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## **Notice of Annual General Meeting and election of Committee for 2010/11**

The Annual General Meeting of the Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc) and election of Committee will be held at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room at 8pm on Wednesday 11 August 2010.

A members' social get together will be held after the meeting.

Please bring a plate of food or nibbles.

## **Membership Fees were due on 1 July 2010**

You must pay your fees **by 31 July 2010**

The amounts due are:-

Single membership .....	\$100	Concession single membership .....	\$70
Family membership ....	\$120	Concession family membership .....	\$80
Junior membership .....	\$65	Associate membership .....	\$30

Please update the details of your membership on the form in the July Reel Talk, attach your payment and post at the Club's Post Office Box address, NOT to any private address.

If you do not intend to renew your membership, can you please advise the Secretary or Treasurer as soon as possible using the form at the back of the July Reel Talk.

## **2011 SCAC Dinner and Presentation of Trophies.**

The Glengarry Tavern has been booked for the 2011 Dinner and Presentation of Trophies night. Watch here for more details.

Date is Saturday 25 June 2011. Please put this in your diary.

## **Dry Casting food and drinks.**

The dry casting sausage sizzle will be available AFTER the main dry casting events have been run, so please try to keep the dry casting moving along. Cool drinks will be available during the day.



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### President

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Terry Fuller

### Dry Casting Officer

Allan Jones

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### Assistant Dry Casting Officer

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### Property Officer

Ray Walker

### Recorder

Vince Iozzi

### Field Day Officer

Vacant

### Assistant Field Day Officer

Vacant

### Committee Person

Marcia Pekaar

### Committee Person

Peter Pekaar

### Committee Person

John Curtis

### Committee Person

Mal Head

### Committee Person

Pat McKeown

### A.A.A. Delegates

George Holman  
Terry Fuller

**Note 1.** All club correspondence posted by mail should be addressed to the Club's Post Office Box, not to the private home address of the club member.

**Note 2.** The Minutes Secretary and Website Editor are Committee functions and jobs, not additional Committee positions.

## Life Members of the Club

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

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Please show your friends your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

## Minutes of General Meeting 14 July 2010

Refer to end of minutes for a list of action points, marked by **AP#**.

**Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Commenced 8:10 pm. President George Holman presiding.

**Present:-** 35 members.

**Apologies:-** Melvin Wee, Shaun Murphy, Terry Willison, Simon Ryan, Greg, Michelle and Holly Walker

**Visitors:-** None.

**New member:-** None.

**Minutes of previous meeting:-** **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Allan Jones the minutes of the June meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

**Previous Committee meeting:-** Terry Fuller read out some action points from the minutes of the Committee meeting.

**Secretary's report:-** Secretary John Crompton reported. Clive Verburgt has resigned due to employment changes. CD disks on dangers of rock fishing were arranged by Pat McKeown. New design Club badges are available for purchase at \$4.50 each.

<b>Correspondence In:-</b>	Wesfarmers Insurance	Kalbarri house and public liability insurance renewal
	Water Corporation	Water rate for Kalbarri
	Ray White Kalbarri	Accounts ending 30 June 2010
	Synergy	Kalbarri power account
	Westpac	Statement 31 May to 30 June 2010
	Jeff Hewton	Application and \$10.00 nomination fee
<b>Correspondence out:-</b>	Peter Stoeckel	Requesting return of old Sportsperson of the Year Perpetual Trophy
	Nick Allsworth	Sympathy card loss of his father
	Steven Gee	Membership
	Jeff Hewton	Get well card
	iiNet accounts	Payment of invoice 24360120 from Club's credit balance
	John Moore	Club information
	Natalie Garnsworthy	Club information for Special Projects Officer, City of Stirling
	Bruce Alvey	Thank you letter for donation and support
	Secretary AAABA	Return of AAA Champion of Champions Angling Club Perpetual Trophy
<b>Emails:-</b>	Morris Kolman	Will not renew membership, wishes the Club well
	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club	Tony Florido Following up replies needed to SCAC letters on hall hire fees and hall bookings

**Moved** Marcia Pekaar, seconded Andy Thorgersen that correspondence be received, carried.

**Treasurer's report:-** Terry Fuller reported.

### **Accounts for payment**

<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Prime Trophies	Engraving of trophies 50% balance .....	\$202.80	Note 1
Telstra	Club telephone, 12 months .....	\$120.00	Note 1
Northside Mowers	Service to club generator .....	\$56.65	Note 1
George Holman	Items for Presentation night (Ozflex) .....	\$500.00	Note 1
Steven Gee	Refund of nomination fee .....	\$10.00	Note 2
Glengarry Tavern	Presentation night costs .....	\$1,934.00	Note 3
iiNet	Annual charge for website Sub domain .....	\$40.00	Note 4
Synergy	Power for Kalbarri to 29 June .....	\$185.55	
Water Corporation	Rates for Kalbarri .....	\$681.30	
AFM Plastics	2 polycarbonate Dry casting shields 1200x600 quoted \$198 each + GST .....	\$435.60	Note 5
Terry Fuller	Frames for Award certificates .....	\$81.00	
	Special papers for Award certificates .....	\$14.50	
	Supply of card and colour printing of Open, Field Day, Dry Casting and Species certificates for Presentation night. 84 x A5 @ 25 cents each .....	\$21.00	

	High quality colour printing of 7xA4 certificates.....	\$7.00	
	Officeworks printing of July Reel Talk.....	\$170.10	
	Stamps for postage of July Reel Talk.....	\$72.90	
	DL envelopes 25.....	\$1.95	
	55 and 5 cent stamps.....	\$6.50	
	Sellotape 2 rolls 18 mm.....	\$2.26	
	Protective plastic snap lock bags.....	\$5.28	
	Ream Yellow A4 for Reel Talk.....	\$15.94	
	CD cases 20.....	\$8.51	T Fuller total
	Recordable CDs 50.....	\$11.95	\$418.89
John Crompton	Stamps 10 x 2.....	\$12.00	
	Sympathy card.....	\$1.00	
	Magnolia cards x 2.....	\$2.00	
	L/A board summer col A4 pk6.....	\$15.00	
	Tackle Shack - X-Tools pliers(4).....	\$20.00	
	Get Well Card - Jeff Hewton.....	\$3.50	Secretary total
	Mailing CD Box.....	\$1.40	\$54.90
	Hot dog rolls June/July.....	\$46.81	
John Crompton	Sausages June/July.....	\$26.95	
	Onions.....	\$6.21	
	Bacon rashers rib July.....	\$15.25	
	Milk.....	\$2.18	Social Org total
	Biscuits.....	\$8.24	\$105.64
		=====	
	Total accounts for payment.....	\$1,881.88	See notes
	Bank balance as at 14 July.....	\$10,795.46	
	Accounts for payment.....	\$1,881.88	
	Available bank balance after payment of accounts.....	\$8,913.58	
	Cash/cheques to be banked.....	\$743.30	
	Outstanding cheques.....	\$0.00	
	<b>Available total.....</b>	<b>\$9,656.88</b>	

Note 1. Approved at Committee meeting. Note 2. Membership not approved.  
 Note 3. Payment required on the night. Note 4. To be paid out of credit balance.  
 Note 5. Details to be discussed at GM.

**Income at and since June General meeting.** \$743.30 remained to be banked. All else has already been banked and is included in previous bank details.

Tickets for Presentation night.....	\$585.00	
Donations for Presentation night.....	\$165.00	
Sliders at Presentation night.....	\$36.00	
Donation for dry casting sausage sizzle.....	\$50.00	
June Field Day fees Emu Springs.....	\$78.00	Direct deposit
Drinks at June General meeting.....	\$2.00	
June Dry Casting sausage sizzle.....	\$90.00	
Dry casting fees June, 19 casters.....	\$162.00	
July dry casting sausage sizzle and drinks.....	\$81.20	
Membership fees 2010/11.....	\$360.00	
T Shirts.....	\$195.00	
Unspent balance of \$200 advance for purchasing prizes.....	\$13.60	
Kalbarri rent less Ray White costs.....	\$664.53	Direct deposit
Kalbarri rental July 2010.....	\$215.00	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,697.33</b>	

**Income received at July General meeting**

T Shirts.....	\$195.00
Donations.....	\$15.00
Nomination fee.....	\$10.00
Membership fees 2010/11.....	\$1,635.00
July GM raffle.....	\$51.00
Rottnest Field day August 2010.....	\$1,155.00
Kalbarri rental and cleaning.....	\$375.00
Dry casting fees 4 July.....	\$182.00
Drinks 4/7 and 14/7.....	\$3.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,621.00</b>

The purchase of dry casting shields was discussed and it was agreed to buy 2 as listed above. Moved Jim Strong, seconded Marcia Pekaar the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

**Awards:-** President George Holman formally presented Bob Henderson, Ric Parker, Ian Cook and Jim Strong with new Life Membership badges.

Peet Wessels was presented with the Hans Wytenburg trophy for the best catch at the April Bluff Creek field day, and with a Record Certificate for a Club Record Salmon of 7.11 kg caught at Bluff Creek in February.

Sarah Wignell, Mal Harris, Vix Alexander and Mark Hansen were presented with trophies which could not be presented at the Presentation Night. Mark accepted trophies for Wendy, and Peter Stoeckel accepted trophies for Kaitlin and Holly Walker.

**Property Officer:-** Ray Walker said bookings were light and asked for volunteers for the work to be done as listed in the July Reel talk, possibly in November. **AP GM7/10 #1**

**Field Days:-** Peter Pekaar reported on the coming Capes North field day. John Curtis gave arrangement for the local field day.

Peet Wessels gave some details of the August Rottneest Field day as covered in the July Reel Talk, and received approval to pay accounts and receive reimbursement.

**Dry Casting Officer:-** Allan Jones reported on the July dry casting.

**AAA report:-** Terry Fuller reported on proposed changes to some AAAWA dry casting rules to align them as far as possible with National Rules. Details to be published in Reel Talk. These do not change any club dry casting rules.

Proposed changes to AAAWA eligible species for State Estuary, Rock and Beach championships were discussed. None of the species to be excluded are currently in the Club's list of eligible species. Moved Trevor Stam, seconded Marcia Pekaar the Club's delegates support these changes.

**Social Organiser:-** John Crompton reported that the Presentation night held on 19 June had been a great success. All attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year's gathering. Bob Henderson congratulated John and his helpers on a job very well done.

**Recorder:-** Terry Fuller advised that the club fish records had been checked and confirmed Peet Wessel's 7.11kg salmon is a Club record, as awarded earlier in the meeting. An application for Open Competition section 16 had been received from George Holman for a 2.15kg Spangled Emperor caught at Steep Point. A photo was passed around.

Ian Cook commented that he had not been asked to supply an electronic copy of the Club record list, and would have done so earlier if he had been asked. Terry Fuller advised that he had given himself an action point GM6/10 #2 from the previous General Meeting and he had completed that action point by emailing and asking Ian for the electronic versions.

**Notice of motion:-** None.

**General business:-** Peet Wessels reported on the great fishing he had on his recent Abrolhos Islands trip.

**Raffle:-** Prizes won by Dean Stewart, Trevor Stam and Bob Henderson

**Meeting closed:-** Formal meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

**Instruction period:-** George Holman showed fishing places in the Capes North area. John Curtis spoke on fish biology and how knowledge of this can help fishermen better target the species they are interested in catching.

<b>Action points from July 2010 General meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AP GM7/10 #1</b>	Volunteers required for the work to be done on the Kalbarri house as listed in the July Reel talk, possibly in November	All members	

<b>Action points from June 2010 General meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AP GM6/10 #1</b>	Ensure that Ray White will leave out a key after hours for a booking organised through the Club.	Ray Walker	

<b>Action points from April 2010 General meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AP GM4/10 #1</b>	Help locate the old "Sportsperson of the Year" trophy.	All members	Ongoing

## Coming Club events

### August Dry Casting

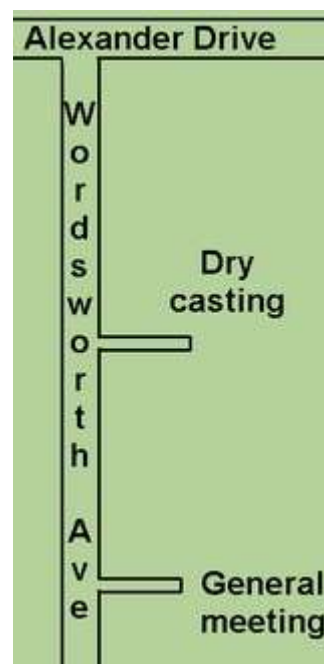
**When:-** Sunday 1 August 2010. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

**Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

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

All casters please assist with the setting up of the casting courts, targets, etc at the beginning of the day after setting up your own casting gear. Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

Seniors (and Ladies and Juniors) will be on distance first, Veterans will cast accuracy first.



### August General meeting

**When:-** Wednesday 11 August, 8:00pm.

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

**Sign In:-** Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet. See Jim Strong or Dean Stewart.

**Instruction period:-** None. This night is also the Annual General Meeting, election of the Committee for 2010/11, and members' social get together afterwards. Please bring a plate of food or nibbles.

### Annual General meeting and election of Committee

**When:-** Wednesday 11 August, 8:00pm.

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### August Field Day

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 14/15 August 2010

**Where:-** Rottnest.

**Sign on:-** Saturday 10:45 am at Rottnest accommodation.



**Times:-** 12 noon Saturday to 7:00 pm Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

**Weigh in:-** Sunday, 9 pm at Rottnest accommodation.

**Boundaries:-** All non restricted areas around the island.

<b>Tides for Fremantle</b>	Sat 14 Aug	0.71m at 9:12 am	0.66m at 4:56 pm	<b>Moonrise</b> <b>Moonset</b>	About 9:12 am at 103 deg About 10:43 pm at 253 deg
	Sun 15 Aug	0.93m at 1:40 am	0.62m at 4:15 pm	<b>Moonrise</b> <b>Moonset</b>	About 9:50 am at 116 deg About 11:50 pm at 248 deg
		<b>Sunrises</b>	About 6:55 am at 73 deg	<b>Sunsets</b>	About 5:50 pm at 286 deg

**Ferry and bus transport:-**

Ferry check In: Friday 13 August at 5.45 pm. Rottnest Express Fremantle Northport.  
 Depart Fremantle: Friday at 6.30 pm. Rottnest Express from Northport.  
 Arrive Thompson Bay: Friday at 07.00 pm.  
 Depart Thompson Bay: Monday 16 August at 11.30 am.  
 Arrive Northport: Monday at 12.00 noon.

Bus to and from West End.

Depart Bungalows: Saturday at 11.00 am. Depart West End: Saturday at 7.30 pm.  
 Depart Bungalows: Sunday at 11.00 am. Depart West End: Sunday at 7.30 pm.

Total cost per person for the August 2010 Rottnest Field day will be (about) \$165. All money should have been paid to the Treasurer at or before the July General meeting. Some spots are still available. Contact Peet Wessels for details.

Alternative travel: See the next article. People who want to travel on different days and hours should contact the Field day Coordinator to arrange individual ticketing.

Please contact Field day coordinator for any individual requests and we will do our best to tailor make your week end.

Peet Wessels, August Rottnest Field Day Coordinator

**Alternative transport for Rottnest August Field Day**

Winter ferry times **to Rottnest** (obtained from [www.rotnnestexpress.com.au/timetables/](http://www.rotnnestexpress.com.au/timetables/) ) which would allow people to travel on Saturday and meet the others and use the bus are:-

Departs	Barrack St	C Shed	Northport	Thomson Bay	Notes
Daily		7.30 am		8.00 am	Direct
Daily	8.45 am	10.00 am	10.15 am	10.45 am	Via C Shed /Northport

Winter ferry times **from Rottnest** which would allow some people to return on Sunday are:-

Departs	Thomson Bay	C Shed	Northport	Barrack St	Notes
Fri - Mon	8.30 am	9.00 am	9.15 am		Via C Shed
Fri - Sun	11.15 am	11.30 am			Direct
Daily	11.30 am		12.15 pm		Direct
Sunday only	2.00 pm	2.45 pm	2.30 pm		Via Northport
Sunday only	4.00 pm	4.45 pm	4.30 pm	5.45pm	Via Northport / C Shed
Daily	4.30 pm	5.00 pm	5.15 pm		Via C Shed

Rottnest Bayseeker bus timetable (obtained from <http://www.rotnnestisland.com> )

From stop 10, the Roland Smith Memorial, at	12:55 pm	1:55 pm	2:55 pm	3:55 pm
Arriving at Main Bus Stop 1 opposite the ferry at	1:15 pm	2:15 pm	3:15 pm	4:15 pm

Stop 10 is about a 2.5 kilometre walk from the fishing spots near Radar Reef.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Local Field Day for August

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 14/15 August.

**Sign On:** At the General Meeting or to Marcia or Peter Pekaar by 6:00 pm on the day before the Field Day.

**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12 noon

**Times:-** 12 noon Saturday to 7:00 pm Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

**Weigh in:-** Sunday after 7:00 pm 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 or emailed to Marcia or Peter Pekaar by 8:00 pm that night.

**Boundaries:-** Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.

**Tides:-** See above.

**Fish together** Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish locally in the metropolitan area. Contact John Crompton.

## August Committee meeting

**When:-** Wednesday 18 August 2010, 7:30pm.

**Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

**Visitors.** Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the discretion of the President. Please contact the President or the Secretary well prior to the meeting to arrange your invitation.

## September Field Day

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 25/26/27 September long weekend.

**Where:-** S Bend

**Sign on:-** Saturday 12 noon at car park at S Bend Caravan Park

**Run by:-** The newly elected Field Day Organisers. (thinking positively)

**Times:-** Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

**Weigh in:-** Monday 10 am at car park at S Bend Caravan Park.

**Boundaries:-** 7-Mile (from Dongara) to Tarcoola (south side of Geraldton).

<b><u>Tides for Geraldton</u></b>	Sat	0.54m at	0.40m at	0.74m at	<b><u>Moonrise</u></b>	About 8:06 pm at deg
	25 Sep	11:38 am	2:48 pm	11:24 pm		
	Sun	0.27m at	0.49m at	0.39m at	<b><u>Moonset</u></b>	About 7:15 am at 289 deg
	26 Sep	5:54 am	12:10 pm	2:49 pm	<b><u>Moonrise</u></b>	About 9:02 pm at 69 deg
		0.76m at	11:47 pm			
	Mon	0.26m at	0.44m at		<b><u>Moonset</u></b>	About 7:55 am at 293 deg
	27 Sep	6:30 am	12:43 pm			
	<b><u>Sunrises</u></b>	About 6:10 am at	91 deg	<b><u>Sunsets</u></b>	About 6:20 pm at	269 deg

**Details:** The September instruction period will cover access and fishing within the S-Bend field day boundaries. Promises to be very informative. Don't miss it!

## **Local Field Day for September**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 25/26/27 September long weekend.

**Sign on:-** At the General Meeting or to *(name to be advised, see September Reel Talk)* by 6:00 pm on the day before the Field Day.

**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12 noon

**Times:-** 12 noon Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

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	Sun 26 Sep	0.53m at 5:20 am	0.65m at 11:17 am	0.61m at 3:27 pm	<b><u>Moonset</u></b> <b><u>Moonrise</u></b>	About 7:05 am at 290 deg About 9:05 pm at 68 deg
	Mon 27 Sep	0.53m at 6:03 am	0.60m at 1:12 pm		<b><u>Moonset</u></b>	About 7:45 am at 294 deg
		<b><u>Sunrises</u></b>	About 6:05 am at 91 deg		<b><u>Sunsets</u></b>	About 6:15 pm at 268 deg

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All Committee positions are up for election. Please consider who you want to be your Committee and if you can help by being a Committee member. The Field Day Organiser and Assistant Field Day Organiser positions have been vacant since December 2009 and are important Club positions which should be filled.

There will be a members' social get together after the elections. Please bring a plate of food or nibbles.

Secretary, John Crompton

## **Bring a friend to a Club activity**

Please bring a friend, a relative, a workmate, neighbour or an acquaintance to a General meeting, to Dry Casting or to a Club fishing Field day.

Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members.

Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Calendar for next three months

Here's a calendar showing the dates we will use for Dry Casting, Annual General Meeting, General and Committee meetings, Field Days and other Club events in the next three months.

<b>31</b> AAA Event	<b>11</b> Annual General Meeting and election of Committee & General meeting		
<b>1</b> Dry Casting	<b>13</b> General Meeting	<b>15 16</b> Field Day	<b>18</b> Committee Meeting

August 2010							September 2010							October 2010						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					<b>1</b>			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	<b>3</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	<b>8</b>	9	10	11	<b>12</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	<b>11</b>	12	13	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	13	14	<b>15</b>	16	17	18	19	11	12	<b>13</b>	14	15	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
16	17	<b>18</b>	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	18	19	<b>20</b>	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	<b>27</b>	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	<b>31</b>

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2010

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings in 2010/11 for the following dates. All other dates not listed are currently available. This list is at late July and does not include any bookings which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

August	2 August to 11 August	September	No bookings
October	16 October to 31 October.	November	1 November to 6 November.
December	23 December to 31 December		
April 2011	21 April to 30 April 2011		

Property Officer, Ray Walker

## Kalbarri house maintenance and busy bee

A busy bee is being organized for Kalbarri on the weekend of Sat/Sun 20/21 November.

Some members are going up earlier in the week to organize things before the vinyl is being laid which will be on 18/19 November.

It is very important that any members anticipating being involved contact me so maintenance can be scheduled.

Skills are required for the following items:-

Deadlocks to door, locks to windows.

Replace exterior flouro light fittings

Painting exterior, some rust affected areas.

Painting interior.

Labour to lift vinyl floor covering

Overflow pipe from hot water system to be re-routed.

General cleaning of windows, light fittings and shower base.

Cracked tiles to sink area

Laminate to bench tops edging need replacing.

Please contact me by e-mail if you can help

Property Officer, Ray Walker

## **New member acceptances**

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

Jeff Hewton (Associate membership)

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

## **New member applications**

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the next 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.

Des De Villiers

Frank Gaudin and Sumarie Hattingh

Michael Gaudin

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

## **Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports**

The Reel Talk is published and posted so that it gets to the members some days before the first event held in the coming calendar month. Some months this gets very tight due to the timing of club events in the current month and early in the next month.

The editor would really appreciate getting items a long time before the deadline, particularly if they have to be typed in, scanned, reformatted, etc. Items received electronically can be put into the magazine in a very short time, subject to space.

The absolute deadline for items for inclusion in the August Reel Talk is midday Sunday 29 August.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Members' stories, photos, tips, etc wanted**

Do you have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, comments on Club events, etc, etc, to share with other club members? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor.

An old fashioned tape recorder is available for use by people who don't have computers. They can just talk into it, and Terry Fuller will type it up for the Reel Talk if required.

Thanks to Committee members for the reports about their events.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Happy birthday to**

Shaun Murphy, 4 August,	Felicity Keet. 5 August,	Alissa Pizzolante, 6 August
Theo Van Niekerk, 7 August	Allan Jones, 8 August	Bob Henderson, 8 August
Alicia Ryan, 12 August	Louise Van Niekerk, 15 August	Aine McKeown, 24 August
Josh Lucocq, 23 August	Sam Reilly, 31 August	Gary Gildersleeves, 31 August

Please contact the Secretary if you wish or will allow for your birthday (the day and month only, not the year) to be listed. Only people who have advised the Secretary will be listed.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Buy, sell or swap**

Members who want to buy, sell or swap something fishing related can advertise in the Reel Talk free of charge. Contact me with the details.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Vehicle safety flags and vehicle stickers

The Club's Code of Ethics says "Vehicles using beaches or accessing beaches shall be encouraged to use a pole carrying a flag or bunting which shall be a minimum of three (3) metres from ground level on all field trips whilst off road."

Vehicle orange safety flags are available for \$10 each, and club stickers for \$2 each

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

## Club shirts, polo jackets and badges

Please contact the Membership Coordinator, John Crompton on 9209 2117 to purchase any of the following:-

Old design Club shirts and jackets, \$20.00 each.

Size	Short sleeve	Size	Long sleeve	Polo jackets
14	2	24	1	1 x 3XL, thick material
16	1	26	2	2 x SM, thick material
18	1			
20	1			2 x SM, thin material.

New design T Shirts cost \$30 for short sleeved, \$35 for long sleeved. Plenty of stock and sizes.

New design Club Badges are available for purchase at \$4.50 each

Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

## Field Day dates, venues and boundaries for 2010/11

This list was approved by the members at the April General Meeting.

Month	Suggested venue	Dates	Boundaries
Aug 2010	Rottnest	Aug 14/15	All open waters of Rottnest Island.
Sep 2010	S-Bend	Sep 25/26/27 LWE	7-Mile to Tarcoola.
Oct 2010	Capes South	Oct 16/17	Margaret River to Augusta.
Nov 2010	Cervantes	Nov 13/14	Cervantes to as far as you can walk north of Hill River.
Dec 2010	Seabird	Dec 11/12	As far as you can walk south of Moore River to Beacons north end of Lancelin.
Jan 2011	Local	Jan 15/16	North Mole to Mindarie Marina plus Swan and Canning Rivers.
Feb 2011	White Hills/Myalup	Feb 12/13	White Hills to Myalup.
Mar 2011	Bluff Creek	March 5/6/7 LWE	Same as AAWA State Rock and Beach Championships, Bremer River mouth to Albany Harbour jetty.
Apr 2011	Reef Beach	Apr 22 to 26 Easter / ANZAC	Point Charles (east of Bremer Bay) to Reef Beach.

Minutes Secretary Terry Fuller

## General Meeting dates for 2010/11

These are all on the standard second Wednesday of the month.

11 August 2010 <b>plus AGM</b>	8 September 2010	13 October 2010
10 November 2010	8 December 2010	12 January 2011
9 February 2011	9 March 2011	13 April 2011

## **Drycasting dates for 2010/11**

These are mostly the first Sunday of the month, except Fathers' Day, or when the Field Day is on then due to a long weekend, or when the Yokine Reserve cannot be booked.

1 August 2010	12 September 2010 (Notes 1, 2)	3 October 2010
7 November 2010	5 December 2010	2 January 2011 (Note 3)
6 February 2011	13 March 2011 (Note 1)	3 April 2011

**Note 1.** Field Day is on the long weekend.      **Note 2.** September avoids Fathers' Day.

**Note 3.** May need to shift to 9 January if the City of Stirling uses Yokine Reserve for a New Year carnival as in 2010.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Calendar for 2010/11**

See the full year's calendar plus school and public holidays in the May Reel Talk. Add the 2011 Presentation night on Saturday 25 June 2011.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **AAAWA State Championships during 2010/11**

State Dry Casting Championships, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 31 October 2010.

State Estuary Championships, 27/28 November 2010 Swan and Canning rivers and Cockburn Sound.

State Rock and Beach Fishing Championships Sat/Sun/Mon 5, 6, 7 March 2011, Cheynes Beach Caravan Park. Boundaries Bremer River mouth to Albany Harbour jetty.

State Boating Championships, Saturday 26 March 2011, Marmion Angling Club.

AAAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

## **Dry Casting sausage sizzle**

With some late starts and a very leisurely approach to keeping things moving along, the actual casting is going way past the time that many people are looking for something to eat. The sausage sizzle can't wait forever, but there are some obvious problems when the sausage sizzle starts long before the main casting is over.

Some people go to get something from the sausage sizzle which causes delays if they aren't back at the casting point in time for their next cast.

If there is a big demand, some people may miss out on a sausage.

The get together where everyone can be present over a sausage and drink just doesn't happen, and that's a pity because it is a great part of a very enjoyable and social morning.

It should not be too hard for the casting to be completed by noon, but this will require a start on time at 8:30am and keeping the casting moving along with people helping by always being ready to cast when their turn comes, or by someone else moving in to have their cast. Let's try this, please.

Just a hungry dry caster, Terry Fuller

## **Dry Casting report 4 July 2010**

A cold morning with ice on the ground greeted the 21 casters. The low temperature was 0.6 degrees Centigrade and climbed steadily to 13 degrees by time casting finished. The day was sunny and partly cloudy with a south easterly breeze.

A thank you to the people who helped set up the courts for casting, and to Owen and Marcia for putting out the flags and banners. Thanks to Owen and George for bringing them in also, thank you to the people who brought in the gear at the end of casting.

Apologies to Peter Osborne and Trevor Stam for not embarrassing them by wishing them a Happy Birthday for the 7th and 14th of July.

My thanks to Willo (Terry Willison) for helping sort out the casting equipment and Danny Fimeri for finding a broom to sweep out the storeroom.

Best casts for the day were

Seniors	112 grams	Rhys Jones	153 metres
Veterans	112 grams	George Holman	147 metres
Ladies	112 grams	Marcia Pekaar	96 metres
Mini Juniors	112 grams	Owen Williams	37 metres

Rhys Jones had the longest cast of the day with 153 metres twice. Welcome back Rhys.

It was a “bullseye” day with a total of 5 and many near misses in double handed and single handed accuracy.

In the Veterans we saw Mal Head score 2 bullseyes in double handed accuracy and 1 in single handed accuracy. Well done Mal. Also in the Veterans Bob Henderson and John Crompton each scored 1 bullseye in double handed accuracy. Seniors saw Rhys Jones score 1 bullseye in double handed accuracy and Peter Pekaar 1 bullseye in single handed accuracy. Well done everyone.

A thank you to Chrystyne Crompton and my wife Val for doing the sausage sizzle.

August dry casting on the 1st will see the Seniors, Ladies and Juniors starting with distance followed by accuracy and Veterans will do accuracy then distance.

Winners for the July were

Seniors	Peter Pekaar	248 points
Veterans	Bob Henderson	268 points
Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	211 points
Mini Juniors	Owen Williams	49 points

I hope you all enjoyed the day.

Dry Casting Officer, Allan Jones

### **Dry Casting report Seniors, Ladies, Mini Juniors**

Despite the freezing conditions, we had a good turnout in our group, which included two of our newer members, Simon Ryan and Danny Fimeri. It was good to see Rhys Jones back with renewed enthusiasm for dry casting.

Many thanks to Marcia Pekaar for scoring the double handed accuracy event for the Seniors, which allowed them to cast uninterrupted. A number of 24s were recorded in this event, but only one bullseye by Rhys Jones. Peter Pekaar scored a bullseye in the single handed accuracy event.

The single handed accuracy event was dominated by Simon Ryan. Not only did he win the Seniors single handed accuracy with 29 points, but he was also the overall winner of that event on the day. Well done, Simon.

In the Distance events, wins were shared by a number of casters. Danny Fimeri is showing some definite potential with his two casts in the 56 gram event measuring 92 metres and 115 metres using a rod generously loaned by Trevor Stam. Unfortunately, Danny's last cast finished on the wrong side of the boundary.

Scoring on every cast, made it easy for Marcia to score 211 points. It is also good to see young Owen Williams continuing to enjoy his casting.

### **Single Handed Open**

After lunch the winds improved ever so slightly, and we threw down two casts each, only measuring the longest cast. Our usual group was boosted by two additional casters, John Crompton and Jeff Hewton, who both seemed to enjoy participating in this open event. Well done to Marcia for casting over 50m in less than ideal conditions.

Peter Pekaar





## Dry Casting winners for 4 July 2010

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	24	Terry Willison	25	Allan Jones
56 gram Distance	126	Jeff Hewton	130	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Score	25	Peter Pekaar, Rhys Jones	24	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	126	Peter Pekaar	120	George Holman
112 gram Score	31	Rhys Jones	28	Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram Distance	153	Rhys Jones	147	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	138	Peter Pekaar	165	Bob Henderson
Single Handed Acc.	29	Simon Ryan	25	George Holman
Section Highest Points	248	Peter Pekaar	268	Bob Henderson

Event	Ladies winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	18	Marcia Pekaar	7	Owen Williams
56 gram Distance	88	Marcia Pekaar	36	Owen Williams
Artificial Bait Score	17	Marcia Pekaar	4	Owen Williams
Artificial Bait Distance	87	Marcia Pekaar	23	Owen Williams
112 gram Score	19	Marcia Pekaar	7	Owen Williams
112 gram Distance	96	Marcia Pekaar	37	Owen Williams
Double Handed Acc.	127	Marcia Pekaar	9	Owen Williams
Single Handed Acc.	20	Marcia Pekaar	12	Owen Williams
Section Highest Points	211	Marcia Pekaar	49	Owen Williams

Event	Overall winner for July		Year's best up to July	
56 gram Score	25	Allan Jones	26	Ian Cook
56 gram Distance	130	Gary Gildersleeves	138	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	25	Peter Pekaar, Rhys Jones	28	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	126	Peter Pekaar	141	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	31	Rhys Jones	32	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Distance	153	Rhys Jones	170	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	165	Bob Henderson	165	Bob Henderson
Single Handed Acc.	29	Simon Ryan	30	Bob Henderson
Section Highest Points	268	Bob Henderson	268	Bob Henderson

## Dry Casting top scores for 2010/11

Total scores up to and including July casting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. These will be announced at and published after the Presentation of Trophies.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	736	1	John Crompton	450	11	Ian Cook	155	21
Peter Pekaar	708	2	Malcolm Head	446	12	Mark Hansen	154	22
Bob Henderson	693	3	Eric Parker	443	13	Owen Williams	146	23
Allan Jones	684	4	Trevor Stam	430	14	Jim Strong	134	24
Peter Osborne	679	5	Andrew Pekaar	352	15	Wendy Hansen	123	25
Marcia Pekaar	601	6	Terry Willison	318	16	Simon Ryan	105	26
Terry Fuller	598	7	Geoff Raftis	282	17	Danny Fimeri	53	27
Jeff Hewton	550	8	Pat McKeown	254	18			
Dean Stewart	486	9	Ray Walker	206	19			
Gary Gildersleeves	484	10	Rhys Jones	201	20			

## Single Handed Open

Name	Best cast	Name	Best cast	Name	Best cast
Peter Pekaar	88.75 m	George Holman	82.27 m	Jeff Hewton	59.44 m
John Crompton	55.50 m	Marcia Pekaar	50.11 m	Owen Williams	38.74 m

## July Field Day – Capes North

Our weekend began with a phone call from Trevor Stam on the Friday night advising us that the northern beaches were all weeded out. This information confirmed that we'd made the right decision to head to Yallingup for the weekend.

We left home at about 8.30am for a leisurely drive to the sign on location, the Busselton Jetty, at midday. We met up with Ray Walker, George Holman and Peter Osborne as planned. We were all staying at the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park. Ray, Peter and I shared a cabin and Peter Osborne and George shared another cabin. Peter O spent the night alone, though, because George fished late into the night and decided to sleep in his car rather than drive tired.

Once we departed the sign on area, Ray, Pete and I went convoy style toward the beach. Pete made an executive decision to check out our cabin before fishing and stopped to advise Ray. We all drove to the Holiday Park and had coffee in the garden setting, where we were joined by George. Following our coffee, we left George and headed to the Dunsborough area.

We checked out three different spots before deciding on a spot between two rocky headlands. I was first on, but caught four undersized whiting before finally landing a size herring. An undersized flathead was next, more tiny whiting then finally a three-inch flathead, which even managed to spike my finger. My haul of one whiting and three herring was enough for me on the Saturday and we returned to the chalet for dinner – pre purchased Thai food from a little restaurant we frequent in Kensington.

Peter Pekaar and Ray Walker joined Peter Osborne in Peter O's chalet, but I stayed warm in my pyjamas watching The Bill on TV with the heater warming our little home. Ray and Pete returned then Pete and Peter O went looking for George. They couldn't find him but as he is an experienced fisherman we were quietly confident he was okay, even though he wasn't answering his phone. All was revealed at the weigh-in that his phone wasn't working very well so returning calls wasn't an option for him.

On Sunday, we arose at 6am, had breakfast and headed back to the same place we'd been at the day before. Having pre-paid our accommodation meant we didn't need to return to the chalet and could fish until about 10am before packing up and heading to Busselton for the weigh-in.

One point of note is Frank Gaudin's catch of two herring, caught on fly gear. Apparently he has also caught salmon recently, again on fly gear, up to 6.5kg at Bremer Bay. Well done, Frank, it's great to see some fly fishing entries.

I had a ball and would recommend Capes field days to anyone. I am now looking forward to the Capes South Field Day in October.

Marcia Pekaar

### **Sportsperson of the Year winners for July 2010**

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Western Rock Blackfish	1.03 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	6.33 kg

### **Field day section winners for July 2010**

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Western Rock Blackfish	1.03 kg
Best bag of scale fish	George Holman	Herring	1.93 kg

Local catches were recorded by John Curtis. Capes North catches recorded by Marcia Pekaar and all entered into the Field Day computer scoring system by Terry Fuller.

Species caught on the July Field Day were:- Tarwhine, Salmon, Herring, Skippy, Wrasse, Whiting, Western Rock Blackfish.

I don't have a report for the Local field day but the catch of only 2 herring and comments about the cold probably say a lot.

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

## Catch results and points for the July 2010 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Field Day points	General meeting Points
Peter Osborne	6.33 kg	4	13	143.3	10
Marcia Pekaar	1.53 kg	3	11	85.3	10
Peter Pekaar	1.4 kg	3	9	84	10
Theo Van Niekerk	1.8 kg	3	11	88	
George Holman	1.93 kg	1	15	69.3	10
Peet Wessels	0.46 kg	2	4	64.6	10
Sandra Wessels	0.36 kg	1	3	53.6	10
Ray Walker	0.14 kg	1	1	51.4	10
Michael Gaudin	0.22 kg	1	1	52.2	
Frank Gaudin	0.21 kg	1	2	52.1	
Mark Hansen	0.15 kg	1	1	21.5	10
Danny Fimeri	0.14 kg	1	1	21.4	10
Allan Jones	0	0	0	10	10
John Crompton	0	0	0	10	10
John Curtis	0	0	0	10	10
Rhys Jones	0	0	0	10	
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	10	10

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

## Field Day sections 2010/11

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Ian Taggart	Salmon	3.23 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritorious Fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)			
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)			
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Ian Taggart	Salmon	3.23 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.11 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.08 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	15.55 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Charles Faure	Tailor	2.64 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)			
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Frank Gaudin	Herring	0.13 kg

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Field Day top scores for 2010/11

Total scores up to and including July Field Day and July General meeting.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peet Wessels	432.1	1	Peter Pekaar	145.8	11	Michael Gaudin	52.2	21
Peter Osborne	386.7	2	Vix Alexander	135.6	12	Frank Gaudin	52.1	22
Sandra Wessels	331	3	Marcia Pekaar	130.4	13	Greg Walker	50	23
Malcolm Harris	305.9	4	Lea Taylor	124.8	14	Holly Walker	50	24
Theo Van Niekerk	289.7	5	Charles Faure	115	15	Michelle Walker	50	25
Ian Cook	239.7	6	Allan Jones	89.1	16	Peter Stoeckel	50	26
Sabby Pizzolante	188.9	7	Wendy Hansen	84.7	17	Steve Gee	50	27
Mark Hansen	164	8	Danny Fimeri	71.4	18	John Crompton	20	28
George Holman	162.8	9	John Curtis	71	19	Rhys Jones	10	29
Ian Taggart	158.6	10	Ray Walker	61.4	20			

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches at the May, June and July Field Days. See the previous full list of members' catches in the May Reel Talk.

Name	Black Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught	
Ian Taggart					1					1	1	1	1	1	1	1			8
Charles Faure					1					1		1	1		1	1			6
Marcia Pekaar		1			1					1			1			1			5
Danny Fimeri					1														1

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## Open fishing competition 2010/11

The Open Competition is for fish caught other than on Club Gazetted Field Days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates. Entries for the Open competition close 30 days after capture.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
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	
7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
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	
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman, 2.15kg Spangled Emperor at Quobba, 22 May 2010
17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	

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## Barron Lure competition 2010/2011

The Barron Lure competition is sponsored by Eric Parker, who donates the trophies. Try Eric's poppers, you will not be disappointed.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.                      No entry yet  
 Heaviest Salmon on Lure.                    No entry yet  
 Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.                No entry yet

## **July Field Day length competition**

3 competitors handed in forms, 2 from the local Field Day and 1 from the away Field Day. Peter Osborne won with a total of 4.55 metres consisting of 5 species / 14 fish caught at the Capes north venue.

Mark Hansen

## **Weights of fish caught on Field Days**

As advised in the July Reel Talk, digital scales cannot accurately measure to the gram, and the Committee has decided that all weights will be rounded to the nearest 10 grams. In accordance with standard maths conventions, weight readings ending with between 1 and 4 grams will be rounded down to the next lower 10 grams, weight readings ending with between 5 and 9 grams will be rounded up to the next higher 10 grams, and the third decimal place zero (the single units of grams) will be dropped off.

This rounding has now been done to the weights which were previously recorded for May and June in the Field Day computer scoring system. That rounding has resulted in some minor changes to the total point scores as previously listed, and to weights shown for leading entries for the Field Day sections.

All weights for the July field day have been rounded.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **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.

Malcolm Head

## **Membership Fees were due 1 July 2010**

The Committee has decided there will be no changes to the membership fees for 2010/11.

At the July Committee meeting, the category of Concession Family membership was added, with a fee of \$80 per year.

The amounts due on 1 July are:-

Single membership	\$100 per year.	Concession single membership	\$70 per year.
Family membership	\$120 per year.	Concession family membership	\$80 per year.
Junior membership	\$65 per year.	Associate membership	\$30 per year.

The concession membership is for members of age 60 years or more. This reduced membership fee will apply to members who make an application to the Committee to qualify for the reduced rate. Members in paid employment are not eligible for reduced fees.

You must pay your fees **by 31 July 2010**. The above amounts will take your membership up to 30 June 2011. Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to pay by installments.

Please update the details of your membership on the form in the July Reel Talk, attach your payment and post at the Club's Post Office Box address, **NOT** to any private address.

If you do not intend to renew your membership, can you please advise the Secretary or Treasurer as soon as possible using the form at the back of the July Reel Talk.

Treasurer, Terry Fuller

## **2011 SCAC Dinner and Presentation of Trophies**

The Glengarry Tavern has been booked for the 2011 Dinner and Presentation of Trophies night. Watch the Reel Talk for more details.

The date is Saturday 25 June 2011. Please put this in your diary.

Social Organiser, John Crompton

## **President's report**

Now that one of our major events has come and gone (the Presentation Night) we need to look at our next project, our election of officers (Committee).

The main point about our Presentation night was the way the Committee and you the members got behind it and made it very enjoyable and successful. I now look to you all to work together and elect our next Committee with the aim of continuing this type of working relationship. I am particularly proud of the quality and ability of all our current Committee members and a positive way they are working together to make our club function efficiently and with harmony which benefits us all.

Our last general meeting was highlighted by Trevor Stam bringing along his party pies etc for us all to partake of. This was his way of letting us celebrate his "21st birthday" with him. Thanks Trevor.

I presented some of the remainder of the trophies to those members who didn't attend our presentation night. Congratulations to them all. Particular mention must be made however to Sarah Wignell who came along to the meeting with her dad because she had another function on our presentation night. Bearing in mind Sarah is a junior she won half of the Open fishing section prizes and received a special encouragement award donated by the Pekaars, and set an example for a lot of us to follow. Congratulations young lady.

John Curtis gave us a very informative instruction period on fish biology and even though it went on for a while all stayed because it was very interesting and we all learned a lot. Thanks John.

It was good to see a good roll up at our last casting day and we were blessed by the presence of young Simon Ryan who thought he would give it a go. He said to me at the end of the day that the distance casting sorted him out as there was a lot more to it than he thought. I mentioned this to Wayne Shaw and Nick Edwards at our last meeting and pointed out this is where you learn to cast, make comparisons, try different rods and reels so when you are going to buy you know exactly what is best for you. Not to mention also it is a great social morning thanks to Alan Jones and Gary Gildersleeves' efforts and everyone who hops in and helps, not to mention the good looking females helping with the barbecue.

It was great to see Michael Head present and looking very bright and cheerful and above all healthy. For the benefit of those who don't know, Michael suffered a real setback in his health and had to start all over again and I can't express enough my pleasure in seeing him there with his family and looking so well.

Terry Willison and Allan Jones stayed on and went right through the equipment in the storage shed and sorted it all out. Good work, lads.

Our last field day saw a good attendance fishing locally and also at Yallingup at the Capes North field day. We looked like we are being taken over by South Africans and Pathfinders. Peter Osborne drove up in his new Pathfinder full of smiles, but was not to be outdone by the Wessels who also rocked up in a new white Pathfinder. Both Sandra and Peet didn't stop smiling and Sandra reckons it is a dream. The Pekaars did a good job as field day officers for the weekend and I'm sure there will be a report on the local and Yallingup venues. Thanks to all who attended.

Peet Wessels has got the August venue at Rottnest under control and there is still a spare seat or two, so if you are interested please contact him.

The long weekend venue at the end of September is the S Bend Caravan Park at Greenough, so start planning now and book an on-site van amongst four or five of you and make it enjoyable and cheaper. There is some good fishing to be had in this area and a barbecue at lunch time Sunday could also be organised.

See you at the AGM, and please bring a plate of goodies for supper afterwards.

President, George Holman

## Wanted, Skippy frames for research

August can be Skippy time at Rottnest, so this article is repeated for the August Field Day.

Dear recreational angler, We are two PhD students from the Centre for Fish and Fisheries Research at Murdoch University who are currently undertaking a study on aspects of the biology of Silver Trevally (*Pseudocaranx georgianus*), commonly referred to as Skippy or Skipjack Trevally.

Building upon previous research on this species by Murdoch University, we will be investigating the diet, patterns of growth and offshore migrations of these fish.

We would be extremely grateful if you could provide us with the fish frames (filleted carcasses) of any Skippy that you catch.

Please place the fish caught on each fishing occasion in separate bags and label each bag with 1) the date of capture, and 2) the approximate location of capture, including (if fishing from a boat) the distance offshore and depth where the fish were caught. Store frames in the freezer and contact one of us to arrange their collection. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Emily Fisher: e.fisher@murdoch.edu.au 0466 473 974  
Ben French: b.french@murdoch.edu.au 0435 223 877

**Note:-** Fish "frames" means complete with gills and all the internal organs (guts), so that the fish's sex, diet, etc can be studied. That requires filleting around the rib cage to leave the "stomach" cavity intact. It also means that fish which have been gilled and gutted for the club Field Day competition are of no use.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Members offered a discount

I had a general chat about the Club with manager James Jonasson, Ranger Outdoors Malaga (ex Morley Ranger), and introduced the Club. He is willing to give all Club members a 10% discount.

Ranger Outdoors Malaga  
Cnr Beach Road and Malaga Drive  
Phone Number: (08) 9248 8449  
Email Address: malaga@rangeroutdoors.com.au

Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

## Win free Club membership for a year

The Committee has decided to extend the offer of one year's free Club membership to the 2010/11 year as an added incentive for new members to join the Club.

In the second draw to be held at our Presentation night on 25 June 2011, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2010 and June 2011 will be in a draw to receive 1 year's free membership. The free membership will be for them and be the same type as they held in 2010/11, that is, single or family, etc.

Please let your fishing friends, relatives, workmates, neighbours or acquaintances know about this **"win free club membership for a year"** offer, what the Club does, and the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members. Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

In the first draw held at our 2010 Presentation night, all members who had been accepted into the club between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 were in a draw drawn by mini junior Owen Williams. The 2010 winner was Andrew Vanzyl winning one year's Family membership valued at \$120.

Membership Coordinator, John Crompton



## **Have you seen the Club's radios?**

The Club's Icom brand handheld CB radios were borrowed or mislaid at the May Drycasting and have not been located. They are in a box with the charger clearly marked with the Club's name, and the radios are engraved.

Please contact the Dry Casting Officer Allan Jones if you have any information about these radios.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Tackle maintenance (part 2)**

*Continued from part 1 in the July Reel Talk.*

**After fishing.** Now the crunch comes. You're tired, you're late and you've caught too many fish and have to spend all night cleaning them. I'll clean the tackle tomorrow. If you've got any regard for the money spent on rods and reels and the pleasure you get from trouble free fishing you'll clean the tackle NOW.

First dismantle all the rigs. Take the reels off and strip at least 10 metres of line off. (remember all those casts). Hose the rods down with fresh water making sure to scrub the reel seat, grips and guides with a stiff (old toothbrush) brush to remove all salt, scales, dust and sand. Tighten up the reel drags and spray using a spray bottle (not drench) them with fresh warm water.

While you're at it you may as well give any hooks, lures and swivels a wash before putting them back in the box. Before storing the rods, give the reel seats and guides a spray and wipe with a water repelling spray to remove any moisture and assist in preventing corrosion.

Store the rods upright in suitable rubber or plastic clips. For single piece beach rods, make your own arrangements, but store them in a horizontal position and support them along their length in at least three places.

On each reel, release the drag pressure after washing down with fresh water and remove the spool and side plate and mop out any moisture. Spray all parts (including spool and line) with a water repelling spray. Re-assemble the reel and check its operation as before. If there is something amiss you can set aside a night to correct it well in advance of the next fishing outing. Store the reels in individual canvas/cloth bags to protect them from dust and abrasion. After 4 or 5 trips give the reels a full lube and grease.

### **Overhaul time.**

You should thoroughly inspect and overhaul all your tackle at least once every 12 months. More often if you fish every week. Check rod guides and bindings for signs of wear. Soak a cotton bud or a rag with some ink and wiping it around a guide will show up fine cracks and wear spots. Wooden rod butts should be sanded and re-varnished or coated with epoxy to help prevent splitting.

For overhauling reels there are some essential ingredients. A clear space on the workbench or kitchen table covered with a plastic drop sheet will prevent oils and greases leaving marks and stains. It will also help to make finding tiny springs that go "ping" a lot easier. You will need a couple of egg cartons to store all the bits stripped from the reel, assorted tools for getting into the reel, that exploded view that you almost threw away with the packing when you bought the reel.

Also a good light, a sheet of glass, some 400 - 600 grade wet and dry emery paper, some solvent (methylated spirits) and kerosene along with stiff brushes for cleaning, some light machine oil (SAE 10) for the bearings and some suitable grease for the gears. Outboard engine grease<sup>\*1</sup> is recommended as it has a high temperature tolerance, saltwater resistant and has high viscosity (sticky) thus making it an excellent choice as a reel lubricant.

Be methodical and don't rush things. Place all parts, in order of disassembly in the egg cartons as you remove them. Once stripped down, thoroughly clean everything with kerosene to remove the old grease and then clean the kerosene off using a light solvent such as methylated spirits. This will also remove any remaining grease and oil.

Tape or hot melt glue the wet and dry emery paper to the piece of glass and gently rub each drag washer in a figure of eight pattern to smooth any lumps and bumps out. Watch out when doing this as you will 'burn' your finger tips and remove them if you are not careful. This hurts. Replace any worn or 'growly' bearings. Phosphor bronze bearings are porous and should be soaked in oil (preferably warmed) to provide maximum lubrication properties. Ball bearings are usually sealed but if open should have a few drops of a light oil applied. Some drag materials such as cork or fibre don't require oiling however most drag system washers should be lubricated with a light coating of PTFE or 'Teflon' grease prior to reassembly.

When assembling gears, apply sufficient grease to just cover the gear teeth, any more is wasted. This is best done using a small stiff bristle brush such as an artist's pig bristle brush. Avoid using silicone based greases and definitely DO NOT use petroleum jelly as a reel lubricant. The silicone grease tends to migrate throughout the reel, has very low viscosity and comes off easily and will readily emulsify with water. Generally they have very poor lubricating qualities. Petroleum jelly becomes very liquid when hot and solidifies when cold. It then leaks out of the reel covering your gear and anything else with a slimy coating. When it is very cold it solidifies, making the internal workings of a reel very difficult to operate and you run the risk of damaging or 'freezing up' the internal mechanisms such as the anti reverse.

**Remember:-** If you spend a little time working on your gear, it will in turn look after you. And you will have many hours of trouble free fishing.

\*1 A product sold by OMC (Johnson Evinrude) is highly recommended. It is marketed under the name of "Triple Guard" and should be readily available from OMC dealers. Do not use excess as it is a waste, just cover all internal surfaces of the reel with a thin coat using a small pig bristle brush and apply a generous coating to the gear teeth. Alvey Fishing Reels for a number of years marketed small tubes of a similar grease as 'Alvey Grease'.

A check on the Alvey Reels website <http://www.alvey.com.au/> revealed the following: "New technology has allowed vegetable oils to be cracked to produce high quality lubricating oils and greases. These materials are biodegradable, non toxic and odourless. This won't affect bait and there are no mineral oils used in the manufacture of this product. You now have a choice of a thin penetrating oil or a thicker grease/lube for heavier duty applications." If this is up to Alvey's usual standard, it will be an excellent lubricant.

*Part of the Instruction Period at the May 2010 General Meeting. See Part 1 in July Reel Talk.*

John Curtis

## **Proposed 10 pin bowling**

It has been proposed to organise a bowling night on a Saturday afternoon some time in the near future. At present, we want to get an idea of the number of members and their friends and family who would be interested in attending.

Please give it some consideration and express your interest at the next General Meeting.

A package is available at \$35 per head. This gives 2 games including shoe hire, a variety of snacks including calamari rings, spring rolls, vegie bites, tempura and dips, wedges. Plus one drink either beer, wine or soft drink. Minimum 15 people.

The venue could be AMF Bowling, Cannington,  
corner Manning Road and Burton Street, Cannington.  
Phone 9451 7333, Parking on site

Alternative venues are: Joondalup  
Unit 1/23 Franklin Lane, Joondalup  
Ph: 9300 1311

Morley  
176 Walter Road, Morley  
Ph: 9275 1777

Marcia Pekaar

## Pompoms for accuracy dry casting

Accuracy dry casting rules require the use of a pompom on the weight. The pompom has two main jobs:-

1. To help the caster judge where the weight is going and give him a chance to slow it down if it is going past the target.
2. To help the markers see where the weight first hits the ground so the caster gets the right score.

Colour of the pompom for Club events can be a personal choice, but it helps to understand how a pompom is seen. For the caster casting into the light against a bright blue sky in the early morning and watching the pompom going directly away from him, the pompom can be more like a backlit dark shape or silhouette than a bright coloured object in the sky.

For the markers standing off to the side of the target, watching the weight and pompom coming towards them, it is usually lit by the sun from some angle behind them, and can be much more like a well lit coloured object.

For a caster at Yokine Reserve the sun position can change a lot at different times of the day and of the year even though the court layout doesn't change. Changes to the sun position can change how the pompom is lit for the caster, and can make it harder to see properly.

Sun position changes from low in the sky to the left front in winter to the right front in summer, from 45 degrees from overhead in winter to nearly directly overhead in summer.

On a cloudy day without bright sunlight the lighting and the background are both very different, and the pompom can be harder or easier to see.

So if you have trouble seeing your pompom at times, it may not just be your eyesight, but the colour, size and shape of your pompom and the lighting and background at that time could be making it hard to see.

So what can you do about that? Colour is a personal choice in the Club competition, and it might be worth experimenting to find the colour, size and shape which best suits you under different conditions.

During wet or dewy weather, wool or thread pompoms used for the accuracy dry casting collect a lot of water, get heavier than they should and the threads all stick together so the pompom is smaller and can be harder to see. Club rules allow the use of non absorbent plastic strips which avoids all these problems. These are not allowed in AAA competition.

### **Making and attaching pompoms.**

There are many ways to make pompoms and attach them to the casting weight. Grass is a tough environment for dragging a pompom over, and soon sorts out any weaknesses in the pompom or the fastening.

I have used snap swivels which can cope with casting 150 gram weights, but they can't cope with the grass at drycasting.

One quick and simple way is to use a "Coastlock Snap" clip or similar, make loops of the thread passing through the hole, cut the loops and then tie the threads into a pompom shape using some strong thread near the clip.



*Snap swivel. (not recommended)*



*Threads passed through the clip*



*Finished pompom on clip*



*"Coastlock Snap" clip*

## **The rules about pompoms.**

**Club rules** (for use at monthly club casting) are:- *“For Accuracy casts, a visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used. The visual aid shall be made of no less than 10 strands of coloured thread of not less than 5 ply (knitting wool grading) thickness, or coloured strips of flat plastic of minimum width of 2 mm, with a minimum length of 75 mm, tied in a pompom fashion, and in turn attached to the weight or to a swivel attached to the weight.”*

**Current AAWA rules** (for use at WA State Dry Casting Championships each October) are:- *“A visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used for double handed accuracy events. The pompom must be made of at least 15 strands of thick coloured thread tied in a pompom fashion and in turn tied to the weight or swivel.”* **Note:-** It is proposed that these WA rules will be changed to be the same as National AAA rules below, see the next article.

**National AAA Rules** (for use at the National Dry Casting Championships) are:- *“For the accuracy event pompoms shall be used. Pompoms of a consistent specification shall be supplied by the Host State. They shall be dark in colour with a maximum overall length of 100 mm and a minimum overall length of 50 mm and consist of a minimum of thirty (30) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent. Pompoms may be securely attached to the casting weight with any method of fastening such as a clip, a swivel/clip combination, a solid or a split ring, monofilament line, thread or wire. Any such item used for fastening which does not form an inline or weight bearing part of the leader shall not count for the application of rule C.9 (c).”*

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Proposed changes to AAWA State Dry Casting rules**

These proposed changes were moved at the July AAWA Delegates Meeting. They are to specify and clarify the requirement for plastic tube, leaders and pompoms to align them (as far as possible) with the corresponding Dry Casting Rules in the March 2009 version of National AAA General Competition Rules. These do NOT change the Surfcasters Club’s dry casting rules.

The wording and section changes proposed here are to integrate these provisions into the AAWA rules and remove duplications or inconsistencies as far as possible, but see the notes.

**Note 1.** National rules do **NOT** permit leaders for 56 gram and 112 gram events, and leaders are allowed but optional in Double handed accuracy. Leaders are inherently required in Artificial bait rigs.

**Note 2.** WA previously made a decision that leaders are required in 56 gram, 112 gram and naturally in Artificial bait, and leaders are allowed but optional in Double handed accuracy. This version does not change that.

**Note 3.** National rules require plastic tubing for 56 gram, 112 gram and Artificial bait. Requirement for tubing for Artificial bait has been added to WA rules in this version. It is understood plastic tubing has been used in recent years’ AAWA events.

**Note 4.** National rules C12 says *“providing the total weight, including pompom, does not exceed 112 grams.”* This provision has not been included in these proposed changes.

Replace three sections in the current (October 2007) version numbered / headed

**3.5.4 Artificial Bait Rigs, 3.5.5 Double Handed Accuracy Rigs and 3.5.6 56 gram and 112 gram Level Line Distance Rigs** with the following five proposed sections.

### **3.5.4 Breaking strain of leaders**

Breaking strain of all leaders must be no more than 50 kg, must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used.

### **3.5.5 Plastic tubing**

Plastic tubing must be used for 112 gram, 56 gram and Artificial bait level line distance events. The plastic tubing shall be of a soft flexible material, of minimum length of 200 mm and maximum length of 250 mm. The diameter shall be minimum 2.5 mm inside diameter to 4.5 mm maximum outside diameter. Colour must be flouro pink.

### 3.5.6 Artificial Bait rigs

Plastic tubing must be used for Artificial bait level line distance events. The Artificial bait shall be made of wooden doweling 90.0mm long and 13.0mm in diameter. It shall be attached to a swivel, ring or dropper loop by a line of minimum length of 230mm. The length of the leader to the weight must be less than 1000mm. The weight must hang completely under the dowel. Weights may be up to 112 grams. No modifications are allowed to the dowel other than painting or identification. No other modifications are allowed to the artificial bait rig, for example rings to control the bait.

### 3.5.7 56 gram and 112 gram level line distance rigs

Plastic tubing must be used for 112 gram and 56 gram level line distance events. Leaders are required in level line distance events and may be up to a maximum of 350mm long. 56 or 84 gram weights may also be used for 112 gram events.

### 3.5.8 Double handed accuracy rigs.

A visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used for double handed accuracy events. Pompoms shall be dark in colour with a maximum overall length of 100 mm and a minimum overall length of 50 mm and consist of a minimum of thirty (30) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent. Pompoms may be securely attached to the casting weight with any method of fastening such as a clip, a swivel/clip combination, a solid or a split ring, monofilament line, thread or wire. Any such item used for fastening which does not form an inline or weight bearing part of the leader shall not count for the application of rule 3.5.4. Leaders are permitted in Double handed accuracy events and may be a maximum of 250mm long. Weights may be up to 112 grams.

AAAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

### New permit system for Steep Point area

All areas in Shark Bay are now controlled by Department of Environment and Conservation. A new permit is required for all visitors to the area.

The Steep Point, False Entrance and Dirk Hartog Island areas are now called Edel Land. Further details can be found at <http://www.sharkbay.org/default.aspx?WebPageID=104>

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

### Reply from Bruce Alvey

The President  
Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc.)

Dear George

Thank you for forwarding the great photos of the presentation to Terry.

We sincerely appreciate your club's support.

I have enclosed a few of our new 90 year patches for yourself, Terry and a couple of other members.

Good luck for the competition season.

Kind regards,

Bruce J Alvey, Managing Director



Secretary, John Crompton

### Reply from Australian Monofil (Platypus line)

Hello John, Great to hear that your event was a success. Yes, you can certainly send the photos to my email, this would be greatly appreciated as we share them around with our Sales and Management team.

All the best and I look forward to future dealings with The Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA.

Kind regards, Australian Monofil Co Pty Ltd

Secretary, John Crompton

## Election of Committee at August AGM

The August Annual General Meeting gives you, the members of the Club, an opportunity and the responsibility to elect a new Committee to run the Club on your behalf and for your benefit.

All nominations must be in writing, nominated and seconded and signed by financial club members and the person nominated.

The nomination forms are available from the Secretary and can be emailed or posted out to you or filled in on the AGM night.

Only financial members can vote, so please pay your membership fees by 31 July or before the meeting at the very latest.

Voting for Committee people has been by secret ballot for many years. You will be given voting slips which allow you to vote either **Yes** or **No** for every person who is nominated.

You the members own this club; you have the ultimate power; YOU must make the decisions.

Everyone brings both good and bad things with them. The critical questions are:-

1. Do the good things outweigh the bad things, and by how much? and
2. Would having no-one be better than having that person?

That's for you to decide for every person who nominates for Committee. All members have the option (and some might say the obligation) to vote **No** to any person's nomination even if there is only one candidate, if you decide that way.

Many of the current Committee members will re-nominate for 2010/11, and nominations are welcome from other members who also want to be involved.

The current Committee members will stand on their record of what they have done for the club, some over many years, and particularly how the Committee has performed and how the club has been run since the resignations in November 2009, the dismissal of the previous Committee and the new elections in December 2009.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Notice of motion, Length competition

"That the Length Competition which has been run successfully for over 12 months be formally accepted into the "SCAC competition rules". The Length Competition is based on the total number of centimetres of fish caught during Field Days of all fish species (only marine, gilled vertebrates). The points awarded for the Length Competition shall be in the format of the top ten place getters, 10 points for first place, 9 points for second and so on. The points gained in this competition to be added to the sportsman of the year award." To be moved by Mark Hansen.

Reasons for making the length competition official and the incorporation of the Length competition points into the sportsman of the year points.

- 1/ Successful trial
- 2/ In response to the advice in recent Reel Talk articles
- 3/ Value adding ALL our fish
- 4/ Encouragement for ALL competitors by having "runs on the board".



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### Committee Position Nomination Form for 2010-2011

I \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do hereby stand for election for the position of:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Within the Management Committee of the Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Version dated 23 July 2010.

5/ Environmental awareness of fish stocks by allowing for "catch and release"

6/ The club has a record of ALL species caught on every Field Day Venue

7/ Correlation and alignment of measurements.

8/ Redressing the imbalance

**1/ Successful trial.** Between January and November 2009 I introduced and, with the help of several members, ran a trial of this new concept of a fishing competition based on the following statement: - "THE TOTAL LENGTH COMPETITION. A fishing competition [December to November] will be trialed in the new year, and operate on an honour system, to help encourage more members [young and old] to take up the past-time on our Field Days and is based on the TOTAL LENGTH of all live fish caught. All competitors participating in the Length Comp will be required to keep a written tally [in centimetres on the forms provided or downloaded from the SCAC website] of ALL the fish caught on a Field Day irrespective of bag limit, species, size, toxicity, and edibility, bagged or released. All fish are individually measured, no averaging will be allowed. The tally sheets will be submitted to the FDO at the weigh in. The winner for the month will receive a prize certificate of recognition at the next general meeting. At the end of year Christmas party the senior and junior winner [the greatest total length accumulated for that year] will be announced and awarded a really terrific prize and/ or trophy! Things that don't count are: dead fish, seaweed, crustaceans, mollusks, birds, old boots, shopping trolleys, flotsam and jetsam. Hopefully this competition will excite more kids to fish as blowies and small whiting will all be eligible and for all those "older" kids the rays that normally cause swearing will now add to the total tally!

As a side benefit, the club will have an accurate record of all species [number and size] caught on any of our Field Day venues, which may help with research and in deciding the merit of future Field Days." Length Competition tally forms are handed out to competitors at the general meeting, down loaded from the Club's website or given out at the FD sign-on. Competitors then enter their name, FD venue and date at the top of the form and once "lines down" commences all the fish landed are measured and tallied, recording species and length. Once the weigh-in has started, the completed forms are handed to the FDO or designated person or are emailed to the FDO or designated person by no later than 20.00hours [8 o'clock] on the following Monday evening. The FDO or designated person then checks the "adding up" on the forms and corrects any mathematical errors, then enters the results on the Length Competition spreadsheet and determines the monthly Senior and Junior winners, which are announced at the next general meeting. The winners receive their prizes/certificates at that meeting. The spreadsheet maintains a running total for each competitor throughout the year, the first entry is the December FD with the final one being the November FD. The total number of points for the top ten are to be carried forward and included in the sportsman of the year points for that year. From running this thing for 16 months now, I've found that it takes about 20 minutes to check the forms and enter the data in the spreadsheet to establishing the winners and place getters. I've also found that some members mathematical abilities aren't quite as "accurate" as others, hence the need for checking the forms. The forms are collated and kept in a file.

Around 30 people participated in the 11 month initial 2009 trial with many species caught totaling a length of 503 metres. At the 2009 December [Xmas] General Meeting 2 unique, handmade trophies were presented to the Senior and Junior winners of The Length Competition.

Various people from within and outside the SCAC have made comments on the Length Comp throughout the 2009 year, mostly in support of the idea saying things like "...Great for kids...", "...now I don't have to kill the poor fish...", "...This is brilliant for us that don't like cleaning and gutting smelly fish entrails!", "...It's about time this club stopped only valuing dead fish..".

All of the negative comments went along the lines of "...more bloody paperwork, this club has too much paperwork already...", "Why isn't there a Ladies winner?", "... I didn't go fishing to do Maths...", "...it's hard to write on the forms with wet and slimy hands..", "...I can't be bothered, I'm not that competitive...".

**2/ In response to Reel Talk articles** "New competitions or rule changes" & "All club competitions, Drycasting and Field Day" page 23 of the January 2010 Reel Talk and page 21 of the February 2010 Reel Talk.

**3/ Value adding ALL our fish.** At the present time, our current fishing "sportsman of the year" competitions only recognizes species in the "eligible species list", all other or "by-catch" fish are not valued in any way. Further, without having to add one more fish to the club's catch, the Length Competition has valued the whole catch. By using the Length Comp every fish is valued and can contribute towards a competitor's final sportsman of the year points.

**4/ Encouragement for ALL competitors by having "runs on the board"** Nothing encourages people to pursue a competitive activity more than having a few "runs on the board" for the effort they've put in. Because every fish is tallied [ even under/over-sized, ineligible species, toxic, irrespective of bag limits] which helps all competitors, novice fishermen, kids and new members achieve some degree of satisfaction by having all their catch count towards something worthwhile from the very first fish they land. As a consequence, this should help keep members attending Field

Days to advance their individual totals, which in turn can help “give a leg up” into the Club’s more traditional weigh-in/species based competitions.

**5/ Environmental awareness of fish stocks by allowing for “catch and release”** In this day and age of ever diminishing and precious fish stocks , our current society’s attitudes wanting “clean, green credentials”, “environmental awareness” and “treading with lighter footprints” the trend of modern fishing is for “catch and release”. “Catch and release” helps towards maintaining current fish stocks while still actively fishing those self same stocks. More progressive, forward thinking fishing clubs only endorse a length based catch and release system of competition. The Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A (inc) Competition Rules do contain a “catch and release” rule, (See 2.3.6 Catch And Release). This current rule seems overly cumbersome and limiting [only 13 species allocated] as evidenced by the fact that in all the years that I’ve attended club Field Days no-one has ever taken the time and effort to wade their way through the long winded accreditation process. In contrast, the Length competition allows for [and encourages] “catch and release” with a lot less paperwork and far fewer hoops and hurdles to jump through. Further, without having to add one more fish to the club’s catch, the Length Competition has valued the whole catch and release with a minimum of fuss and effort.

**6/ The club has a record of ALL species caught on every Field Day Venue.** Because of the Length Comp tally sheets handed in each month, the club will now , for the first time, have a record of ALL the species caught on every Field Day venue. As an example the February 2009 Cervantes Field Day 23 species were entered in the Length Comp but only 11 species were weighed in the traditional SCAC competition, many of the unweighed species were eligible but undersized, like the yellow tail kingfish caught by one of our anglers

This information is valuable in a number of ways:-

- 1...To aid in the selection of future Field Day venues based on actual fish numbers.
- 2...As a record of fish caught for research purposes ie. Fisheries Dept, university, etc
- 3...To monitor the trends of fish stocks over the years at any particular venue
- 4...To update the eligible species list

**7/ Correlation and alignment of measurements.** If you read through the State Fisheries Regulations on sizes and bag limits, it soon becomes apparent that most measurements are in the lengths of individual fish and numbers in bag limits with very few references to the weight of fish [apart from take-home and possession limits of fillets, trunks and unspecified whole fish]

**8/ Redressing the imbalance.** This club’s competition is divided into two halves, namely fishing and drycasting which are held each month. Currently, whether by design or happenstance, there is an imbalance between fishing and drycasting for the number of sections [and corresponding points] that are *guaranteed to be awarded* each year. At the moment the guaranteed sportsman of the year points sections are heavily weighted towards Drycasting by a factor of almost 2:1 there are only 8 sections for the Fishing competition while there are 14 sections for the Drycasting competition. As I see it, the imbalance is in part due to the fact that :-

- 1 Sportsman of the year points ARE awarded for the Open competitions in Drycasting but NOT the Open competitions in Fishing
- 2 Drycasting has points awarded for second place in 6 sections were as Fishing only has 1 section with a second place winner.
- 3 Drycasting awards for the monthly “overall winner on the day” but this does not happen for the Fishing competition.
- 4 In Drycasting there points awarded for breaking accuracy year records, this doesn’t occur in the Fishing competition.
- 5 Drycasting has 9 guaranteed monthly event winners and Fishing has only 2.

*Guaranteed to be awarded sections are written in italics [and red]*

### **6.1 Points For Field Days**

*Attendance on each Field Day ..... 2 points.*

*Top Ten as determined by Rule 2.4.5..... 10 - 1 points.*

### **2.3.8 Field Day Categories**

#### *1a. Best Scale Fish (1st 6 Months)*

2. Most Meritorious Fish
4. Best Mulloway (2.0kg Min)
6. Best Salmon (3.0kg Min)
8. Best Mackerel (2kg Min)

#### *10. Best Bag Of Scale Fish*

- 12 Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)
14. Best Fish Caught On Fly Rod

#### *1b. Best Scale Fish (2nd 6 Months)*

3. Best Shark (4.5kg Min)
5. Best Tailor (1.0kg Min)
7. Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5kg Min)

#### *9. Best Scale Fish (Other Than Above)*

11. Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)
13. Best Fish On Single Handed Rod (4kg Line Max)

or as decided for that competition year. *3 points each*

To each award winner on the Field Day: *Best Scale Fish 2 points. Best Bag of Scale Fish 2 points.*

Best Shark 2 points. Best Bag of Fish including sharks 2 points.

Line Ratio captures on Field Days: 2 to 1, 2 points, 3 to 1, 3 points, 4 to 1, 4 points, 5 to 1, 5 points and so on.

### **6.2 Points For Dry Casting Days**

*Attendance each Casting Day..... 2 points.*



- Top Ten as determined by rule 3.8.1 ..... 10 - 1 points.*
- Most Points Level Line Distance (up to 112 grams) ..... 2 points.*
- Second Level Line Distance ..... 1 point.*
- Most Points double handed Accuracy ..... 2 points.*
- Second double handed Accuracy ..... 1 point.*
- Most Points single handed Accuracy ..... 2 points.*
- Second single handed Accuracy ..... 1 point.*
- Most Points 56 gram Level Line Distance ..... 2 points.*
- Second 56 gram Level Line Distance ..... 1 point.*
- Most Points Artificial Bait ..... 2 points.*
- Second Artificial Bait ..... 1 point.*
- Open Distance Winner ..... 2 points.*
- Single Handed Open Distance ..... 2 points.*
- Double handed Accuracy competition year record broken ..... 1 point.*
- Single handed Accuracy competition year record broken ..... 1 point.*
- Each section winner on casting day ..... 1 point.*
- Overall winner on the day..... 1 point.*
- On the first day's casting, every cast over 120 metres, or 100 metres for Ladies, Juniors and Veterans, receives ..... 1 point
- For casting days after this, each competition year record broken in the 112 gram or 56 gram level line distance, or 112 gram Artificial Bait receives ..... 1 point.*

By adding the Length Competition to the "sportsman of the year points" the imbalance is lessened from 14:8 to 14:9. This doesn't take anything away from Drycasting, it just helps Fishing a little. To achieve this, I propose that the Length Competition have a "Top Ten" similar to that in both Fishing and Drycasting where the competitor with the most centimetres at the end of the year get 10 points, the second place gets 9 points, the third gets 7 and so forth. These points [determined by the December general meeting] are carried across to the to end of the normal competition year close in April. This may seem a bit fiddly matching the 2 differing ending times for competitions but it's not that hard, it just involves adding one more column to the FD spreadsheet to manually include the figures, exactly as is currently done for Drycasting.

Mark Hansen

## **Club fishing records**

**Notes.** This version has been prepared by Terry Fuller from the paper book of records and from an electronic version supplied by former Recorder Ian Cook. Some duplicated records have been merged or removed and some corrections made. Some members' full first names have been listed instead of just the initial, where I know them.

This version will need to be proof read and checked by a knowledgeable person, perhaps going back through all the paper records and applications, so it is still "E&OE" (errors and omissions excepted.)

Some "*common names*" have changed over the years or are no longer in use. Some species cannot be identified with absolute certainty due to incomplete information.

Weights in pounds and ounces have been converted to kilograms and rounded to 2 decimal places, to the nearest 10 grams. More details such as scientific name, length, girth, bait used, etc are in the spreadsheet which will be posted on the Club website.

Some species listed here are no longer eligible for Club records. See the current list of eligible species in the Club's Competition Rules.

Here's a simple challenge for members. Which species commonly caught by club members do not have any record entry? Who will be the first member to apply for a record for one of those?

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<b>Common name</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Caught by</b>	<b>Caught at</b>	<b>Date</b>
Barracouta	1.98 kg	Merv Britten	Cosy Corner	20 July 1960
Barracuda	9.5 kg	C Waddams	Steep Point	26 August 1980
Blue Devil, Western	6.80 kg	Bert Payne	Monkey Mia	17 November 1965
Bonefish	2.73 kg	George Holman	False Entrance	4 June 2006
Bream, Black	2.27 kg	Ken Hunt	Belmont	27 September 1962
Bream, Western Yellowfin	2.5 kg	Alby Norman	Useless Loop	18 July 1980
Buffalo Bream (Western) or Silver Drummer	6.7 kg	Alby Norman	Useless Loop	14 June 1977

Common name	Weight	Caught by	Caught at	Date
Catfish, Blue	3.2 kg	Brian Waddams	Steep Point	3 June 1980
Catfish, White-Lipped	0.6 kg	Ian Mascarenhas	Scarborough	17 August 1996
Cobia	33 kg	Allan Carr	Steep Point	2 October 1979
Cod, Greasy (Estuary) (Slimey)	29.48 kg	Les Tate	Kalbarri	30 April 1967
Dart, Common	3.29 kg	E J (Lofty) Griffiths	Cape Cuvier	1 June 1975
Dhufish, West Australian	19.96 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	14 May 1961
Emperor, Blue-Lined	4.54 kg	Ted Savage	Wagoe	9 April 1970
Emperor, Red	1.5 kg	R Flynn	Steep Point	1980
Emperor, Spangled	4.08 kg	Brian Hanks	Exmouth	12 June 1972
Flathead, Dusky	2.92 kg	Dave Latto	Moore River	17 December 1966
Flathead, Southern Blue-Spotted	1.2 kg	Melvin Wee	Emu Springs	15 April 2006
Flounder Small tooth	0.65 kg	Morris Kolman	Hill River	13 April 1996
Goatfish	0.79 kg	Ron Kildahl	Rottnest	12 September 1965
Grinner, Large-Scaled	0.5 kg	Phil Brayne	False Entrance	18 July 1997
Groper, Baldchin	4.3 kg	Mal Thompson	Steep Point	1980
Groper, Western Blue	26.31 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	6 January 1955
Harlequin Fish	1.81 kg	Ken Hunt	Rottnest	11 September 1967
Herring, Australian	0.65 kg	Norrie Cross	Yallingup	27 April 1960
Kingfish, Yellowtail	24.49 kg	Les Ellis	Yanchep	17 May 1959
Leatherjacket, Horseshoe	1.0 kg	Brian Waddams	Rottnest	16 August 1980
Longtom, Slender	4.1 kg	Graham Reeley	Cape Cuvier	22 June 1977
Mackerel, Narrow-Barred Spanish	31.92 kg	Don Bibby	Exmouth	15 September 1973
Mackerel, Shark	10 kg	C Friend	Steep Point	4 October 1979
Mackerel, Spotted Australian	4.54 kg	Jim Strong	Jurien Bay	9 March 1974
Mangrove Jack	1.81 kg	Doug Savage	Kalbarri	9 April 1967
Morwong	1.13 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	7 March 1960
Mullet, Sea	1.13 kg	Bert Payne	Trigg Island	24 May 1955
Mulloway	30.39 kg	Allan Livesy	Kalbarri	26 March 1968
Parrotfish, Blue-Barred Orange	4 kg	Dave Maxted	Steep Point	17 August 1996
Queenfish	7.94 kg	Tony Howson	Coral Bay	13 September 1973
Ray, Eagle	56.25 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	12 May 1955
Ray, White pointer	27.22 kg	Kevin Hawker	Quinns Beach	28 November 1959
Ray, White-Spotted Shovelnose	50.8 kg	George Holman	Preston	13 January 1971
Sailfish, Indo - Pacific	30.2 kg	Graham Reeley	Steep Point	28 April 1985
Salmon, Western Australian	7.11 kg	Peet Wessels	Bluff Creek	26 February 2010
Samson Fish	23.13 kg	Rudy Lerch	Kalbarri	4 March 1973
Seaperch, Stripey	2.2 kg	Ian Cook	Dirk Hartog Island	15 July 1999
Shark, Blacktip	27.1 kg	George Holman	Steep Point	14 August 1996
Shark, Bronze whaler	76.66 kg	Ron Shirley	Kalbarri	26 February 1973
Shark, Grey Nurse	106.14 kg	E J (Lofty) Griffiths	Kalbarri	26 February 1973
Shark, Gummy	10.43 kg	Allan Bunnett	Jurien Bay	9 October 1965
Shark, Lemon	48 kg	Darren Batchelor	Dirk Hartog Island	25 May 1999
Shark, Scalloped Hammerhead	23.25 kg	Tom Vivian	Kalbarri	2 March 1969
Shark, Tiger	38.1 kg	John Devitt	Kalbarri	13 April 1970
Snapper, Pink	16.02 kg	A J Werner	Waikiki	19 November 1953
Snapper, Queen	2.27 kg	J Graham	Cosy Corner	27 June 1955
Snook	3.37 kg	Noel Knight	Augusta	30 May 1970
Sweetlips, Gold-Spotted	4.18 kg	Malcolm Harris	Wagoe	21 December 2005
Tailor	6.12 kg	A McDonnell	Trigg Island	19 January 1961
Tarwhine	1.36 kg	Bob Tucker	Garden Island	16 July 1961
Threadfin Salmon, Striped	1.1 kg	Rom Niciejewski	Serrurier Island	10 July 1997
Toadfish, Silver (NW Blowie)	6.8 kg	Bert Payne	Monkey Mia	17 November 1965
Trevally, Bludger	7.26 kg	Alby Norman	Wagoe	22 April 1973
Trevally, Giant (Lowly)	27.5 kg	Bob Klein	Cape Cuvier	3 May 1975
Trevally, Golden	15 kg	A Tuvik	Steep Point	12 December 1980
Trevally, Gold-Spotted (Turrum)	9.08 kg	Dennis Green	Cape Cuvier	2 June 1974
Trevally, Silver (Skipjack)	5.44 kg	W Cooper	Trigg Island	16 September 1955
Trout Coronation	4 kg	L Clifton	Steep Point	20 April 1984
Trout, Brown	1.26 kg	J Bennett	Drakesbrook dam	3 November 1999
Tuna, Mackerel	8.93 kg	T O'Hara	Cape Cuvier	3 June 1973
Tuna, Northern Bluefin	17.46 kg	Ron Shirley	Kalbarri	2 April 1962
Tuna, Yellowfin	16 kg	Tony Richardson	Steep Point	21 May 1981
Tuskfish, Blue	4.25 kg	D Stiglmayer	Steep Point	26 March 1985
Whiting, King George	1.53 kg	John Lee	Garden Island	12 May 1973
Whiting, sand	0.57 kg	George Holman	Wedge Island	28 December 1972
Wirrah, Leopard	1.81 kg	Tom Smith	Kalbarri	1 September 1965
Wrasse, Western King	0.33 kg	D Stiglmayer	Rottnest	13 April 1986

## S-Bend Field Day in September

Have you ever driven that 70 odd kilometre stretch from Dongara to Geraldton, seen the coastal dunes on the western side of the road, and wondered what's over them and what the coast and the fishing is like? Well your chance to find out is coming up.

The September Field Day Saturday/Sunday/Monday 25/26/27 September long weekend will be held at S-Bend, with boundaries from the 7-Mile (guess how far that is from Dongara) to Tarcoola on the south side of Geraldton.

The S-Bend area is another one of those fantastic fishing areas with lots of options for fishing from beaches, from reefs in low swell, some with deep water close in, using bait or lures. This area is one of the few places there is a chance of catching a WA Dhufish from the shore.

The field days held there are always great with lots of chances to fish with other members, find out what the other people are catching and how. Admittedly the wind can be diabolical at times - those trees beside the road at Greenough aren't bent like that because they are lazy. The swell and weed can be a problem in places and at some times, but that's mid west coast weather and fishing in Spring, so make sure you have the right gear and move around to find a safe, clear fishing spot if necessary.

The Instruction period at the September General Meeting will talk about the S-Bend area, what you can expect for fishing and where you can go both 2 wheel and 4 wheel drive.

In the right conditions, bait casting an unweighted bait is very productive, but that's generally only a small percentage of the time. More often, you have to cast too far or the wind is too strong.

Lures are a great option too. The S-Bend coast is ideal for the angler who loves to explore. Wandering along the kilometres of fishy coast with a reef bag and poppers or metal lures in the early morning or late afternoon opens up a whole lot of country that is impractical to fish with bait. And don't forget the soft plastics.



If you want to do some research on the areas and the roads and tracks, have a look at Google maps <http://maps.google.com.au/> and search for Greenough as a starting point.

Click on the "Earth" tab on the top right, zoom in and look at the many tracks and great looking coastline. Look at the detail in this image including the track behind the first sand dunes.

The Western Angler website has a great article titled "S-Bend Revisited" by Mike Roennfeldt. It's well worth a read to get your enthusiasm going.

<http://www.westernangler.com.au/articles/location/143-s-bend-revisited>

Don't miss the September General meeting instruction period on the S-Bend area.

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## Sinkers for beach fishing

If you need to cast a bait like a mulie 70 or more metres out into the surf against those not so gentle WA sea “breezes”, anchor it out there and then get your rig back again, you need a decent sized sinker of the right type.

Fishing sandy beaches in the surf brings the challenge of how to anchor the bait out there long enough for the fish to find it. There’s little worse than continually getting your bait washed back towards the shore or along the beach by the wind in the line, the waves or rips.

Many club members use bucket sinkers, a very compact design, surprisingly heavy for their size and which present a flat face against the pull of the line and bury themselves in the sand. As far as I know these sinkers cannot be bought in tackle shops.



*Bucket sinker*

Some club members have sets of different sized aluminium moulds for these sinkers. The sinkers here weigh 350 grams, 200 grams, 170 grams, 165 grams and 120 grams. Weight varies a bit depending on how full the mould is. Much lighter sinkers can be made by only partly filling the mould.



*Bucket sinker moulds in a range of sizes.*

Fishing mixed sand and reef and rock areas brings the challenge of how to get your rig off the bottom and back over those snags. Snagging often happens because the rig is moved or dragged until it catches on something. If you can avoid the rig moving, your chances of getting it back are much better.

Spoon sinkers sit on the bottom, and are meant to plane up towards the surface as soon as they are moved through the water. The technique for using a spoon sinker is to avoid placing too much pressure on the line so that it stays in one place on the bottom. Once you decide to retrieve it, make sure you take up all the slack line, lift the rod to get the rig moving fast and keep it moving. With the right sinker and technique, the sinker and rig will be well away from the bottom and those snags.

Due to their shape, spoon sinkers don’t do as good job of anchoring a rig against the pull of big waves and strong rips as bucket sinkers, unless heavier spoon sinkers are used. In some conditions spoon sinkers aren’t really suitable. The shape of the sinker (area versus weight) can make a big difference to how it planes and how fast it needs to be moved through the water.

Some commercial spoon sinkers are very thick, and so are better as anchors and not quite as good as planes. It’s a compromise, but remember the main reason to use a spoon sinker is to get the rig off the bottom quickly.

Spoon sinkers can be made using stainless steel spoons as moulds, using some galvanized wire bent into a U shape with the ends bent at right angles to anchor into the lead. Bending the wire up about 30 degrees where it comes out of the sinker means the line pulls the front of the sinker upwards and increases the planing effect as it is dragged through the water.



*A home made spoon sinker.*



*Side view showing the smooth rounded bottom and upward angle of the wire.*

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## Proposed Demersal scalefish allocations

The Department of Fisheries has released a draft report on the proposed allocation of West Coast demersal fish species for the commercial and recreational sectors, developed under the State Government's Integrated Fisheries Management policy.

The independent Integrated Fisheries Allocation Advisory Committee (IFAAC) has considered what proportion of the harvest should be allocated to the commercial, recreational and customary fishing sectors.

Recfishwest and IFAAC will hold public meetings to provide information to the recreational fishing sector, giving an opportunity for the sector to give feedback to IFAAC before the process is finalised.

Recfishwest will facilitate the meetings as part of its agreement with government to coordinate regional input into management decisions. These meetings are IFAAC meetings to present their recommendations for allocation that will ultimately be incorporated into recreational fisheries management rules and restrictions in the West Coast bioregion.

Recfishwest and all members of the community have the right to express their views on the proposal. Recfishwest recognises that **some elements of the proposal will be controversial and complex.**

**Geraldton** 21 July, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Casa Blanca Dance Centre, 230 Eighth St, Wonthella

**Fremantle** 28 July, 6.30pm - 8:30pm, Fremantle Sailing Club, Marine Terrace, Fremantle

**Mandurah** 29 July, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, RAAFA Estate Meadow Springs, 41 Portrush Parade, Meadow Springs

**Busselton** 4 August, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Royal Palms Hotel, 2 Albert Street, Busselton

**Bunbury** 5 August, 6:30pm - 8.30pm, The Sanctuary Golf Club, Lot 100 Old Coast Road, Pelican Point, Bunbury

Any questions can be directed to Andrew Rowland at Recfishwest on 9246 3366 or [andrew@recfishwest.org.au](mailto:andrew@recfishwest.org.au) WA Fishing Industry Council will be facilitating similar meetings for the commercial fishing sector.

The Integrated Fisheries Allocation Advisory Committee (IFAAC) will consider all submissions during the preparation of its final report to the Minister for Fisheries and **may** make changes to its initial position as and if required.

Submissions close **30 September 2010** (an extended deadline has been arranged but the documents don't show that.)

The publications are:-

- (1) Integrated Fisheries Management Draft Allocation Report - West Coast Demersal Scalefish <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/mp/mp237/index.php?0602> and
- (2) Integrated Fisheries Management Report West Coast Demersal Scalefish Resource <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/mp/mp247/index.php?0706>

Reference (1) has 13 recommendations. Some important ones are:-

***Recommendation 8*** *The relative allocation proportions should be based on the total catches in 2005/06 of the recreational fishing closure list caught, less the commercial catch in the Metropolitan Area in determining the sectoral allocations for the west coast demersal scalefish resource.*

***Recommendation 9*** *That for allocation purposes the recreational catch be considered to be 25 percent greater than the catches reported in Fisheries Research Report No. 177 and the recreational fishing catches reported in Fisheries Research Report No. 175.*

***Recommendation 10*** *That the allocation of shares in the West Coast Demersal Scalefish Fishery should be **66 per cent (two thirds) to the commercial sector and 34 per cent (one third) to the recreational sector.***

Reference (2) says:- *This report on the West Coast Demersal Scalefish fishery is the third in a series of Integrated Fisheries Management (IFM) resource reports required under the Government policy on IFM. (The other two IFM species are Western Rock Lobster and Abalone.)*

*Under this policy, the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Fisheries is required to approve a sustainability report for each fishery, which includes a clear statement on the recommended harvest level.*

*IFM is a policy aimed at making sure that Western Australia's fisheries continue to be managed in a sustainable way in the future. In essence, this involves setting the total sustainable harvest level of fish, then sharing this potential harvest between the commercial, recreational (including charter boats) and customary fishers by means of an allocation process that meets community needs. Each sector is then managed within the allocated share.*

*For each resource addressed through IFM, a report must be prepared to provide information on at least the following aspects of the resource and associated fishing activity:*

- the current management practices within the fishery;*
- historical catch levels, and estimates of catch, by sector;*
- the biology of the fish species involved;*
- an appropriate harvest level of the resource; and*
- other relevant data, such as regional employment, economic and social/lifestyle issues.*

*This report has been prepared to provide the Integrated Fisheries Allocation Advisory Committee with a **summarised, factual account of the resource** (West Coast demersal scalefish) **and current and historical trends in its exploitation.***

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The proposed allocation of two thirds to the commercial sector and one third to the recreational sector has already generated comments. All those anglers who said things like "I'm not telling the Department of Fisheries what I've caught, they only use it against us to bring in more restrictions" during the recreational catch surveys are now seeing that data being used to allocate the available catch, because those records are the best available. An upwards adjustment is proposed under Recommendation 9.

WA coastal waters have very low productivity for fish. The total sustainable catch of about 100 demersal species in the area from north of Kalbarri to Black Point, east of Augusta, is only several hundred tonnes. Compare that with the 5,500 tonnes for Western Rock Lobster, even in times of severe restrictions, or 11-14,000 tonnes in good years, and the hundreds of thousands of tonnes of fish which can be caught from the West coasts of other continents.

Terry Fuller, Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association

## **Result of funding requested in Volunteer Grants 2010**

John Crompton has followed up the outcome of the Club's application for Volunteer Grants funding for 2010. Details are on page 24 of the May Reel Talk. He has received a notification which said in part:-

*Dear Mr Crompton,*

*On behalf of the Australian Government and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), I would like to thank you and your organisation for applying for Volunteer Grants 2010 funding. I am writing to inform you that your application to support the volunteers of The Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA Inc has not been successful on this occasion.*

*The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs received over 15,600 Volunteer Grants 2010 applications for funding from organisations across Australia. The standard of applications was high overall, making the selection process very competitive. Organisations may seek individual feedback on their Volunteer Grants 2010 application by calling the toll-free hotline on 1800 183 374 or an email request to [vg2010@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:vg2010@fahcsia.gov.au).*

*Yours sincerely, Jill Farrelly, Branch Manager, Community Investment Branch, 25 July 2010*

John is investigating some other funding opportunities.

Secretary, John Crompton

## 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 plus \$50
Club Members:-	Off season	\$160 per week	On Season	\$210 per week	} deposit/bond
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night	\$40 per night for two or more nights		} plus \$55 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday, leaving by 10am. Outside of school holidays it does not matter. Cleaning must be paid for and is \$55 extra on the rates above.

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196 Mobile 0422 455 119 for more details and for bookings. 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. If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval.

Regulations do not allow caravans to be occupied (lived in) on the Kalbarri site.

**Ray Walker, Property Officer**



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