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The Surf Casting & Angling Club Trophy Night for 2009 will be held on **Saturday, 27 June 2009** at the Gleneagles Bar & Reception Centre located at 102 Marmion Avenue, Karrinyup on the Hamersley Golf Course.

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Terry Fuller

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George Holman

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Terry Fuller

Life Members of the Club

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

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Minutes of General Meeting, 11 March 2009

Venue: Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club Rooms

Time: 2012 hrs

- **Welcome**
- **Apologies**
John Rose, Mark & Wendy Hansen, Geoff Raftis, Eric Parker
- **Confirmation of Minutes of previous Meeting**
March 2009 Reel Talk
- **Matters arising from the Minutes**
March 2009 Reel Talk

Moved – Marcia Pekaar

Seconded – Jim Strong

Inward and Outward Correspondence

- Stirling Shire Yokine Reserve Charges Winter 2009
- PO Box Malaga - Annual Charges
- Cheque from the Peet & Sandra Wessels booking for Rottnest Island Field Day in August
- BT Statement 2005 – 2009, requested by Bev Grigo for Taxation purposes
- Synergy Account – Kalbarri 18 March 2009
- Westpac Cheque Account 30 Jan to 27 Feb 2009
- AAA General Minutes – 17 February 2009

- **Outward Correspondence**
- Grant Newsletter applied for. We will be given 50 top Sport & and Recreation Grants available through the year
- Sent out to AAA Club update details
- Club Enquiry – Kevin Frampton
- Club Enquiry – Michael Obschonk
- 2009 Healthy Club Sponsorship sent out - 18/02/09
- AAA General Minutes – 17 February 2009
- Ray White's Kalbarri Accounts
- Cleaning Account – Lesley Brockman
- Three Condolence cards sent out to Jim Strong, who has lost his brother; Mark Hansen who has lost his father; and Gary Gilderesleeves' wife, Mary, also lost her father
- **Secretary's Report:**
- Added our Club details to the Sport and Recreation Website
- A quote for vehicle flags to be used in the sand dunes and also to signify who we are as a group when beach fishing etc.

Treasurer's Report: 11 March 2009

Beverley Grigo reported as follows:

Bank Statement Balance 31/01/09:	\$	17,207.66
Funds deposited to 27/02/09:		
(1) Ray White Kalbarri House – Net deposit	\$	1,159.95
(2) Receipts 1691975 to 1691976	\$	<u>126.00</u>
	\$	18,493.61
Less:		
(1) Cheques 201124 to 201127	\$	815.54
(2) Cheque 201128	\$	100.00
(Chq 128 Pd to Our Community P/L)		<u>(\$915.54)</u>
Balance as per the Bank Statement 30/01/09	\$	<u>17,578.07</u>

Monies Due & Received and Accounts payable:

Monies Received to Rec. No 1691980 deposited:

Michelle Walker – social functions	\$	160.00
Marcia Pekaar - dry casting fees	\$	154.00
Greg Keet – Rottnest - deposit	\$	50.00
Alvey Reels Australia (donation)	\$	<u>200.00</u>
Total:	\$	564.00

Ray White Kalbarri: February Statement:

Rents Received	\$	195.00
Less Expenses:		<u>(\$ 114.67)</u>
Net Income due:	\$	80.33

Monies Received to Rec 1691985 deposited March:

Peter Osborne – Rottnest Oct	\$	200.00
Mark Hansen – Cervantes Field Day	\$	116.00

B. Grigo – Rottnest Oct	\$ 50.00	
Ian Taggart – Rottnest	\$ 70.00	
G & V Jones – Fees for Wallaroo	\$ 170.00	\$ 606.00

Accounts Payable (Chq No's 201129 to 201139):

M Pekaar - Reel Talk expenses	\$ 212.65
M Pekaar – Wallaroo Fees G Jones	\$ 170.00
City of Stirling – Reserve Hire	\$ 340.00
Synergy – Kalbarri	\$ 214.80
Ian Cook – Honda Shop – Generator	\$ 2,060.00
Ian Cook - Prestige Communications	\$ 836.80
PAYG – ATO	\$ 190.00
Club Secretary – expenses	\$ 48.45
Australia Post – PO Box rental	\$ 75.00
Ian Cook – Rottnest Accom. Exes	\$ 690.00
Terry Fuller – Fees for Web site update	\$ 750.00

Total Approved Expenses (\$ 5,587.70)

Adjusted Bank Balance: **\$13,240.07**

Funds received during & after meeting to Rec No 1691992 \$ 1,110.00

Ray White Holding as at 31/01/09	\$ 500.00
Social Float as at 11/03/09:	\$ 250.00
BT Investment as at 01/01/09	\$ 6,328.14
Secretary Float as at 11/03/09	\$ 150.00

Net current cash: **\$21,578.21**

Moved - Sandra Wessel's

Seconded – Jim Strong

○ **Committee Reports in order of need for discussion**

Reel Talk Editor – Marcia Pekaar all reports required by this weekend as the Team will be away next weekend.

Acting Field Day Officer – Ian Cook two field days with no prizes given out - several certificates were given to the Members for the Cervantes Field Day.

The next Field day was Bluff Creek, the weather was good and bad - several Certificates were given out.

Next Field day is Bremer Bay, Reef Beach, general summary given - see FDO report in Reel Talk.

Peet Wessels asked the FDO for a tarp for the members to place their fish on at the weigh in.

Website Coordinator – Terry Fuller gave out a statistic report on who is looking at what on the Club Website, he also requires more information on the Club events

Dry Casting Report – Peter Pekaar gave a summary on the Dry Casting Day, we had a visitor Darren Batchelor.

AAA Report - George Holman - We are all ready for the Team to go East, a few matters to sort out over there and wishes the Team all the best.

Jim Strong - passes on his good wishes to all Members of the WA Team who are attending the Interstate Championships

Property Officer – Vix Alexander we have had more bookings come through friends of Club Members that are going up and including some new Members

Recfishwest – Terry Fuller – See full report Reel Talk

- **Notice of Motion** – this an amendment to the previous motion placed in the March Reel Talk by Peter Osborne – to read

Competition Rule 2.3.2 Numbers of Fish and Field Day Bag Limit

Delete the following sentences from para 3.

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Replace with the following:-

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A maximum of seven (7) fish of the Category 1, Highest Risk Species may be weighed in. This will require captures to be spread over 2 or more days where the "mixed daily bag limit" is less than seven (7).

A maximum of one (1) "mixed daily bag limit" for each of the Category 2, Medium Risk Species and the Category 3, Lowest Risk Species may be weighed in, subject to the maximum of 30 fish.

Members are responsible for complying with the maximum individual and mixed daily bag limits as listed in the Recreational Fishing Guide for the Region being fished. Members may capture any number of fish allowed by the Regulations for their personal use.

- **General Business**

Peter Pekaar – 112 gram open in the April Dry Casting Day and I would like to thank everyone for scoring on the field

Vix Alexander - enquires about the Blankets at Wallaroo.

Malcolm Harris talks about the Recfishwest Website Casting around the Internet on their Website there is a link to a free magazine.

Ian Cook - Gary Gildersleeves is our top Caster in double handed accuracy and back in 2008 Gary had a score of a 176 double handed accuracy as a Veteran and this one from 2003 is slightly out of date, had a score of 171. Certificates were handed to him.

The Rods are at the depot and will leave tomorrow, they will be in SA Tuesday next week. Also, the grant money that we got bought us a new generator. Ian gave the Members a summary on the new icom hand held radios - they have a range approximately 9 km.

Terry Fuller – a summary on the Time and Tides on Field Days as follows:

Mr Chairman

I would like to raise two related topics from recent discussions.

I have chosen the words in this very carefully so they should not be misunderstood or turned into something they are not.

The first is defining the height and time of “suitable” tides for Field Days, specifically at Rottnest, but possibly other venues too.

The second is what “duty of care” does the club have to its members in **scheduling** “safe” Field Days.

Note:- there is a really big difference between **scheduling** field days, done up to a year in advance with limited information apart from predicted tides, and **running** field days on the days when the interactions of wind, swell and tides and anything else, are known for the potential fishing spots on those days.

Height and time of “suitable” tides for Field Days

Committee members will be aware of some recent emails, however I will cover some of the points in them for other members.

Firstly let me make it crystal clear – I was **never** and I am **not** trying to change the decision not to have a May 2009 Rottnest Field Day, and even though I thought that was very clear, it still seems to have been misunderstood.

I am only trying to clarify and document some points **so that this sort of discussion can be done professionally and consistently in the future.**

October/November 2009 tides/dates

The February Reel Talk page 19 says *"The only suitable tides in October or November are on the 10–11 October"*

Now those two words "**only**" and "**suitable**" really get me going. I don't like spin, I don't like potentially misleading statements, and I'm suspicious whenever statements are made without giving the facts behind the statements, when it would be so easy to give the details. And sometimes a quick check show questions, as in this case.

Anyone reading that February Reel Talk would certainly believe that the Field Day **HAD** to be shifted from the normal October weekend after the General Meeting because the tides were "**unsuitable**".

And since that followed the sentence *"The tides for the May Field Day (Rottnest) are too high to allow safe fishing both in the morning and afternoon"* some people might believe that the tides on the normal weekends in **BOTH** October and November were **ALSO** *"too high to allow safe fishing both in the morning and afternoon"*

I asked in the emails for someone to please say what is "unsuitable" about the tides on the normal "weekend after a General Meeting" days for both October and November which were rejected, but that request was ignored, instead there were some comments completely off the topic.

Yes, I can see that the October weekend chosen has lower tides and so would/could be "better".

To prevent similar problems in future, I believe the Club must define the terms used "suitable" and "safe." What maximum tide height? Which times have priority, morning or afternoon? Are dawn and/or dusk included?

This is all so there will be some objective "acceptable" and "safe" tide height and times proposed or set which members can debate and discuss and agree on. **If not, why not?**

Club's "duty of care" when scheduling field days

I had used these words in my email: ***"members expect to adapt their fishing places and times to the conditions"*** on the normal fishing day and that includes wind and swell which are not defined/known in advance.

One of the comments in the emails was ***"the club has a duty of care to make sure that all field days are conducted in such a manner as not to place any member in a hazardous position"***

This looks very reasonable, however the club has no **real** control over members' decisions on what is safe or unsafe for them at the time, considering the conditions and **their** abilities and **their** experience. Personal safety should always be the responsibility of the individual.

Again, note the difference between **scheduling** field days in advance and **running** (or **conducting**) field days on the day.

And yes, I DO recognise that some members expect Rottnest field days to give them good access to the reefs at Radar, etc, and so Rottnest may need special consideration.

This all raises some very fundamental questions, so I suggest that the Committee draft clear guidelines and statements, for discussion and acceptance by the members, covering:-

What “duty of care” the club has with respect to tides and any other predictable factors in **scheduling** field day dates and locations.

If tides are to be a factor, what predicted tide heights and times are acceptable or unacceptable.

What commitment the club has to **scheduling** field days on the pre-defined weekend after the General Meeting, apart from long week ends.

Terry Fuller
11 March 2009

Tide predictions for various days to support statements made here, and for possible use in defining acceptability. See “**Tides**” in Reel Talk (page 21)

George Holman when we start changing our normal field days around the tides we are going to have a lot of problems, this is a club for all members not some if we cater for a minority there will be problems

In depth Discussion on Rottnest Island and on all Field Days

- **Raffle**
1st Prize won by Dave Maxted – a picnic bag, Dave donated the prize to the Trophy Night

2nd Prize won by George Holman a SCAC Hat
- **Closure**
2155 hrs
- **Date of next meeting**
8 April 2009

Calendar for Next Three Months

Here’s a calendar showing the dates we will use for Dry Casting, General and Committee Meetings, and Field Days in the next three months.

29	AAA Event																				
8	Dry Casting						11	General Meeting				14	15	Field Day			18	Committee Meeting			
April 2009							May 2009							June 2009							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						

2008/2009 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries

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

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details
25-27 April 2009	Bremer Bay	See Field Day Officer

2008/2009 Dry Casting Dates. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting 8:30am.

Sunday, 5 April 2009	Sunday, 3 May 2009
Sunday, 7 June 2009	Sunday, 5 July 2009

2008/2009 General Meeting Dates. All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, start 8:00pm

Wednesday, 8 April 2009	Wednesday, 13 May 2009
Wednesday, 10 June 2009	Wednesday, 8 July 2009

COMING FIELD DAY EVENTS

FIELD DAY VENUE	Bremer Bay
WHEN	25, 26, 27 April 2009
SIGN ON	Saturday, TBA, Time 11H00
LINES DOWN	Saturday, 12H00
BOUNDARIES	TBA
WEIGH IN	Monday 27 April 2009 TBA Time 11H00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members celebrate their birthday in April:

Andrew Stoeckel – 7 April
Andrew Pekaar – 15 April
Vix Alexander – 19 April
Kaye Holman – 20 April
Ian Cook – 22 April

Recorders Report
2008 - 2009 Open Competition Results Until March 2009

Section	For	Min Weight	Details
1.	Most Meritorious Capture	None	Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.
2.	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	
4.	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5.	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	John Crompton 1.575 kg
7.	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Mal Harris Bluelined Emperor 1.3 kg Shelter Bay Shark Bay
9.	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	
10.	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	
12.	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	George Holman Wago 1.1 kg
13.	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14.	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15.	Best Black or Yellow fin Bream	0.6 kg	Ian Cook Black Bream 1.561 kg Frankland River Nornalup
16.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	George Holman Wago Morwong 4.0 kg
17.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod	Legal size	

Barron Lure Competition 2008 – 2009

Heaviest Tailor	Mark Hansen	0.322
Heaviest Salmon	Mark Hansen	3.842

Field Day Sections up to and Including March

Section		Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Ian Cook	Samson Fish	14.125
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			0.000
2	Most Meritorious Fish	Ian Cook	Samson Fish	14.125
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Melvin Wee	Shark	6.755
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			0.000
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	4.088
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Mark Hansen	Salmon	3.842
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	1.072
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			0.000
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Taggart	Samson Fish	12.145
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Ian Cook	Mixed Bag	29.296
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			0.000
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	George Holman	Tailor	4.790
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Lea Taylor	Whiting, Yellowfin	0.382
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod			0.000

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for March

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	Morris Kolman	Salmon	1.826
Best Bag of Scale fish	Theo Van Niekerk	Mixed Bag	7.212

Field Day Prizes for March

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	Morris Kolman	Salmon	1.826
Best Bag of Scale fish	Theo Van Niekerk	Mixed Bag	7.212

Top Ten up to March

Rank	Angler	Total Points
1	Malcolm Harris	1674.4
2	Peet Wessels	1146.3
3	Sandra Wessels	992.3
4	George Holman	974.4
5	Lea Taylor	926.0
6	Mark Hansen	925.6
7	Vix Alexander	782.1
8	Melvin Wee	671.6
9	Ian Cook	633.7
10	Peter Osborne	414.3

Mark Hansen and Theo Van Niekerk both caught some nice Skipjack Trevally with both weighing in a fish of 0.990 kg which qualifies as a Masters Fish.

You will note that these ex-South Africans seem to know how to fish, with Peet and Sandra being in second and third spot on the top ten.

John Crompton caught a tailor of 1.575 kg at Cervantes on the February field day weekend that qualifies for section 6 in the Open Competition



Mal Harris constructing drainage canals



“Watch the birdie Sandra” whilst Cinta looking for lunch



A helping hand from “The Beast” Toyota for John’s Nissan



The Bluff Creek Participants and Mark's Taj Mahal

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CLUB CLOTHING

Please phone John Crompton on 9249 6209 to purchase any of the following:

SURF CASTERS CLUB COLORS			
Shirts S/L \$30.00	Shirts L/S \$30.00	Polo Jackets \$50.00 Each	
		Heavy Jackets	Light Jackets
2 x 12	1 x Size 16		
2 x 14	3 x Size 24	2 - XL	2 - XL
1 x 16	1 x Size 26	2 - S	1 - XXL
1 x 18			
1 x 20			
1 x 26			

Bluff Creek Field Day Report

Saturday February 28 to Monday 2 March

Morris, Ian and Greg decided to get an early start as did Lea, and went down to Bluff Creek on the Thursday morning. It was a great drive with good weather and little traffic. On arriving, the seas were calm, emerald green with light winds and pleasantly warm, Idyllic. Camp was set up and some quick reconnoitering done.

Friday, Morris and Ian fished the reef to the west of camp in the morning with only a few fish caught. In the afternoon Lea and Ian fished the reefs around the headland at the eastern extremity of the beach. Lea used a light rod and slices and achieved a lot of hook ups but could not lift them up the rocks on the light gear. The attrition rate of the small chrome slices was rather high so he gave up after a couple hours. Most of the members turned up during the day and set up camp. The "Hansen Taj Mahal" was erected using one of Peter Stoeckel's Cast Off truck tarps. Big hint Peter!

Ian smoked some of the skippy and herring caught during the day. They must have been rather palatable as the plate was empty very quickly.

On Saturday, members fished over a variety of locations along the beach with mixed results. We had to work hard for our catch. The weather forecast was for rain on Saturday night and it was correct. The weather came in from the south-east with wind and very heavy rain. Thunder and lightning was of Biblical proportions.

Peter and John tried to get their adrenaline and pulse rate up when they had the Nissan Patrol slew round sideways on the edge of an embankment drop off (1 metre) whilst attempting to drive up into the dunes off the beach. I heard that the only option was for Peter to drive down the embankment and then cross fingers that he could get back along the beach. I heard rumours that the extra grunt required was supplied by our South African members' rugby training. The outlook for fishing on Sunday morning was rather bleak with rain and wind. We had some particularly spectacular lightning displays over the period, including some horizontal lightning.

The area where Mal, Vix and Ian's tents were set up started to become a small lake. When it reached about 40mm Mal started digging the "Panama Canal" to let the water escape onto the track running past camp which was, luckily, at a lower level. Surprising how many people came to dig and play mud pies. The weather improved during the morning and the lunch time barbecue was a great social gathering. There was some reluctance by certain people to leave the dry conditions of the "Taj Mahal" to battle the elements. Again, you had to work hard for your fish. It rained and blew again over night.

Monday morning had some intrepid members fishing prior to the weigh in. Mark caught all his fish on soft plastics over the weekend. This demonstrates the philosophy of keeping your mind open to new methods. It was then decamp and pack up. Dismantling the "Hansen Taj Mahal" in the strong winds was a combined exercise of Mal, Vix, Ian, Morris, Greg, John, Lea, Mark, Wendy. Thanks guys and girls.

The club's new Honda Eu 20 generator ran the camp with about six 12-volt fridge/freezers and light for the four days on about 30 litres of fuel. It is remarkably quiet and at one stage when it was bucketing down rain on the Sunday, we had it under the kitchen table in Ian's camp area. The new Icom hand held radios will work over approx 8 km line of sight. Dave George and Terry stayed at Bluff for an extra day and came back Tuesday.

It was, overall, a good field day with reasonable bags caught.

I am looking forward to fishing Reef Beach during the April field day. If you have not fished the area before, give it some consideration as it is a very good location. The beaches can be very soft at times. If you look on Google Earth, you will see all the deep water near the beach with numerous offshore reefs.

Location 34°28'7.65"S 119°5'44.90"E

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AMENDED NOTICE OF MOTION

Competition Rule 2.3.2 Numbers of Fish and Field Day Bag Limit **Delete** the following sentences from para 3.A *maximum of one day's bag limit of a particular species as specified by Department of Fisheries WA Regulations can be weighed in for the Field Day. Members may capture any number of fish within Department of Fisheries WA Regulations for their personal use* **Replace** with the following:- *A maximum of 1 (one) day's bag limit of any individual species as specified by Department of Fisheries WA Regulations may be weighed in for the Field Day. A maximum of seven (7) fish of the Category 1, Highest Risk Species may be weighed in. This will require captures to be spread over 2 or more days where the "mixed daily bag limit" is less than seven (7).*

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Terry Fuller

CLUB MEMBER DETAILS

We have noticed that the Committee has a number of member lists which are not identical. At the March General Meeting some members filled out and returned the sheet indicating their current contact details. Therefore, if you have not already done so, please complete the flyer enclosed in this month's Reel Talk and return it to Marcia Pekaar.

Dry Casting Results, 8 March 2009

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy							Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	Attendance		Total Points			
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target number							Target distance											
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L		S	Points				
Seniors																												
Malcolm Harris	93	109	20	109	112	22	132	141	27	7	10	25	20	7	0	21	9	99	6	9	7	6	28	196	10		206	
Peter Pekaar	116	126	24	111	111	22	0	146	15	1	9	10	21	11	0	8	13	73	0	5	8	8	21	155	10		165	
Joe Pullella										2	19	15	23	6	13	24	16	118	0	7	9	4	20	138	10		148	
Ian Cook	100	88	19	110	114	22	80	123	20	0	9	21	17	0	0	9	13	69	0	0	0	0	0	130	10		140	
Peter Stoeckel	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	8	2	0	9	18	0	0	2	23	54	10	6	3	6	25	87	10		97	
Veterans																												
George Holman	107	115	22	99	107	21	135	133	27	10	20	22	16	21	18	16	16	139	7	7	8	6	28	237	10		247	
Malcolm Head	95	97	19	90	92	18	119	116	24	21	25	14	22	13	20	21	12	148	9	7	9	1	26	235	10		245	
Gary Gildersleeves	0	0	0	91	95	19	122	124	25	16	24	22	24	20	21	20	19	166	0	7	7	7	21	231	10		241	
Allan Jones	51	86	14	90	82	17	101	108	21	12	10	21	21	14	23	8	23	132	2	8	9	2	21	205	10		215	
Terry Fuller	79	82	16	72	0	7	93	85	18	5	2	16	22	13	9	18	17	102	8	7	8	7	30	173	10		183	
John Crompton	77	18	10	92	72	16	97	75	17	16	4	4	13	11	14	22	10	94	0	0	2	0	2	139	10		149	
Dean Stewart	77	18	10	71	64	14	81	83	16	17	20	0	0	6	0	23	22	88	3	0	0	4	7	135	10		145	
Trevor Stam	0	83	8	68	70	14	83	85	17	0	22	0	19	12	8	11	21	93	0	0	0	0	0	132	10		142	
Jim Strong	48	65	11	62	60	12	71	71	14	0	0	18	12	4	1	17	13	65	0	9	3	1	13	115	10		125	
Ladies																												
Vix Alexander	90	82	17	76	0	8	97	91	19	8	10	23	24	0	0	21	21	107	0	0	1	1	2	153	10		163	
Marcia Pekaar	85	82	17	68	75	14	92	92	18	0	11	0	18	20	0	15	9	73	10	0	7	0	17	139	10		149	
Michelle Walker	27	14	4	33	38	7	34	39	7	0	1	23	18	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	60	10		70	
Juniors																												
Holly Walker	26	32	6	46	34	8	26	34	6	0	0	12	16	0	0	13	0	41	4	5	1	9	19	80	10		90	
Mini Juniors																												
Kaitlin Stoeckel	17	29	5	14	10	2	20	20	4	15	4	0	5					24						35	10		45	
Michael Batchelor	11	6	2	9	8	2	34	39	7															11	10		21	

Note. Does not include points for attendance at March General Meeting

Dry Casting Winners for 8 March 2009

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	24	Peter Pekaar	22	George Holman
56 gram Distance	126	Peter Pekaar	115	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	22	Malcolm Harris, Peter Pekaar, Ian Cook	21	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	114	Ian Cook	107	George Holman
112 gram Score	27	Malcolm Harris	27	George Holman
112 gram Distance	146	Peter Pekaar	135	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	118	Joe Pullella	166	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	28	Malcolm Harris	30	Terry Fuller
Section Highest Points	206	Malcolm Harris	247	George Holman

Event	Ladies winner		Junior winner		Mini Junior winner	
56 gram Score	17	Vix Alexander, Marcia Pekaar	6	Holly Walker	5	Kaitlin Stoeckel
56 gram Distance	90	Vix Alexander	32	Holly Walker	29	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Artificial Bait Score	14	Marcia Pekaar	8	Holly Walker	2	Kaitlin Stoeckel, Michael Batchelor
Artificial Bait Distance	76	Vix Alexander	46	Holly Walker	14	Kaitlin Stoeckel
112 gram Score	19	Vix Alexander	6	Holly Walker	7	Michael Batchelor
112 gram Distance	97	Vix Alexander	34	Holly Walker	39	Michael Batchelor
Double Handed Acc.	107	Vix Alexander	41	Holly Walker	24	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Single Handed Acc.	17	Marcia Pekaar	19	Holly Walker		
Section Highest Points	163	Vix Alexander	90	Holly Walker	45	Kaitlin Stoeckel

Event	Overall winner for March		Year's best up to March	
56 gram Score	24	Peter Pekaar	33	Peter Pekaar
56 gram Distance	126	Peter Pekaar	163	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	22	Malcolm Harris, Peter Pekaar, Ian Cook	30	Rhys Jones
Artificial Bait Distance	114	Ian Cook	151	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	27	Malcolm Harris, George Holman	35	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Distance	146	Peter Pekaar	177	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	166	Gary Gildersleeves	166	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	30	Terry Fuller	34	George Holman
Section Highest Points	247	George Holman	299	George Holman

Dry Casting Top Scores for 2008/9

Total scores up to and including March casting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year.

George Holman	2823	1	Andrew Pekaar	1095	15	Marlin Heaney	239	29
Gary Gildersleeves	2792	2	Eric Parker	1066	16	Chris McFarlane	217	30
Allan Jones	2270	3	Dean Stewart	1032	17	Jeff Hewton	138	31
Peter Pekaar	2098	4	Trevor Stam	1007	18	Keepa Walker	131	32
Terry Fuller	2085	5	Wendy Hansen	975	19	Greg Walker	121	33
Malcolm Head	2049	6	Holly Walker	892	20	Jess Thomson	106	34
Marcia Pekaar	1769	7	Jim Strong	859	21	Visitor 1	103	35
John Crompton	1708	8	Joe Pullella	800	22	Visitor 2	90	36
Rhys Jones	1535	9	Ian Cook	569	23	Ben Pullella	89	37
Mark Hansen	1468	10	Bev Grigo	536	24	Visitor 3	83	38
Malcolm Harris	1442	11	Michelle Walker	517	25	Makaira Heaney	82	39
Bob Henderson	1395	12	Geoff Raftis	457	26	Michael Pullella	34	40
Vix Alexander	1327	13	Kaitlin Stoeckel	372	27	Michael Batchelor	21	41
Peter Stoeckel	1120	14	Keith Heaney	347	28			

Section Winners

Seniors: Mal Harris - 206 points **Ladies:** Vix Alexander - 163 points
Veterans: George Holman - 247 points **Juniors:** Holly Walker - 90 points
Mini Junior: Kaitlin Stoeckel - 45 points

In April, Seniors will be doing Distance First, then Accuracy and the Vets & Ladies will be doing Accuracy First, then Distance

Recfishwest report for Surfcasters General Meeting 11 March 2009

1. Closure of Swan and Canning Rivers to Commercial Fishing

Fisheries Minister Norman Moore has announced he will finalise the ban on commercial fishing in the Swan and Canning rivers and will soon commence negotiations to buy out the last commercial operator. This is potentially a great outcome for recreational fishing and crabbing.

Unfortunately, because of reporting restrictions under the Fish Resources Management Act for the limited number of commercial fishers, no information is publicly available about what amount and species of fish and crabs are caught. However in the past Recfishwest has been concerned about the high percentage of crabs caught commercially and the effect of netting on other recreational fish species such as mulloway.

You may have seen some newspaper articles about this closure "*stopping people's access to buying Swan River blue manna crabs.*" The total commercial catch of blue swimmer crabs taken in Western Australian waters during 2005/06 was 896 tonnes, including 72 tonnes from the Peel/Harvey estuary. There are some concerns the Mandurah area commercial catch has increased in recent years.

2. Big Marine Sanctuaries Urged For WA

A new collaboration of Australian and very well funded international conservation groups has urged the Federal Government to establish marine sanctuaries covering at least 20 to 30 per cent of each marine habitat in big expanses of the ocean off WA, including nominating some areas of great importance to fishing, such as the Rottnest trench game fishing area. This has been without any consultation with WA recreational or commercial fishing sectors.

The full "Big Blue Backyard report" has some enormous emotive images (some cuddly, some not cuddly at all) and is a very clever, sophisticated campaign with a model relying on the gloss and quasi-science that sounds plausible but may not all be relevant or deliverable. Be prepared for a creeping campaign designed to capture the general public, on a "*that sounds fair enough*" basis. TV advertisements are already running on this. Then could come the political lobbying, threats of legal action under "international covenants," "endangered species" and the like. See <http://www.saveourmarinelife.org.au/file.php?file=/findoutmore.html>

The Commonwealth's Marine Bioregional Planning process has defined consultation processes which includes all stakeholders and recognises the importance of all ocean users and coastal communities and actively engage them in the marine bioregional planning process, but this campaign is part of the political lobbying attempting to influence the outcome outside that process.

3. Maximum Size Limit For Whaler Sharks

The West and South Coast fishing guides have not been updated yet but a new 2 page brochure is available from <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/WhalerSharkLimit/index.php?0102>

Recfishwest has backed the new laws, but believe recreational anglers are "paying a bigger price" than commercial fishers for depleted stocks, and are not convinced the law would actually benefit shark numbers.

There are three particular species that are at risk and it's the commercial fishing sector which is responsible for the over-exploitation of those. We're not sure why the recreational sector has to be prohibited from taking 17 species when we didn't have any impact. We understand the principle but we think it would have been better done through an education process.

The Dept of Fisheries has responded saying "*the few commercial fishers exempt from the bans fished from among the most sustainable shark fisheries in the world.*"

It is fascinating the claim we now have the best managed shark fisheries on earth only a few years after finally acknowledging sharks were being seriously overfished by commercial fishermen and being forced to drastically cut the commercial catch. If the "State of the Fisheries" report was actually released with up to date information, the public would be able to check some of these claims.

Also fascinating that they believe recreational fishermen are too stupid to tell the difference between sharks, but are smart enough to learn a completely new way to measure sharks.

4. Rous Head reclamation and the North Mole

Recfishwest has given its in principle support for Fremantle Ports proposed re-development works on the proviso that they considers the following aspects to provide access for recreational fishers;

- Continued access by recreational fishers to the outer wall of the harbour. This area is a highly valued shore based fishing location allowing people to fish in deeper water.
- Designated fishing platforms in several places, for disabled people, children and people who are not physically able to clamber over rocks. Adequate car parking and lighting also at fishing platforms.
- "fisherman-friendly" and safe rock walls where the rocks are carefully placed to give enough flat and accessible spots to stand and fish.

5. Cockburn Sound Crabs

Recfishwest will be involved with deciding the fishing arrangements for Cockburn Sound Crabs later in 2009. The Department of Fisheries has now acknowledged that commercial crabbing under the previous commercial management rules is unsustainable in Cockburn Sound.

6. Recfishwest Membership

Recfishwest is the peak body representing the interests of recreational fishers in Western Australia. Last year when the organization was under threat, recreational fishers supported Recfishwest, but **we need you to continue that support.**

Decisions to be made in 2009 will affect future fishing opportunities for your children and grandchildren. Recfishwest intends meeting these challenges and assures you that we will be the most effective vehicle for getting your views heard in this crucial year.

Recfishwest is **your** public voice whenever decisions which affect our fisheries, or access to them, are being made. We want you to become a member of Recfishwest or to renew your membership. Membership costs only \$20 a year per person, \$40 for families and \$10 for seniors.

Please contact the office on (08) 9246 3366, email to recfish@recfishwest.org.au or apply at the Recfishwest website, <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/MembershipDet.htm> Together we can make a difference!!

This report has been prepared by Terry Fuller, your Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association working voluntarily on your behalf. Contact Terry on 9447 4545 or email terryfuller@inet.net.au with any questions or comments.

TIDES

Tides for 2009 Oct Proposed Field Day dates, from <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/imate/19102.asp>

Saturday 10th Oct 2009

0.41m @ 12:56 PM WA Standard Time

Sunday 11th Oct 2009

0.94m @ 12:15 AM

0.40m @ 1:32 PM

2009 Oct Normal Field Day weekend

Saturday 17th Oct 2009

0.50m @ 3:42 AM WA Standard Time

0.70m @ 10:21 AM

0.62m @ 1:41 PM

0.91m @ 8:49 PM

Sunday 18th Oct 2009

0.45m @ 4:33 AM WA Standard Time

0.65m @ 11:14 AM

0.61m @ 1:33 PM

0.96m @ 9:03 PM

2009 Nov Normal Field Day weekend

Saturday 14th Nov 2009

0.48m @ 5:30 AM Daylight Savings Time

0.98m @ 8:45 PM

Sunday 15th Nov 2009

0.42m @ 6:15 AM Daylight Savings Time

1.03m @ 9:04 PM

Whatever happens with this issue for 2009, will we have exactly these same discussions in 2010 and future years? **Very likely, unless the process is documented.**

Those same questions will come up for May 2010, when the tide predictions are:- from <http://www.irbs.com/tides/calendar/month/1820.html?y=2010&m=5&d=1>

Sat 15 May 2010

9:46 AM WST / 1.11 m

7:13 PM WST / 0.42 m

Sun 16 May 2010

10:22 AM WST / 1.12 m

8:15 PM WST / 0.42 m

Then for May 2011 the members will have to decide if these following tides "pass" whatever the criteria are:- from

<http://www.irbs.com/tides/calendar/month/1820.html?y=2011&m=5&d=1>

Sat 14 May 2011

12:46 AM WST / 0.69 m

7:35 AM WST / 0.93 m

3:14 PM WST / 0.58 m

9:59 PM WST / 0.74 m

Sun 15 May 2011

12:51 AM WST / 0.71 m

7:59 AM WST / 1.00 m

4:15 PM WST / 0.51 m

11:42 PM WST / 0.71 m

See the reports in June 2008 Reel Talk pages 10 and 19 about how good the May 2008 Rottnest Field Day was. Tides for May 2008 Rottnest Field Day were:-

Saturday 17th May 2008

1.13m @ 7:57 AM

0.72m @ 5:25 PM

0.80m @ 10:33 PM

Sunday 18th May 2008

0.79m @ 12:05 AM

1.18m @ 8:07 AM

0.67m @ 5:39 PM

0.79m @ 11:23 PM

Tides for May 2009 Rottnest Field Day would have been

Saturday 16th May 2009

1.09m @ 12:18 PM

0.72m @ 11:20 PM

Sunday 17th May 2009

1.04m @ 12:47 PM

0.74m @ 11:45 PM

UPDATE ON WEBSITE

By Terry Fuller

Here is a report on the update of the Surf Casting and Angling Club website.

New pages were uploaded to the working website from 4:15pm Thursday 12 February.

Copies on CD will be provided.

1. Obvious out of date information such as previous Committee member names, timetables, previous year's calendars, etc, and links within all other pages which lead to that information have been removed and replaced with a link to the page listing the latest Reel Talks.
2. Link to "Surfcasters Message Board" has been removed from all pages. It is not used or monitored.
3. Intelligent counters and usage recorders added to all the over 800 pages so that any future actions on web pages can be based on actual data and records of usage. See some preliminary info below.
4. Updated or removed all dead links from all active pages. At present, I have left unused/unlinked pages, images and files on the website server, because some of these are still being accessed by search engines or from forum posts. If removed, these would give people the "404 Page Not Found" search page.
5. Basic page layout and display configuration has been moved from the individual pages to a single common configuration file.
6. Added the "bordered" left menu, page heading, bottom menu, common appearance and operation to all pages including all the photo album pages, so that ALL pages are consistent in display and operation and are uniquely identifiable with the Club.
7. Revised the externally hosted photo albums so that access to and use of these images can be monitored and recorded in the statistics.

8. Restored the contents and thus the meaning and usefulness of the What's New page. The record of some changes since 2006 appear to have been discarded and not all are recoverable without some effort.
9. Checked the configuration and the operation of the "Search" function from each page it is shown.
10. Set up the Search server to regularly index and use all pages and changes made to the website.
11. Updated the fees in the membership fees page.
12. All pages have a visible comment "Display of this page was updated on 12 February 2009, contents updated as above" so all pages have a recent date on them even if the actual contents are some years old.
13. Changed the printing configuration so that unnecessary menus are not printed and waste space on the pages. This action is controlled by a single configuration file used by all active pages.
14. Started monitoring and saving copies of counter, tracker, usage and search information for possible future analysis and use.
15. Revised the "Site Map" page's listing of pages/main sections on the website added a description of the operation of the web pages.