanted eligible fish species but still obtain points for their captures. It is also aimed at encouraging anglers to release small (but still legal sized) specimens of a species e.g. flathead, tarwhine and whiting.

At present we would like to start with a limited number of Catch and Release species to allow for easier administration and also to keep matters simple. If this system proves successful and there is a demand for more species to be included, these can be added at a later stage.

Each fish species has been allocated a nominal weight. If anglers are catching fish of a larger size, and want to be credited with the full points for their weight, these fish will have to be presented at the weigh in.

Only 30 fish are eligible for the Field Day competition including both fish weighed in and caught and release claims.

The maximum number of fish of any eligible species that can be recorded is one day's bag limit as stipulated by Fisheries W.A. or Club limits, whether these are weighed in or released.

The 10 points per species applies regardless of the numbers of weighed and released fish.

All fish recorded must be of legal size, where this is applicable. The clubs minimum size for any eligible fish is 20 centimetres.

It is important to stress that the fish must be released in good condition and with every chance to survive. Fish that are damaged or are not likely to survive should be humanely killed and kept.

All captures must be witnessed by another club member to be eligible for points to be allocated . The system is based entirely on trust and we rely on angler honesty for this to succeed.

The capture and release form must be presented to the Field Day officer at the weigh in. It is to be completed and signed by both the angler and the witness.

Any comments? Contact recorder, Ian Cook.

Species	Allocated weight	Species	Allocated weight
Herring	0.1 kg	Whiting	0.1 kg
Tailor	0.3 kg	Salmon	2.5 kg
Skipjack Trevally	0.2 kg	Pike	0.15 kg
Tarwhine	0.2 kg	Flathead	0.2 kg
Wrasse	0.2 kg	Mulloway	1.25 kg

## Greetings From Andy Woodford.

Andy wishes all the members and committee a happy Christmas and a fishy New Year.

He is making a flying visit home at Christmas, but the electronic monitoring spies report he's planning a fishing trip to the Hopetoun area, so he won't get to see most club people.

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