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Minutes of General Meeting, 11 March 2003

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:10 PM. President Ross Kember presiding. Ross gave birthday wishes to members as listed in the Reel Talk, plus Terry Willison.
- Present:-** 28 senior members, 1 visitor.
- Apologies:-** Trevor Stam, Gary Gildersleeves, Andy Thorgersen, Terry Ring, Allan Jones, Ric Parker.
- Visitors:-** Henry Bester.
- New Members:-** Graeme Lowick was welcomed
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. Moved Chas Riegert seconded Peter Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Ross Kember outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.
- Correspondence. In**
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| Ray White Kalbarri, | Statement for Feb 2003 (Nil activity) |
| Challenge Bank | Statement for Feb 2003 |
| Fisheries Dept | Acknowledge Submission on Integrated Fisheries Management |
| Peter Booth | Resignation from the Club. |
| Challenge Bank | Changes to Bank fees. |
- Correspondence. Out**
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| Graeme and Jo Lowick | Acceptance as members and invitation to this meeting |
| Brian Stokes | Acknowledge application for membership and advise progress. |
| Ian Fairlie | Offer for Hire of Football club rooms. |
- Moved** Bob Henderson, seconded Peter Stoeckel, that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Treasurer John Hall reported. Opening Balance \$7,719.95.
Accounts for payment - Jiffy Print, \$138.60, March 2003 Reel Talk, Australia Post, \$52.00, Club PO Box at Marmion, Yokine Bowling Club \$50.00, Terry Fuller, \$100.96, made up of \$30.00 Club Web Page paid to iinet, \$1.34, 2 ring binder folders, \$17.14, Optix Tera Yellow Paper for Reel Talk covers, \$2.48, 100 Envelopes, \$50.00, 100 x 50 cent stamps (stock for Reel Talk and letters).
Moved George Holman, seconded Terry Willison report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- Property Officer:-** Vix Alexander reported on new bookings for Kalbarri. House is available as in Reel Talk. Several members have "floating bonds" which need to be repaid and were requested to provide details.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported on the February open field day and March Bluff Creek field day as in Reel Talk. Arrangements for the April Cape to Cape field day were discussed, Sign on to be at Busselton jetty car park,
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson gave details of the March Dry Casting as in Reel Talk.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman reported on the recent executive committee meeting, at which Lindsay Joll advised on management plans for commercial fisheries, plans for the fishing clinics in July and September.
Peter Stoeckel reported on the rock and beach fishing competition, headquarters at Preston Beach caravan park.
- Social Organiser:-** Club shirts and jackets were available for payment and collection. Plans for a car rally at being prepared, and a movie and dinner night will be arranged.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook advised arrangements for the 17/18 May Rottneest Field Day. He reminded people at the club pays for the Sunday night accommodation and anybody who wishes to stay over should contact Ian Cook. He showed photographs of some fish caught by John Jardine.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** No report. What you see is what you get.
- Notices of Motion:-**
1. George Holman moved seconded Mal Head to amend Competition Rules, Section 3.2.3 MARKERS CASTS, to read "All markers competing in casting shall carry out their respective competition casting at the completion of each event." Motion carried 9 for to 2 against.
 2. George Holman moved seconded Bob Henderson:- Add a third paragraph to Competition Rules, Section 3.2.10, to read "There shall be two (2) markers for each event." Motion carried.
- General Business:-** Don Batchelor reminded members that practice casting would be held on Sunday.
Mal Head asked members to hold cans after April because he would be away.
George Holman reported the distances achieved during the casting practice with the wind behind casters after the end of dry casting last Sunday.
He advised the 2004 Australian and New Zealand police games included a fishing contingent.
Jim Strong told members about Henry Bester' s background in the club, and Henry responded.
Peter Rogers from Fisheries Dept has had a heart attack. Club to send a card.
Trevor Stam has donated some items. Bob Henderson showed these and asked if any member had anything else which could be added to make up a hamper.
Jim Strong advised he had been invited to attend a function at Denmark Angling club on 5 April.
Jim Strong reported on accommodation at the Preston Beach caravan park for the AAA rock and beach championships.
- Instruction Period:-** The "Mobile Angler". Chas Riegert and Terry Fuller showed two slightly different approaches how they pack and carry their fishing gear, clothes, bait, fish etc. for when they need to move away from their vehicle. Terry explained how in the early days of the club, we went to Garden Island several times a year, everyone walked to the fishing spots, and everything needed was carried, so you quickly learned what you really needed and how to pack and carry it. Both emphasized that a good, comfortable backpack was essential.
- Meeting closed.** 10:05 pm

Coming Club Events.

April Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 6 April, 8:30 am start.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

April General Meeting (Venue Changed).

When:- Wednesday 9 April 2003, 8:00 pm.

Where:- **Note - Venue Change** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

Instruction Period:- Nathan Harrison, Fisheries.

April 2003 Field Day - Cape to Cape.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003.
Sign On:- Saturday 12.00 midday at Busselton Jetty parking area.
Weigh in:- Sunday 12.00 midday at Busselton Jetty parking area.
Boundaries:- Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin.

Tides for	Saturday 12 April	0.74m @ 11:08am	0.84 m @ 7:04 pm	Sunrise:-	About 6:40 am
Gracetown	Sunday 13 April	0.38m @ 3:07am	0.71m @ 10:11am	Sunset:-	About 6:00 pm
Moon	Saturday 12 April	Moonrise:- 3:30pm			
	Sunday 13 April	Moonset:- 2:10 am	First Quarter:-	Thursday 10 April	

Local Field Day for April 2003.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Sunday 12.00 midday 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 on the Field Day sheet. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- North local, South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

Tides for	Saturday 12 April	0.43m @ 2:36 am	0.92m @ 6:12 pm	Sunrise:	About 6:40 am
Fremantle	Sunday 13 April	0.46m @ 2:53 am	0.73m @ 10:40 am	Sunset:-	About 6:00 pm

May 2003 Field Day - Rottnest.

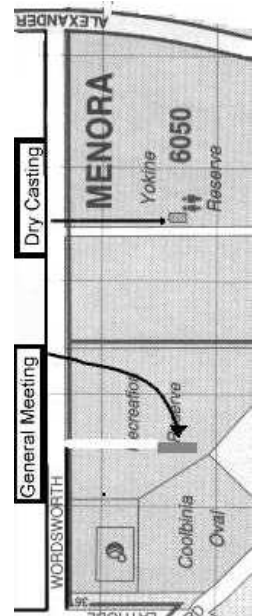
When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 May 2003.
Boat Times:- See May 2003 Reel Talk or come to May General Meeting.
Sign On:- At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon at Rottnest (or when the bus returns) at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.
Boundaries:- All of Rottnest Island !!

Tides for	Saturday 17 May	1.10 m @ 9:50 am	0.41 m @ 7:24 pm	Sunrise:-	About 7:00 am
Fremantle	Sunday 18 May	1.11m @ 10:22am	0.40 m @ 8:48 pm	Sunset:-	About 5:30 pm
Moon	Saturday 17 May	Moonrise:-	6:26 pm		
	Sunday 18 May	Moonset:-	9:15 am	Full Moon:-	Friday 16 May

If you wanted to go, you should have paid in full by the March General Meeting, so it's really too late now. But if your luck's really in, someone may pull out before the day, you may be able to take the place and still be able to go. Contact Cookie for more details.

Local Field Day for May.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 May 2003.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon 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:- South local, North Mole to Penguin Island, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.



AAA Rock and Beach Fishing Championships.

WANTED.....WANTED.....WANTED.....WANTED

Veterans, Men, Ladies, Juniors and Mini-Juniors wanted for the AAA Rock and Beach Fishing Championships. This is to be held on the weekend of 29 and 30 March at the Preston Beach Caravan Park (**Note: Venue Change**). The boundaries are Halls Head Inlet to Myalup Drain.

Sign on is from 11.00am until 12 noon Saturday 29 March. Lines down at 2.00pm Saturday. Weigh in at 11.00am Sunday 30 March.

Cost: Mens and Ladies \$10.00 Veterans \$5.00 Juniors & Minis \$5.00

Please register as soon as possible so that teams can be formed. For further details contact Bob Henderson, 9451 6341 or Peter Stoeckel, 9248 5748

Calendar for Next Three Months.

6	Dry Casting					9	General Meeting					12	13	Field Day					16	Committee Meeting				
April 2003							May 2003							June 2003										
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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AAA and Affiliated Club Coming Events.

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

March 29/30, 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Halls Head to Myalup Drain, Headquarters Preston Beach.
April 25/26/27, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Go Anywhere.
May 17/18, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Rottnest.
May 31/June 1/2 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Albany area.
July 19/20, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Rottnest.
September LWE, 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Horrocks to Kalbarri. Date Change
October 26, 2003	AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve.
March 27, 2003	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Mandurah OFSC.
March or April 2004	AAA State Estuary Championships	Collie River and Leschenault Estuary.

Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.

Field Day Fees:- \$7 for an individual, \$9 for families. Dry Casting Fees:- \$6 for an individual, \$8 for families.

Happy Birthday to:-

Justin Barnes, 4 April Andrew Stoeckel, 7 April Marion Stewart, 10 April
Vix Alexander, 19 April John Romano, 30 April

A lot of you haven't told us your birthday, so there may be more.

Wanted – Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting and give them to Mal Head. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Mal will be away for a while after the April General Meeting, so please bring them to that meeting or hold them until he returns. RTFRT for when that will be.

New Member Acceptances.

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

Brian Stokes.

Life Members.

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

Kalbarri House For Rent.

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

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

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

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

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

As at mid March, the house is available 23 March to 10 April, from 10 May to 25 September, from 30 September to 17 October 2003, 22 November to 26 December 2003, and 10 January 2004 on. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

Busselton Jetty Update

The new observatory is sitting on the bottom at Busselton Jetty, but it will be some time before it's completed and open to the public. It also means the push for the fishing exclusion zone at the end of the Jetty will hot up.

The Busselton Shire's web site has an item in the minutes of the Council meeting 26 February www.busselton.wa.gov.au/minutes/council/council20030226_minutes/index.htm :-

C0302/093 Cr Evans Cr Shervington (En Bloc One);

1. That Council advertise to invite written public submissions for the proposal for a clearly marked and signed Habitat Protection Zone at the seaward end of the Busselton Jetty being the final 293 metres of the jetty 100 metres east and west of this entire section of jetty and 100 metres north of the jetty's northern end. The advertisement is to contain background on the proposal.

2. That the invitation calling for public submissions be advertised for a period of 42 days and that a public workshop be held concurrently facilitated by Council and to be attended by representatives of recreational fishers the Busselton Jetty Management Committee any interested members of the public and by Department of Fisheries advisors. The workshop is to enable recorded public statements to be made questions asked and answers given which can be taken into account by Council when considering the matter.

3. That the outcomes from the submissions and workshop are to be reported back to Council for consideration of support for an application to the Department of Fisheries for the Habitat Protection Zone. Carried 8/0

They are calling for a "Habitat Protection Zone" - but they really want no fishing at all in the final 293 metres of the jetty, and 100 metres east west and north of this part.

I understand that only the Fisheries Department can declare a "Fish Habitat Protection Area" (FHPA) and they set the limits. A FHPA does NOT have to exclude ALL forms of fishing - Cottesloe has a FHPA but recreational line fishing is still allowed, (with some limitations.)

At least the Shire will advertise and consult the public. Let's hope they listen to the points against as well as those for the size of the FHPA they are asking for. TerryF.

Recorders Report.

The Cobia entered into section 15 of the Open Competition by John was captured at Quobba Station using Squid bait. John used a Penn 850 spinning reel with braid line. This fish eclipses his earlier 17 kg Cobia. John hooked up to some larger Cobia while at Quobba but was unable to subdue them. John is aiming to achieve a capture of a Cobia around the 25 kg mark. The Cobia goes into the free choice section of the Grand Masters category.

The Club record for a Cobia currently stands at 33.0kg caught by Allan Carr at Steep Point on 2 October 1979 on a mulie. That fish was 1.36 metres long. The State record is 61.5kg caught by Peter Goulding at Monkey Mia on 9 July 1985 - some cobia!

I think a short talk at the April General Meeting by John on the art of locating and capturing Cobia on a regular basis would be of great interest to all members. I am yet to land my first Cobia after about 30 trips to the NW. Damien D'Mello was John's partner for these trips to Quobba. Congratulations John, well done.

Malcolm Harris has entered a salmon into the Barron Lure Competition.

Ian Cook.

2002/3 Barron Lure Competition.

Sponsored by Barron Lures, Ric Parker.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. George Holman, 4.2 kg at False Entrance
Heaviest Salmon on Lure. Malcolm Harris, 1.2 kg
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. George Holman, 5.0 kg Spanish Mackerel at False Entrance.

2002/2003 Open Competition Results to March 2003.

Section	For	Min weight	Current Leader.	
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	George Holman	7.0 kg at False Entrance.
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman	4.2 kg at False Entrance.
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	John Jardine	8.5 kg Mackerel at Quobba.
15.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	John Jardine	19.0 kg Cobia at Quobba.
16.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	Ross Kember	0.32 kg Bartailed Flathead.

2003-2004 Field Day Dates and Venues.

At the April General Meeting, we need to set the Field Day venues and dates for the May 2003 to April 2004 competition year.

The committee discussed the (few) suggestions received, and proposes the following list.

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 May 2003	Rottnest - fixed, already organised and booked.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 31 May 1/2 June 2003 LWE	Bremer Bay or Emu Springs (subject to access)
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 July 2003	Cape to Cape
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 August 2003	Rottnest
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 September 2003	Moore River
Saturday/Sun/Mon 27/28/29 September 2003 LWE	Horrocks/Kalbarri / AAA Rock and Beach
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 November 2003	Cervantes
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 December 2003	North plus South Local, plus Christmas night cast.
Saturday/Sunday 10/11 January 2004	Mandurah 500, Golden Bay to Preston Beach.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February 2004	Open
Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29 Feb /1 March 2004 LWE	Bluff Creek
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 April 2004, or Saturday/Sunday/Monday 24/25/26 April 2004 LWE	Busselton to Margaret River, or Denmark to Walpole

The list was reviewed at the March Committee meeting, but we have had slightly fewer than one comment from members so far, so there's no change in the list. This will be voted on by the members at the April General Meeting.

Please realise that the Committee just wants to do what the members want to do, but if you don't tell us, then we don't know.

Voting on Rule Changes and Field Day Venues.

As a member, you have an absolute right to vote on everything about the club.

But if you don't take part in some club activities, because you can't take part or aren't interested in them, then please remember the rights of other members, and consider leaving the discussion of details, the voting and the decisions to those members who will take part in those activities. TerryF.

Possible Dry Casting Rule Changes.

The following questions have been raised by Dry Casting Officer, Bob Henderson, and the following possible changes have been suggested. This list was written before the lengthy discussions about a few aspects of the dry casting rules at the March Committee meeting, and some changes may not be made for this coming competition year. Details will be confirmed and changes moved at the April General Meeting.

These are not formal notices of motion. Notices of motion aren't required to change our Competition Rules, but any change normally must apply for the whole competition year, so needs to be done at or before the April General Meeting.

3.2.10 SAFETY OF MARKERS AND OTHERS. Add "Any caster wishing to use a pendulum or backwards style casting action, must notify the Dry Casting Officer prior to commencement of any dry casting event."

3.3.1 DOUBLE HANDED EQUIPMENT. Add "A maximum weight of 112 grams is allowed."

3.3.2 SINGLE HANDED EQUIPMENT. Add "A maximum weight of 56 grams is allowed. Maximum length of rod allowed is 2.4 metres."

Why are Single handed and open Single handed events open slather to weights used (eg 3.4.2 in open event) Set a limit on weight for level playing field.

3.3.7 PLASTIC TUBE AND POMPOMS. Delete "Colour is optional." Add "Colour must be flouro pink."

3.3.9 ACCURACY TARGETS. Delete "normally yellow". Add "Must be a distinctive colour (flouro pink)"

3.8.1 TOP TEN CASTERS. Question. Just where does the so called attendance points 3.8.3 ATTENDANCE POINTS go to in this section? Do we penalise a caster who is unable to attend the general meeting?.

3.8.2 CASTER OF THE YEAR POINTS. Change to "Highest Overall Points Score."

3.8.3 ATTENDANCE POINTS. Question. Why are these given and where do they go?

6.2 POINTS FOR DRY CASTING DAYS (Sportsperson of the Year). Top Ten as determined by rule 3.8.1, 10 - 1 points. Add "For each Casting Section" . Plus for all the following, add Section Winner, except Open events.

Change of Dry Casting Rules.

The following changes were passed at the March General Meeting.

Competition Rules, Section 3.2.3 Markers Casts, amended to read:- "All markers competing in casting shall carry out their respective competition casting at the completion of each event."

Added a third paragraph to Competition Rules, Section 3.2.10, to read:- "There shall be two (2) markers for each event."

2003/2004 Possible Dry Casting Dates.

See the list on page 5 of the January 2003 Reel Talk.

2003/2004 General Meetings.

See the list on page 5 of the January 2003 Reel Talk.

2003 Presentation of Trophies Night.

The Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club has been booked for 14 June for the Dinner and presentation of trophies.

AAA Report.

The following is a summary of a letter AAA has sent to the Minister for Fisheries about the management of professional finfish fisheries.

There is an anomaly because a management plan is not yet ready for the professional finfish fishing sector, but a new management plan will take effect for Recreational Fishers from 1 July, 2003.

Fisheries Department have only recently started to look at how they were proposing to implement management of the professional sector, and the Minister has yet to announce the two committees to oversee this. AAA believes these actions should have happened early in 2001 at the time of the Toohey investigation.

A serious concern is that fish which will not be caught by Recreational Anglers because of the changes proposed commencing 1 July will be taken by the professional fishers and there will be no nett change to the quantity of fish caught. Recreational fishers will be forced to exercise restraint, but professional fishers will be free to catch whatever they like.

AAA believes that if it is important to introduce changes for recreational catches on 1 July, then it is equally important that professional catches be properly controlled from the same date. AAA urges that significant and effective controls on professional finfish catches be introduced by that date.

If this is not possible, then AAA thinks in the interest of the Australian tradition of a "fair go", that the Minister should delay the implementation of the changes in management of the recreational sector until the professional finfish management for a significant number of the species shared with recreational fishers is ready to be implemented.

If this is not done, then the view will be reinforced that the Government is taking the "soft option" of putting controls on recreational catches but not introducing any effective controls on professional catches.

Cookie's Firewood/Fishing Trip

This little parable start off several weeks ago when I asked the renowned 'Cookie' if I could borrow his trailer to go down to Bluff Creek. Even with the mighty Nissan, space for three people and their luggage/fishing gear was a little short, so the request was put.

Here the problem/story started. Cookie was planning to 'go bush' and collect some firewood in preparation for the forthcoming winter months. According to his schedule, this was 'about the only time he could go and get the wood' unless he had some help during the week. I opened my mouth and changed feet. "Yep. I could arrange that for you Cookie. Just let me use the trailer.... Please." So the trailer went down to a wet and windy Bluff Creek weekend.

A week or so later I thought, well I had better keep my promise to Cookie, so I made the necessary phone call and informed him of my availability on Friday 14 March. I also said that my father Harold would assist in locating suitable 'dead wood' and would cut it up for him. I suggested that we could take some fishing gear and have a go at catching some trout while we down there. You could almost see the smile over the phone.

Monday 10 March, I again rang Cookie to make sure everything was still OK. "WHAT. I thought that was next week" was the response I received. A little persuasion here and there and the time was set for pick up at Cookie's at 4:45 am on Friday 14th. An invitation was also extended to John Romano as he was not working (and an extra hand loading firewood would be handy).

On Friday morning at 4:35 am, John arrived at my house and we loaded his fishing gear in my car. Around the corner to Cookie's place and all appeared to be in darkness. Not so. The front door opened and we were greeted by Hunter, Cookie's dog. He must have thought he was coming with us as he had a huge grin (doggy style) on his face. Cookie came out and called Hunter back in, telling him he wasn't going. You could see the poor dog's face fall like a brick. Not happy Cookie....

We hooked the trailer up, Cookie swallowed the last mouthful of his coffee, and we were mobile. A short fuel stop at the Shell just north of Mandurah, and we arrived at the Drakes Brook weir just as the sun was poking its head over the hills. Mind you, Cookie couldn't get over the number of kangaroos in the two kilometres of road between the Waroona town site and the weir. Something about being in 'plague proportions' I think he said, and said, and said,.....

I parked the vehicle just off a gravel road and walked down to the waters edge with "a little chum", a small container of 'fish pellets'. The fish in the Drakes Brook weir are all hatchery bred and stocked there for fishing purposes. They still respond to fish pellets in the water. We were situated on the western side of the weir with a fresh easterly wind blowing into our faces. An indicator of the warmth in the rest of the day to come.

We all set up our little 'flick rods' and settled down to wait for the fish to bite. After about half an hour, with no takers, I decided to try my fly rod, even though I knew I would have a battle with the wind. A six weight fly rod in 15 knot winds is just a tad difficult to control. I moved down wind from Cookie and John and set myself so that the wind would blow the fly line away from me rather than tie me in knots. I chose a fly with a gold bead head as I thought it would be a little more attractive with the glister on it.

My first attempt drew some attention as I felt a couple of little taps, but didn't succeed in a hook up. I tried the same area again and got a solid hit. Hook up... The first fish of the day. A solid little Redfin Perch of about 100 grams.

We stayed at the weir until about 8:30 am, then headed on down to my parents' place at Yarloop. Upon arrival we were greeted by a note on the kitchen bench telling us that Harold had already gone to cut the wood and where he was doing it. A quick introduction of Cookie and John to my mother, then back into the car and off we went.

We located Harold sitting astride his chain saw with a file in hand, sharpening the chain. Behind him was a large pile of freshly cut firewood. The glow from the smile on Cookie's face was such that both John and I had to put our sunglasses back on.

After introductions and a half hour wait while Cookie and Harold discussed the relevant merits of different types of chain saws, we got around to loading the trailer. Twenty minutes or so of effort saw the trailer loaded to the hilt. "Well that's the quickest load of wood I have ever got" was Cookie's comment.

Back into town to my parents place we went to be greeted by my mother Ruth and a fresh batch of 'Cheese and something' muffins. As Cookie had never tasted Redfin Perch, I cleaned/filletted the one I had caught and cooked it up for him. Next time you see Cookie, ask him what he thought of it.

I then made a phone call to an old school chum and got his permission to go up a little creek on his property and try again for some trout. He stated that it was an irrigation day and that the creek was high and flowing fast. He wasn't sure we could catch anything the way it was but had permission to try. We changed the way we had our rods rigged, unhooked the trailer from the vehicle, and headed off.

At this time I think it prudent to mention that Cookie had only ever seen pictures of Rainbow Trout. He had never caught one or seen one before.

As we arrived at 'The Blackberry Patch' on the Brook, we were greeted by a large black feral sow and a litter of about eight piglets, none of which would have been any taller than about 25 centimetres. They were accompanied by another slightly larger pig. Cookie's exclamation of "Even I could hit them that close" sent them scurrying of downstream.

I explained to John and Cookie how to go about catching trout in the situation with the gear they had. John was happy to walk upstream until he got to our vehicle. I informed him that it would be parked on a flat in 'The Bend' of the brook about a kilometre or so distant.

Cookie and I arrived at 'The Bend' to be greeted by another sow with a litter of about six piglets, all smaller than the first mob and also with another bigger pig. This group took off upstream. Cookie was starting to get worried at the numbers of feral pigs around.

I showed Cookie the water and suggested he get started. I then went into the bend and floated my little Rapala minnow (silver and blue) past a sunken log before holding it in the flow so it swam out and away from the log. I saw the fish only as it turned and the silver flash gave away its presence. 'Bugger. Missed.'

"Hey. Is this thing a trout?" Cookie walked up to me holding a wild rainbow trout just legal size and wearing a grin a Cheshire cat would be proud to display. It must have taken him all of about thirty seconds to catch it. Cookie had first blood. His little trout was a yearling I would guess but a solid little fish about 150 grams. He caught it on a red ¼ ounce 'Marble Spinner'.

The little creek we fished in is one of very few that is not 'stocked'. The fish here are all wild bred as the owners of the two properties the creek flows through protect the access in order to keep 'pillagers' out. It is a privilege to be permitted access.

We then moved upstream a short distance to the bottom of a good riffle where I again let my minnow drift down underneath a log before slowly moving it back towards me. It hadn't moved more than a metre when bang, a solid hit and hook up. With the light line and lighter drag settings, it took a couple of minutes in the fast flowing water to get the fish to the edge of the creek. A male Rainbow of about 350 grams. A good fish. Cookie came up and commented on the colourations it displayed, especially the pink sides and the large gilgie that it disgorged when picked up.

I relocated to the deep pool at the start of the riffle and repeated the process again. This time the minnow was no more than a metre from my feet and I watched as a hen trout of similar size to my first came up and swallowed the minnow. She decided to play around and performed several aerial leaps before submitting. Unfortunately, due to the depth she had swallowed the lure, I could not release her. She was injured too much.

So the day went on and we walked upstream for several hundred metres more, careful of the time as we had promised to be back at my parents for lunch by 1:30 pm. Cookie and I returned to the car to be met by John who stated that he had seen good fish but hadn't caught one.

As it was very hot in the valley with no wind getting to us, I stripped off and plunged into the cool water for a swim. A voice was heard to comment "That's not a pretty sight". Who said it, I'm still not sure.

We returned to my parents via the local pub (to get ice to put on the fish) and sat down to a hearty meal before returning to Perth. Cookie's trailer load of wood was unhitched at his place and we were back at my house by 5:40 pm.

A good time was had by all and I must say the camaraderie was excellent.

Tele Tubby 2.

Club Badges Now in Stock.

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

Social Officer's Report.

Corporate Bowls season concluded at Yokine Bowling Club on Wednesday 12 March which was enjoyed by all SCAC participants, thank you for your support

Surprise Car Rally Sunday 27 April 2003

Keep this date open!!, We are finalising a car rally with a difference for Sunday 27 April 2003 for all the family. Anticipate a scenic drive with prizes and surprises, which will be a fun day for all.

All you need to bring is a smile, resolve to contend with Henderson & Barbers infallible direction clues and sufficient flick rods and light tackle for self and family members, Yes you will catch fish. The Rally will conclude at a beautiful spot with full barbecue facilities and shaded areas, a truly delightful setting. Cost, \$5.00 per head Adults & \$2.00 per child which will come back to participants in form of surprises and prizes

Advance notice of a future proposed Social Event.

A Movie/Meal package designed to coincide with a blockbuster premiere anticipated to be September 2003, watch this space!

Club Polo Shirts and Jackets.

Derry Barber now has some stocks of short and long sleeved Club Polo shirts and long sleeved Club Jackets for sale to members. These are in the club colours of Gold (Yellow) and Black, and help to identify you as a "Surfcaster" member.

Some people who ordered specific sizes haven't paid for and collected their ones yet. See page 9 of the March Reel Talk to remind yourself if you ordered any.

March 2003 Field Day, Bluff Creek.

Gone on Friday and back on Tuesday, in between - Bluff Creek. Apart from the safaris, this would have to be the highlight of the field days for the club. A long weekend of camping and fishing on the beautiful south coast.

As we left Perth on the Friday the weather was fine with a promise of a hot weekend ahead. But as we approached the south coast the clouds started to roll in. By the time we had arrived there was full cloud cover and a moderate south easterly blowing, it stayed like this for most of the weekend.

Driving along the beach towards the campsite we were greeted from a distance by what looked like a rocky outcrop running down into the water. From memory the only rocks that high should have been at either end of the beach. As we got closer the rocks revealed their true identity - weed, a great mound of it. There had obviously had

been some wild weather in the recent past which had pushed the weed inshore and up on the beach, not a good sign.

The other strange thing about that mound of weed was that a sentry had been posted there who was waving madly at the approaching vehicles. Bob had taken the trouble to stand guard and to make sure no one got into difficulties by directing vehicles away from a very soft section of the beach onto a track behind the sand dunes.

The other legacy of the recent weather was that the beach was seriously eroded to the east of the creek which meant that access to the rocks at the eastern end of the beach was very difficult. As the weekend progressed it became impassable because of the amount of traffic along the beach.

During the night and early the next morning members and visitors arrived and set up camp near the creek. By sign on at midday Saturday, the numbers had swelled to 15 members and 8 visitors. As the weed was so extensive, finding a clear spot was the first priority. Most fished directly out in front of the camp or to the east. Large herring were everywhere and were on the bite for most of the time. The only thing that tested most drag settings the first day were huge clumps of weed which were constantly on the move.

The Sunday morning was amazing, tons and tons of weed had literally disappeared overnight. We now had the choice of spots as the clear water showed up all the channels and gutters, this was more like the Bluff Creek I remembered. Unfortunately most of the bigger fish had not come back with the clear conditions.

Just one decent salmon and a few sammy juniors (that's Tony speak for small salmon) were landed for the weekend. There was also a rumour of another good size salmon getting to the beach but unfortunately it miraculously grew legs and out ran its pursuer and scuttled back into the water.

Herring was the most prolific catch by far, skippy were generally small and in moderate numbers and a few whiting and flathead were also landed. The visitors did well for themselves, the heaviest salmon for the weekend was caught by Jim King and a 600g flathead was landed by Mark Hansen. Brian Stokes did well to weigh in his 30 fish comprising 5 species.

Club members were not left out with the likes of Tony, George, Terry Fuller, John Romano, Morris Kolman, Paul Thompson, Vix and I all weighing in over 25 fish each. A couple of others to cause a stir with their "bulging" bags were Peter Stoeckel and Terry Willison.

Extended field trips like this one is not only about fishing, there are ample opportunities for memorable moments to occur. The Sunday communal BBQ was a good example, held at the Bob Henderson and associates tent emporium, it was a very sociable event. While most of us were out fishing, Bob and his associates set about setting up for lunch which was obviously a very long and thirsty task. The need for life giving liquids was essential for getting the job done. John Romano's idea of jacket potatoes and onions cooked in an open fire was seized on by Terry W and carried out with as much distinction that could be mustered under the circumstances.

Other highlights of the weekend were George's toilet, so popular that it had to be relocated before the weekend was out, and Bob finding nirvana behind a Nissan steering wheel which could not be prised out of his hands all weekend.

Fishing, camping and social, Bluff Creek had it all. Not as many fish as last year, the salmon were conspicuous by their absence but none the less a first rate field trip.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

Results for the March Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	8.8 kg	6	30	198
George Holman	6.7 kg	4	26	157
Brian Stokes (V)	6.59 kg	5	30	155.9
Malcolm Harris	6.375 kg	4	30	153.75
Morris Kolman	5.095 kg	3	30	130.95
Vix Alexander	4.75 kg	3	25	127.5
Paul Thompson	5.52 kg	2	30	125.2
Peter Stoeckel	3.475 kg	3	21	114.75
Terry Fuller	4.45 kg	2	24	114.5
John Romano	3.545 kg	2	27	105.5
Bob Henderson	2.1 kg	2	11	91
Terry Willison	1.9 kg	2	12	89
Jim King (Visitor)	3.3 kg	1	1	83
Mark Hansen (Visitor)	2 kg	2	9	80
Filomena D'Alonzo	1.65 kg	2	11	76.5
Charles Riegert	1.3 kg	1	6	73
David Maxted	0.75 kg	1	5	67.5
Ida Thompson	0 kg	0	0	40
Wendy Hansen (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40
Anita King (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40

Serah King (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40
David Moyir (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40
Tracey Moyir (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40

Field Day prizes for March.

Best Scale Fish	Jim King (Visitor)	Salmon	3.3 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	8.8 kg

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for March.

Best Scale Fish	Jim King (Visitor)	Salmon	3.3 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	8.8 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish including sharks	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	8.8 kg

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

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	3349.4	6	Ken Black	465.0
2	Malcolm Harris	1159.1	7	Filomena D'Alonzo	426.6
3	Vix Alexander	951.8	8	John Jardine	419.2
4	George Holman	950.6	9	Terry Fuller	409.6
5	Ross Kember	545.1	10	Spencer King	366.2

Field Day Sections for 2002/2003

Field Day Sections for 2002/2003 up to March 2003.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Spencer King	Salmon	4.475 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Cobia	12.45 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Shark	8.15 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.35 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	2.1 kg
6	Best Salmon (3 kg min)	Spencer King	Salmon	4.475 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Paul Terpkos	Trevally, Skipjack	1.5 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Pink Snapper	2.45 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	33.05 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	13.3 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	George Holman	Tailor	7.1 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Bob Henderson	Black Bream	0.746 kg
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	John Jardine	Tailor	0.875 kg

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

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

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

Give the Dry Casting Markers a Go!

Speaking from personal experience as a marker, (maybe it's age, eyesight or incompetence,) it's **really hard** sometimes to see where the weights land. If the marker doesn't see the weight on it's way, and the wind or other noises mask the noise of it hitting the ground, then the marker has **no idea** where to start looking.

With a decent cross wind like at the March dry casting, the line is in a large loop over to the side and doesn't help to find the weight, and it's risky to tighten up the line because it could drag the weight out of court if it isn't buried.

So it would **really help** the markers in the distance events if you point in the general direction of where the weight landed, and wave the markers to move further away or closer in as required. TerryF.

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

We hold a sausage sizzle on every Sunday after the dry casting. Gives everyone a chance to talk over the morning's casting, gear to use, what's coming up, fishing, the state of the world or whatever, over some lunch.

But the sausage sizzle is not free, much as we would like it to be. It has to be paid for somehow, and the prices are quite reasonable compared to what you would pay elsewhere. **Don't forget to put the money in, please.**

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

1 drink plus 1 sausage in bread for \$2.00 Extra drink for \$1.00 Extra sausage in bread for \$1.00

AAA "Postal" Casting - May Casting Day.

We have been approached by the NSW casting group to participate in a "postal" casting competition. Every State will hold a casting day using AAA rules and regulations, cast the normal AAA events and send the tally sheets to pick a winner.

We intend to hold this on our May casting day using our normal club V court inside the wider AAA V court in the same place. So bring along your 112 gram, 56 gram, artificial bait and double handed accuracy gear.

The same casts will count for both the club day and the AAA day, with artificial bait added (would not normally be cast on our May club day).

Personally, I would prefer the other States not to know how we are going at our casting as it's getting close to the National titles. A little bit up our sleeves will be to our advantage, I reckon. Hendo.

Dry Casting Report, 9 March 2003.

Judging by the senior's score sheet, there were quite a few out of bounders and snap offs during the distance events. Even a couple of veterans had the same problems. I gather the strong cross winds had a bit to do with the results. Still, a few good distances were put down by some.

Now speaking from a rare experience, have you ever had a day where almost everything went smoothly and your mental state was relaxed and at it's near best? I felt a tad that way during the double handed accuracy event (well alright, my casting was good but my mental state – that's another chapter.) So good, that I pipped Roy and George in the scores and came up trumps. Excuse me while I swagger around with a swelled head for a day or two – (I didn't hear that)

Visitor Joe Pullella really has a style of his own and gave a powerful display during the distance casting. Steady casting gave Nick the 112 gram event and the 56 gram event went to Chas. Shifty comments about money, the rattling of loose change, many ribald remarks and loads of hoots and laughter were heard during the single handed event and eventually winner George collected at the end of the day.

The trial of swapping markers after each event went smoothly and took a huge load off Willo's and my shoulders, allowing both of us to really enjoy ourselves. I guess a roster system wouldn't go astray, but consideration must be given to a couple of the older lads.

Keep it straight and long.

Hendo.

Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 6 April 2003, Yokine Reserve, 8:30 am start.

Events:- 112 gram Distance, Artificial Bait distance. Double Handed accuracy Single Handed accuracy.

The distances for the double handed and single accuracy events were handed out in December. The usual arrangement is that the distances are not known until the casting day. New sets of target distances will be chosen for the rest of this competition year, so you can throw away that list.

Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor. Thanks to Chas Riegert (Tele Tubby 2) for the story in this edition.

Reel Talk – Where's the Rest?

Not as much in the Reel Talk this month as usual. Other things have taken priority, and the publication date rushed up with only this much ready. TerryF

Dry Casting Results, 9 March 2003.

Results for the day	112 gram			Artificial bait			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast number								Points	Cast number				Points		
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		1	2	3	4			
Seniors.																						
George Holman	0	137	14	115	108	22	23	20	19	18	19	11	23	23	156	7	8	4	7	26	218	
Joe Pullella AAA	152	144	30	0	96	10	13	20	19	15	3	19	25	16	130	0	7	8	9	24	194	
Nick Allsworth	131	149	28	0	110	11	7	11	22	22	9	8	23	20	122	0	8	1	9	18	179	
Terry Willison	129	0	13	0	106	11	16	21	23	18	0	13	24	19	134	4	0	4	10	18	176	
Malcolm Harris	123	132	26	117	0	12	7	26	15	19	0	19	9	19	114	0	5	8	5	18	170	
Gary Gildersleeves	120	0	12	0	0	0	19	13	23	9	5	5	17	13	104	0	4	6	7	17	133	
Chas Riegert	0	150	15	113	122	24	0	7	16	0	0	15	18	20	76	0	0	0	8	8	123	
John Romano	0	0	0	79	81	16	0	12	14	0	0	0	22	16	64	2	1	0	1	4	84	
Veterans.																						
Bob Henderson	116	126	24	110	122	23	25	19	21	20	21	18	18	15	157	5	4	0	5	14	218	
Roy Killick	123	126	25	62	101	16	11	14	14	24	21	16	22	17	139	0	6	5	5	16	196	
Mal Head	104	109	21	0	0	0	5	17	18	15	23	22	21	21	142	0	4	2	0	6	169	
Terry Fuller	0	76	8	72	80	15	15	19	15	18	9	12	19	16	123	1	2	7	0	10	156	
Tony D'Alonzo	108	108	22	111	0	11	4	15	19	24	13	0	11	20	106	0	5	0	9	14	153	
Allan Jones	92	106	20	0	99	10	0	11	21	20	13	4	9	13	91	1	3	0	8	12	133	
Trevor Stam	75	85	16	70	77	15	20	14	14	17	6	0	0	12	83	10	0	5	0	15	129	
Jim Strong	68	92	16	78	26	10	19	2	17	9	16	0	15	11	89	0	7	0	5	12	127	
Ladies.																						
Vix Alexander	86	93	18	89	0	9	0	19	5	0	15	13	4	16	72	0	0	2	0	2	101	

Highest points on the Day	George Holman	218			
	Bob Henderson				
112 gram Seniors winner	Nick Allsworth	28	112 gram Veterans winner	Roy Killick	25
Artificial bait Seniors winner	Chas Riegert	24	Artificial bait Veterans winner	Bob Henderson	23
Double Handed Accuracy Seniors winner	George Holman	156	Double Handed Accuracy Veterans winner	Bob Henderson	157
Single Handed Accuracy Seniors winner	George Holman	26	Single Handed Accuracy Veterans winner	Roy Killick	16
Ladies winner	Vix Alexander	101			

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