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Membership Coordinator **New !!**

Chas Riegert

Committee Person

Peter Stoeckel

Immediate Past President.

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George Holman

Bob Henderson)

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Minutes of General Meeting, 13 November 2002

Venue:- Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:05 PM. President Ross Kember presiding.

Present:- 27 senior and 1 junior member, 3 visitors.

Apologies:- John Hall, Ian Mascarenhas, Trevor Stam, Morris Kolman, Reg Carle.

Visitors:- Rod Cattermole, Paul Fuller, Geoff Raftis.

New Members:- Willis Family had been invited were not present to be welcomed to the Club.

Previous Minutes:- Published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Roy Killick seconded Peter Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.

Previous Committee:- Ross Kember outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.

Correspondence In:- BT Funds Management Replacement 2000/2001 Tax Statement.
Paul Fuller Application for membership.
Reg Carle Application for membership.
TA Mairs and Co. 2000/2001 Tax return and account.
City of Stirling Yokine Reserve master Plan.

Correspondence Out:- Robert Mitchell Missing cash deposits.
20 people Information about the Club.
Clive Willis and Family Acceptance as members.
Campbells }
Urban Angler } Offer for Reel Talk cover advertising.
Fleets }
T A Mairs and Co. 2000/2001 Tax return information.
T A Mairs and Co. 2000/2001 Tax return declaration.
T A Mairs and Co. 2001/2002 Tax return information.
Moved Chas Riegert, seconded Terry Willison, that correspondence be accepted: Carried.

Treasurer's Report:- Accounts for payment:-

Bob Henderson	Dry Casting expenses, trailer plug.	\$68.20
Sheridans	50 Club badges (payment to be made on collection)	\$242.00
Jiffy Print	Reel Talk November 2002.	\$113.70
TA Mairs and Co.	Tax return preparation and advice through the year.	\$313.50
Yokine Bowling Club	Meeting Room November	\$50.00
Mal Head	Chair tips and door buffers Kalbarri.	\$19.20
Total of accounts for payment at November 2002 General Meeting.		\$806.60

Available funds 13/11/2002 from bank statement on line \$9,161.80
Accounts for payment November General meeting \$806.60
Total available as at 13/11/2002 \$8,355.20
Moved Ian Cook seconded Peter Stoeckel report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment - carried.

Property Officer:- Vix Alexander reported on new bookings for Kalbarri. House is available as in Reel Talk. She thanked Ross Kember for some plastic stacking chairs donated for use on the outside patio.

Field Day Officer:- Ian Cook reported on the Cervantes Field Day, as in Reel Talk. He showed copies of a new local weigh in form to be used.
Malcolm Harris reported on the coming Field Day. Due to the extended boundaries of Lancelin to Cervantes, and plans already made for people to fish in both areas, it was agreed that fishing stop at 11 am and the weigh in be at George Holman's at 3pm on Sunday to give people time to travel back.

Dry Casting Officer:- Bob Henderson gave details of the November Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. Certificates for records cast in October and framed photos of people and teams at the AAA State Drycasting were presented.
A meeting will be held on 2 December for team selection for the Nationals at Yamba.
He gave details of a planned trip to Penguin Island for the December Open Field Day.
A spare tackle sale is planned for the December General meeting.

Social Organiser:- Gave members details of Corporate Bowls at Yokine Bowling Club and teams.

AAA Report:- George advised members that AAA needs a secretary when Max Law resigns after Christmas. He reported on the Recfishwest AGM.
State Estuary Championships will be on 23/24 November. Mandurah 500 11/12 January 2003.

Recorder:- Nothing to report. More entries wanted !!.

Reel Talk Editor:- None

Notices of Motion:- None

General Business:- The December General meeting will clash with Corporate Bowls. Agreed to shift the GM to Tuesday 10 December.
This GM is our Christmas social. Please bring a plate of food.
Ross Kember reminded members the club still needs a Treasurer.
It was suggested that the tackle boards should be on display at meetings for new members.
Stirling City Council has plans to change Yokine Reserve where dry casting is held. There is a public meeting on 9 December at the Yokine Bowling Club at 6:00pm. Details of the plans to be published in Reel Talk.

Instruction Period:- Frank Prokop gave an excellent presentation on lures, how to use them, and the value of lures as collectors items and investments.

Meeting closed. 10.30 pm

Coming Club Events.

December Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 1 December, 8:30 am start.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

December General Meeting.

When:- **Tuesday, 10** December 2002, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.
Instruction Period:- Christmas get together and spare tackle auction.

Day/date Changed !

Please bring a plate of food.

December 2002 Field Day - Open.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- 9:30 am, Saturday.
Weigh in:- 6:00 pm Sunday 15 December, at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. To be followed by the Christmas get together and night cast.
Boundaries:- All Western Australian Tidal Waters.

Tides for	Saturday 14 Dec.	0.57m at 8:22 am	0.87m at 7:15 pm	Sunrise:-	About 5:05 am
Fremantle	Sunday 15 Dec.	0.55m at 5:48 am	0.92m at 7:22 pm	Sunset:-	About 7:15 pm
Moon	Moon Phase:-	First Quarter, December 12	Moonset:-	About 2:20 pm 14 December	
			Moonrise:-	About 2:10 am 15 December	

December Christmas Get Together / Night Cast .

Come weigh in your field day catch, join in the barbecue, (BYO food) then when the sun sets, venture out onto the oval and try your luck at the night cast. **When:-** Sunday 15 December, 6:00 pm onwards,

Where:- rear of George Holman's house, . All you need is a flick rod, your usual casting weight, and a glow stick of any size on your line. It's our Christmas gathering, all are welcome. Hendo.

December Field Day Trip to Penguin Island.

The December Field Day is an open event. Planned trip to Penguin Island for Saturday 14 December. First ferry at 9am, then each half hour. Return trip costs \$8 adults, \$7 concession, \$6.50 kids. Last ferry is at 4pm, with emergency trip at 4:30pm.

Do not try to walk over the sand bar !!! There's a channel 6ft deep and a ripper rip in the sea breeze !!!

Walking via a built up pathway to the back of the Island. Beach and reef fishing, so bring your reef boots. A cut lunch and drinks are required (BYO) For the adventurous, there are spots to go swimming and snorkeling.

Following the return ferry trip, I'm asking all to join us on the foreshore opposite the Rockingham Hotel complex to participate in a barbecue or pizza or fish and chips or whatever and watch the sun go down.

Ring Hendo if you are going to participate.

Hendo.

January 2003 Field Day - Mandurah 500.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003.
Sign On:- To be advised.
Lines Down:- To be advised.
Weigh in:- After Mandurah 500 weigh in and presentations.
Boundaries:- Same as Mandurah 500, Preston Beach to Golden Bay.

Tides for	Saturday 11 Jan.	0.58m at 7:51 am	0.85m at 6:41 pm	Sunrise:-	About 5:20 am
Mandurah	Sunday 12 Jan.	0.58m at 7:38 am	0.90m at 6:48 pm	Sunset:-	About 7:28 pm
Moon	Moon Phase:-	First quarter Friday 10 January	Moonrise:-	About 1:00 pm Sat 11 Jan	
			Moonset:-	About 00:40 am Sun 12 Jan	

Local Field Day for January 2003.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Sunday 10:00 am 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 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- North local, South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River, so includes both the North and South Moles.

Tides for	Saturday 11 Jan.	0.52m at 7:20 am	0.84m at 6:12 pm
Fremantle	Sunday 12 Jan.	0.52m at 6:28 am	0.90m at 6:22 pm

Calendar for Next Three Months.

<u>1</u>	Dry Casting	<u>11</u>	General Meeting	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	Field Day	<u>18</u>	Committee Meeting												
December 2002							January 2003							February 2003						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					<u>1</u>			1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>						1	<u>2</u>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	<u>8</u>	9	10	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	10	<u>11</u>	12	13	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	13	14	<u>15</u>	16	17	18	19	10	11	<u>12</u>	13	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
16	17	<u>18</u>	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	<u>19</u>	20	21	22	23
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28		

SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003.

2002/2003 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 1 December 2002

Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 5 January 2003

Sunday 6 April 2003

Sunday 2 February 2003

2002/2003 General Meetings.

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Tuesday 10 December 2002

Changed !

Wednesday 12 March 2003

Wednesday 8 January 2003

Wednesday 9 April 2003

Wednesday 12 February 2003

2002/2003 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December 2002

Open.

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003

Mandurah 500, and "North" Local

Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003

Open.

Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE

Bluff Creek, and "South" Local

Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003

Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin, and "North" Local.

Boundaries for Local Field Days.

Local field days will alternate between a "South" and a "North" on successive months, except for "Opens".

South:- Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River, so includes both the North and South Moles.

North:- South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River, so includes both the North and South Moles.

AAA and Affiliated Club Coming Events.

This information has been updated from the November 2002 AAA report. Some dates are still being finalised so check for updates in later Reel Talks.

December 7, 2002

Offshore Angling Club Beach Field Day

Preston.

December 15, 2002

Rockingham OFC Field Day

Point Peron.

December 21/22, 2002

Fremantle AAC Field Day

White Hills to Myalup.

Jan 8 2003

Fishing Clinic Mandurah

At Mandurah Offshore FSC.

Jan 11/12, 2003

AAA Mandurah 500

**Preston Beach to Golden Bay.
SCAC Field Day same dates and boundaries.**

January 18/19, 2003

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Yanchep to Wedge.

January 25/26/27, 2003

Offshore Angling Club Beach Field Day

S Bend

February 15/16, 2003

Fremantle AAC Field Day

White Hills to Preston.

February 22/23, 2003

AAA State Boat Angling Championships

Lancelin AAC.

March 15/16, 2003

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Cervantes to Wedge.

March 29/30, 2003

AAA State Beach and Rock Championship

Halls Head to Myalup Drain.

April 25/26/27, 2003

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Go Anywhere.

May 17/18, 2003

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Rottnest.

May 31/June 1/2 2003

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Albany area.

July 19/20, 2003

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Rottnest.

March 29/30, 2003

AAA State Beach and Rock Championship

Horrocks to Kalbarri. **Date Change**

October 26, 2003

AAA State Dry Casting Championships

Yokine Reserve.

March or April 2004

AAA State Estuary Championships

Collie River and Leschenault Estuary.

Dry Casting Report, 3 November 2002.

What a great start to a day. A slight headwind, a soft dew and the sun coming up into a beautiful blue sky. Getting assistance by one ugly so-and-so who carted out all of the gear and scared off all of the exercising dogs, we had the area set up and sat down to enjoy the coffee as the casters arrived.

There were quite a few snap offs and out of bounds by all groups during the distance casting but brute strength by Chas and absolutely class by Roy gave them the honours for the 112 gram and 56 gram events. I also speak for others when I comment on the big improvement young Ben Lilburne and "Aubs" are making, for they are creeping closer to the top lads.

Once again "Roy the boy" produced excellence to outclass all in the double handed event, although the bulls eyes by Chas and Aubs had them strutting their stuff. "Teletubby 2" and "Shorty" won the single handed event but the clangers by Rick and Trevor put a smile on their dial. Trevor's leap into the air had his boots just leave the grass.

The overall winner of the day goes to "Roy the boy" on top of his win in the State titles and goes to show that really "old" people can still do a few things properly, given plenty of time. Roy's regular practice along with his polished style will surely give him even more rewards in the future. Well done "kiddo".

Congratulations to Chas for pipping George and winning the single handed event. Chas' competitiveness will also lead into success but it's his willingness to assist others that really make him stand out. I have added his name to my list of fellow club members that are truly "club men".

The State dry casting event has been and gone and I congratulate all fellow club members on their efforts both in the teams events and individual performances. Success came our way in many areas but it was the comradery and assistance by many that made a great day. "Well done" to all.

This decrepit body of mine has been letting me down lately and I haven't been producing the usual high standards (any disagreeing comments?) so I'd like to say thank you to my mates for their cooperation and assistance and slight concern.

Keep it straight and long.

Hendo.

P.S. it only takes a tiny bit of your time to assist others, just take a gander at George's and both Terry's and Trevor's efforts every casting day. Have a go, you may enjoy yourself.

Results for the day:-

	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points			
Seniors.									
Chas Riegert	160	154	31	-	120	12	124	26	193
Nick Allsworth	132	146	28	-	113	11	126	19	184
George Holman	151	141	29	-	-	0	123	21	173
Ken Black	98	101	20	94	87	18	114	21	173
Ric Parker	-	117	12	-	104	10	116	18	156
Andrew Aubrey	128	135	26	86	88	17	77	10	130
Terry Willison	-	-	0	99	-	10	94	21	125
Peter Stoeckel	93	54	15	-	80	8	84	3	110
Colin Lilburne	-	-	0	109	79	19	69	0	88
John Feighan (Visitor)	80	86	17	77	82	16	35	6	74
John Romano	-	-	0	-	-	0	52	20	72

Veterans.

Roy Killick	129	123	25	123	106	23	154	17	219
Bob Henderson	-	125	13	113	-	11	126	24	174
Trevor Stam	90	82	17	83	81	16	90	25	148
Jim Strong	98	95	19	89	81	17	80	19	135
Geoff Raftis	73	77	15	60	68	13	81	13	122
Terry Fuller	75	-	8	85	-	9	74	22	113
Allan Jones	102	107	21	-	-	0	27	14	62
Peter Mahony	-	-	0	-	65	7	50	1	58

Ladies.

Joy Brann	64	60	12	66	65	13	59	21	105
Maureen Lissiman	50	47	10	55	54	11	41	9	71

Juniors.

Ben Lilburne	122	134	26	117	-	12	57	11	106
Rhys Jones	97	81	18	65	84	15	43	26	102

Mini Juniors.

Andrew Stoeckel	-	-	0	50	37	9	70	11	90
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Day Winners.

112 gram winner	Chas Riegert	31
56 gram winner	Roy Killick	23
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick	154
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Chas Riegert/Rhys Jones	26
Winner of the Day	Roy Killick	219
Single Handed Open winner	Chas Riegert	78 metres
Ladies winner	Joy Brann	105
Junior winner	Ben Lilburne	106
Mini Junior winner	Andrew Stoeckel	90

Special Request

Would all drycasters please wear club shirts and name badge at monthly casting days. Hendo

**Next Dry Casting:- Sunday
1 December 2002, 8:30 am
start.**

Events:-

**112 gram Distance,
Artificial Bait distance,
Double Handed accuracy,
Single Handed accuracy.**

Dry Casting Top Ten

Progressive scores up to November.

112 gram Level Line		56 gram Level Line		Artificial Bait Distance	
Chas Riegert	197	Roy Killick	95	Gary Gildersleeves	75
George Holman	189	Chas Riegert	81	Bob Henderson	71
Roy Killick	172	Rick Parker	80	Roy Killick	69
Gary Gildersleeves	146	Jim Strong	74	Chas Riegert	68
Mal Head	139	Nick Allsworth	69	George Holman	66
Nick Allsworth	129	Gary Gildersleeves	67	Mal Head	62
Allan Jones	127	George Holman	54	Rick Parker	54
Jim Strong	126	Malcolm Harris	53	Allan Jones	44
Rick Parker	125	Bob Henderson	49	Malcolm Harris	41
Malcolm Harris	108	Mal Head	45	Trevor Stam	40

Double Handed Accuracy		Single Handed Accuracy	
Roy Killick	1008	Roy Killick	176
George Holman	858	Bob Henderson	155
Mal Head	820	Terry Willison	153
Bob Henderson	803	Chas Riegert	146
Gary Gildersleeves	791	George Holman	145
Jim Strong	783	Mal Head	131
Chas Riegert	763	Allan Jones	128
Rick Parker	694	Trevor Stam	119
Trevor Stam	664	Jim Strong	108
Terry Willison	623	Gary Gildersleeves	106

Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.

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

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

Happy Birthday to:-

Colin Lilburne, 29 December

Ida Thompson, 31 December.

For Sale - Generators, Fridge/Freezer.

Generator Yamaha EF2000, compact, quiet running, 2 power outlets, voltage stabilised, 12volt DC charging, good condition. \$700

39 litre Engel fridge/freezer, good condition, works well \$650

Generator 3KVA industrial type Honda GX240 Modra alternator, good order, \$350

Contact Ian Cook,

For Sale - Camper Trailer.

Camper trailer, 6ft x 4 ft, professionally made heavy duty vinyl top, fitted insect screens, chairs, table, gas stove, beds, excellent condition, licensed until December 2003. \$750 or near offer.

Contact Bob Henderson

Wanted – Aluminium Cans.

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 the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Mal won't be at the December meeting, so please hold the cans until January.

AAA and Club Publicity.

The November issue of the West Coast Fisherman newspaper was not published.

The December issue of West Coast Fisherman newspaper has an article on the Offshore Angling Club Boating Branch, the AAA State Dry Casting, and details of the Mandurah 500 and Mandurah Angling Clinic. For photos and all the results for all the AAA State Championships, look at the Australian Anglers Association, (WA Division) website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.

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

New Member Applications.

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

Geoff Raftis,
Paul J. Fuller,

Reg Carle,

New Member Acceptances.

The following applications for membership have been accepted, and will be invited to the General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

None this month.

Kalbarri House For Rent.

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

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$220 per week,	On season	\$360 per week	} all
Club Members:-	Off season	\$160 per week,	On Season	\$210 per week	} plus \$50
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights			} bond.

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. Club members need to do their own cleaning on departure, or we can arrange cleaners at around \$46 per clean, extra on the rates above.

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

As at end of November, the house is available from 30 November to 21 December 2002, from 4 January 2003 to 28 February, 15 March to 17 April, from 25 April to 17 October, excluding a period around the September LWE, and 8 November 2003 on. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

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

See the list in the February 2002 Reel Talk. Past member Ted Horsley holds the record for the earliest Reel Talk donated – October 1952. Thanks also to past member Vern Pocklington, the designer of the Reel Talk logo, for copies of the March and June 1953 issues.

2002/3 Open Lure Competition.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	George Holman 4.2 kg at False Entrance
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	No entry yet.
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	George Holman 5.0 kg Spanish Mackerel at False Entrance.

2002/2003 Open Competition Results to November 2002.

Section	For	Min weight	Current Leader.	
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	George Holman	7.0 kg at False Entrance.
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman	4.2 kg at False Entrance.
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman	8.5 kg at False Entrance.
15.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	George Holman	4.8 kg Spangled Emperor at False Entrance.
16.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	Ross Kember	0.32 kg Bartailed Flathead.

Wanted - Treasurer.

**No one nominated for the Treasurer's job at the AGM. It's a doddle, now that all the hard work is done !
If you can fill this position, please contact President Ross Kember.**

From Reel Talk July 1953.

Many thanks to past members Ted Horsley and Vern Pocklington for donating copies of early Reel Talks from 1952 to 1954, and a copy of the Constitution of the Surfcasting and Angling Association of WA from that time. This gives us some wonderful views of the early days of the club, and will fill many pages of future Reel Talks. Here's the July 1953 issue of Reel Talk, when the Club was the Surf Casting and Angling Association of WA.

President :
V. C. DAVIS
Vice-President :
N. W. KNIGHT
Hon. Sec. and Editor :
L. M. DUNN



July, 1953

The Official News Letter of
THE SURF-CASTING AND ANGLING ASSOCIATION OF W.A.

Editor's Note (July 1953)

The election of officers at our Annual General Meeting resulted in the following members being elected for the ensuing twelve months.

Patron: A.J. Fraser
President: V.C Davis
Vice-Presidents: N.W.Knight & A.Werner.
Sec.-Treas: L.M. Dunn
Committee: V.Pocklington, N .Smith, R. Agnew.
Auditor: A. Smith
Recorder: V.C. Davis
Editor: L.M. Dunn.

A. Werner, being made a Vice-President, and R. Agnew, replacing J. MacNerney, were the only changes made. The Committee wishes to take this opportunity of thanking club members for the support they have given and for the confidence shown by electing them for a further term.

We plan to conduct our next Field Day on July 11th & 12th from 4 p.m. Saturday to 10 am. Sunday, at Penguin Island. Boat transport will be provided from Safety Bay. Further details may be obtained at our next meeting on July 8th, or from the Secretary.

Who was the chap who hid two Graeme reels under the house, later to explain that he bought his wife a reel also and was keeping it as a surprise?

A Letter from "Old Timer" (July 1953)

Dear Bill,

Remember me tellin' you about the 16 3/4 lb. jewy I caught on a herrin' 'ook a cupla weeks ago at Point Peron? Well, I goes down again last weekend and just to prove it weren't t no fluke I gets another one in the same place. This 'ere's only a 12 pounder, and this time I was usin' a bigger 'ook, a 2/0 suicide and a whole prawn, but it's worth mentionin'.

If anyone don't believe me they can ask me wife - she 'anded me the gaff !

Be seein' you Bill "Old Timer"

P.S. You might like to take a gink at these 'ooks. (But I wants 'em back again for me George Washington fish gallery.) O.T.

Reality Bites? (July 1953)

There's a crew of tired men who will never smile again,
There's a pile of broken tackle on the shore,
There are beaten up surfmasters, broken rods and weary casters,
Who have sworn that they'd go fishing nevermore.

In the cold grey light of dawning, bed and all home comforts scorning,
They had started with elation on the track,
For they said when we go fishing, well it's not like idle wishing,
Why if we don't catch a pile we won't come back.

So they left their bridges burning, bed and all home comforts spurning,
Heading out at speeds alarming for their spot,
For they said if we don't get there before all the boys have met there
They will get a start and catch the ruddy lot.

Well they landed out there early and unloaded all their burley,
And they headed with their gear for the beach,
As they limbered up their tackle you could hear those experts cackle
As they thought of all those fish within their reach.

When they raced down to the water getting ready for the slaughter
A thunderous crashing sound beset their ears
When they set eyes on those rollers they shed tears, and beat their molars
And their brows grew black with strife and sudden fear.

Well to cut this story shorter the weather was a snorter,
And those poor bedraggled blighters caught no fish,
And they thought of all their bragging and their footsteps started dragging
And a sure and painless death their only wish.

They headed home next morning cold and bleary eyed and yawning,
And each wondered how the hell he'd face his wife,
For it's seldom cheese and kisses when you go home to the missus
Without that fish meal on which you "bet your life".

Some tried walking in quite boldly but their wives just eyed them coldly
And murmured in their sweetest voice: "What ho!"
Why you poor deluded sucker, if you've brought home no fish tucker,
Back fishing with your mates you'll never go.

For an attitude superior when you've got a wet posterior
And no fish to show is just a ruddy cheek,
Well there's some still in disfavour but there's some whose case is graver,
And we fear that they will end up in the creek.

There's a crew of tired men who will never smile again,
There's a pile of broken tackle on the shore,
There are some wives still, sharpening their knives,
And there's some who will fish with us no more.

(Some parts edited. Times have changed !)

Vic Davis.

Fishing Along the South Coast (July 1953).

East of Albany is a long stretch of coast that has received relatively little attention from the amateur fisherman. The roads leading to this area are passable to almost any vehicle that will track and has good clearance.

This coast consists of alternating granite bluffs and cliffs which form headlands to protect large bays which have miles of surf beaches. A number of small rivers enter the sea through estuaries which are closed by sand bars during the summer months.

The rod fisherman is in his element here. The beaches will provide him with salmon, by the thousand, in season, herring, skipjack, flathead and the usual assortment of sharks, rays etc. Fishing from the rocks he can add groper, queen fish, sergeant baker, sweep, occasional schnapper and garfish to his haul. The estuaries provide bream, King George whiting, pilchard and mullet.

Cape Riche is typical of this area. The Cape itself consists of granite cliffs from 100ft. to 200 ft. in height, these reach out to form an arm which on the north side encloses a large bay and on the south side is open to the Southern Ocean. A small estuary empties into the bay.

The ocean side of the cape has some small sandy beaches where the surf caster will be kept happy. On the rocks at the foot of the cliffs he can fish in water fathoms deep and his main trouble is to land the large fish which he hooks.

When a southerly makes the ocean side of the cape unapproachable, the more sheltered side of the cape provides plenty of fish. The estuary also yields some entertainment as a small school of salmon were trapped in it last year and they often take the bream lines.

As far as facilities go, Cape Riche is 70 miles east of Albany and 105 miles south east of Katanning. There is a farm house and a couple of camps on the estuary. Telephone communications exist with the outside world. A landing strip is available for an Albany doctor, and is used by a spotting plane for the commercial fishermen.

This, except for the habitation, is similar to most fishing spots on the South Coast from Albany to Hopetoun. Not only is the fishing good, but the grandeur of this coastline must be seen to be believed. The spectacle of heavy seas crashing against the cliffs makes the trip worthwhile because there is always a spot. where you can fish.

Peter Stevens.

One That Didn't Get Away - and One that Did. (July 1953)

Over the edge of the reef a few yards in front he appeared for a few brief moments and disappeared back into the depths, but he had set one heart beating a little faster and one mouth watering. He was as blue as the sky had been the day before and looked like at least half a hundredweight of real fish.

There and then I decided I must have him so after a hurried look at "The Book", I scampered off after rock crabs, First I threw legs and small bits of crab into the water where he had disappeared and I soon saw him again. This time he was bigger and bluer and even more to be desired, so I attached a crab to a 10/0 hook and threw it in on the end of some 47 lb. nylon. I kept throwing bits of crab in until they ran out, when I went for more. This went on from midday until darkness beat me, and I returned to camp to seek the advice of the 'experts'.

I got very little, none that was helpful. You can waste more time than enough on those groper. "You're sure it wasn't a big buff?". Surely I hadn't spent half a day chasing a "buff!"

Next morning, with a mate and a plan worked out, I returned to the same spot and set to work. First I was to catch a dozen herring for the night's bait, then I'd collect crabs and chase my groper again. The herring were easily caught.

So I hooked the 12th on my heavy line and returned him for a little swim whilst I went to collect crabs. Crabs were hard to catch; it was raining and my mate had shot through to get warm and dry in camp. After about 10 minutes I caught one crab, Then I heard my reel start to scream, I dropped the gaff and knife in the rush to get back before the whole lot went to sea and after falling into the "drink", I managed to grab the rod as the last few feet of line were about to leave. I was too late, Slowly I reeled two hundred yards of line in and cursed myself for not having used a wire trace.

As I still had a rod, reel, line and one little crab, I wasn't giving up so I tied another 10/0 hook to the line, attached my crab and threw in. Suddenly the rod bent double and broke at the ferrule. Then I was in real trouble. No rod, no gaff, no knives no mate within half a mile and big groper in rough water where I couldn't get to him, even if I got him in.

Forgetting any ethics I may have known of sport, I grabbed the line and hauled. Everything held except the fish which appeared suddenly below me in a big wave. As he went back with the wave I thought "Well, so long, it's been good seeing you." Next wave I brought him in again and hung tight while the wave receded. Still I couldn't get down to him so I thought I'd hang on for as long as I could.

Eventually I worked him along the rocks until I managed to get him wedged into a crevice while I worked my way along the line until I retrieved the gaff. By this time both of us had about 'had it'. I got back with the gaff and the game was up for one groper.

After all my efforts there wasn't even a shag (it was too wet) to witness my triumph but I got back to camp with the fish. If you don't believe me, I've got at least 45 witnesses and a picture. The scales weren't too kind to me as they only put it down as 36 lbs.

"Dum Ell"

Meeting for Yamba 2003.

There will be a meeting at George Holman's on Monday 2 December at 7:30pm for State Team members and anyone else interested, to elect State Captains and teams, discuss sponsorship, travel plans, accommodation and convention competitions.

AAA NSW has a Web page with details of the Yamba convention at http://www4.tpgi.com.au/mark_a/

Programme of Yamba Convention Events - Version 5 - 31st July 2002					
Thursday 24 July	Registrations - 9am-Noon	Boat Inspections - 9am-Noon	State Captains Meeting - 4pm-6pm		
Friday 25 July	Registrations - 9am-Noon	Boat Inspections - 9am-Noon	Civic Reception - 11am-Noon	Opening Ceremony - 4pm - 4.30pm	Old Friends Night - 5pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 26 July	Offshore Round 1	Nominations - 5 - 5.30am	Lines down - 7am	Lines up - 1pm	Weigh in - 2.30pm
Sunday 27 July	Estuary Round 1	Nominations - 3.30 - 4am	Lines down - 5am	Lines up - 11am	Weigh in - Noon
Monday 28 July	Casting Championships - Day 1 (Accuracy)	Assembly - 7.30am	Casting commencing - 8am		
Tuesday 29 July	Casting Championships - Day 2 (Distance)	Assembly - 7.30am	Casting commencing - 8am		
Wednesday 30 July	Rock & Beach Round 1.	Nominations - 12-12.30pm	Lines down - 2pm	Lines up - 8pm	Weigh in - 9.30pm
Thursday 31 July	Layday	Alternate date for washed out event			
Friday 1 August	Offshore Round 2	Nominations - 5-5.30am	Lines down - 7am	Lines up - 1pm	Weigh in - 2.30pm
Saturday 2 August	Estuary Round 2.	Nominations - 1.30 - 2pm	Lines down - 3pm	Lines up - 9pm	Weigh in - 10pm
Sunday 3 August	Rock & Beach Round 2	Nominations - 12 - 12.30pm	Lines down - 2pm	Lines up - 8pm	Weigh in - 9.30pm
Monday 4 August	Estuary Round 3	Nominations - 1.30 - 2pm	Lines down - 3pm	Lines up - 9pm	Weigh in - 10pm
Tuesday 5 August	Layday -	Alternate date for washed out event			
Wednesday 6 Aug	Offshore Round 3	Nominations - 5 - 5.30am	Lines down - 7am	Lines up - 1pm	Weigh in - 2.30pm
Thursday 7 August	Layday -	Alternate date for washed out event			
Friday 8 August	Rock & Beach Round 3	Nominations - 3 - 3.30am	Lines down - 5am	Lines up - 11am	Weigh in - 12.30pm
Saturday 9 August	10am - Convention Meeting	6pm - Presentation			

AAA Fishing Clinic and Mandurah 500.

The Australian Angler's Association has organised a shore based Angling Clinic just in time to prepare for the 2003 Sunsmart Mandurah 500 Family Fishing Promotion

Learn:- What - Where - Why - How - When about fishing in the Mandurah area for the eight species eligible for the Sunsmart Mandurah 500 Family Fishing Promotion. Presented totally by experts from the Mandurah Community.

When:- Wednesday 8 January 2003, at Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club, 9.30am to 12 noon.

The 2003 AAA Mandurah 500 Family Beach Fishing Promotion will be held on Saturday / Sunday 11/12 January, 2003. This event is open to all members of the public. Boundaries are from Preston Beach to Golden Bay. Sign on, weigh in, etc. at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club, Ocean Marina.

This will be the club's January Field Day also.

Main Prizes are:- Open Section \$1,000 Ladies Section \$500 Juniors (under 16) Section \$500, plus valuable prizes for the heaviest of eligible species caught by Open, Ladies and Junior competitors.

Eligible species are:- Tailor, Herring, Whiting, Skippy, Flathead or Flounder, Mulloway, Bream or Tarwhine, and Shark.

Watch out for the notice in your local tackle shop during December. You could win the main \$1,000 prize with a whiting! All details for the 2003 event, and all the results and photos for the 2002 Mandurah 500 on the AAA web site <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

Yokine Reserve Plans.

The Stirling City Council has draft plans for some significant changes to Yokine Reserve, including the area where the Club holds its monthly Dry Casting.

The changes proposed for this area are the least for any part of the Reserve, and are:-

1. A foot path west - east down the middle in line with the northern end of the building where we have the sausage sizzles, with "tree plantings to provide spectator access, shade and landscape amenity." The trees proposed along here are "deciduous exotic trees"
2. Along the northern boundary (Wordsworth Avenue) - changes within the area already having trees, but no significant loss of grassed area. Extra trees, paths, etc
3. Along the eastern boundary (Alexander Drive) – an increase in the width of the treed area, by plantings of "informal groups of signature Norfolk Island Pines around the main sports ground", replacement of some of the existing trees, and extra paths. This could reduce the length of the grassed area available for distance casting, but it appears still to be about 300 metres long (needs a check – the scales on the drawing have some errors.)
4. Along the southern boundary – pathways and tree plantings but no great loss of grassed area.
5. Along the western boundary (existing car park) - no changes affecting the area we use.

The positives for this area in the plan are:-

1. The club is listed as a user of this area in both summer and winter, along with Hockey and Softball clubs.
2. The area has a note "The retention of broad landscape open space qualities important."
3. The area is marked "Retain sports ground's open flexible layout.", "preservation of open space qualities" and "avoid loss of park land to single group usage, buildings, sports synthetic surfaces or enclosures."

There will be a public meeting to discuss the proposed plan at the Yokine Bowling Club on Monday 9 December at 6:00 pm. Users of other areas, for example the model aircraft group, are affected a lot by the proposals for the areas they use.

"Talking Fishing" is Back.

Deadlines! Just a day after the last Reel Talk was published, "Talking Fishing" switched from half an hour on Saturday mornings to one hour on Friday night at 7:00pm. You'll find it on radio at AM 882 6PR.

Are These Your Cheque Account Numbers ?

I am trying to account for payments made in the early part of 2001/2002. I have bank records which show the account details for several cheques which were deposited, but not the name of the account holder.

Are any of these cheque accounts yours, please? I didn't get any response last month!!

The cheques were deposited into the club bank account on 31 August 2001, so were probably written out during August 2001.

Cheque Number	BSB	Account Number	Amount	For ?
631184	306 054	525 3740	\$70.00	Single membership ?
559	306 048	50 1383	\$70.00	Single membership ?
894199	246 600	15980 5829	\$70.00	Single membership ?
485	066 137	1014 0050	\$80.00	Family membership ?
284829	086 509	1500 5626	\$80.00	Family membership ?
637	066 011	68 4261	\$80.00	Family membership ?
1667	086 484	52571 9616	\$80.00	Family membership ?

Do you have concerns about your private information? You don't need to worry. All these BSB and Account Number details are written on every cheque you give to anyone, so there's nothing that couldn't be known to people you deal with, or won't be available on the next cheque you give to the club.

Please contact Secretary, Terry Fuller, 9447 4545

Club Badges Now in Stock.

We now have new supplies of Club Badges. If you are recent new member and didn't get a club badge, contact the Secretary at any club meeting and get yours now.

Do You RTFRT?

I know some of you do, because of what's said. Sometimes I wonder about the rest of you, though.

Why do I wonder? Not much response or no response to questions, or requests for help, information or opinions. Very few or no comments, for or against, about the contents. Questions asked when the answer is right there for everyone to see, and a list of contents to help find it.

What's RTFRT stand for ? **Read The Flippin' Reel Talk !**

Social Officer's Report November 2002.

Corporate Bowls, the new forthcoming competition recommences at Yokine Bowling Club at 6pm on Wednesday 27 November 2002 through to Wednesday 11 December. Evening commences with a sausage sizzle followed by commencement of group team competition commencing at 7pm and concluding at 9pm. A great fun night with diversification of individuals and bowling skills with coaching staff assigned to each group. A raffle is also held with announcement of winners for each night (Hendo is excluded from accepting any more prizes) and the final competition results plus an encouragement prize for the best "effort" team. Cost is \$10 for team entry and \$5 per player per night, which includes the sausage sizzle & prizes. Surfcasters will enter at least two four person teams for new competition.

Nominations to date: Ross Kember, Julie Kember, Kaye Holman, Dianne Barber, Morris Kolman, Peter Stoeckel, Ian Cook, Vix Alexander, Malcolm Harris, Bob Henderson

Captain Cook to lodge teams application forms and pays \$10 per team nomination fee

Please contact Derry Barber to add your name for the next competition.

The December Field Day is designed for members to invite their families and combine a barbeque and light fishing at Penguin Island which has full facilities, See Separate Article in this Reel Talk.

Initial Social Event for the New Year (2003):

"Watch this space,

We have facilities for an overnight stay for all interested members, particularly newer members, at a residential property situated in easy distance for the 11/12 January field day which includes prize winning opportunity within the Mandurah 500 fishing completion plus our field day at same venue. Keep this date available, more in January Reel Talk. Contact: Bob Henderson or Peter Stoeckel. Derry Barber.

Push for New Markets for Herring and Salmon.

The following Media Statement, 12/11/02 from Hon. Kim Chance MLC, Minister for Fisheries, has been referred to Recfishwest for clarification on how this fits in with efforts to reduce the commercial catch of salmon and herring which are important recreational species. If this is to get more \$\$\$ return for a smaller catch - great. But if it just adds to the amount caught – that affects the fishing on both the South and West Coast and that's not good !!!

A new project to help expand the south coast fishing industry has been announced by Fisheries Minister Kim Chance.

The project will investigate ways to increase the value and number of purchasers of Australian salmon and herring caught along the south coast, as well as co-ordinating marketing efforts for the products.

The South Coast Licensed Fishermen's Association (SCLFA) and Albany's fish processors have formed an industry council, which will drive the project with the support of the Great Southern Development Commission.

"The industry has already done substantial work to improve both the image and nature of the herring and salmon product and the Government is pleased to support the marketing effort," Mr Chance said.

"It is important to capitalise on the clean and green qualities offered by this fishery and create a demand for this untapped product."

The Minister said the Great Southern fishing industry had suffered in recent years through viral destruction of the pilchard resource with the loss of several processors and fishermen.

"The industry on the south coast has also traditionally relied upon single markets whereas this project will seek to generate new markets and new products to secure jobs for the region," he said.

Mr Chance said the project had secured the services of Andrew Campbell, an experienced marketing director, who successfully established a world-wide distribution network for the Nile Perch fish.

"Mr Campbell will focus on establishing business relationships with potential overseas buyers to create a demand for value-added salmon and herring products," the Minister said. "He will also work with the local industry to identify the best opportunities."

The Great Southern Development Commission's Regional Development Scheme and the WA Fishing Industry Council's Development and Better Interest Fund are contributing \$30,000 each to the project. Further in-kind support will come from industry. Minister's office: 9213 6700

WA RSPCA and Angling.

An RSPCA "deep throat" rang an AAA person with a worrying message and giving some Internet references about RSPCA proposals for angling. Following up on some of the references that actually existed, it seems that the WA RSPCA have commented on the proposed changes to the WA "Animal Welfare Act 2001". This had a second reading in the WA Legislative Council on 7 November 2002 and was passed a week or so later.

The WA RSPCA web page <http://www.rspcawa.asn.au/Information/legislation.htm> says about the proposed Animal Welfare Act 2001:-

"It was believed that professional and recreational fishing and fish farming could be excluded from the provisions of the Bill. It was expected that captive fish (companion fish and aquariums) would be covered.

The Bill omits fish from the definition of an animal and thereby precludes an Inspector from dealing with any fish, but then directly appoints the staff of Fisheries Western Australia as Inspectors and extends their inspectoral powers under the Bill to include fish. Thus Fisheries Officers will cover all species, including fish, while other Inspectors will cover all species, except fish. All offences by domestic fish owners and aquarium owners may only be dealt with by Fisheries Officers.

RSPCA advocates a sensible approach to fish by including them in the definition of an animal, but prescribing fish in commercial fishing activities and fish farming as being animals outside the powers of an Inspector unless the Inspector is appointed to deal with those animals.

RSPCA advocates the appointment of Fisheries Officers as Inspectors under Clause 33, but with powers limited to dealing with fish as prescribed animals."

RSPCA Australia Policy on Angling. From <http://www.rspca.org.au/policies/c.pdf> page 98, section 1.11:-

"RSPCA Australia does not oppose fishing where it is conducted in the natural habitat in the proper manner and where a free running fish has a chance to escape. Fish caught should be landed quickly and must be stunned or pithed immediately". ("Pith" means:- "to kill by piercing or severing the spinal cord").

The proposed "Animal Welfare Act 2001" says:-

96. Fish Resources Management Act 1994 (*to be*) amended

(1) The amendments in this section are to the Fish Resources Management Act 1994.

(2) After section 191 the following section is (*to be*) inserted:-

191A. Additional powers of fisheries officers in relation to cruelty

A fisheries officer may, for the purpose of enforcing regulations made under section 258(va) or (vb), exercise the powers conferred by the Animal Welfare Act 2001 on general inspectors under that Act as if

(a) the fisheries officer was such an inspector;

(b) fish were animals for all purposes under that Act; and

(c) an offence under those regulations was an offence under Part 3 of that Act.

(3) After section 258(v) the following paragraphs are (*to be*) inserted

(va) prescribe measures to

(i) prevent cruelty to fish; and

(ii) provide for the welfare, safety and health of fish;

(vb) provide for the adoption of codes of practice relating to the use, care, welfare, safety or health of fish either

(i) as modified by the regulations;

(ii) as they exist at a particular date; or

(iii) as they are amended from time to time

Part 3 of the Animal Welfare Act 2001 says:-

Part 3 - Offences against animals

19. Cruelty to animals

(1) A person must not be cruel to an animal. Penalty: Minimum - \$2,000. Maximum - \$50,000 and imprisonment for 5 years.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1) a person, whether or not the person is a person in charge of the animal, is cruel to an animal if the person -

(a) tortures, mutilates, maliciously beats or wounds, abuses, torments, or otherwise ill-treats, the animal;

(b) uses a prescribed inhumane device on the animal;

(c) intentionally or recklessly poisons the animal;

(d) does any prescribed act to, or in relation to, the animal; or

(e) in any other way causes the animal unnecessary harm.

22. Defence - authorised by law

It is a defence to a charge under section 19(1) for a person to prove that the person -

(a) was authorised by or under a written law to do the act that is alleged to constitute the offence; and

(b) did the act in a humane manner.

So now you know !.

State Dry Casting Championships 2002/3

The State dry casting championships were held at Yokine Reserve on Sunday 27 October and the downward trend in attendance continued with 56 casters present. To try and pinpoint the reason is hard as it is possibly the most social of four state championships, because everybody is together for a whole day and this leads to great comradery. It's an event anyone can compete in and achieve, even if it is only to better your own score.

You don't have to have specialised gear to win, as was the case with the winning men's team who in the main were using standard beach fishing gear. Another example was the longest cast by a junior of 157 metres by Ben Lilburne and was with the standard beach rod. A great cast!

As has been mentioned at a number of Delegates' Council meetings a lot of the casters had rods, both beach and special casting rods available for others to use. Also the Surfcasters have an open invitation to any AAA of WA club members to come to their club cast on the first Sunday of each month and they will teach you how to use any fishing gear.

There was also a sausage sizzle available all day to feed those with that hungry look in the eye and also soft drinks. What more could you ask for? There was also a small raffle. These were provided by Bob Henderson and his co-workers and special thanks for their endeavors. All present appreciated their work

Now for the event. The weather was unusual, .. overcast with the wind coming across the ground from left to right varying from still to light to quite gusty, and later in the day came from behind and was reasonably strong. Casting had to be stopped at the end of the first event because of the amount of lightning which for a time could have been dangerous.

Once again the quality of the casting was of a high standard and we were pleased to welcome Ian Pereira from New South Wales and a newcomer in John Barnes who originates from South Africa. They both stretched a bit of line and we hope enjoyed themselves.

The first event was double handed accuracy and in the open the maestro Gary Gildersleeves led the way with 140 out of a possible 200. Janet Hughes was best in the ladies with 102. The veterans saw Huey score 144 points, the junior Ben Lilburne 80 and mini juniors Andrew Stoeckel finished on top.

The second event was 56 gram V-court distance and Joe Pullella led the way with 145.51 metres; ladies Filomena D'Alonzo 104 metres; veterans Bob Henderson 136 metres; juniors Daniel Bell 112.1 metres and in the minis Andrew Stoeckel cast 61.7 metres.

Longest cast out of both individual and teams artificial bait went to Joe Pullella with 150.58 metres; ladies Filomena D'Alonzo 98.5 metres; veterans Hew 132.97 metres; juniors Ben Lilburne 117.2 metres and in the minis Andrew Stoeckel 52.4 metres

Then came the 112 gram distance V-court and some personal bests were achieved by a number of competitors. Longest cast for the day was by Joe Pullella with 185.01 metres. In the ladies Filomena D'Alonzo cast 109.8 metres; veterans Hew cast 157.73 metres; juniors saw a near State record cast off 157 metres (State record is 159 metres) by Ben Lilburne with a fishing rod and Andrew Stoeckel cast 60.6 metres in the minis.

Congratulations must go to the winners of the day and most of the results were closely contested which created a lot of interest throughout the day.

Individual winners were:-

Open. First, Joe Pullella (Offshore) 283.57%, second Garry Gildersleeves (Surfcasters) 271.87%, and third Darren Batchelor (Melville) 264.91%

Ladies. First, Janet Hughes Bunbury 295.44%, second Filomena D'Alonzo Surfcasters 277.85% and third Vix Alexander Surfcasters 275.58%

Veterans. First Roy Killick Surfcasters 277.30%, second Allan Jones Surfcasters 266.99%, and third Bob Henderson Surfcasters 263.30%

Juniors. First, Ben Lilburne Surfcasters 300.00%, second Daniel Bell Whitfords Sea Sports Club 231.31% and third Rhys Jones Surfcasters 228.39%

Mini Juniors. Andrew Stoeckel Surfcasters 300.00%

In the team events, results were as follows

Open. First, Offshore 1390.19%, second Surfcasters 1332.08%, and third Fremantle 311.74%

Ladies. First, Surfcasters 743.7%, second Bunbury 291.92%

Veterans. First Surfcasters(1) 781.76%, second Northern Districts 751.17% and third Surfcasters(2) 637.73%

Juniors. First, Surfcasters 456.58%, second Whitfords Sea Sports Club 287.79%

Mini Juniors. First Surfcasters 300.00%

The longest cast of the day went to Joe Pullella with 185.01 metres.

The Patrons Cup was won by the Surfcasters

At this point I wish to make a few "thank you"s.

To Magic Nissan for once again providing individual trophies, special thanks as their association goes back good number of years.

To Urban Angler (three stores Osborne Park, North Perth and Victoria Park) thanks for providing the team awards.

We hope casters will remember our sponsors went looking to buy a vehicle or fishing and camping gear.

Paul Frzop did a great job with his computer and had the results out quickly and efficiently. Terry Bell put his head in the door also. Your efforts were appreciated by all, guys, and made my job easier.

To Bob Henderson and all the of helpers with putting down the lanes, helping on the day with the scoring and the sausage sizzle and raffle - many thanks.

Finally to all those who attended and made the day the success it was, thank you. I look forward to seeing many more competitors and clubs present next year and remember help is available, all you have to do is ask!

To all those going to Yamba in 2003 - best of luck and good casting.

George Holman.

Life Members

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

Does anyone know anything about Lloyd Dunn?

AAA 2002 State Estuary Championships.

The AAA 2002 State Estuary Championships were held in the Swan and Canning Rivers on Saturday/Sunday 23/24 November 2002. Boundaries were all areas open to the public upstream from the Fremantle traffic bridge.



Spencer King and his 9 kg Mulloway.

The Surfcasters had some success with Spencer King weighing in two beautiful bronzed mulloway of 9 kg and 8 kg, both gilled and gutted. Spencer told me where these were caught, in confidence, but I know he won't mind if I pass his secret on to his friends in the Surfcasters, so they can all go and get into a bit of the mulloway action. The area is mentioned somewhere in this Reel Talk, but you'll have to search for it. Look in the list of contents for a clue.

The "Estuary Master" Don Batchelor with his 6.85kg, 8 species, 29 fish and 136.4 points, beat the "Beach and Rock Master" Tony D'Alonzo with his 3.23kg, 4 species, 13 fish and 65.9 points. And their combined score of 202.3 points scored a win in the



Don Batchelor and his winning Yellowfin Whiting.

Veteran's Team competition. Second was Melville Amateur Angling Club (1) with 167.9 points.

Don won the Individual Veterans Division, and actually got more points than the Men's Division winner Paul Willis from Offshore Angling Club Beach with 5.45 kg, 8 species, 27 fish, and 128.8 points. He also won the heaviest whiting prize. Well done, Don!

Team Events were won by Mens:- Melville Amateur Angling Club (1), Veterans:- Surfcasting & Angling Club, Ladies:- Bunbury Angling Club, Juniors :- Whitfords Sea Sports Club, Mini Juniors :- Whitfords Sea Sports Club.

President's Notes.

The last few months have been a little thin on the ground as regards the Presidents notes. No excuses but just a fact of little to say and a lot of time to say it.

Last month we had an extremely interesting and informative talk by Frank Prokop who gave us different insight on the benefits of our sport. Those old lures that we had thrown away because the paint had faded or the hooks had gone rusty, and there must be thousands of them, may have had some value. One man's "poison" is another's "treasure".

I was a little inspired by Frank's obvious passion for lure fishing so at the State Estuary competition I made a conscious decision to forget the bait and stick to lures. Tried every thing to no avail. Halco minnow, Halco slice, small jig, big jig, nothing. Mind you, I did go back to bait for the same result, and before granddad Bob gets in, Yes Julie out fished me again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It was brought to notice at the last committee meeting that even in SCAC too few do too much. We have a number of people who seem to take on multiple jobs, not just because they are good people but also because they have a commitment to see that things are done. Unfortunately too few stand up and offer their services although most will subscribe to the adage that "many hands make light work" when asked.

Too often we allow the person who is often the busiest to take more work than is acceptable. For instance take the treasury. Terry has streamlined the systems that have been developed for this office to an extent that a few hours a month would suffice to keep our records on good order, a fact that has been relayed at meetings on many occasions. And yet no one has offered their services, preferring to leave it up to others. One day there will be no others.

Ross Kember

Order for SCAC Club Shirts and Jackets.

We are about to finalise orders for club shirts and jackets with final order date of 10 December 2002. Please contact Derry Barber to place your order. It may be 12 to 18 months before we place another order.

We will have Short Sleeved Polo shirts at \$30 each, Long Sleeved Polo Shirts at \$40 each and Long Sleeved Jackets at \$50 each. Please contact Derry Barber with your name, phone, the number you require and your size.

The following orders are already held. Please place and/or alter your order by December General Meeting which is now on **Tuesday 10 December 2002 (note change of date)**.

So What Are These Fishing Clubs About Anyway?

My partner and I are keen fishos. There is nothing to compare with having your toes in the sand on a beach somewhere (hopefully with not too many other people around) waiting for that tug on the line that signifies the presence of a fish. The interest in fishing for us has been rekindled over the last 5 years or so and grows the more we learn. Up until a few months ago we fished mainly by ourselves, gaining experience through the observation of others and by personal experience. The learning curve was gentle and some what frustrating at times, but that's the way of things when you are on your own.

One of the other means of increasing your learning is through the internet. Sites such as Fishing WA and Western Angler are a treasure trove of information on all aspects of fishing from rods and reels to where and how to fish. Information is one thing doing is another and we were still looking for a way to experience more in the way of places to visit and techniques to try. We'd seen the clubs section on the web a few time before and thought that maybe one day we would give them a try. Well eventually we got around to contacting the Surfcasting and Angling Club and were invited attend their next meeting.

They say that you generally make up your mind in the first couple of minutes of any new encounter, our first impressions of this club was very positive. After making ourselves known, we were introduced to a number of the members and made to feel most welcome. As we soon learned, the club has been around for over 50 years so there is an obvious sense of history and a great depth of knowledge. The club's activities range from fishing competitions, dry casting and social gatherings.

Fishing competitions are in the form of field days held once a month which are at different locations throughout the year. The benefits from attending these field days are that you fish places that you may not have fished if by yourself. Also because the field days are on a specific day of the month the weather may or may not be in your favour, forcing you to adapt your fishing techniques to suit the conditions. Heading off to new locations can also be a little daunting if you do not have knowledge of what to expect when you get there. Traveling in the company of others who know the area is far more rewarding.

Dry casting sounded a bit strange when we first heard of it. Why would you want to cast sinkers around in a park, kilometers away from the ocean? The answer to that is that this is where a vast improvement in your casting skill will take place, especially in the early stages. The members will gladly show you techniques in rod handling that will improve your distance and accuracy within a very short time. After all if you are able to place a bait or lure in exactly the spot that you think may hold fish, the odds are that you will be more successful in catching those fish. There is another level to dry casting; it's a very competitive state and national sport. State championships are held every year and national championships every 2 years.

Social activities are part of the field days, as different locations are fished throughout the year, camping as a group is the general format. If the weather is foul or the fish not biting it is a good opportunity to get together and access some of the vast amount of experience that the more established members have to offer.

Another side of club membership is that you become part of a collective voice when lobbying government agencies in regard to issues that affect recreational fishers. If your voice is not heard when strategies are being formulated, you may not get another chance. At present there seems to be an awful of lot of changes on the table to the way in which the fish resource is to be managed in the future.

So in conclusion has joining a club been beneficial, a definite yes. We have fished more places, learnt new techniques and honed up old ones in the last nine months than we have in the last five years. Give a club a go, I would be surprised if you are disappointed, but remember as with most things, you will get more out the more you put in.

Malcolm Harris.

November Field Day Lancelin to Cervantes.

Try the steak burger was the recommendation, which when taken up proved to be the start of a very agreeable weekend. We had arrived at the Shell service station (now BP) for the sign on. With the split location of Lancelin to Wedge Island and Cervantes/Hill River quickly and amicably sorted out at the General Meeting, the field day was off to a promising start. One party was to fish around Wedge Island and the remainder to concentrate on Hill River with a combined weigh in at George Holman's place on the Sunday afternoon.

Vix and I opted for Hill River, which was a first for us so George very kindly showed the Romano family and us a few of the spots on the way up to the mouth of Hill River. A comment from George that there may be some underground seepage from the closed off river into the sea was enough reason for us to try our luck at the mouth.

The sea breeze was well and truly established by the time we had selected our camp site and got ourselves onto the beach. Doubts about the sanity of having to stand at a 15 degree angle into the wind in order to remain stable were soon set aside by some immediate action. Second cast from me received a good strike but no hook up however the third cast from Vix resulted in a nice tailor of about 1kg. Well with this kind of start we will have our bag in no time.

Wrong, the next fish took two and a half hours to show up, but when he did he brought quite few of his mates along as well. It was a frenzied session for a while, I bagged out with eight good tailor but unfortunately Vix had five in the bag when she encountered a wandering steam train that tried it's best to pull her arms off. By the time the eagle ray was beached and released the tailor had moved on. The wind died off towards evening along with the fishing action, but none the less it was a very pleasant way to spend a Saturday night.

In the morning, herring were in plague proportions along with a smattering of whiting and Tarwhine. Time to pack up and head off came too quickly, so it was back to the service station for a fortifying bacon and egg sandwich and a catch up with the others.

We seemed to have fared better in numbers than most, although there was a good flounder from Andrew Stoeckel and what turned out to be the heaviest tailor from Ric Parker. Tony was not present at the gathering, he had moved off to one of his other locations during the night and we could only guess what he may have in his bag.

We all gathered at the back of George's place for a very social weigh in. It was particularly successful in that it gave an opportunity for the people who had fished locally to attend as well as a couple of visitors. No surprise to see the variety and quantity of fish that Tony weighed in, with a mulloway to cap it off. Terry Willison shot up the ranking with his presentation of a healthy mixed bag, although he did have to endure the slings and arrows of his very jealous compatriots.

All in all a most enjoyable field trip, Cervantes is far enough to be well away from the madding crowd, but still within an easy drive of the metro area. Throw in a relatively straightforward 4 wheel drive component and you have memorable weekend.

See you all on the beach next time. Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

Results for the November Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	12.17 kg	5	30	221.7
Malcolm Harris	7.895 kg	5	25	178.95
Vix Alexander	5.91 kg	5	14	159.1
George Holman	2.925 kg	4	12	119.25
David Maxted	2.3 kg	3	10	103
Terry Willison	2.975 kg	2	7	99.75
Eric Parker	2.2 kg	2	9	92
John Romano	3.075 kg	1	23	90.75
Bob Henderson	1.125 kg	2	3	81.25
Ben Lilburne	1.45 kg	1	3	74.5
Andrew Stoeckel	0.225 kg	1	1	52.25
Peter Stoeckel	0	0	0	50
Terry Fuller	0	0	0	20
Spencer King	0	0	0	20

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for November.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	2.75 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	12.17 kg

Field Day prizes for November.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	2.75 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Malcolm Harris	Mixed	7.895 kg

Field Day Top Ten for 2002/2003 up to November.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	2152.2	6	Filomena D'Alonzo	350.1
2	Malcolm Harris	621.9	7	Mark Farnay	342.6
3	George Holman	573.1	8	Ian Taggart	340.5
4	Ken Black	465.0	9	Ross Kember	325.6
5	John Jardine	419.2	10	Ian Cook	313.8

Field Day Sections for 2002/2003 up to November.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Spencer King	Salmon	4.475 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	2.75 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Shark	8.15 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.35 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0 kg min)	Paul Thompson	Tailor	2.00 kg
6	Best Salmon (3 kg min)	Spencer King	Salmon	4.475 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Paul Terpkos	Trevally, Skipjack	1.50 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Paul Terpkos	Snook	1.45 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	23.95 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	13.30 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	George Holman	Tailor	7.10 kg
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	John Jardine	Tailor	0.875 kg

Spare Tackle Sale.

Our December General Meeting, **Tuesday 10 December (note change of date)** is a quick one followed by a social get together. So, we are organising a "Spare Tackle Sale"

Here is the list of tackle or camping gear people would like to get rid of.

Bring the gear to the December General Meeting, put your price on it, (tagged), keep it separated, haggle, demand, auction, swap, or whatever, then you can proudly donate 5% of the total sale to the club coffers. Hendo.

Flick stick, 2 piece, 7 ft. (hardly used)

Alvey 550 reel with 20lb Tortue line.

Ryobi Powerful no 4 Reel with two aluminium spools. Body and spools are aluminium alloy. Gear ratio 1:4.3. Both spools have 15lb line, (oldish like, so will need to be replaced).

7 wrap, 15 foot beach rod.

Four boxes 2/0 treble hooks.

1.5 metre aluminium gaff

Twelve chrome slice lures

2 metre aluminium gaff

Three CB extension speakers

Three 12 volt lead lights

Daiwa 6HM Millionaire overhead reel - brand new.

Twenty 3 metre deep diving lures

Abu Garcia Ambassador 6500C3 overhead reel - brand new.

1200 metre Trilene 15kg line.

Penn 850SS reel with spare spool.

Alvey 500B reel, with spare spool

Two 20 litre plastic water jerry cans.

Alvey 500C reel

7177 rod - a "whopper stopper."

Olympus Dolphin 605 overhead reel, excellent condition, 1000 m. of 6lb (3kg) line.

Alvey 700 E2 reel, plywood spool, 45lb line.

Daiwa S4000R reel and line (approx 10kg)

Alvey 700 C5 reel, fibreglass spool, 30lb line, all as new.