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Life Members of the Club

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

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Minutes of General Meeting, October 2006

Venue:	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Date:	11 October 2006
Time:	2000
Present:	21 members
Apologies:	Marcia and Peter Pekaar, Bev Grigo, R Henderson
Visitors:	Kaito Wee

Previous Minutes: Minutes were not read.

Inwards Correspondence

Department of Environment and Conservation-: Letter regarding Indicative Management plan for the proposed Geographe Bay, Leeuwin Naturaliste Hardy Inlet Marine Park.

Draft management plan for the Walpole Wilderness area and Adjacent Parks and Reserves. You can view both plans at www.naturebase.net/haveyoursay

Outwards Correspondence: Nil

Property Report: Nothing to Report

Field Day Report: Malcolm Harris reported on both S Bend and Cervantes Field Days.

Dry Casting: Scott Maloney gave his report on the October dry casting.

Reel Talk August 2006

Real Talk Editor: Nil

Recorder: Ian Cook talked about his role as recorder and some of the badges available.

AAA Report: George gave his report on the AAA meeting. They have 7 or 8 applications for Secretary.

AAA Estuary Competition on the 25th and 26th November - members asked for entries.

Social Organiser: Josh talked about the Christmas Party and night casting at George's again this year.

Treasurer's Report : Details Unavailable at present. Closing Balance \$11,760

Moved: Jim Strong Seconded: Mark Hansen

Notice of Motion: Nil

General Business: George thanked Malcolm and Vix for helping with his blown tyre on the way back from S-Bends.

Trevor talked about Seniors' Week at Burswood.

Instruction Period: Sorted out the Teams for State Dry Casting

Meeting Closed: 9.50pm

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Please remember to bring a plate (full) to the December General Meeting. Social intercourse will follow the general meeting to celebrate Christmas and the year's activities.

COMING CLUB EVENTS

November Dry Casting

When: Sunday, 5 November 2006

Where: Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events: Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.

All casters please assist with the setting up at the beginning of the day before setting up your own gear.

Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

November General Meeting

When: 8 November 2006
Where: Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.
Sign In: Please remember to tick your name on the attendance sheet which is on the table near the door. And while you are there, what about buying some of the raffle tickets?

November Field Day, Cervantes

When: 11 & 12 November 2006
Sign On: At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 6pm Friday, 10 November 2006
Where: Cervantes
Boundaries: Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to 1km north of the Hill River.
Lines Down: Saturday 12:00 noon

November Field Day, Local

When: Saturday & Sunday, 11 & 12 November 2006
Sign On: At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 6pm Friday, 10 November 2006
Lines Down: Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in: Sunday, at G Holman's house. 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: Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat 11 Nov	0.4m at 12.37 pm	0.9m at 11.30 pm
	Sun 12 Nov	0.5m at 1:15 pm	

<u>Moon</u>	Sat 11 Nov	Above 3.35 am	Below 4.01 pm
	Sun 12 Nov	Above 4.26 am	Below 4.49 pm

Estuary Championships

We wish to remind everyone about the Estuary Championships coming up soon.

Location: Swan River

Date: Saturday and Sunday 25 & 26 November 2006

Suggested Locations:

- East Fremantle
- Narrows Bridge } Ideal for shore-based mulloway fishing
- Causeway }

Please contact other members to co-ordinate your own group.

2006/2007 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries

The following is the list of Field Day dates, venues and boundaries.

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details
11/12 Nov 2006	Cervantes to Hill River	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to 1 km north of the Hill River.
16/17 Dec 2006	Standard Local	Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.
13/14 Jan 2007	Swan/Canning Rivers	Upstream of Fremantle Railway Bridge.
17/18 Feb 2007	Cervantes to Hill River	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to 1 km north of the Hill River.
3/4/5 March 2007 Long weekend	Bluff Creek	Reef Beach to Betty's Beach. AAA Rock and Beach Championships are on Saturday and Sunday of this long weekend.
14/15 April 2007	Capes (North)	Busselton jetty to Margaret River.

AAA Championships During Our 2006/7 Competition Year

Estuary Championships, Swan River, Saturday and Sunday 25/26 November 2006
Rock and Beach Championships, HQ Cheynes Beach, Reef Beach to Betty's Beach, Sat/Sun 3/4 March 2007 – Note weigh in Sunday.
Boat Angling Championships, date to be advised in March 2007 at Whitfords

2006/2007 Dry Casting Dates. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting 8:30am.

Sunday 5 November 2006	Sunday 4 February 2007
Sunday 3 December 2006	Sunday 11 March 2007, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 7 January 2007	Sunday 1 April 2007

2006/2007 General Meeting Dates. All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, start 8:00pm.

Wednesday 8 November 2006	Wednesday 14 February 2007
Wednesday 13 December 2006	Wednesday 14 March 2007
Wednesday 10 January 2007	Wednesday 11 April 2007

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

Recorders Report October 2006

2006 / 2007 Open Competition Results till October

Section	For	Min Weight	Details
1.	Most Meritorious Capture	None	Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.
2.	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	
4.	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	Paul Thompson 3.70 kg Swanbourne drain
5.	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman 4.0 kg False Entrance
7.	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Paul Thompson 3.41 kg Mulloway Swanbourne drain
9.	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman 3.3 kg False Entrance
10.	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	Dave Maxted 0.6 kg Steep Point
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman 11.5 kg False Entrance
12.	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	
13.	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14.	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15.	Best Black or Yellow fin Bream	0.6 kg	
16.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	George Holman Bonefish 2.8 kg False Entrance
17.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	

Barron Lure Competition

Heaviest Tailor 1.6 kg Dave Maxted
Heaviest Salmon
Heaviest Scale fish Are there any entries?

Species for the Species Badge are not automatically recorded from the FD results. You need to give the recorder a written list of the species and which FD you caught them on. Species caught outside of a field day need to be submitted on the standard application form.

I am sure there are a number of members who will have captured the required species for the species badge but which are not recorded.

Field Day Sections up to and including October

Section		Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	George Holman	Mulloway	6.915
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritorious Fish			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Malcolm Harris	Shark	8.150
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	George Holman	Mulloway	6.915
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Ian Cook	Tailor	2.900
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.150
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Bev Grigo	Skipjack Trevally	0.655
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Peter Osborne	Yellowtail Kingfish	2.490
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	12.742
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Ian Cook	Mulloway	5.000
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	8.180
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	0	0	0.000
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	0	0	0.000

Sportsperson Of The Year Sections for October

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	George Holman	Mulloway	6.915
Best Bag of Scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	12.742

Field Day Prizes for October

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	George Holman	Mulloway	6.915
Best Bag of Scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	12.742

Top Ten as of October 2006

Malcolm Harris	1129.4
Peter Osborne	802.12
Vix Alexander	490.73
George Holman	380.23
Melvin Wee	332.12
Mark Hansen	301.8
Peet Wessels	237.56
Morris Kolman	229.85
Sandra Wessels	210
Sharon Osborne	176

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Tight Lines

Cookie

OCTOBER DRYCASTING REPORT

When we arrived for the day's Drycasting, we were greeted with the strongest head wind for a long time and boy was it cold!! The weather was fine and it warmed up as the day progressed. Jumpers off at 10am.

The longest cast for the day was 127m by George and you can see from the score sheet the effect the wind had on distances. There were also numerous "out of bounds" as you only had to be a little off line and the wind did the rest. Who put the wind up George?

The attendance was reasonable but we would always like to see more as it's a great social morning.

Scott Maloney had the longest cast in the 56 gram distance for the seniors but the best average went to Andrew Aubrey with 19 points. Bob Hendo had the longest cast in the veterans with 105m (but the wind had dropped) and topped the points with 20. Wendy Hansen got both casts in, as did mini junior Kaitlin Stoeckel. George and Scott both got a great score in the artificial bait (bugger all). Gary Gildersleeves had the longest cast with 105m whilst Mark Hansen got close with 101m, which gave both of them 20 points.

Mark cast 126m but lost to George by 1m in the 112gram event, giving him the top points for the day. Hendo gave sympathy to submit to second place. Aubs, Scott and Mal were not far behind.

Mal Head showed us how to cast in the double-handed event with a great score of 156points. George tried hard but could only manage 155 points. Don't know what the seniors were up to, but the scores indicate a possible conflict with the wind.

Every now and then Terry Fuller gets that sly grin and then proceeds to cast to perfection. He was smiling and obtained 29 points for the single-handed event to beat us all. AJ tried hard, George with 24 and Hendo with 22. Our sympathy to Ric.

As usual, Pete stoked up the barby, burnt the snags and offered cold drinks to all. A great finishing touch to the day. THANKS PETE. (How about you stop boasting about your bull in the double-handed event - we know it was a jag).

See you all on the 5th Nov.

George Holman

Dry Casting Results, 8 October 2006

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	Attendance		Total Points
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number								Target distance						DC	GM	
	3	3		1	1		4	4		2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points									

Andrew Aubrey	100	87	19	85	71	16	107	121	23	13	0	18	20	5	14	2	12	84	0	2	1	3	6	148	10	0	158
Scott Maloney	104	0	10	0	0	0	114	106	22	13	2	23	14	0	11	19	6	88	1	1	0	8	10	130	10	0	140
Mark Hansen	75	91	17	101	96	20	126	0	13	10	0	5	20	0	0	14	0	49	2	6	0	1	9	108	10	0	118
Eric Parker	0	86	9	83	76	16	101	0	10	0	0	11	14	17	0	23	0	65	0	3	0	0	3	103	10	0	113
Peter Stoeckel	58	74	13	0	70	7	87	81	17	0	0	6	25	0	0	20	0	51	0	2	0	7	9	97	10	0	107

Veterans

Bob Henderson	105	99	20	98	96	19	120	116	24	16	17	23	12	12	18	24	24	146	2	6	6	8	22	231	10	0	241
Malcolm Head	83	0	8	86	82	17	106	99	21	24	16	19	22	23	14	19	19	156	2	1	5	6	14	216	10	0	226
George Holman	0	89	9	0	0	0	127	125	25	22	20	23	23	10	22	19	16	155	4	5	10	5	24	213	10	0	223
Terry Fuller	70	76	15	71	78	15	91	94	19	0	16	20	10	18	13	23	14	114	7	7	7	8	29	192	10	0	202
Gary Gildersleeves	0	0	0	96	105	20	0	112	11	19	22	18	18	15	15	20	19	146	4	1	3	5	13	190	10	0	200
Allan Jones	0	0	0	83	80	16	102	90	19	11	21	16	16	11	10	20	22	127	7	8	0	10	25	187	10	0	197
John Crompton	0	67	7	62	0	6	0	78	8	16	10	0	10	8	3	19	0	66	0	6	0	3	9	96	10	0	106
Trevor Stam	17	25	4	51	53	10	50	52	10	1	0	19	0	5	12	8	0	45	0	4	5	4	13	82	10	0	92

Ladies

Wendy Hansen	52	43	10	39	0	4	0	47	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	16						35	10	0	45
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Mini Juniors

Kaitlin Stoeckel	15	16	3	13	3	2	17	8	3										7	0	1	3	11	19	10	0	29
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Dry Casting Top Ten

Total scores up to and including October casting – not including October GM attendance. Only the best 11 months out of 12 count at the end of the year.

1	Bob Henderson	1441	6	Terry Fuller	988
2	George Holman	1353	7	Malcolm Harris	937
3	Malcolm Head	1288	8	Rhys Jones	846
4	Allan Jones	1240	9	Jim Strong	772
5	Gary Gildersleeves	1109	10	Scott Maloney	769

Dry Casting Winners for 8 October 2006

Event	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
56 gram Score	19	Andrew Aubrey	20	Bob Henderson
56 gram Distance	104	Scott Maloney	105	Bob Henderson
Artificial Bait Score	20	Mark Hansen	20	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Distance	101	Mark Hansen	105	Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram Score	23	Andrew Aubrey	25	George Holman
112 gram Distance	126	Mark Hansen	127	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	88	Scott Maloney	156	Malcolm Head
Single Handed Acc.	10	Scott Maloney	29	Terry Fuller
Section Highest Points	158	Andrew Aubrey	241	Bob Henderson

Event	Ladies Winner		Mini Juniors Winner	
56 gram Score	10	Wendy Hansen	3	Kaitlin Stoeckel
56 gram Distance	52	Wendy Hansen	16	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Artificial Bait Score	4	Wendy Hansen	2	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Artificial Bait Distance	39	Wendy Hansen	13	Kaitlin Stoeckel
112 gram Score	5	Wendy Hansen	3	Kaitlin Stoeckel
112 gram Distance	47	Wendy Hansen	17	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Double Handed Acc.	16	Wendy Hansen		
Single Handed Acc.			11	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Section Highest Points	45	Wendy Hansen	29	Kaitlin Stoeckel

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to October 2006	
56 gram Score	20	Bob Henderson	26	Malcolm Harris
56 gram Distance	105	Bob Henderson	138	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	20	Mark Hansen, Gary Gildersleeves	27	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	105	Gary Gildersleeves	136	George Holman
112 gram Score	25	George Holman	32	George Holman, Malcolm Harris
112 gram Distance	127	George Holman	163	Malcolm Harris
Double Handed Acc.	156	Malcolm Head	162	George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	29	Terry Fuller	34	George Holman
Day's High Points	241	Bob Henderson	269	Bob Henderson

STATE TEAM MEETING

Please remember that there is a meeting on Monday 6th November at George's place to make final arrangements for the Phillip Island Convention in February 2007.

State AAA Estuary Event

This will be held on the 26 November on the Swan River.

It is a good day's outing with the chance of a nice feed of fish. It is not necessary to use a boat and in some cases being able to move around the river by car is an advantage. We would like to enter a couple of club teams. Contact Peter Stoeckel for details.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

The Dry Casting Competition held on Sunday, 29 October was a huge success due in no small part to the members who volunteered to help set up on the preceding Saturday, as well as everyone who attended on the Sunday. Thank you all very much.

Scores will be published shortly once our Scorer, Paul Frzop, gets out of hospital.

George Holman

Night Casting and Barbecue Function

It's on again the much enjoyed Christmas function

This is a great social night for all the family, including the children.

It is proposed to run this event on the evening of Sunday, 3 December after the December Dry Casting. The festivities will commence at 5.30pm with a barbecue. When the light fades we will be running the usual night casting events for all ages and abilities. You will require a small to medium rod for the casting. A glow stick attached to the weight will allow you "maybe" to control the direction and length of the cast. Multiple coloured glow sticks make a wonderful sight when cart wheeling through the air. The kids are delighted to take them home at the end of the event.

Bring your own barbecue food requirements and a chair. The club will provide some beer, and cool drinks for the children. There will be two gas barbecues set up. There will be a few special prizes in addition to the winner of the night cast. Please advise Josh of numbers attending.

We may give Bob an extra couple of drinks if he will again act as the live target marker for casting. He yelps exquisitely when you get a bull's eye.

Venue: George Holman's home at 89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento

Time: 5.30pm, 3 December 2006

The rear of George's house faces a park. To access the rear of George's house you turn off Clontarf into Parnell and after one house turn left down the right of way for about 100 metres.

FROM THE EDITOR

My first thank you this month goes to Terry Fuller for helping me import the Sushi Night photos in the September Reel Talk. Thank you also to Sandra and the other Committee Members for helping me get the addresses sorted out for postage of the Reel Talk. John Crompton helped me too, by providing a snippet from the local newspaper, featured in this Reel Talk.

We also have a new post office box in Melville. I have changed the address on the Reel Talk, but please make a note of it yourself until we get other printed matter updated. Thanks, Scott, for getting this organised.

Our Trip to Kalbarri 7 September 2006

The Pekaar Family (Peter, Marcia, Andrew, Stephen) ventured to Kalbarri again in October. On Saturday, 7 October, we departed anywhere between 8.00 and 8.15 depending on whose watch you went by!! We arrived at 3.30pm according to the clock in the car. We stopped at the Dongara Bakery and treated ourselves to a pie each (Pete had 2). The chicken satay pies weren't hot so I settled for a beef satay. Delicious, but made mental note to insist on the chicken satay on the way home.

The water in the lake between Port Gregory and Kalbarri was a gorgeous pink. I am presuming this is due to mineral deposits, but would be interested to know if anyone has more accurate information on this subject. It was certainly a beautiful sight.

It is true that necessity is the mother of invention. Pete asked me if I'd remembered to bring an alarm clock or timer so we could ensure we awoke early enough to fish in the morning. Whoops, I had forgotten. But this gave me an opportunity to learn how to set the alarm clock on my mobile phone; one more skill I now have.

We dined in that night, celebrating Stephen's 12th birthday and Pete and my 5th wedding anniversary. On Sunday night, however, we treated ourselves to the buffet roast dinner at Jakes Bistro.

On Sunday morning, Pete and Andrew bagged 12 fish, the largest tailor weighing in at 634 grams. This kept us well stocked, as the haul seemed to diminish from then on. Luckily I'd prepared well and brought plenty of food. Unfortunately the tuna pie I'd carefully prepared had been left in the microwave oven at home. Not so appetising a week later, so that went to the chickens who aren't so fussy!!

As for entertainment, the boys enjoyed displaying their skill on the trampolines and we all had a round of mini golf. Pete won (again) but Stephen improved no end from last time and Andrew and I were about the same. We also took a power boat up the (shallow) river and apart from getting bogged had a great time. It pays to be female at times, because I was allowed to stay dry as the boys got out and pushed the boat off the sand bar. Stevie even stripped down to his jocks for the occasion. I helped push using the oar. All three of my "men" had a turn at steering (near miss at the end when approaching the ropes securing the other boats).

On Thursday, 12 Oct the Kalbarri Offshore Angling Club organised a Whiting Competition for the youngsters. Stevie and Andrew entered and did well. Stevie even won a prize for the best bream. The only problem with that was, ANDREW had actually caught the fish. There were 200-odd children registered and everyone fished from Chinamen's to the first jetty. There was a registration tent set up where you signed on and were allotted a number (written on your hand). Then from 9am to 11am you fished like crazy and brought your catch to the registration tent, hitching a ride one of the numerous quad bikes traveling up and down the beach. The local police even volunteered their time on the quad bikes. Anything counted – blowies, bream, whiting ... whatever you were lucky enough to catch. The fish were weighed and registered against the name of the person catching them, then released. In our case, Stephen obviously took it upon himself to register Andrew's catch as his own. The prizes awarded were substantial. Stevie got a rod & reel, beanie (has rarely left Andrew's head), DVD, some lures and a book on fishing. The morning was fantastic and even though some youngsters were using a net to catch their tiny blowies, fun was had by all. Prizes were awarded to children for such catches as the most unusual fish being a Gobble Guts; one little girl (Keith Heaney's daughter) won a prize for her age group for catching an Estuary Rock Cod

That afternoon we visited the Seahorse Sanctuary. On the last full day there I did a bit of "Christmas shopping" in the morning and in the afternoon we had a camel ride. Sadly the camel ride operator will not be operating there for long as the land owner plans to develop the land and camel rides do not feature in his plans.

Marcia Pekaar

Yellowfin Whiting

Yellowfin Whiting

Sillago schomburgkii

Habitat: Shallow sandy areas near estuary mouths and inshore waters. **Grows to:** 42cm and 0.7kg. **Reproduction:** Matures at 18 to 20cm and two years old. **Life span:** 12 years.

Features: Yellow pelvic and anal fins, sides plain and silvery, pointed snout.



With summer fast approaching I thought it is time for an article about catching Yellowfin Whiting.

The Whiting is perhaps one of the best eating fish in the sea. It has soft tender white fillets and is a real treat to eat. Cooked whole, filleted or butter fried it truly is a remarkable eating fish. The Yellowfin whiting has a slender silver body with yellow fins. When locating the Yellowfin Whiting look for shallow sand banks. If there are any whiting around they will soon be found.

When I am fishing for the whiting I like to use a very sensitive rod around 6-7ft. If you're in the surf then increase the length of the rod to 12ft or more. The longer rod is better to help get your bait beyond the breaking waves. The whiting have a light tap bite and these sensitive rods enable you to feel the bites and hopefully catch the fish. If fishing on the sand, nothing beats an Alvey reel. These reels are very tough and can take some serious beating. The egg beater reels are good, however they do not take well to the sand or salt water. If you're fishing on the sand with an egg beater reel be careful to keep the reel off the sand and out of the water. I have lost a number of reels over the years due to the sand and salt water.

My preferred rig for catching the sand whiting in the rivers is to use a small long shanked hook around size 4. Then a light trace about 50cm long. This trace doesn't need to be too heavy as the whiting do not tend to bite through the line. Connect a swivel to the trace to avoid line twists. Place a small running sinker to the main line. The size of the sinker depends on the amount of current flow in the water. If there is a lot of flow, increase the size of the sinker.

When fishing for the whiting in the surf a light paternoster rig with a small star sinker is the way to go. Again, the size of the sinker varies depending on the amount of current that is around. Once again use a long shanked hook around size 4.

Whiting are not fussy eaters and will eat a lot of different types of bait. Possible baits include prawns, yabbies or pipis. If the whiting are around, any of these baits will entice them to feed. My favourite bait for the whiting is the live sand worm. Every time I have chased the whiting with the live sand worm I have always come back with fish. When fishing for the whiting in the surf try and use either pipis or the worms as the prawns and yabbies will tend to fall off in the movement of the waves.

There is a bag limit of 16 for these fish in Western Australia. Length is not applicable.

Happy fishing.

Peet Wessels

CLUB T SHIRTS, JACKETS & CAPS

We are calling for any interest in Club Merchandise. If you are interested in purchasing a Club T Shirt, Jacket or Cap, please contact Andrew Aubrey with size and quantity required.

MONTHLY
Have a Go
NEWS

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Healthy ageing through activity - Have a Go Day 2006



Members of the Surfcasting and Angling Club of WA at a recent Have a Go Day.

*For more information on the silver club, email info@silverclub.org.au or president@silverclub.org.au
 from left to right: Trevor Stam, Jim Strong, Margaret Eadie, Alan Notley and Bob Henderson, immediate past president.
 For everything you want to know about fishing, visit ReelTalk.com.au or the number 122 at Have a Go Day.*

By Hugh Rogers

WHETHER you would like to 'get physical' by 'having a go' at a new activity or revisiting a much loved sport, on 20th come positive people, from this year's biggest and best 'Have a Go Day' event to which a free, well-attended and fun-filled day, together with access to a wealth of information available from state offices around the Park.

The event, a highlight of Seniors Week, which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary, has been organized by the people at our time.

New displays this year are cooking demonstrations courtesy of the Bushwood Environmental Centre, Tennis West, senior WA soccer, and the Office of Seniors Services and Multicultural's 'Big League' laughter workshop which is at 9.30am to 11.15am following the official opening.

For an indication, the MG car club will have on display vintage MG cars and will welcome you to come along a free a chat with them.

In the same sense, please to help it.

At Have a Go Hours, Channel 7 and SRC will provide you with endless free cups of tea and coffee throughout the day.

You can also bring a picnic lunch, enjoy a barbecue - smoking barbecues are available in the Park or buy lunch from the many food outlets on site.

Free bottled water is provided by the Water Authority.

Be it the show to win a Have a Go Award and Kangaroo Bush and Flowering, visitors can be submitted a site around the grounds and see daily people will see the day's event.

Thank you John Crompton for sending me this photograph published in the Local "Have A Go" Newspaper.

The picture features Trevor Stam, Jim Strong, Margaret Eadie, Alan Notley and Bob Henderson.

BUDDY REGISTER

This is a register of people interested in buddying up and/or being contacted to arrange private fishing excursions or share general information.

NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
Peter & Marcia Pekaar	9361 4651 (h) 0427 424 389 (Mob)
Morris & Elana Kolman	9248 4345 (h) 0433 122 893 (Mob)
John Crompton	9249 6209 (h)

We'd love to have some more names for our Buddy Register. Please contact Marcia Pekaar to add or remove your details.

MESSAGE FROM THE AAA of WA

The call went out from George that he needed assistance to prepare the casting areas at the Yokine oval for the AAA State Drycasting Titles. True to form, the SCAC members rallied to his call, so on behalf of the WA branch of the AAA a big "THANK YOU".

The following list of members should be acknowledged by their fellow club members: Peter Osborne, Mal Harris, Scott Maloney, Andrew Aubrey, Peter Pekaar, Mark Hansen, Andrew Pekaar.

At the State Drycasting event, Club members went out of their way to ensure an enjoyable day was had by all by their unselfish work behind the scene.

To Peter Stoeckel and Josh Lucocq for organising the cool drinks and sausage sizzle. To young Andrew Stoeckel for assisting with the cooking and especially to Andy Thorgerson for running it all with a Huge Grin on his face.

WELL DONE FELLAS

A special mention must also go to our "Elder Statesman" known to all as Jim Strong. Although unwell, he still turned up to offer assistance and gave immense help to me by looking after the sinker sales and caretaking all the equipment.

THANK YOU JIM

I've left the last "Hurrah" to an "OI Friend" that although is no longer a financial member of our Club still turned up to offer his assistance. A huge "THANK YOU" must go to Roy Killick, for without his tireless effort in carrying out the paperwork we would have failed miserably. No computer, no prepared sheets, etc but it was all done. All recordings are true and accurate.

WELL DONE ROY

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