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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, 4 December 2001

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:08 PM. President Ross Kember presiding.
- Present:-** 20 senior members, 1 visitor.
- Apologies:-** Terry Willison, Derry Barber, Kade Ross, Mat Sneddon.
- Visitors:-** Terry Ring.
- New Member:-** None.
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** P Stoeckel, seconded Chas Riegert, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Business arising. Moved I Cook, seconded P Stoeckel that Catch and Release rules as published in Reel Talk be adopted from the start of 2002/2003 season – carried. Tender of \$300 from T Fuller for freezer has been accepted by Committee.
- Correspondence Out:-** Letters to Steve Roberts and Gary Hammond with information about the club.
Letter to John Lee with refund for Kalbarri House.
To Minister for Fisheries with club's comments on Gascoyne and West Coast Recreational fishing reviews.
- Correspondence In:-** Minister for Environment – reply about Jurien Bay is being investigated.
AAA Delegates Council Meeting minutes 20 November.
AAA comments on Gascoyne and West Coast Recreational fishing reviews.
Police Union advice of increase in rent for Exmouth.
Christmas card from Jim Strong.
Moved J Strong, seconded C Riegert, correspondence be accepted: Carried
- Treasurer's Report:-** No report – bank statement not received
- Property Officer:-** Kalbarri is well booked for some weeks, and into April and May.
Roy Killick said a double bed mattress protector was missing. To be checked.
The purchase of a barbecue to be reconsidered – Ric Parker to supply some ideas for security.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman gave some details of the State Estuary Championship 24/25 November at Peel Inlet.
He has been reported in the West Australian about AAA reaction to the West Coast Recreational fishing proposals.
He reported on AAA comments to the Minister on the West Coast Recreational fishing proposals.
- Field Day Officer:-** J Jardine not present.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson gave brief details of the December dry casting. Terry Willison scored three bullseyes. Details in Reel Talk.
There will be a night cast and barbecue after the Field day on Sunday 16th December.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook said he thought he had a 1.05 kg sea mullet entry from Chas Reigert, but it turned out to have been accidentally jagged and thus ineligible.
He advised that 27Mhz CB radios were no longer being produced by Uniden, so UHF probably a better option.
- Social Organiser:-** Bob Henderson thanked Jim Strong, Trevor Stam and Terry Fuller for help with the Have A Go day on 13 November.
Members who want club shirts, car stickers, etc should contact him.
Raffle \$5 per ticket for 5 chances of a \$100 cash prize. Tickets must be returned by 16 December.
Corporate bowls nights at the Yokine Bowling Club were a great success and will restart in 2002.
Car rally will be to Golden Ponds, Baldivis, looking for a volunteer to organise.
- SubCommittee Report:** None
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- Sergeant at Arms:-** Chas Reigert presided and fined many members for exploits, etc during club events.
- General Business:-** Trevor Stam placed \$30 on the bar for Christmas drinks after the meeting.
Chas Riegert said two positions were still available for the Safari to Exmouth May 2002.
Bob Henderson asked for opinions on a trophy cabinet to house all of the perpetual trophies held for a period by club members. There were no objections – details to be discussed with the Bowling Club.
Andy Thorgersen told of good fishing in the Port Gregory area.

Jim Strong advised that staff at Bluewater Morley were interested in drycasting – Ross to contact.

It was confirmed that the FDO has a good fish identification book for use on Field Days.

Arrangements for field day at Garden Island were raised. T Fuller suggested that there be a weigh in when the members leave the Island on Saturday night, and that members be allowed to fish on the mainland after that and weigh any fish in at the normal “Local” field day weigh in location and time. Details to be decided at December Committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:05 pm

Instruction Period:- Members had Christmas food and drinks after the meeting.

Garden Island Field Day February 2000 – Update.

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.

If you haven't registered already, please register your interest in going by filling in the form on page 24 with your FULL name, address, phone number and your vehicle registration number (in case your vehicle is one used) and send to the Secretary.

There will be a weigh in Saturday night for fish caught from Garden Island. After that, members who wish to may fish on the mainland and go to the Local Field Day weigh in with any fish caught from the mainland.

Previous Garden Island Field Days.

It's been a long time since the club fished at Garden Island. Here are a few details from the Reel Talk write ups for past Field Days for the month of February at Garden Island.

Feb 1960. Gale force southerly winds, 26 attended, 78kg of fish, tailor averaging about 0.5kg, 4 sharks 4 to 9kg, herring and King George whiting.

Feb 1962. Gale force southerly winds, with huge seas right up to the sandhills, 44 attended, 35kg of fish, mainly tailor to 1.5kg.

Feb 1965. “Howling southerly gale” 41 attended, 47kg of fish, tailor up to 4kg, averaging about 0.75kg, and an unstoppable monster. Reports of netting and boats catching lots of tailor before the Field Day.

Feb 1967 Hot weather, no sea breeze, 35 attended, 83kg of fish, tailor to 2kg, sharks to 12kg and herring,

Feb 1968. Blustery south west wind, 48 attended, 115kg of fish, tailor to 3.5kg, averaging nearly 1kg, trevally and herring.

After that year, the club fished other places in February, and the results were a mixed bag, with some good days and some where the fish were scarce. Just goes to show, even in the “good old days”, luck played a big part.

Coming Club Events.

January Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 6 January 2002, 8:30 am start.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, about 400 metres from Alexander Drive.
Events:- 112 gram distance, 56 gram distance,
 Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.
 Single handed Open.

January General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday, 9 January 2002, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.
Instruction Period:- Gary Shugg from "The Complete Fisherman" in Nedlands – talking on Estuary Fishing.

January Field Day **NOTE: Changed - Mandurah 500.**

The date and boundaries for this Field Day were changed at the December Committee meeting. The Club has a policy of trying to combine field days with AAA events wherever possible, so the date and boundaries have been changed to coincide with the AAA Mandurah 500. Maybe there should have been more notice, but the AAA has had some problems in getting this organised.

When:- Saturday/Sunday **26/27** January 2002.
Where:- Preston to Golden Bay – run with AAA's Mandurah 500. See the article on page 13.
Sign On:- Saturday – time and place to be advised at January General Meeting.
Weigh in:- Sunday – time and place to be advised at January General Meeting.
Boundaries:- The same as the Mandurah 500 boundaries, presumably as far as you can walk south of Preston to as far as you can walk north of Golden Bay. To be confirmed.

Tides for Mandurah.

Saturday 26 January	0.62m at 5:40 am	1.09m at 8:15 pm
Sunday 27 January	0.58m at 6:20 am	1.10m at 9:05 pm

Sun Sunrise:- Around 5:36 am Sunset:- Around 7:22 pm
Moon Moon Phase:- Full Moon is on Tuesday 29 January

Local Field Day for January – **NOTE: Date Changed.**

When:- Saturday/Sunday **26/27** January 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday 25 January.
Lines Down:- Saturday 1:00 pm
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 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:- ASI Groyne to Mindarie Keys, excluding the Swan River.
Tides for Fremantle.

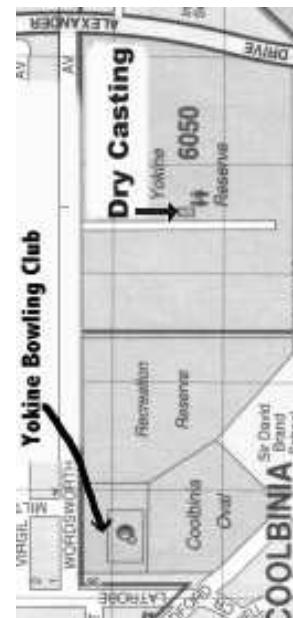
Saturday 26 January	0.36m at 5:03 am	1.09m at 7:48 pm
Sunday 27 January	0.31m at 5:27 am	1.12m at 8:30 pm

February Field Day.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2002.
Where:- Garden Island, Saturday, plus (optional) on the Mainland Sunday.
Sign On:- Saturday 10:30 am at car park at the entrance to the causeway to Garden Island.
Weigh in:- Saturday 10:00 pm at car park at the entrance to the causeway to Garden Island, plus Sunday 11:00 am, see Local Field Day details.
Boundaries:- Quarry Bay and Beagle Bay – for full details see February Reel Talk.
Tides for Fremantle.

Saturday 16 February	0.73m at 1:09 pm	0.65 at 4:58 pm	0.81 at 11:01 pm
Sunday 17 February	0.52m at 4:48 am	0.77m at 1:33 pm	

Sun Sunrise:- Around 5:55 am Sunset:- Around 7:08 pm
Moon Moon Phase:- New Moon is on Tuesday 12 February



Local Field Day for February.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 11:00 am
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 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:- Rocks 500m south east of Point Peron to Mindarie Keys, including the Swan River.

April 2002 Field Day – Possible Change.

The April Field Day to Wago on the Easter long weekend, may be changed. This will be raised at the January General Meeting. If you intend to go on this Field Day, please be prepared to discuss alternatives. If you're not going on the Field Day, then please leave the decision to those who will go.

2001/2002 Field Days.

Saturday/Sunday **26/27** January 2002 **Changed.** Preston to Golden Bay (with AAA's Mandurah 500).
 Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2002 Garden Island Saturday, Optional Metro Area Sunday.
 Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 March 2002 LWE Bluff Creek.
 Saturday/Sun/Monday 30/31 March / 1 April 2002 Wago. **Note:-** Venue and Date may change. To be raised at the January 2002 General Meeting.
 Easter Long Weekend

2001/2002 Dry Casting.

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. Second Sunday because of Field Day.
 Sunday 7 April 2002, 8:30 am Yokine Reserve.

2001/2002 General Meetings.

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.

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

(may change)

April 2002						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5	6	<u>7</u>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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Dry Casting Report, 2 December 2001.

Greeting Willo at the Oval, the first thing that got our attention was the wind and how strong it was and coming right at us. So strong that when young Trev arrived and got out of his car, he let go of the door and a gust of the wind nearly carried him over to the next Oval. Gathering his strength during a lull, Trev got back to us and we put at least half a dozen 4 ounce sinkers into his pockets to stabilise him.

A few mumbles were heard about the wind and Aubs assured me his Dad told him you can't have it your way all the time. Anyway quite a few out of bounds and short casts were blamed on the wind. Roy and I were scoring for the Vets and struggled to stay out on the Oval while those two Tele tubbies were rock solid. I noticed a couple of shifty types waited until those two stood side-by-side and used the wind break to put down some reasonable casts.

I'll sneak in a "well done" to Mal Head because I'm grateful for his assistance and guidance with the mini juniors while I'm out in the middle. Thanks mate.

Reliable sources gave me a story about Gary. Seems he was up to his usual brilliance in the double handed event and scored a bull' s-eye, then fluffed up the next cast in a big way. Don't worry, Gary. As you know even the best of us to drop our standards at times. It's just that you have to turn a deaf ear to the advice you get from the others.

That reminds me, Trev fluffed a beauty in the single-handed and so I gave him another try, and yes, you're right, he scored a bull' s-eye, which put a rustic spring in his step away.

The following is the truth, the "Hole Truff" and no explanation can be found.

This certain bloke has been having a miserable run lately and hasn't been totally with it. One or two flashes of mediocrity over the year is about the best he can do. But Sunday produced a saga that will be waffled around the campfires for years to come.....

First of all he exerted most of his energy looking after others, and when it came to his turn to cast he appeared in a senile mood. A couple of good distance casts, (considering the wind and them actually being in the court) put a smile on his dial. Comes the double handed event and he actually does a bit better than usual and actually scores a bull' s-eye at the short distance.

Now by this time I felt something was in the air (looking back I must have been downwind of Chas) and asked if Roy and I could join them during the single-handed casting. Begrudgingly he mumbles okay.

The four of us went through our first few casts with no special significance. Then you know who produced his bull' s-eye and was beaming with importance. Stepping up for his last cast he drops another clanger.

With a whoop and a holler, he springs into the air (imagine a camel with a backside full of angry bees) producing a leap like Sir Robert Helpman (being about 80 years old). Upon landing, starts a victory dance (imagine a hippo doing a John Travolta) only to slip and twist his ankle. Stumbling off and mumbling to himself he left us rolling around on the grass, killing ourselves with laughter. Those who caught this display will have it etched in our memories forever.

But wait there is more. George was using his video camera to tape our casting actions for review and just might have caught it on tape. Can you imagine the awards we could win if we could get that tape onto "Funniest Home Videos".

Would you believe there is not a person in Kirk Street Balcatta or the Willison neighbourhood that hasn't heard of certain person's casting greatness. Ain't it sweet when a "mate" does well.

Congratulations to Roy for winning the double handed event, to Nick and Chas for sharing the artificial bait, and Nick for winning the 112 gram event. To young Rhys a well done and the same to Nick for being top dog for the day. Of course we can't let Willo off just because he won the single-handed event and also showed us numerous dance steps. What donkey said "casting is boring?"

Keep it straight and long.

Hendo

PS. To all the guys who always make the casting day a great day - thank you.

Results for the day:-

Special Request

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

Hendo

Seniors.	112 gram		Points	Art Bait		Points	Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2		Cast 1	Cast 2				
Andrew Aubrey	125	120	25	101	0	10	85	20	140
Nick Allsworth	144	146	29	108	111	22	129	27	207
Chas Riegert	137	142	28	110	109	22	99	12	161
Terry Willison	120	115	24	100	0	10	93	34	161
Ric Parker	132	119	25	95	89	18	74	14	131
Gary Gildersleeves	126	0	13	104	104	21	137	13	184
Ken Black	111	106	22	96	73	17	61	15	115
George Holman	131	129	26	96	0	10	89	22	147
Darren Batchelor	0	0	0	0	106	11	106	0	117
Sean Fuller (Visitor)	0	0	0	85	100	19	41	9	69

Veterans.

Trevor Stam	86	84	17	61	71	13	122	13	165
Roy Killick	110	114	22	0	84	8	144	16	190
Terry Fuller	0	108	11	88	82	17	120	16	164
Jim Strong	0	62	6	0	68	7	65	20	98
Mal Head	103	0	10	0	0	0	120	20	150
Alan Jones	106	105	21	0	0	0	108	8	137
Andy Thorgersen	60	83	14	50	64	11	42	8	75
Tony D'Alonzo	105	102	21	88	79	17	118	28	184
Bob Henderson	123	128	25	106	98	20	126	19	190

Mini Juniors.

Emily Woodford	58	50	11	50	40	9	42	9	71
Rhys Jones	61	66	13	0	0	0	56	15	84

Day Winners.

112 gram winner	Nick Allsworth	29
Artificial Bait winners (shared)	Chas Riegert / Nick Allsworth	22
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick	144
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Terry Willison	34
Winner of the Day	Nick Allsworth	207
Mini Junior winner	Rhys Jones	84

Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 6th January 2002, 8:30 am start.

Events:-

**112 gram distance,
56 gram distance,
Double Handed accuracy,
Single Handed accuracy.
Single Handed Open.**

Membership Coordinator's Report.

The year is drawing to a close and the jolly little man in the red suit is upon us again, turning one's eyes towards the New Year. We plan to run several recruiting ventures in the New Year, which will be presented at a General meeting in the near future. Congratulations to members; Ross Kember, Bob Henderson, Ian Cook and Derry Barber who represented the club on 23 November 2001 presenting our case to the Yokine Bowling Club members which may attract interest in the future, well done!! quite a professional effort and appreciated.

Derry Barber.

Some Shark Facts.

Sharks have eight unique senses. These are hearing, smell, lateral line, pit organs, vision, Lorenzini, touch, and taste. The shark shares many senses that humans have such as taste and smell, but it has three senses that we do not have. The lateral line, pit organs and Lorenzini are senses that have been discovered over the past ten to twenty years, and play an important role in how the shark functions when swimming around.

"Ampullae of Lorenzini" are small pits that cover large areas of skin near the mouth and nose on the shark's snout. They are natural electrical sensors which, at close range, can detect the weak electrical fields generated by all animals.

Andy Woodford.

Surfcasters Local Metro Area Field Day – 15/16 December 2001.

Firstly, please note the change to the January Field Day, now to be run with the Mandurah 500 on 26/27 January 2002.

After spending a few frantic days fishing Kalbarri in early December it was with a little subdued trepidation that we started our preparations for the Local Field Day. I must admit my enthusiasm was not high and I had to rally around to get the motivation going. The chance to try for a flathead and flounder in the Swan as well as the possibility of a bonito or two on lures did help. The New Moon and the favourable tides also added to the mood and pretty soon the eagerness returned and I was raring to go.

It must be said that I don't fish a lot on the metro coast these days apart from the occasional sojourn to Trigg with my spinning gear, so I was a little lost for options. Damian was keen to fish the river for a chance at a mulloway but I have never enjoyed estuarine fishing and opted for the beach. I persuaded my neighbour's teenage son to accompany me on this trip and we decided that the Swanbourne drain was the best option. This is only a few minutes from home and I had never seen the spot, so this was a great opportunity to visit one of the legendary beach fishing spots in Perth.

We arrived in the late afternoon and cast out mulies and blue sardines into the brisk sea breeze. The going was slow with lots of small silver bream in evidence that were laying waste to the baits like packs of ravenous piranhas. We hoped the situation would change with sunset and the rising tide but this was not the case. One in 5 fish landed was a keeper but it was tedious going. A larger fillet bait was kept fresh and regularly checked and changed but remained unmolested for the duration. Later on 2 small chopper tailor were landed but that action was slow though we fished through the high tide until late. There have been some small pods of salmon around on these beaches as well as occasional mulloway but these passed us by.

We got home nice and late and I was up again at 3.30 am to fish the North Mole of the harbour. There was quite a throng already on the rocks following reports of bonito being captured there. As usual the water looked fantastic in the dim pre-dawn light with the smooth swells rising gently and the surface dimpled by small fish. First cast yielded a size blue mackerel. Within minutes this fish was joined by another. Then a skippy of embarrassingly small (but legal) size hit the inji rig and was deeply hooked and killed. This action all occurred before the sun rose. By the time the light improved enough we could see that the shoals of rising fish were actually blowfish swarms that decimated any bait entering the water, even way out on the longest cast that I could muster. After Damian had hooked at least a dozen blowies on a metal spinner we decided a sleep was a better idea. So that was the fishing for me as family duties kept me engaged for the rest of the day. After my somewhat pitiful showing however perhaps I was saved from further ignominy.

The late afternoon weigh-in was sparsely attended by anglers although the casting fraternity had turned out prior to the night cast to witness our "spectacular catches". George Holman caught a nice bag of herring on lure, Tony D'Alonzo a mixed bag including herring and a few nice tailor, Spencer King had 2 flathead from the lower reaches of the Swan and I had a handful of small fish. Rob Mitchell was participating in his first field day in years and despite commendable effort did not have a fish to enter. So a little disheartened we left to ponder our performances and perhaps plan a new strategy or two for the New Year.

Enjoy the festive season and I hope you have a robust and fruitful (and fish full) New Year. I hope to see you at the next Field Day. Field Day Officer, John Jardine.

Attendance: Seniors 5 Juniors 0 Mini-Juniors 0 Visitors 0 Total 5

Angler	Total Weight	No of Species	No of fish	Total Points
Tony D' Alonzo	5.28 kg	5	26	153
John Jardine	1.58 kg	4	7	96
George Holman	2.5 kg	1	20	85
Spencer King	0.45 kg	1	2	65
Rob Mitchell	0	0	0	50

Sportsperson of the Year Sections.			
Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	0.75 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	5.28 kg
Field Day Prizes.			
Best Scale fish	Jardine John	Tarwhine	0.21 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	5.28 kg

Top Ten up to December

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D' Alonzo	1737.8	6	Ian Cook	307
2	John Jardine	1127	7	Eric Parker	257
3	Damian D'Mello	684.5	8	Ian Taggart	255.5
4	George Holman	582.01	9	Spencer King	241.5
5	Andy Woodford	314	10	Ken Black	230.5

Field Day Sections up to December.

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		

Suggestions for Instruction Periods at General Meetings.

The committee would like to have some suggestions from members for topics or speakers they would like to have for the instruction periods at our monthly meetings. Please fill out the form on page 24 with any suggestions and send to:- Secretary, SCAC, PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020, or hand to Terry Fuller at a Club event.

Social Report.

The fund raising raffle has been run and I thank those who had a go at selling tickets. The draw was overseen by our President at the Committee meeting on 19 December, and tickets were drawn by Committee members. After each draw, the ticket was replaced into the barrel for the succeeding draw.

The five prizes of \$100 were won by:-

Trevor Stam ticket 121, Josh Kember, ticket 007, Dave Maxted, ticket 252, Albert Denner, ticket 235 and Mal Head, ticket 113.

All winners have been contacted and have received their reward. Balancing of the books showed that the club made a profit of \$505, which is good considering only 235 tickets were sold.

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 fishy New Year.

Hendo, Social Organiser.

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.

Exmouth Safari 2002 Update - Meeting Proposed.

A meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 24 January at Chas Riegert's, 1 Bage Court, Hillarys, to discuss all the details of the Exmouth safari - what/where/when/etc. Where we are going to fish once we get there. When we will leave. Whether we will all travel together in convoy. What gear to take, etc.

Booking for accommodation in Exmouth has been made for Saturday 11 to 18 May 2002. Twenty two club people put their names down to go, but there have been some changes and there are now two (2) places left in the accommodation already booked. 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.

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:-

Vic Tangaris, 5th January

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) can be sent to your email address. The photos in that 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.

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

The details of this proposal were published in the December 2001 Reel Talk. At the December General Meeting, a motion was moved and carried that these proposed rules be adopted from the start of 2002/2003 season. However, under our Competition rules, this will need to be confirmed at the April General Meeting which is when we normally decide on the rules for the following competition year.

Donations for Trophies.

It's January already – where did 2001 go?. Soon we will be looking for trophies for this competition year.

There are some things members can do:-

1. Get involved in the competition – there are plenty of open competition sections which don't have entries.
2. Donate a trophy yourself – particularly if you have been on the on the receiving end in past years.
3. When buying your gear and getting your services from our trophy donors and advertisers, make sure you let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club, so that when we contact them in a few months, they will know that this Club's members support 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.

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

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.

2001/2002 Open Competition.

Cookie needs more entries !!! Someone must have caught some fish ??? Or will catch some fish over the holidays!

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 has already provided the prizes.

Heaviest Tailor	Mal Head 2.5kg at Red Bluff, Kalbarri.
Heaviest Salmon	No entry.
Heaviest Scale Fish	No entry.

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. That's a made up word which means the opposite of "overwhelming" – we've had so few replies that it looks like the members aren't interested in this.

If I'm wrong, prove me wrong. Please put your details on the form from the November Reel Talk and send it in.

Terry Fuller.

Joke.

After Noah built the Ark and survived the Great Flood, God appeared to him and asked him to build another Ark seven decks high.

"Another Ark, my Lord? Am I to fill it with two of every creature again?"

God replied, "No, you will fill it with fish."

"Ah," said Noah, "a Multi-Story Carp Ark."

Thanks to Andy Woodford.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

Thanks to Basil and Paul Marsh for donations of Reel Talks from 1970 and 1971. 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.

More from the AAA State Estuary Championships.

The AAA State Estuary Championships were held at the Peel Inlet in November. Here are two more photos from the weekend.



Chas with a "magnificent" tailor caught at a secret spot up river. Not a monster, but it showed Chas could get past the thousands of blowies attacking anything in the water in lots of places in the river that weekend.

Photo:- Kade Ross.



Mini Juniors Daniel and Andrew Stoeckel and Rhys Jones with their trophies for the winning Mini Junior Team.

Photo:- Terry Fuller

Mandurah 500.

The AAA Mandurah 500 will be held on 26/27 January from Preston Beach to Golden Bay. Sign on is from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and weigh in starts at 10am sharp (you must have your bag of fish in the weigh in area before that) on Sunday 27 at the Mandurah Offshore Sailing Club. Follow the signs past the Atrium Hotel.

Participation by club members assists in competition points for the Champion Club of AAA. Participation also helps you become one of "Hendo's Heroes" – you know, one who goes fishing to "enjoy themselves" with other club friends.

Anyone care to make up a group that possibly could get more serious about their fishing? Give me a call on 9451 6341 for a fun weekend.

Hendo.

Black Bream Expedition.

Subsequent to discussions at the November General meeting, an exploratory field trip will be undertaken to our "Deep South" in search of black bream canoe country. Our unlikely adventurers undertaking this research are Derry Barber and Ian Cook.

It is proposed that a social weekend be researched for members and family within the first half of the New Year. "Watch This Space" for details in early 2002.

Derry Barber.

Carnac Island Draft Management Plan.

A draft management plan is open to public comment for a five-month period. It proposes to continue to allow access to the main beach but has a small visitor exclusion zone to allow sea-lions a sanctuary area.

Access to the beaches will continue to be limited to day use only, and the use of temporary or seasonal controls will be considered if it is necessary to further protect island fauna, such as beach-nesting birds.

Copies are available on the CALM website <http://www.naturebase.net> or from CALM offices in Kensington and Fremantle.

Suggestions Wanted for 2002/2003 Field Day Venues.

It's January already!. We need to make up the list of Field Day venues for 2002/2003. We would like to publish a possible list, or at least a list of the suggestions, in the March Reel Talk, allow some discussion, and then finalise the list at the March Committee meeting for the April Reel Talk, to be voted on by the members at the April General Meeting.

Anything's possible, different / new venues, different formats, different rules – whatever, if the members will support them by going on those Field Days. So if you have any ideas, please put your suggestions in to the Committee, on the tear out form on page 23. Current Competition Rules are available from the Secretary.

Please realise that the Committee just wants to do what the members want to do, but if you don't tell us, then we will have to make the decision from suggestions we get or from Committee members ideas. What we don't want is to have all the discussions and the changes at the last minute at the April General Meeting – that's not the way to make good decisions.

Also. please think about your involvement. If you're not able to go to some of the field days, then please consider leaving the discussion, the voting and the decisions to those members who will go on those field days.

Here's a 2002/2003 calendar with some **possible** dates marked on it, showing the "usual" dates we would use for Dry Casting, General and Committee Meetings, and Field Days, and assuming we have field days on the March, June, and Queen's Birthday long week ends.

6	Dry Casting	9	General Meeting	12	13	Field Day	16	Committee Meeting
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SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003 – Draft Version 27 December 2001. Dates still have to be confirmed.																				
May 2002							June 2002							July 2002						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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6	7	<u>8</u>	9	10	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	4	5	6	7	8	<u>9</u>	8	9	<u>10</u>	11	12	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
13	14	<u>15</u>	16	17	18	19	10	11	<u>12</u>	13	14	15	16	15	16	<u>17</u>	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	<u>19</u>	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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August 2002							September 2002							October 2002						
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12	13	<u>14</u>	15	16	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	9	10	<u>11</u>	12	13	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	14	15	<u>16</u>	17	18	19	20
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November 2002							December 2002							January 2003						
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18	19	<u>20</u>	21	22	23	24	16	17	<u>18</u>	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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February 2003							March 2003							April 2003						
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SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003 – Draft Version 27 December 2001.

Public and School holidays are listed here, AAA events on the next page.

Public Holidays are:-

Foundation Day	Monday 3 June 2002	Queen's Birthday	Monday 30 September 2002
Australia Day	Monday 27 January 2003	Labor Day	Monday 3 March 2003
Anzac Day	Friday 25 April 2003	Easter	Friday 18 April - Mon 21 April 2003

(These dates were taken from http://www.doplar.wa.gov.au/wages/pub_hol.htm on 6 December 2001.)

School holidays for Primary and Secondary students in Government schools in WA are:-

Saturday 20 April - Sunday 5 May 2002
Saturday 6 July - Sunday 21 July 2002
Saturday 28 September - Sunday 13 October 2002
Saturday 21 December 2002 – Sunday 2 February 2003
Friday 18 April - Sunday 4 May 2003

(These dates were taken from <http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/centoff/term.htm> on 20 December 2001.)

The Exmouth safari is on May 11-18. Dates which may need to be reconsidered are:- May 12, Mothers' Day. September 1, Fathers' Day. If we want to go to Rottnest in May, this needs to be booked by late February. Consider having the "May" drycasting on 28 April, and a Field Day to Rottnest on 4/5 May – would leave Mother's day free and avoid a clash with the Exmouth Safari.

There will be seven weeks between the "October" field day on 28/29/30 September and the 16/17 November field day, which is a long time. Maybe we should add a social field day in October, not to count in the competition.

The following are listings of the "normal" dates that would be used in 2002/2003 if the club follows what has been done in most previous years. These still show events on Mothers' and Fathers' days, but in the 2001 season we changed our dates to avoid having a field day or dry casting on these days, so these may change.

2002/2003 Possible Dry Casting Dates.

These are the "normal" dates. Some dates may change to fit in with Field Day changes. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30am.

Sunday 5 May 2002	Sunday 3 November 2002
Sunday 9 June 2002, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 1 December 2002
Sunday 7 July 2002	Sunday 5 January 2003
Sunday 4 August 2002	Sunday 2 February 2003
Sunday 1 September 2002, (change for Fathers' Day?)	Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 6 October 2002	Sunday 6 April 2003

2002/2003 General Meetings.

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

Wednesday 8 May 2002	Wednesday 13 November 2002
Wednesday 12 June 2002	Wednesday 11 December 2002
Wednesday 10 July 2002	Wednesday 8 January 2003
Wednesday 14 August 2002	Wednesday 12 February 2003
Wednesday 11 September 2002	Wednesday 12 March 2003
Wednesday 9 October 2002	Wednesday 9 April 2003

2002/2003 Possible Field Day Dates

These are the "normal" dates. Some dates may change. The Venues will be added when they are known.

Saturday/Sun 11/12 May 2002 (change for Mothers' Day?)	Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November 2002
Saturday/Sun/Monday 1/2/3 June 2002 LWE	Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December 2002
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 July 2002	Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 August 2002	Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 September 2002	Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE
Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29/30 September 2002 LWE	Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003

2001/2002 Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Trophies.

This will be the club's 50th anniversary and will be held on Saturday 29 June 2002 at the Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue.

AAA Coming Events.

This information has been updated from the October 2001 AAA report, the latest one which had a timetable of events. Check for updates in later Reel Talks.

January 19/20, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Moore River to Wedge.
January 26/27, 2002	AAA Mandurah 500	Golden Bay to Preston Beach
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 and 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's Beach
October 27, 2002	AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve.
November 23/24, 2002	AAA State Estuary Championships	Swan River.
January 2003 (presumed)	AAA Mandurah 500	Dates and boundaries to be decided.
March 2003	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Lancelin AAC.
April 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Dawesville Cut to Binningup Cut.

50 Years Ago.

Mullaloo Field Day 1952.

Left to Right:-

Nelson Smith, Bert Michelle,
John McInerney, Lloyd
Dunn, Vern Pocklington,
Felix Hollywell, Noel Knight.



35 Plus Years Ago.

Members with fish from a field day at Garden Island in the 1960's

Left to Right:-

Bob Tichbon, Phil Neri, Alf
Rutland, Gerry Windus, Terry
DeJussing, Ron McQueen,
Jim Strong, Terry Fuller.



Recfishwest – What is it and what does it do for us?

For those of you who've wondered what Recfishwest is, and what it does for us, here's some information from their Constitution, their web site www.recfishwest.org.au, and their 2000/2001 Annual Report.

Recfishwest is the trading name for the Western Australian Recreational and Sportsfishing Council. Members of Recfishwest are:-

1. General members, being organisations with National Affiliation. There are five of these, the Australian Angler's Association, (WA Div); Australian National Sportsfishing Association (WA Branch); Australian Underwater Federation, (WA Branch); Western Australian Game Fishing Association; and the Western Australian Trout and Freshwater Angling Association.
2. Public Members, persons who are interested in recreational fishing. Membership fee is \$22 per year.
3. Associate members, being companies, organisations or persons carrying on a business principally relating to recreational fishing.

The Board of Recfishwest has a Chairperson and one representative from each of the five General Member organisations, and six Public Members, who, interestingly, may not be a member of a fishing club or association or an employee of the WA Fisheries Department.

The "public face" of Recfishwest, the person most often seen or heard, is it's Executive Director, Frank Prokop. Frank's profile on the web site describes him:- "Frank brings to the organisation a high level of expertise having graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Macquarie University with majors in Zoology and ecology and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Western Australia in 1996. Before moving to Perth in late 1992, Frank was involved in implementing numerous policy initiatives covering areas of commercial and recreational fisheries and environmental and endangered species protection. Frank is also a fisher in his own right, preferring the alluring ways of stream and river fishes, but occasionally breaks out for a bit of real fishing in the ocean.

The principal objects of Recfishwest are:-

- (a) to promote and participate in fisheries management so as to ensure the sustainability and conservation of fish species and their habitat;
- (b) to promote and advocate responsible recreational and sports fishing and assist with the education of fishers to increase recognition for limiting fish catches by persons involved in recreational and sports fishing;
- (c) to communicate with the commercial fishing community and any other group to improve co-operation and reach consensus in relation to the sustainability and conservation of fish species and their habitat;
- (d) to represent and advocate the interests of the Western Australian recreational and sports fishing community at State and Federal levels of Government and within the fishing industry on any issues which effect the development and sustainability of recreational and sports fishing; and
- (e) to take such steps and engage in such activities which will assist recreational and sports fishing with the attainment of these objects.

The secondary objects of Recfishwest are:-

- (a) to promote, represent and advocate fishing for recreation and sport as a source of food in accordance with the Western Australian legislation and regulations pertaining to recreational fishing and the requirements of the National Code of Practice for Recreational Fishing;
- (b) to promote the benefits of participation in recreational fishing through organised competitions and other similar promotions;
- (c) to communicate with recreational fishing groups within Western Australia; and
- (d) to provide effective representation for the recreational fishing community on relevant management and planning groups and committees.

Some of the accomplishments during 2000/2001 as listed in the Annual Report include:-

1. "Recfishwest has continued to have a high profile on Jurien Bay Marine Park planning and Dampier and Montebello planning. Although we have been disappointed with the values placed on recreation fishing in the Jurien process, we will continue to ensure that the needs of recreational fishers are accommodated."
2. "Recfishwest has worked closely with Fisheries WA to ensure the highest possible priority is given to the integrated management of the fish resources of this state. We have spent a huge amount of our resources in the planning and release of the Recfishwest Integrated Fisheries Management Policy, liaison with the Toohey Committee and the expert based reference group. This process represents the future management directions for Western Australia and also represents cutting edge management on a world scale. Recfishwest has prepared two submissions of exceptional quality on this important matter."
3. "Recfishwest has reviewed and provided advice on the West Coast Recreational Regional Review. We have not agreed with all proposals. We have also had some difficulty with some of the public consultative processes.

We are somewhat saddened not to see any real progress on the implementation of the West Coast regional reviews, especially the Gascoyne regional review which closed for comment on 27 August 1999 but has not been implemented.”

4. “Recfishwest and WATFAA were able to achieve significant input into the planning for the Harvey Weir and Stirling Dam development and we supported the introduction of the closed season for the major trout dams. We have since commenced negotiation on access to Samson Dam and the procedures to be used with the draining of Waroona Dam.”

5. “Recfishwest had significant input into the resolution of the Geographe Bay crab resource sharing issue and progress of the shark resource sharing process. While taking considerable time, the Geographe Bay process in particular shows the benefits of adopting a cooperative approach and empowering the commercial and recreational fishing industries to reach agreed outcomes as a consequence of the negotiations.”

6. “Recfishwest increased its presence on the Hook. Line and Sinker radio show on ABC radio 720 6WF, (Saturday mornings, 8:30am) with Jodie Hoffman and Marshall Martin co-hosting with Frank Prokop. This show is rating highly and is proving an extremely effective forum to reach the wider fishing community.”

7. “The Recfishwest column in Western Angler magazine continues to provide an important platform to reach the large number of subscribers. The column is popular, helps to attract members and allows recreational issues to be publicly aired.”

8.”It is with great pride that Recfishwest was able to coordinate the recognition of recreational fishing through the Australian Sports Medal to a number of special representatives. Western Australia and Queensland were the only states to award the sports medal to recreational fishers.”

Since then, Recfishwest has been involved in several major activities, and many others, I am sure, that I don't know about. These include:-

1. West Coast and Gascoyne Recreational Fishing Reviews. As reported in earlier Reel Talks, these have been released for comments, and Recfishwest has consulted it's members through a mail out, and consulted some people with access to the Internet through the Western Angler Website's "Fishing Forum" and has put in a comprehensive submission which runs to eleven A4 pages. Contact T Fuller if you'd like a copy.

2. Owen Anchorage shell sand dredging proposals by Cockburn Cement – see the article about this. Recfishwest prepared a twelve page submission on this, and has lodged a formal appeal on this. Contact T Fuller if you'd like a copy of the submission.

3. Proposed Interim Mackerel Fishery Management Plan has been released in mid December for comment. Frank's initial comments included:- “Recfishwest provided two comprehensive submissions for a net recognition of zero. This is arguably the worst draft management plan that I have ever seen in my time in fisheries management. It proposes the most expensive management regime possible for a fishery that is worth not very much. The summary of the position:- Research advice – ignored. Compliance advice – ignored. Recreational views - repeatedly and comprehensively ignored. Departmental budget considerations – ignored. Commercial participants with real catch history – ignored. Optimising economic and social benefit from the fishery – ignored. At least they were consistent. I am shocked and am currently on the eighth draft of a letter on the subject and it is still too hot to send. Maybe by the tenth draft it will still get the message across - not happy Jan!!! “

4. Nearly every year the natural sand bars at Wilson Inlet and several other south coast estuaries are cut to allow built up water to escape to prevent flooding of properties. When the bars break naturally, fish and crabs seem to know it will happen and are waiting to come in and out of the estuaries. There's some thoughts that if the bar is broken artificially, the timing of the break can dramatically affect the fish population that go out, or more importantly, come in to the estuaries to breed or use them as nursery areas. Recfishwest sees this as a big issue for fishing in these estuaries, tourism and the environment, and must be worked through so that it is done at the right time, not when it suits a few property owners.

To summarise this, Recfishwest has the contacts, and it is recognised as the “Peak Body” for Recreational Fishing issues, representing the 600 odd thousand recreational fishers in Western Australia, and as such, it's comments carry much more weight than any other body's or individual's comments.

One of Recfishwest's problems is how to communicate with all the people they are supposed to represent. The “Hook, Line and Sinker” program on ABC Radio is heard by a lot of people, and the Western Angler gets to many WA anglers. Currently, they are working to update their website, which is really out of date.

They recently added a “Corresponding Member” category, which is free, receives correspondence from Recfishwest and these members can give their comments on issues being handled by Recfishwest, but do not have a vote to elect Board members, etc.

If you want to Recfishwest to represent your views, and to have more clout with their comments, all you have to do is become a “Corresponding member” and you will get consulted, and can give comments and raise the issues which you think are important. The address is Recfishwest, PO Box 57, Claremont, W.A. 6010, Telephone 9387 7864.

Owen Anchorage Shell sand Dredging – What are the issues?

You may have seen the articles in the news or papers about this and wondered. This is just a summary of an 80 page EPA report Bulletin 1033, and cannot cover all the details, but the following are some of the statements which have caused the furore. The report has maps, but the quality isn't good enough to copy here.

“Cockburn Cement Limited (CCL) has been dredging shell sand from Owen Anchorage since 1972. CCL now proposes to dredge shell sand in the long-term (to 2034) from additional specific locations on Success Bank, Parmelia Bank and West Success Bank, Owen Anchorage. The proposal is for Stage 1 (2002-2014) on Success and Parmelia Bank to create a 1.5km wide by 15m deep seaway through these banks by 2014. This would remove 168.5ha of seagrass and 264.5ha of shallow bare sand, which can be potential seagrass habitat, to recover 30 million tonnes of shell sand. Stage 2 (2015-2034) on West Success Bank would dredge about 350ha of shallow bare sand on West Success Bank, east and north of the Mewstone area, over an additional 20 years to recover 60 million tonnes of shell sand. A total area of 783ha.” This area is equivalent to a square 2.8km by 2.8km.

“The EPA acknowledges that the long-term proposal has been developed from a very substantial base of new knowledge and that although some direct loss of biodiversity will occur in the vicinity of dredging in terms of seagrass, dependent fish, epiphytes and invertebrates, no species will be lost as habitat types exist elsewhere.”

“In terms of cover, seagrass in Owen Anchorage was more extensive in 1999, even accounting for previous dredging losses, than at any earlier mapping period.”

“The EPA recognises the important role that seagrass plays as a primary producer and a habitat and considers it is an important principle to retain seagrass in Owen Anchorage wherever possible. The EPA also recognises that Parmelia Bank borders Cockburn Sound, which has already lost 80% of its seagrass.”

“The EPA notes that whilst seagrass rehabilitation is possible, it is not currently practicable at a scale comparable to the rate of loss proposed through dredging, but that the necessary technology may be developed in the future. It is also noted that seagrass distribution in Owen Anchorage is dynamic and seagrasses can establish naturally on shallow bare sand habitat.”

“The EPA notes CCL has now identified additional resources of shell sand on West Success Bank with no seagrass cover. The EPA considers that dredging of unvegetated shell sand can be carried out in an environmentally acceptable manner.”

“The EPA is of the view that CCL has provided sufficient new information to enable the EPA to conclude that further limited removal of some seagrass from Owen Anchorage can now be considered environmentally reasonable.”

“Whilst the EPA considers that a limited loss of additional seagrass in Owen Anchorage could occur without inducing a significant impact, it wishes to ensure that any additional loss is strictly constrained. Accordingly, the relocation of CCL's dredging operations to unvegetated areas on West Success Bank should occur as quickly as practicable and in considerably less time than the 12 years as originally proposed by CCL for Stage 1 of the proposal. CCL should thus prepare for Government consideration a timetable for moving from Success Bank and Parmelia Bank to West Success Bank as quickly as practicable.”

“CCL manufactures quicklime and cement and operates under the Cement Works (Cockburn Cement Limited) Agreement Act 1971. This Act was substantially amended in 1986 to require, among other matters, that the Company comply with the State's environmental laws, and to submit a “dredging management programme” (DMP) every two years for approval.”

“The Act, effective to 2011 with provision for extension to 2021, entitles CCL to access shell sand sediment within a five mile (8km) radius of a point on Coogee Beach, north of Woodman Point. It also obliges the State to ‘use every endeavour to find other shell sand within a reasonably economic distance from the jetty, and if other shell sand is not available, then other equivalent material.’ ”

“In conclusion the EPA:

(f) considers that, on balance, commercial and recreational fisheries are unlikely to be significantly compromised by the proposal; and

(g) supports the protection of seagrass on the balance of East Success Bank and Parmelia Banks, an extension to the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park.....”

On the regeneration of seagrasses, the EPA noted:- “Field trials have been underway since February 1996 and seagrasses for transplantation have been taken from areas in the short and medium-terms areas prior to dredging. Transplantation has occurred into recipient sites located on eastern Success Bank. When survival over the past five years is factored (to February 2001), the area of actual rehabilitated seagrass meadow was calculated to be 2,794m² (approx 0.28ha) comprising:

1,815m² for Recipient site 2 (the major transplant site for the rehabilitation programme), based on 60% sod survival; and

979m² for Recipient site 4, based on 89% sod survival (CCL, 2001a).

Based on the performance criteria, it can be concluded that CCL has demonstrated:

that it has rehabilitated 0.1ha of seagrass for at least 3 years;
that it has not met the second performance criterion – i.e. rehabilitated 1-3ha of seagrass with evidence of survival for at least 12 months; and that
direct transplantation is slow (less than 1ha/year), is not yet feasible at a rate required by the proposed long-term dredging programme, and is costly.”

The EPA identified alternative sources of lime “ other than in Cockburn Sound (including Owen Anchorage) there are no identified resources of high quality carbonates in or near Perth. There are deposits of shell sand on Garden Island, but it is unlikely that these resources will be exploited;

along the west coast, lime sands at Dongara provide one identified source of suitable quality resource for lime production. Cockburn currently operated a lime kiln in the area using this resource. In 1997, Westlime (WA) Limited also commissioned a lime kiln using this resource;

some high quality limestone deposits have been found in the Dampier Archipelago. Conservation issues will strongly influence exploitation;

the Cape Range has substantial deposits of high grade limestone. Exploitation will be heavily influenced by conservation issues and transport costs; and

lime is produced in the Goldfields area using limestone quarried 400km east of Kalgoorlie at Loongana. Further development of this resource is limited to industrial expansion in the Goldfields area; transportation costs limiting use further afield.”

“...the EPA notes the different views held by CCL, the Department of Fisheries and Recfishwest but considers that, on balance, commercial and recreational fisheries are unlikely to be significantly compromised by the long-term dredging proposal given the limited reduction in seagrass in Owen Anchorage.”

“The EPA considers that all reasonable alternatives to a proposal should be considered within social and environmental constraints. EPA notes:

there is lime sand of suitable quality at Dongara, where CCL already operates kilns.

the draft State Lime Supply Strategy confirms that alternative sources of lime are available from Dongara.

no alternative proposals to the current proposal were put forward by CCL, therefore no comprehensive environmental information has been provided on which a comparative environmental assessment can be considered. It is likely, however, that an alternative based on the Dongara resource could be made to be environmentally acceptable as the existing Westlime and CCL operations at Dongara were referred to the EPA and neither required formal assessment.

The EPA considers that unvegetated deposits on West Success Bank are a real alternative source of lime sand“

Recfishwest has challenged many of these statements and the conclusions drawn from them, in a twelve page submission. Here are just some of their comments:-

“The impact of dredging and seagrass removal upon fish stocks, recreational fishing quality and the prospect of successfully colonising seagrass by transplantation or other artificial means to offset seagrass loss are the key concerns of Recfishwest.”

“Recfishwest has importantly identified two principal and overriding objections to the proposal. The objections are that the proposal, as identified in the ERMP itself, fails to meet both the requirements of the Ministerial Condition 6-2, August 1994 “that seagrass can be successfully rehabilitated”, and the requirement (reinterpreted in 1995), “that due to Cockburn’s shell sand dredging operations on Success Bank in Owen Anchorage, there be no net loss of present ecological and cultural function in the Cockburn Sound/Owen Anchorage area.” (Supplement to EMP, and referenced in EPA Bulletin 901, August 1998).”

“The expected impacts on water clarity are negative. These include some impact from the increased winter wave activity in Cockburn Sound and an increase in turbidity plumes. The ERMP says the plumes from the dredge and the onshore washing plant are not expected to change from existing levels; but as production is anticipated to increase by more than 50% over the next 20 years this seems unlikely. Water quality, particularly clarity, is one of the main problems in Cockburn Sound and therefore this is a critical issue. When the dredging is occurring on Parmelia Bank any southward drift of a turbidity plume directly affects Cockburn Sound and could significantly reduce the photosynthetic zone which could further impact on seagrasses.

“Extending the rights of Cockburn Cement to dredge shell sand from the Owen Anchorage area for another 23 years beyond 2011 is a very big commitment for any government to make on behalf of the community it represents and not one Recfishwest believes should be made. If such extension is not given, presumably on EPA advice, then all the State has to do under the Agreement Act is to use every endeavour to find other resources. The State may adopt the position that in the better interests of Western Australia, a less convenient and more costly alternative may have to be adopted.”

"There is now less than two more year's lead time to the end of the medium term proposal in which to find a solution to this problem. If a solution is not found and the current ERMP is approved then Cockburn Cement and the State will encounter the same problem in 2034. Recfishwest is very disappointed that little headway has been made in developing alternatives to shell sand mining in Owen Anchorage. We believe that this slow progress has largely resulted from CCL not being committed to the development of such alternatives, as Owen Anchorage has provided a very cheap source of high quality lime with the promise of further to come."

"Recfishwest understands that there is a benefit to State/society in having convenient access, as has been the situation in the manufacturing of lime/cement for many years. We further understand that developing alternative resources may well come with an additional economic cost, as is indicated in the ERMP. However we believe that this cost will be significantly outweighed by the greater benefit of reserving the remainder of the shallow waters for future generations as an excision from the State Agreement Act and gazetted as an "A" class reserve."

"Recfishwest believes that the time has now come to draw the line. The environmental values cannot continue to be compromised in favour of economic values to the point that irrecoverable damage and impacts have been produced."

Recfishwest challenged the EPA statements that "the seagrasses of Owen Anchorage do not support any commercial or recreational fishery" and "the view that there is a close, direct link between seagrasses and fisheries is a generalisation only and that the views of scientists are changing" with several paragraphs, including:-

"We contend that the type of fishing gear used in the ERMP sampling program was inappropriate, or at the least not optimal, for sampling fish species, particularly those species found in a seagrass or demersal habitat. As a consequence Recfishwest rejects the findings of the ERMP in respect to the fish populations present in Owen Anchorage area."

"... a direct quote from the CSIRO Division of Fisheries brochure 'Seagrasses': is "Seagrasses play a vital role in the marine food web....." and "In recognition of the importance of seagrass in respect to fish and fisheries, NSW Fisheries has published Habitat Protection Plan No 2, Seagrasses which was gazetted in September 1997. This plan aims to ensure that there is no net loss of seagrasses within the coastal and estuarine waters of New South Wales, and it prohibits or limits a wide range of damaging activities (such as dredging, reclamation, aquaculture and the construction of wharves and breakwaters) to help protect seagrass habitat."

"Conclusions.

1. It is the position of Recfishwest that the Cockburn Cement Long-Term Dredging proposal be rejected.
2. That Shellsand dredging in Owen Anchorage be phased out within a reasonable timeframe with CCL having to provide a statement of support as to which areas it wishes to access for this period. This statement must be available for community consultation and, at minimum, by way of a Public Environmental Review.
3. That the remaining areas of Parmelia and Success Banks must be given formal reserve status, preferably A class."

Terry Fuller.

What can you do?

If you have concerns about this proposal, write to Hon. Dr J. Edwards, Minister for Environment, 29th. Floor, Allendale Square, 77 St. George's Tce, Perth, W.A. 6000

Grey Nurse Shark Status.

The grey nurse shark is at imminent risk of extinction, and the Federal Government has upgraded its status from endangered to critical. The new emergency listing of the species applies to the East Coast grey nurse population, which some estimates have now at fewer than 500 (on the East Coast of Australia).

The majority of the sites where the shark is recorded are in NSW waters. Environment Minister Robert Hill changed the status of the shark in October 2001 after submissions from the Humane Society International. Senator Hill upgraded the status from "vulnerable to extinction" to "critically endangered" which means that unless dramatic changes, occur the shark will become extinct.

From a Media Release noted by Andy Woodford.

A check of the recreational fishing page of the WA Fisheries Department web site shows that the Grey Nurse shark (*Carcharias taurus*) is listed as "totally protected and may not be taken" in WA.

West Coast and Gascoyne Recreational Fishing Reviews.

The club has sent its comments on these Reviews to the Minister for Fisheries.

A ministerial media statement issued on 27 December said, in part:- "Western Australia's recreational fishing community has provided a strong response to Fisheries Minister Kim Chance on a proposed blueprint for the future management of the State's recreational fisheries.

The Minister received more than 1,000 public submissions to the proposed package of strategies for managing the recreational catch in the West Coast and Gascoyne regions.

A bulk of the submissions focussed on the need to have an integrated management approach for the State's marine finfish fishery.

Resource sharing between the commercial and recreational fishing sectors was also one of the main concerns expressed to the working groups during 15 public meetings.

"Recreational fishers have made it clear they want a fair and equitable share of the inshore finfish resource," Mr Chance said.

"I acknowledge their concerns and recognise that sustainable management of our fish resources must include both the recreational and commercial sectors."

The Minister said he would proceed with a process to review management of the wetline (commercial fishing) sector in this term of government.

"Effective sector management is essential if we are to move towards a more integrated management framework where allocation decisions can be made," he said.

"I will carefully consider all issues and comments raised in the submissions and take into consideration any community concerns before making a final decision on future recreational fishing management arrangements," he said.
Terry Fuller.

Commercial Mackerel Fishery Interim Management Plan.

The draft report on management of the commercial mackerel fishery has been released for comments, and I obtained a copy from Recfishwest after seeing messages on the Western Angler Internet bulletin board. At the time of writing this, I don't know who has been given a copy, but comments from three different people have been very negative – see Recfishwest's comments on page 18. Some points from the plan are:-

The recommendation is for the plan to commence on 1 January 2003 or as near to that date as is administratively possible, and last for five years. The reason for the delay in the proposed start until 2003 is because it requires ministerial approval and possibly more public consultation, legislation, publication in the Government Gazette, tabling in parliament, ratification of existing catch histories, applications for and granting of permits to those who meet the requirements, and setting of Total Allowable Catches and allocations. It is called an Interim plan, because it is expected to be replaced by WA's proposed Integrated Fisheries Management, but was started earlier because of concerns over mackerel catches.

The zone south of 26 degrees 30 minutes south (between Kalbarri and Shark Bay) remains in the fishery, but that there be no requirement to apply for a permit to fish for Mackerel. If the commercial catches rise above 25 tonnes for two consecutive calendar years in that area, then management of the fishery in the area take place. The average catch has been 13.4 tonnes over the last ten years, with the highest 18 tonnes. Other Zones are Gascoyne, Pilbara and Kimberley.

That the Total Allowable Catch be set by the Fisheries Department after taking the best available scientific and operational information to ensure the sustainability of the mackerel fishery. Fish can be unloaded at a limited number of ports.

Pilbara and Gascoyne zones be managed under a quota management system with an option of a six month season possibly before 2003 to preserve stocks in the short term. Kimberley zone interfaces with the Northern Territory and has some specific recommendations to cover boats operating out of Darwin, including a vessel monitoring system.

Only permit holders can land mackerel. Permits require a commercial fisher to have a history of fishing for mackerel, with a minimum of 1000kg (Kimberley) or 750kg (Pilbara) or 500kg (Gascoyne) of mackerel for four out of the seven years, or an average of at least that amount over all seven years from 1990 to 1997. This fits with an announcement some years ago that a fishing history up to 1997 would be required and recent entrants were not guaranteed continued access. Fisheries can issue a permit in case of hardship or extenuating circumstances, which includes people who have fished for some years before 1997, but don't meet the criteria.

Permit holders would be given a quota allocation out of the Total Allowable Commercial Catch in proportion to their history of catches from 1990 to 1997.

All these recommendations are explained in a lot more detail in the report.

Terry Fuller.

Suggestions for 2002/2003 Field Days.

Please fill out and send to:- Secretary, SCAC, PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020, or hand to Terry Fuller at a Club event. **There is a deadline:-** the February Committee Meeting, Wednesday 20 February 2002, but really we want it as soon as possible, please.

Month	Suggested Venue(s)	Dates	Reasons and/or more details
May 2002			
June 2002			
July 2002			
August 2002			
September 2002			
October 2002			
November 2002			
December 2002			
January 2003			
February 2003			
March 2003			
April 2003			

Suggestions for changes to the rules and/or formats of Field Days.

Any other suggestions.

Name _____ Date _____

Suggestions for Instruction Periods.

The committee would like to have some suggestions from members for topics or speakers they would like to have for the instruction periods at our monthly meetings. Please fill this out with any suggestions and send to:- Secretary, SCAC, PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020, or hand to Terry Fuller at a Club event.

Subject or Speaker.	Any more details

Registration for Garden Island Field Day 16 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. If you have already registered, you don't need to do it again.

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