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Minutes of General Meeting, 10 March 2004

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room
Time 8:05 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding.
- Present:-** 28 members, no visitors.
- Apologies:-** Mark Farnay, Ric Parker, Trevor Stam, Nick Allsworth.
- Visitors:-** none.
- New Members:-** Dave Moir and Tracy Richards were welcomed into the club.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. Moved Jim Strong seconded Malcolm Harris, these are a true record. Carried. No business arising.
- Previous Committee:-** Bob Henderson outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.
- Correspondence In:-**
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| Challenge Bank | Statement for February. |
| Ray White Kalbarri | Statement for January - no activity |
| TA Mairs | Tax refund \$12.00 |
| AAA | Minutes of February Delegates' Meeting. |
| Seniors Recreation Council | Have a go day 26 October 2004 |
| Seniors Recreation Council | Add life to Your Years directory update |
| Albany Angling Club | Easter Fishing Competition. |
- Correspondence Out:-**
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| Jim and Pamela King, | Info about membership application. |
| Anita King | Info about membership application. |
| Abra and Wian Deklerk | Info about membership application. |
| Rod Sully | Kalbarri bond refund. |
| Warroora Station | payment for Safari accommodation |
- Moved George Holman seconded Terry Willison that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Terry Fuller reported. Accounts for payment:-
- | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Western Power | Power Kalbarri to 16 Feb | \$215.95 |
| Australia Post | PO Box rental | \$55.00 |
| Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club | Meeting Rooms January and February | \$100.00 |
| | Total Accounts for Payment | \$360.95 |
| | Outstanding cheques | \$2,176.00 |
| Challenge bank Account 880334. | Balance as at 10/3/2004 | \$15,465.49 |
| Available after accounts paid | | \$12,928.54 |
| Plus money held to be deposited | | \$306.00 |
| | Total | \$13,234.54 |
- Moved Roy Killick, seconded George Holman, Treasurers report be accepted and accounts passed for payment - carried.
- Secretary report:-** nothing to report other than covered by correspondence or in general business.
- Property Officer:-** Vix Alexander gave a brief report, everything is OK.
- Field Day Officer:-** Field Day Officer Malcolm Harris reported on the March Bluff Creek and April Denmark to Walpole Field days as in Reel Talk. 24 people attended Bluff Creek.
Malcolm presented field Day prizes to Dave Maxted and George Holman for the February Open field day, Morris Kolman and Tony D'Alonzo for the Bluff Creek field day.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Chas Riegert gave details of the March Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. He thanked Lyn and Terry Willison for the magnificent spread late cordon after the March dry casting.
- AAA Report:-** A dry casting meeting had been held at the George Holman's place on 9 February.
Boating Championships would be held 27 March. Estuary 17/18 April as in Reel Talk.
Terry Fuller reported on the Capes Marine Parks activities and handed out copies of the maps and descriptions of the proposed no take zones. He asked members for any comments on these zones to make sure they put their comments down in writing and passed them on.
- Social Organiser:-** Bob Henderson reminded members that a car rally will be held on 21 March.
Presentation of trophies night will be Saturday 19 June at the Marmion and Angling and Aquatic Club. Bob read out the menu for the night.
Bob Henderson asked members to donate trophies for the presentation night, and advised that Tony D'Alonzo had donated \$100, and Dave Maxted had donated the field Day prize he had just received.
- Recorder:-** Entries received from Tony Ong for Golden Trevally and Whaler Shark.
George Holman and Dave Maxted have now qualified for Species badges with the capture of some magnificent garfish.
Roy Killick had entered a 4.8 kg gilled and gutted tailor for the open competition.
Terry Fuller had provided some close-up photos of fish caught at Bluff Creek which clearly showed that these were yellowfinned bream, not tarwhine as was thought.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Nothing to report. Still, as always, looking for articles from members.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** Fiona Callender reported on catching a salmon at Bluff Creek.
Spencer King advised that John Jardine had made bookings for the May Rottneest field day.

Dave Maxted said that some people in some parts of the room had trouble hearing what was being said, and that the layout of the tables meant that some people had to sit some distance away. He reminded speakers that previous arrangements had been for speakers to move to the front of the room, turn and face the people, and speak up.

Instruction Period:- Discussion on field day venues for next year. The following list was suggested for presentation to the April General Meeting for confirmation. See the March Reel Talk for the original list of alternatives and some comments.

Saturday/Sun 15/16 May 2004 (misses Mother's Day)	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 5/6/7 June 2004 LWE	Denmark to Walpole
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 July 2004	Cape to Cape (Busselton Jetty to Cape Leeuwin)
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 August 2004	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 September 2004	Cervantes (southern boundary of town to Hill River as far as you can walk.)
Saturday/Sun/Mon 2/3/4 October 2004 LWE	S/Bend (Dongara to Greenough river mouth) or Dongara (Cliff Head to S/Bend). Decide in April.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 November 2004	Cervantes to Sandy Point.
Saturday/Sunday 27/28 November 2004	AAA State Estuary Championships.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December 2004	Local only, Two Rocks to Pt Peron.
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 January 2005	Golden Bay to Myalup
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 February 2005	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 5/6/7 March 2005 LWE	Bluff Creek or Emu Springs, one recommendation for Bremer Bay. Decide in April.
Saturday/Sunday 23/24/25 April 2005 Anzac Day LWE	Port Gregory to Kalbarri, or Emu Springs. Decide in April.
Meeting closed. 9:50 pm	

Coming Club Events.

April Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 4 April 2004, casting starts at 8:30 am.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

April General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 14 April 2004, 8:00 pm.
Where:- 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:- Ken from WA CB Centre - covering the correct equipment suitable for our Club members.

AAA State Estuary Championships.

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 April 2004 **AAA State Estuary Championships 2003/2004.**
 Bunbury/Leschenault Inlet/ Collie River. Shore based fishing allowed in the Cut, no boat fishing in the Cut.
Form a Surfcasters team.

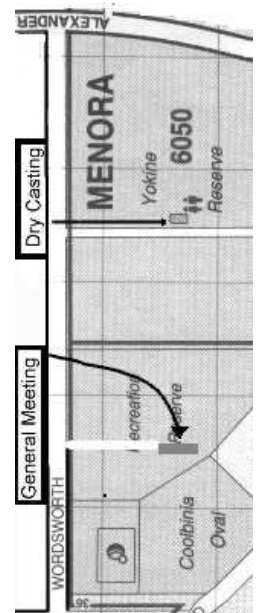
April Field Day - Denmark - Walpole.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 24/25/26 April 2004 Anzac Day Long Weekend.
Sign On:- 12:00 noon at park alongside river, right hand side of road going west on Denmark side of the river.
Lines Down:- After the sign on.
Weigh in:- As for the sign on at 11:00 am Monday.
Boundaries:- Denmark to Walpole. Boundaries:- eastern end of Ocean Beach at Denmark to Clifly Head near Mandalay Beach west of Walpole.

Tides for	Saturday 24 Apr	0.60m at 3:41 am	1.27m at 12:02pm	0.68m at 8:50 pm	0.69m at 10:05pm
Albany	Sunday 25 Apr	0.58m at 3:38 am	1.23m at 12:25pm	Sunrise:-	About 6:45 am
	Monday 26 Apr	0.57m at 3:30 am	1.18m at 12:47pm	Sunset:-	About 5:45 pm
Moon	Saturday 24 Apr	Moonrise:-	About 11:00 am	Moonset:-	About 8:30 pm
Denmark	Sunday 25 Apr	Moonrise:-	About 11:54 am	Moonset:-	About 9:20 pm
	Monday 26 Apr	Moonrise:-	About 12:42 pm	Moon First quarter	28 April

Local Field Day for April 2004.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 24/25/26 April 2004 Anzac Day Long Weekend.
Sign On:- At the April General Meeting or to the FDO by 6:00pm Friday, but preferably earlier.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon



Weigh in:- Monday 11:00 am 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:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

Tides for Fremantle

Saturday 24 Apr	1.14m at 11:13 am	0.62m at 10:04 pm	0.62m at 11:15 pm
Sunday 25 Apr	0.61m at 12:37 am	1.13m at 11:44 am	Sunrise: About 6:45 am
Monday 26 Apr	0.61m at 1:09 am	1.10m at 12:15 pm	Sunset:- About 5:45 pm

May 2004 Field Day - Rottnest.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 15/16 May 2004.

Boat Times:- See May 2004 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 15 May 1.00m at 8:30 am 0.80m at 4:44 pm Sunrise:- About 7:00 am

0.84m at 9:00 pm

Fremantle Sunday 16 May 0.78m at 12:58 am 1.06m at 8:24 am Sunset:- About 5:30 pm

0.75m at 5:20 pm

Moon Saturday 15 May Moonrise:- About 3:06 am Moonset:- About 3:23 pm

Sunday 16 May Moonrise:- About 4:06 am Moon:- Last Quarter Tue May 11

If you wanted to go, you should have paid in full by the February 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 **John Jardine** for more details.

Local Field Day for May.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 15/16 May 2004.

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:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

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.

April Calendar

Here's a calendar for April showing the dates we will use for Dry Casting, General and Committee Meetings, and Fishing Field Days in April.

<u>17</u>	AAA Event											
<u>4</u>	Dry Casting		<u>14</u>	General Meeting		<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	Field Day		<u>21</u>	Committee Meeting	
April 2004												
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12	13	14	15	16	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>						
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<u>26</u>	27	28	29	30								

Field Day Boundaries

Club Competition Rules 2.1.6 says "The boundaries for the Field Day will be published in Reel Talk. Boundaries may be changed at the sign on at the discretion of the Field Day Officer and by consensus of the majority of the participating members. Any competitor fishing outside the boundaries during the fishing times shall be disqualified."

This has generally been accepted to mean that the boundaries may be changed if weather or weed or beach or water conditions mean that it would be difficult to find enough fishing spots within the advertised boundaries, and an extension would allow fishing in some places with better conditions. It does NOT mean that the boundaries can be extended because someone has a favourite spot outside the boundaries, or has heard of fish being caught outside the boundaries.

In future, the boundaries will be discussed and set at or before the April General Meeting when the venues are being chosen, and everyone will have a chance to say what they want.

Draft SCAC Event Calendar 2004/2005.

Public Holidays are, from http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/default_lr.asp?id=lr/wages/pub_hol1&menu=lr_wages are:-

Foundation Day	Monday 7 June 2004	Queen's Birthday	Monday 4 October 2004
Australia Day	Wednesday 26 January 2005	Labor Day	Monday 7 March 2005
Anzac Day	Monday 25 April 2005	Easter	Friday 25 March - Mon 28 March 2005

School holidays for Primary and Secondary students in Government schools in WA, taken from <http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/termdates/termDates.htm>, are:-

Saturday 10 July - Sunday 25 July 2004	Saturday 2 October - Sunday 17 October 2004
Friday 17 December - Sunday 30 January 2005	Saturday 9 April - Monday 25 April 2005

Other dates which needed to be considered are May 9, Mothers' Day. September 5, Fathers' Day. Dry Casting events are not listed for Mothers' and Fathers' days. Dependent on the date for the Presentation night, we may have to change the June Dry casting date.

The following are listings of the "normal" dates that would be used in 2004/2005 if the club follows what has been done in most previous years. If we want to go to Rottnest in May, this needs to be booked by late February. See article on page 5 of the January Reel Talk

2004/2005 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Seven nominations have been received from Club members and the following list has been taken from the most recommended locations, and are the Committee's suggestions. Discussions will be held at the March Club Meeting, 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.

Saturday/Sun 15/16 May 2004 (misses Mother's Day)	Rottnest.
Saturday 15 May to 22 May 2004	Surfcaster's Safari to Warroora.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 5/6/7 June 2004 LWE	Denmark to Walpole. Second main suggestion was Emu Springs.
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 July 2004	Cape to Cape (Busselton Jetty to Cape Leeuwin)
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 August 2004	Rottnest (nobody wants to change)
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 September 2004	Cervantes (southern boundary of town to Hill River as far as you can walk.)
Saturday/Sun/Mon 2/3/4 October 2004 LWE	S/Bend (Dongara to Greenough river mouth) or Dongara (Cliff Head to S/Bend). Decide in April.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 November 2004	Cervantes to Sandy Point.
Saturday/Sunday 27/28 November 2004	AAA State Estuary Championships, Swan River.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December 2004	Local, Two Rocks to Point Peron.
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 January 2005	Golden Bay to Myalup.
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 February 2005	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 5/6/7 March 2005 LWE	Bluff Creek or Emu Springs, one recommendation for Bremer Bay. Decide in April.
Saturday/Sunday 23/24/25 April 2005 Anzac Day LWE	Port Gregory to Kalbarri, or Emu Springs. Decide in April.

Current Competition Rules are available from the Secretary, or see the online versions on the club's web site <http://www.surfcaster.iinet.net.au>

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.

Ideally, we should decide all the boundaries, times, sign on locations etc by or at the April General Meeting so these can be published.

2004/2005 Possible Dry Casting Dates.

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

- Sunday 2 May 2004
- Sunday 13 June 2004, (changed for Field Day)
- Sunday 4 July 2004
- Sunday 1 August 2004
- Sunday 29 August 2004, (changed for Fathers' Day)
(changed from previous list.)
- Sunday 10 October 2004, (changed for Field Day)
- Sunday 7 November 2004
- Sunday 5 December 2004
- Sunday 2 January 2005
- Sunday 6 February 2005
- Sunday 13 March 2005, (changed for Field Day)
- Sunday 3 April 2005

Sunday 31 October 2004, AAA State Dry Casting Championships

2004/2005 Calendar

Here's a 2004/2005 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 October long week ends.

31	AAA Event											12	General Meeting	15	16	Field Day	19	Committee Meeting			
2	Dry Casting																				
SCAC Event Calendar 2004/2005 - Draft Version 24 February 2004. Dates still have to be confirmed.																					
May 2004							June 2004							July 2004							
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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August 2004							September 2004							October 2004							
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November 2004							December 2004							January 2005							
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29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
February 2005							March 2005							April 2005							
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28							28	29	30	31				<u>25</u>	26	27	28	29	30		

Spot the (Deliberate?) Mistake(s).

Need someone to proof read and check all these dates. Please tell me if you find anything wrong (then I'll know you do actually RTFRT)

2004/2005 General Meetings.

All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 12 May 2004

Wednesday 10 November 2004

Wednesday 9 June 2004

Wednesday 8 December 2004

Wednesday 14 July 2004

Wednesday 12 January 2005

Wednesday 11 August 2004

Wednesday 9 February 2005

Wednesday 8 September 2004

Wednesday 9 March 2005

Wednesday 13 October 2004

Wednesday 13 April 2005

AAA Estuary State Championships

2003/2004	Location	Bunbury/Leschenault Inlet.
	Headquarters	Collie River Boat Ramp.
	17/18 April 2004	(not the usual last weekend in month due to Anzac Day.)
	Boundaries	Australind and its tributaries with shore based fishing allowed in the Cut, no boat fishing in the Cut.
2004/2005	Location	Swan River.
	Headquarters	Troy Park.
	27/28 November 2004.	
	Boundaries	Swan and Canning Rivers, upstream from the Old Traffic Bridge.

AAA Rock and Beach State Championships

2004/2005	Location	Cape to Cape
	Date	Saturday and Sunday 28/29 May 2005 (that's in our 2005/6 competition year)

Safari 2004 - Warroora Station.

I needed payment by the February 2004 General Meeting in order to pay for the accommodation and ENSURE we get in. Any one trying to get included after the January General Meeting **can not be guaranteed accommodation** and will have to make their own arrangements - maybe camping 15 km away from everyone else in the club. This destination is a popular stopover for tourist buses and confirmed paid for bookings are essential. The current list of names I have is as follows:-

Bob Henderson	Chas Riegert	Peter Stoeckel	Brian Stokes
John Romano	Mat Sneddon	Ian Cook	Terry Fuller
Morris Kolman	Abra Deklerk	Mark and Wendy Hansen	Eric Britto
Jim Yeates	Rick Parker	Paul Thompson	

If your name is not on this list and you want to be there, name and money up front gets you there. Contact me on 0438 535 848 or email at: riegert@warp1.com.au Chas Riegert.

Happy Birthday to:-

A lot of members haven't told us their birth date, so there may be more birthdays. Dob them in!

Terry Ring, 15 April	Dave Moir, 15 April	Vix Alexander, 19 April
Jim Atkinson, 24 April	Jim Strong, 26 April	John Romano, 30 April

Wanted - Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. 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.

New Member Acceptances.

The following application for membership has been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club. Abra and Wiann de Klerk.

New Member Application.

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

Anita King

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. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$250 per week,	On season	\$390 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			} deposit / 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 \$49 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 late March, the house is available in 2004 from 4 Apr to 9 Apr, 5 May to 14 May, 21 May to 2 June, 13 Jun to 10 Sep, 25 Sep to 15 Oct, and 6 Nov to 24 Dec 2004. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval. Members who are staying in the house are not allowed to authorise any repairs or services on the house without authority from the Property Officer, Treasurer or President.

Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.

We now have some stocks of short and long sleeved Club Polo shirts, long sleeved Club Jackets and baseball style caps with a club logo for sale to members. These are in the club colours of Gold (Yellow) and Black, and help to identify you as a "Surfcaster" member.

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Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations of old Reel Talks, 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.

Wanted - Fish Smokers

No, not the type that are hard to light when wet BUT the ubeaunt ones that use various types of sawdust to obtain those special flavours.

I would like to borrow 3 or 4 to run a fish smoking demonstration and tasting event for Club members at a future date. Contact Hendo on 9451 6341 if you can help.

Your Club's Future

To survive and prosper, the Club needs the participation of all it's members in the various activities that we run. Membership numbers need to be maintained at a level so that the work load is spread and burnout is eliminated

We all have a common interest, achieve individual rewards and obtain a magnificent prize called comradery.

Well I need your input so I can guide the club into the future.

Give me your thoughts on our 2004 Dinner/dance and presentation of trophies.

I want your field day recommendations.

Got any new ideas to improve our Club

Any ideas on fund raising etc.

Are you prepared to put your hand up and assist.

What can we get involved in...why, when how.

What we should not do.

No one person runs the Club. The committee is there to guide you.

It only takes a phone call, a note on a piece of paper, a new fandangled email, but most of all it's posterior reaction.

El Presidente, Hendo.

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.

Life Members of the Club.

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

Where Are All the Fishing Stories?

Looking at the list of contents for the Reel Talk this month, where are all the fishing stories? I'll print what I'm given, or I have to search for stories, and then what you see is what you get.

Special thanks to Hendo for his articles in this Reel Talk.

Let's keep this series going. Where and when did you start fishing and what did you get up to? Tell us all about it.

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

We usually 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

Dry Casting Report, 7 March 2004.

Balmy autumn days are beautiful. Except for some wind, this month's casting looked to be nearly perfect. Everyone was careful NOT to mention "those damn easterlies" and low and behold, the wind came from the south east and gradually swung around to the south.

Yes we had a little competition from the weather, but nothing like the past.

Hendo and Willow had the fields laid out by the time I arrived at 7:15 am. The die was rolled and groups 1 for the veterans/ladies and group 3 for the seniors rolled out. Single-handed rolled a group 3 as well. In a matter of minutes, the accuracy court was ready to go.

As I was warming up a little at the accuracy, a familiar face from Yamba turned up. Michael Bailey from South Australia was over visiting with his lady and had decided to join us for a morning's casting.

Veterans kicked off on the distance with nine gents, two ladies and a junior going at it. A meagre seven seniors competed for the days honours.

The old fox Holman set the early pace with an accuracy score of 159, closely followed by the eagle eyed Gilders on 154. The only other person in close proximity was Hendo in the veterans with 157. Excellent casting gentlemen.

Things were moving along smoothly as we then headed for the distance 'V' court to see if the day would be as beneficial as we thought. The distances cast were very good with the longest of the day at 173 metres.

What was of interest was the casting style of Mick Bailey. His style was reminiscent of Ian Cameron's at the Nationals in Yamba, but not quite the same. Still, his distances of 155 and 161 metres with a borrowed rod and reel were most impressive.

By the time that we got into 56 grams, the wind was a little fickle. It couldn't make up its mind to blow or not, or from where it would come from. If you got to the mark at the right time, all well and good. If not, too bad. I cracked a pigeon pair of casts right on 160 metres, which left me feeling real good and well in front of the field.

Notably missing this day was Nick Allsworth and Joe Pulella. I had spoken to Joe earlier in the week and was expecting him to be there (especially as he had the bottom section of one of my rods he was to be returning). Not to worry, now I will just have to go and get it.

Only one month left on the 2003-2004 casting calendar. Who has kept ALL their Reel Talks and can work out from the casting results who the section winners are? Anyone want to run a book on the results? I promise I won't enter.... It might just be interesting.

Anyway, that's just about it for this month. The statistics are all listed below for all to peruse. For those who didn't want to or had other commitments, the sausage sizzle at Willo's place around the corner after casting was superb. Mrs Willo put on a feast extraordinaire. An absolute culinary delight. WELL DONE Lyn and thank you for your hospitality.

Until next time, stay safe.

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Dry Casting Results, 7 March 2004.

Results for the day	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number								Points	Target distance						
							3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2		L	S	L	S			
Seniors.																						
George Holman	158	163	32	145	151	30	18	23	21	15	21	12	24	25	159	6	10	3	4	23	244	
Gary Gildersleeves	143	137	28	131	125	26	13	21	23	21	13	21	22	20	154	0	8	4	6	18	226	
Chas Riegert	173	171	34	160	160	32	7	17	20	19	2	1	6	23	95	1	7	6	5	19	180	
Andrew Aubrey	120	133	25	0	123	12	9	22	9	7	12	11	11	14	95	8	0	5	7	20	152	
Terry Willison	132	0	13	0	0	0	14	3	21	17	10	13	14	2	94	0	2	0	6	8	115	
Michael Bailey(vis)	155	161	32	124	148	27	0	5	12	14	0	0	1	4	36	0	4	1	3	8	103	
Mark Hansen	0	124	12	92	95	19	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	3	6	0	9	51	

Veterans.

Bob Henderson	0	138	14	116	125	24	18	20	18	22	10	19	25	25	157	6	3	4	6	19	214
Roy Killick	113	114	23	110	105	22	16	17	22	22	12	0	19	23	131	7	6	7	6	26	202
Tony D'Alonzo	125	127	25	113	119	23	6	10	13	22	17	4	15	22	109	7	8	2	5	22	179
Mal Head	121	126	25	105	112	22	22	21	12	7	16	2	12	13	105	5	2	10	8	25	177
Trevor Stam	0	92	9	0	0	0	21	24	22	15	15	14	0	24	135	8	5	6	9	28	172
Terry Fuller	95	93	19	83	105	19	17	7	19	10	15	12	16	6	102	7	6	7	7	27	167
Allan Jones	120	131	25	0	0	0	12	10	20	19	18	12	16	14	121	7	0	5	7	19	165
Roy Lundy (vis)	0	94	9	94	93	19	0	15	0	23	0	2	17	13	70	5	7	0	7	19	117
Jim Strong	0	69	7	0	0	0	15	0	12	15	10	4	7	8	71	0	0	3	8	11	89

Ladies.

Annella Riegert	67	64	13	56	69	13	13	20	4	18	10	0	14	11	90	6	0	0	0	6	122
Vix Alexander	0	79	8	77	80	16	7	0	10	13	7	0	15	18	70	0	0	7	6	13	107

Juniors.

Luke Bonnett (vis)	85	82	17	65	73	14	11	0	5	9	0	7	13	14	59	3	0	4	9	16	106
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Event:	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner		Ladies Winner		Juniors Winner	
112 gram Distance	Chas Riegert	34	Tony/Mal/Allan	25	Annella Riegert	13	Luke Bonnett	17
56 gram Distance	Chas Riegert	32	Bob Henderson	24	Vix Alexander	16	Luke Bonnett	14
Double Handed Acc.	George Holman	159	Bob Henderson	157	Annella Riegert	90	Luke Bonnett	59
Single Handed Acc.	George Holman	23	Trevor Stam	28	Vix Alexander	13	Luke Bonnett	16
Days High Points	George Holman	244						

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

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Kalbarri Boat Hire.

I have just had a week's holiday in Kalbarri and took the time to speak to the proprietor of Murchison Boat Hire and partake in a day out on the water with him. A thoroughly knowledgeable bloke that offers the best of advice and equipment if you would like to try offshore fishing.

Laurie Manton is his name, and you couldn't meet a nicer bloke.

Mention that you belong to the Surfcasters, that Bob and Roy sent you and suffer the consequences. Hendo.

Fishing in the Kimberleys.

It wasn't until Dave was stationed in the Northwest for a few years that I really started to appreciate fishing.

We arrived in Derby in June 1999 and this is when our adventures started. For those who don't know, Derby is 2hrs North of Broome, 15 mins after the Gibb River Road turnoff. In short, Derby is in fact "The Gateways to the Kimberleys" which is much closer to the gorges and fishing spots than the much over-rated Broome.

Derby is a town where the people are very friendly and casual, the weather nice and hot all year round with a wonderful relaxing lifestyle but most importantly FANTASTIC FISHING.

The species of fish included Mangrove Jack, Northwest Snapper, Giant Trevally, Queenfish, Threadfin Salmon, Bluenose Salmon and best of all Barramundi.

Every chance Dave and I got we were exploring the Gibb River road and beyond. Camping, swimming in fresh water holes, exploring the gorges and fishing. Pretty much just enjoying the tranquillity of North West and the many secret locations we had discovered.

Rain, hail or shine nothing could stop Dave and his good mate Ken whom has lived in Derby all his life from venturing out to throw a line in the water before starting afternoon or nightshift.

On most occasions whilst on our fishing expeditions it was a minimum of 35 degrees, often up to 50 degrees. Either humid and hot in the dry season or humid and pouring with rain in the wet season. But with an esky of icy cold beer always by our sides it was bliss and what was really great was sitting there watching a storm come in, the lightning and thunder is just so unreal.

And let me say that the wet season didn't often stop us from getting places either. Although sometimes a frightening ride for myself as we battled through mud, scrub and up and down creek beds.

More often than not we weren't alone either with plenty of saltwater crocs watching our every move so a quick dip to cool off was not an option. Those glowing red eyes at night gave me chills!!

I will never forget the time we caught a baby croc in our throw net. I was so fascinated with the little mite, that is until Dave assured me that mum was no doubt nearby listening to its baby's cries.

Now brings me to the story of when I caught my first Barramundi. It was 40 degrees that day when we had been fishing for hours. Dave was catching Barra one after the other, (as usual) with either live bait fish or his lucky lures yet I was still waiting to get one myself. A few beers later and I was finally on. It weighed around 15kg and was half the length of me and the fact that they put up one hell of a fight caused me to nearly lose my finger in the process with the scar still evident!

It made my day and I did catch plenty more on other occasions after that.

An important fact to remember though is that Barramundi under or over 15 pound should be released. Barra over 15 pound turn into females at this stage and the larger ones are the breeders.

On some of these fishing trips we also often enjoyed laying chook pellets and then Dave using a throw net with his expertise (I couldn't do it) to catch Cherubin. They have a body like a prawn but nippers like a yabby only bigger, sweeter and much nicer to eat. The best thing was that because Dave is allergic to shell fish there was more for me to eat.

Dave and I also were fortunate enough to have a 24 foot



Tracy and her 15kg barramundi.

aluminium boat to get us to islands out from Derby such as Valentine Island where we also had the pleasure of more fishing and mud crabbing. You really had to know about the tides though because they are quick when they come in and quick when they go out so your timing was crucial.

That just about wraps up our Kimberley adventures. We both miss it terribly and intend to reside there again eventually as it is what we call home.

We are yet to experience the same quality of fishing and to taste a fish that compares to the beautiful taste of saltwater Northwest Barramundi!

Tracy Moir.

Kalbarri Capture

While my fellow Club members were on their way to Bluff Creek I was heading in the other direction to accompany an "ol mate" in Kalbarri for the week. The "ol fella" has a faulty ticker, loves to go fishing, but likes some company just in case (really someone to carry his fish).

A small sacrifice but mainly to enjoy his wife's great cooking and an excuse for a holiday in Kalbarri.

On arrival at the Kalbarri House the "Ol fella" came out of the house wearing such a dirty great grin that I wondered if he had just won the Powerball. Leaping about like a half trained "eagle" I was given total assistance to unpack and settle in. Sitting down to partake in a cool drink I was confronted with a request that took some wind out of my socks.

The statement was "I've caught a tailor" and then this fish was dragged out of the freezer, gilled and gutted, frozen stiff (looked at least 3 weeks old but who am I to tell). The "ol fella" pranced around chest out, grinning like a moggie with a belly full of cream, slurping his words as he told me the tale of it's capture. Chest beating was minimal as he gasped for breath.

The length, girth and weight was recorded, the photos taken and a request for a form was put forward. As I don't fish for trophies I don't carry any forms. "But it's eligible for the Club's open section was the cry", I need a form please, the cry.

As the actual capture was "NOT VIEWED" by anyone BUT the fish was still active when weighed at Laurie Manton's place a short time later (Laurie is the president of the K.O.A.C. and his scales are certified), I reckon that with a witness beyond question, a fish that was fresh and a photo to prove it, all details in accordance of our rules then the form can be presented to our Recorder.

The said capture was at the Blue Holes (southern end) & needless to say not another fish was caught for the rest of the week.

Hendo.

Recorder Report March 2003

Open Competition. Tony Ong had a very successful trip to Exmouth in January. He has entered fish into the following:-

Open section 16. Best fish caught on Fly Rod. Golden Trevally 9.0 kg

Open section 2. Best Shark. Whaler Shark was estimated to weight in at 15.0 kg.

John Jardine has been to Quobba again, and entered more fish.

Open section 11 Best Mackerel. John landed a Spanish Mackerel of 9.0kg caught on a 65gm Raider lure.



Roy's 4.8 kg tailor.

One of our veterans Roy Killick landed a magnificent tailor of 4.8kg (gilled and gutted) at the Blue Holes at Kalbarri on a home made popper. Roy was fishing alone so he had no help in landing the fish. Well done Roy.

Masters / Grand Masters Competition Changes.

Tony has entered the same Golden Trevally into the Grand Masters as his free choice. Roy's Tailor will also be entered into the Grand Masters competition.

Species Competition.

George Holman and Dave Maxted have both achieved their Species badge with a Garfish caught on the February Field Day. Badges will be presented when new patches have been purchased. Remember to put in your fish for this section.

Barron Lure Competition. Nil new entries

Game Fish Badge. Tony's Golden Trevally qualifies him for his Game Fish Badge. Well done Tony, a fish of the fighting capacity of the Golden Trevally caught on Fly Rod is a real achievement.

Open Competition Results to March 2004

Section	For	Weight	Name and place
2.	Best Shark	15 kg (est)	Tony Ong, Exmouth.
3.	Best Mulloway	12.5 kg	Matthew Henderson, Scarborough
4.	Best Salmon	7.25 kg	John Jardine, Scarborough Beach
6.	Best Tailor	4.8 kg	Roy Killick, Blue Holes, Kalbarri
7.	Best Samson Fish	10.0 kg	John Jardine, Cape Hamelin
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	1.6 kg	Chas Riegert, Snook, Cervantes
11.	Best Mackerel	9.0 kg	John Jardine, Quobba
13.	Best Trevally (northern)	10.2 kg	Damian D'Mello, Quobba
14.	Best Snook/Pike	1.6 kg	Chas Riegert, Snook, Cervantes
15.	Best Scale Fish other than sections 3 to 14	6.3 kg	John Jardine, Longtail Tuna, Quobba
16.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod	9.0 kg	Tony Ong, Golden Trevally, Exmouth

Bream Species Identification.

There was some confusion about the identification of some bream species at Bluff Creek. There are still a lot of fish which are being called by old common names.

There are normally three species of bream caught within the area encompassed by our field days. These are Tarwhine (*Rhabdosargus sarba*), Black bream (*Acanthopagrus butcheri*) and Western Yellowfin Bream (*Acanthopagrus australis*).

Tarwhine are often called "Silver Bream" and the accepted name is Tarwhine.

Black Bream and Southern Black Bream are the same fish for our requirements.

Yellowfin Bream is the more accepted common name for Western Yellowfin Bream.



Tarwhine - note "rounded" mouth.



Yellowfinned Bream:- note "pointed" mouth, and prominent teeth.

Usually it is fairly easy to distinguish between the three species. Black Bream and Western Yellowfin Bream have a more pointed lower head and mouth area than the Tarwhine which is quite rounded at the front of the head. The Tarwhine has 6-7 scale lines above the lateral line whereas the Black Bream has 4 scale lines above the lateral line. The Western Yellowfin Bream is best distinguished for Black Bream by the yellowish coloration of the dorsal and anal fins. When all else fails, buy a good fish identification book. If in doubt about the identification of a fish species, keep the fish whole and freeze it. First take a good close up colour photograph of the fish as soon as possible because colours change rapidly after fish are removed from the water.

Fishing Competition Application Form.

A copy of the Application form for all competitions is on the Club Web site for downloading. You have also received a copy with a recent Reel Talk. Use this application form in conjunction with the current fishing competition rules. Please read both carefully.

It is good to see some activity in the sections so keep the entries coming.

Tight Lines,

Cookie.

Another Hendo Story.

Armed to the teeth with my trusty two handlines, my 6ft bamboo fishing rod, a can wound with heavy line (my reel), my school bag filled with food, drink, bait and diving goggles tugging into my shoulders I headed down the road on my trusty treadly at the ungodly hour of 5am. Darkness surrounded me as I headed for a morning's fishing off the groyne at the South Freo power station. Some silly sign said it was illegal to venture onto the groyne but if it's the best spot to catch fish then I didn't notice it because it was dark.

Just before the dawn I hid the bike under some bushes alongside the fence and snuck along the rocks towards the hot water outlet. Ever wary of the security blokes that had a reputation for carrying out dastardly deeds to whoever they catch, I settled in under the heavy outlet grille and proceeded to burley up.

Mashed mussels, chopped up slimy mackerel, pollard, a dash of flour and loads of bread crumbs. Handlines were tossed in and soon my bag held herring and gardies. Meanwhile my rod was loaded with a fillet of herring and was sitting out on the bottom. Man life was great as the sun rose overhead, the sea was like glass, my fanta tasted like liquid gold, the soggy jaffel sweet on my tongue.

The hit came just as I was a short distance away snooping off crabs so a quick dash over the rocks towards my rod was not quick enough as the rod was dragged towards the briny. Now this rod was my pride and joy so without hesitation I followed it into the sea and soon had it in my hand but something on the end of the line had ideas of dragging me under. Coughing and spluttering I was losing the struggle and my strength was waning.

Suddenly a huge cloud came over me and I turned towards the rocks to see a humungas shape towering over me. It was so big that it hid the sun and cast a shadow over half of Cockburn sound.

GARD.....OH MY GOD... he had a uniform on, he looked mean and horrible and this kid was filling his daks in trepidation. Thoughts of letting go the rod, swimming for Rotto, diving down into the depths to get away flashed through my head. Unfortunately exhaustion assisted in my decision.

Reaching out I grabbed the huge outstretched hand and was lifted out with speed up onto the rocks. A gentle voice requested the rod, which I handed over with trembling hands and sat back and watched as the big fella used finesse to land a dusky morwong of about 6lb. All thoughts of a beating, a rough up, a tongue lashing or thick ears were well away as I stared at the biggest fish that I had ever caught lay at my feet.

The big fella quietly congratulated me, spoke softly about the joys of fishing, showed concern of my welfare then ever so politely mentioned where I was, the consequences of being caught, the possible punishment that I could receive. Showing as much concern that I could I just said "Yes Sir" but knowing full well I couldn't give a rats dingaling for I was king of the kids with that fish in my bag. Again, with politeness, gentleness and assistance I was assisted back to my bike, helped in loading up and waved on my way. I took the long way home and made sure more than enough people say my fish.

About 2 weeks later I was just getting home from school and I saw a paddy wagon outside our house. With a clear conscience (ah.....) I walked around the back to see a couple of coppers having a cup of tea with my mum and dad. I immediately recognised the big fella and after introductions met and spoke to a bloke that in later years was to assist me in growing up very quickly (but that's another story)

Anyone know a copper called "PILKINGTON"?

Hendo.

50 Years a Member.

A few years ago (1997) I had the pleasure of travelling over to Rainbow Beach with Jim Strong for the National Titles. Traversing our huge country gave us plenty of time to yap and I spent a lot of time listening to Jim and his involvement in our Club.

Jim joined the Club in April 1954 and expressed his pleasure at the wonderful amount of years, the many many enjoyable times and the wealth of friendship that he has obtained. So many stories were passed to me about old field days, drycasting events, social outings and the characters that have been members in the past. A sad note that only he remains was Jim's reflection.

Jim climbed on board the Committee in 1958 and for the next 12 years held the following positions....Vice president, Field Day officer, Assistant Dry Casting officer, Social Organiser and Committee member. His efforts have been rewarded with Life Membership.

Jim has now reached the age of 82 years and admits that he has slowed down a bit. He still enjoys the occasional day out fishing, relishes participating in the drycasting be it Club, State or National events, rarely misses a Club meeting, likes to handle the monthly raffle (shall I carry on about what he does for his Church or his participation in the A.A.A.).

ON BEHALF OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS I CONGRATULATE JIM ON HIS EFFORTS and LOOK FORWARD TO ENJOYING HIS COMPANY IN THE FUTURE.

Rod For Sale.

7177 snyderglass dark red, 2 piece, dual reel seat (high and low mount), excellent / pristine condition, \$200 to \$250.

Contact Chas Riegert.

Donations for Trophies.

It's March already - where did 2003 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 still some open and field day 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 potential 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 soon, they will know that this Club's members support them.

2004 SCAC Dinner/Presentation of Trophies.

The nominations received by the Club indicate that the preferred location for our Dinner/Presentation of Trophies is the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club on a Saturday night.

The committee has booked the centre for Saturday 19 June 2004.

Discussions have been carried out with the catering department, and a carvery buffet organised. I can assure you that you will receive a generous meal.

ORGANISE YOUR PARTY NOW. GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER and OBTAIN YOUR TICKETS A.S.A.P.

**GUARANTEED GOOD FOOD
GREAT COMPANY
ENJOYABLE EVENING**

Cost \$40 per head.

Contact Terry Fuller on 9447 4545 - contact details in front of Reel Talk.

March 2004 Field Day, Bluff Creek.

February 29 - March 1, 2004. This weekend is usually the most anticipated field day in our calendar. Apart from Rottneest, attendances are on this field day usually reach a high point. This year was no exception with 24 members making the trip south.

Vix and I were fortunate enough to be able to travel down on the Friday morning arriving early afternoon and were the first to arrive at the usual camping spot. Having selected the best position for our tent, we set about enjoying the remainder of the day while making the camp comfortable. Then the hordes started to descend on us, within a few hours we were surrounded by these scruffy looking fishing types, at least we had it to ourselves for a few hours.

The beach was reasonable this year although a little soft in places and it did manage to stop a few of our members whose tyres were too high pressure.

There were a few places where the only access to further along the beach was to take the track behind the dunes because the beach was too steep. Access to the rocks at the eastern end of the beach was possible but had some risks attached due to the slope of the beach at one particular spot. To fish the rocks meant about a fifteen minute walk along the beach to the base of the rocks. A couple of brave souls (not from our club) did manage to get their vehicles around this spot and camped at the base of the rocks.

The weather was brilliant on Friday and Saturday but blew its head off all day Sunday, only to stop abruptly about 9.00 pm. Monday was calm and overcast with a few spots of rain from a passing thunderstorm. The guys who stayed on for an extra day reported several hours of steady rain later that day.

Of the fish caught herring and skippy made up the bulk of the catch. Only two salmon were caught, with Morris landing one of 4.6kg and Fiona one of 1.6kg. I haven't seen many tailor caught in the last three years but this year eight were weighed in. The heaviest was a 1.45kg from a bag of six by Tony and the other two were shared by Filomena and Morris. Also caught this year were a number of yellowfinned bream that had everybody speculating about their true identity until some positive identification was made back in Perth. Other species that were caught were flathead, whiting, pilch, blackfish and wrasse.

When the weather is kind the south coast in my opinion is just the greatest place to camp and fish for a few days. Bluff Creek especially so because of the range of fishing opportunities from rock or beach and the availability of running water from the creek near the camping spot.

Our next field day will again take in the south coast which will be between Denmark and Walpole and be held over the ANZAC long weekend. It's still about a month away so that will give you plenty of time to organize your camping gear and sharpen those hooks and enjoy at least three days on the south coast.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

Species caught on this field day were:- herring, tailor, yellowfinned bream, flathead, salmon, wrasse, pilch, whiting and skippy.

Results for the March 2004 Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	12.2 kg	5	30	222.0
Morris Kolman	11.65 kg	5	30	216.5
Filomena D'Alonzo	6.6 kg	4	28	146.0
George Holman	7.6 kg	2	30	146.0
Malcolm Harris	6.5 kg	3	30	145.0
Ken Black	4.775 kg	4	25	137.8

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Vix Alexander	5.85 kg	2	30	128.5
Andrew Thorgersen	3.325 kg	3	17	113.3
Fiona Callender	3.075 kg	4	8	110.8
David Maxted	2.95 kg	2	16	99.5
Spencer King	2.6 kg	2	13	96.0
Mark Hansen	1.4 kg	3	9	94.0
Terry Fuller	2.2 kg	2	10	92.0
Mathew Henderson	2.05 kg	2	12	90.5
Peter Stoeckel	1.55 kg	2	8	85.5
Brian Stokes	2.0 kg	2	11	80.0
Wendy Hansen	0.8 kg	3	4	78.0
Andrew Stoeckel	1.15 kg	1	6	61.5
Daniel Stoeckel	1.0 kg	1	8	60.0
Bev Baldock (Vis)	0.0 kg	0	0	40.0
Marcelle Black	0.0 kg	0	0	40.0
Anita King	0.0 kg	0	0	40.0
Jim King	0.0 kg	0	0	40.0
Sarah King	0.0 kg	0	0	40.0

Field Day prizes and Sportserson of the Year Sections for March 2004.

Best Scale Fish	Morris Kolman	Salmon	4.65 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	12.2 kg

Field Day Top Ten for 2003/2004 up to March.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	1796.9	6	Morris Kolman	458.0
2	Malcolm Harris	771.4	7	Ian Cook	452.0
3	George Holman	622.3	8	John Romano	416.8
4	Filomena D'Alonzo	564.0	9	Peter Stoeckel	378.0
5	Vix Alexander	553.4	10	Spencer King	375.8

Field Day Sections for 2003/2004

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1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Dhufish	10.5 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Morris Kolman	Salmon	4.65 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Matt Henderson	Shark	4.6 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Filomena D'Alonzo	Mulloway	7.05 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	John Jardine	Tailor	4.3 kg
6	Best Salmon	Morris Kolman	Salmon	4.65 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Skipjack Trevally	0.65 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Parrot Fish	3.95 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	38.3 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.2 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	George Holman	Tailor	4.8 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Matt Henderson	Tailor	0.425 kg
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Matt Henderson	Tailor	0.3 kg