



Surf Casting & Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.)

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George Holman

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CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:- The monthly general meeting is usually held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8.00 pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

DRYCASTING:- Competitions are usually held on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is available to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of their casting.

FIELD DAYS:- Are normally on the weekend following the General meeting. It is compulsory for safety reasons for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign on.

ENTRIES:- for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture, using the approved club forms.

MEMBERS:- Please notify the Secretary of any change of address, email or phone numbers.

MEMBERSHIP:- If any member intends to resign from the club, a letter of resignation should be sent to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the Treasurer, become due on 1st May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31st July.

CLUB's CONSTITUTION and COMPETITION RULES:- cover all the rules under which the club and the members operate. Contact the Secretary for more information.

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

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Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. Minutes of General Meeting, 9 January 2002

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:10 PM. Vice President Peter Stoeckel presiding..
- Present:-** 26 senior members, 1 junior member, 1 recently nominated applicant.
- Apologies:-** Nick Allsworth, Ross Kember, Julie Kember, Andrew Aubrey.
- Suspension of Meeting:-** The meeting was suspended to allow our guest speaker, Gary Shugg, from the Compleat Angler, Nedlands, to talk on estuary fishing. Derry Barber asked a number of questions about bream fishing, and Gary gave us a lot of detail on best baits, times and places to fish, lures to use, and how to find fish and look after them.
- Resumption of meeting:-** The meeting resumed at 8:45pm
- Visitors:-** None. **New Member:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong seconded Ian Cook, these are a true record. Carried.
- Correspondence In:-** Email from Chris Iseppi and Linda McGill asking for club information. Recfishwest, West Coast and Gascoyne submission, Owen Anchorage dredging appeal, and Cottesloe Fish Habitat Protection Area advertisement. Brian Leicester asking for information about 50th reunion. AAA - minutes of Delegates Meeting.
- Correspondence Out:-** To Chris Iseppi and Linda McGill with club information. Kaye and George Holman - thanks for use of house for December social function. Sympathy card to Julie and Ross Kember on the death of Julie's mother. **Moved** J Strong, seconded C Riegert, correspondence be accepted: Carried. Derry Barber asked that the Club object to the proposals for protection of all marine life at Cottesloe, effectively a Sanctuary area – the Committee to discuss.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Bank balance is \$4250, with additional \$815 received tonight making total \$5065. Accounts for payment :-
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| Kalbarri Lawnmowing | \$28 | Jiffy Print | \$162 |
| Yokine Bowling Club | \$100 | Western Power | \$134.65 |
| Reel Talk Editor | \$152 | Moved Jim Strong | Seconded Derry Barber |
- accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- Property Officer:-** Kalbarri is well booked for some weeks, and into April and May.
- Field Day Officer:-** J Jardine present ed Field Day prizes for some recent Field Days. He gave details of the December and January Field Days as in Reel Talk. The April field day to Wago at Easter was discussed. On a show of hands, this Field Day was made an Open Field Day. There was some discussion on future field days. Members have been asked to put suggestions to the Committee. The timing of the May Field Day was discussed. If this was to be at Rottnest, firm bookings would have to be made soon. Because of the Exmouth safari, it was unlikely that there would be enough starters for Rottnest. A recommendation was made that the field day should be held on 18/19 May to avoid Mother's Day.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson gave brief details of the January dry casting. Details in Reel Talk.
- AAA Report:-** Bob Henderson reported on the AAA Mandurah 500 arrangements. He asked that club members do not wear club shirts. George Holman gave some details of arrangements for delegates to Recfishwest. He asked that the Club support Recfishwest's appeal on shellsand dredging in Owen Anchorage – committee to discuss.
- Recorder:-** Nothing to report.
- Social Organiser:-** The raffle raised \$505. Corporate bowls nights at the Yokine Bowling Club will restart on January 16 for four Wednesday nights. Chas Rigert gave some details about Golden Ponds, Baldivis, for the car rally in March.
- SubCommittee Report:** None **Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** Derry Barber gave details of a rig to catch mullet – from the Recfishwest newsletter. Other members said that the blowies made it very difficult to catch the mullet. George Holman caught a small shark at Sorrento. Derry Barber, Ian Cook and Wayne Morris will be chasing black bream on the south coast on 8/9/10 February
- Instruction Period:-** See beginning of minutes. Meeting closed at 9:50 pm

Coming Club Events.

February Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 3 February 2002, 8:30 am start.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, about 400 metres from Alexander Drive.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance,
 Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

February General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday, 13 February 2002, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.
Instruction Period:- Reel and Drag wizard John Devitt talking on tuning, care and maintenance of reels and drag systems.

February Field Day.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2002. **(Split Locations)**
Where:- Garden Island, Saturday, plus (optional) on the Mainland after the Saturday weigh in and on Sunday.
Members Eligible:- Only those who have previously registered. See the list below. Members must travel at least two in a vehicle on to the Island.

Sign On:- Saturday 10:30 am at the public car park at the Rockingham end of the causeway to Garden Island.

Stop Fishing:- By 9:00 pm Saturday on Garden Island.

Weigh in:- Saturday 10:00 pm at public car park at the Rockingham end of the causeway to Garden Island, plus Sunday 11:00 am, see the Local Field Day details.

Boundaries:- Public access areas at Quarry Bay, Gilbert Point, Beagle Bay and Ammunition Wharf.

Tides for Fremantle.

Saturday 16 February	0.73m at 1:09 pm	0.65m at 4:58 pm	0.81m at 11:01 pm
Sunday 17 February	0.52m at 4:48 am	0.77m at 1:33 pm	

Sun Sunrise:- Around 5:55 am Sunset:- Around 7:08 pm

Moon Moon Phase:- New Moon is on Tuesday 12 February
 Moonset:- Around 9:30 pm Saturday Moonrise:- Around 10:00 am Sunday

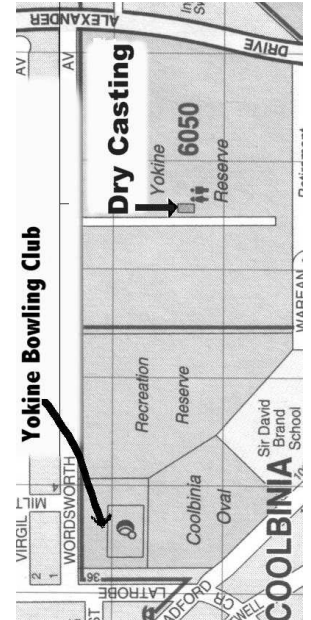
Members Registered for the February 2000 Garden Island Field Day.

Registration of interest as requested in the December and January Reel Talks has been received from 37 people. The committee has approved a one day Associate Membership for the visitors. These names have been sent to the Navy. If your name isn't here, then you are not registered for the Garden Island Field Day.

John Agnello	Tony D'Alonzo	John Jardine	David Maxted	Peter Stoeckel
Luke Agnello	Damian D'Mello	Allan Jones	Eric Parker	Jim Strong
Joe Ferraloro	Mark Farnay	Rhys Jones	Chas Riegert	Ian Taggart
Joshua Ferraloro	Terry Fuller	Ross Kember	Terry Ring	Andy Thorgersen
Nick Allsworth	Bob Henderson	Roy Killick	Kade Ross	Brad Zaknich
Derry Barber	George Holman	Spencer King	Frank Shim	
Darren Batchelor	Paul Mollett	Morris Kolman	Mat Sneddon	
Ian Cook	Heath Holman	Ian Mascarenhas	Trevor Stam	

Local Field Day for February.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 11:00 am
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- Rocks 500m south east of Point Peron to Mindarie Keys, including the Swan River.



March Field Day.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 March 2002.
Where:- Bluff Creek. **Don't miss it!**
Sign On:- Saturday 12:00 noon at Bluff Creek camping area.
Weigh in:- Monday 10:00 am at Bluff Creek camping area.
Boundaries:- As far as you can walk past the rocks at each end of the beach.

Tides for Albany. Saturday 2 March 0.95m at 12:45 am 0.53m at 7:11 am 0.82m at 1:09 pm 0.61m at 7:08 pm
 Sunday 3 March 0.78m at 12:54 am 0.59m at 6:39 am 0.88m at 1:09 pm
 Monday 4 March 0.55m at 4:57 am 0.93m at 1:05 pm

Sun (Bluff Creek) Sunrise:- Around 5:55 am Sunset:- Around 6:40 pm
Moon (Bluff Creek) Moon Phase:- Full Moon is on Wednesday 27 February.
 Moonrise:- Around 8:50 pm Saturday Moonset:- Around 10:00 am Sunday
 Moonrise:- Around 9:30 pm Sunday Moonset:- Around 11:10 am Monday

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Boundaries:- Rocks 500m south east of Point Peron to Mindarie Keys, excluding the Swan River.

Tides for Fremantle. Saturday 2 March 0.83m at 00:05 am 0.57m at 6:05 am 0.80m at 1:08 pm 0.65m at 6:04 pm
 Sunday 3 March 0.71m at 1:01 am 0.58m at 5:08 am 0.85m at 1:30 pm
 Monday 4 March 0.60m at 00:45 0.80m at 1:48 am 0.56m at 5:00 am 0.90m at 1:59pm

April 2002 Field Day – Changed to Open.

The April Field Day to Wago on the Easter long weekend was raised at the January General Meeting, and was changed to an Open – that's anywhere in Western Australian Tidal waters. Remember the rule that the place must be accessible to all Club Members.

2001/2002 Dry Casting.

Sunday 3 February 2002, 8:30 am Yokine Reserve.
 Sunday 10 March 2002, 8:30 am Yokine Reserve. Second Sunday because of Field Day.
 Sunday 7 April 2002, 8:30 am Yokine Reserve.

2001/2002 General Meetings.

Wednesday 13 February 2002, 8:00 pm Yokine Bowling Club.
 Wednesday 13 March 2002, 8:00 pm Yokine Bowling Club.
 Wednesday 10 April 2002, 8:00 pm Yokine Bowling Club.

February 2002							March 2002							April 2002						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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<u>6</u>	Dry Casting	<u>9</u>	General Meeting	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	Field Day	<u>16</u>	Committee Meeting
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Dry Casting Report, 6 January 2002.

With thanks to the two "Terrys" the casting area was set up quickly which gave us time to sit back and enjoy the the early morning. Once again gusty headwinds greeted all competitors when they arrived but they abated a little later on.

It was noticed that a couple of our casters continued to practise casting after the five minute call went out. You know the rules fellas, so one last warning gents.

The headwinds didn' t stop Nick and George putting down some good distance casts, but the best effort was put down by our junior caster, Kade Ross. Both division casts were only 4-5m off club records. These were Kade's first cast with a new distance rod and he did really well. This lad is going to get better.

I enjoyed watching the big smile spread across Mal' s face when he popped a bull' s-eye in the double handed event. Unfortunately I missed Ric's bull' s-eye, but heard the roar of appreciation from his fellow competitors.

Well done to all section winners on the Day.

Keep it straight and long.

Hendo.

Results for the day:-

	112 gram		Points	56 gram		Points	Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2		Cast 1	Cast 2				
Seniors.									
Gary Gildersleeves	120	122	25	125	124	25	128	17	195
George Holman	146	150	30	129	137	27	102	21	180
Chas Riegert	127	147	27	121	122	24	107	18	176
Nick Allsworth	147	156	30	113	122	24	97	15	166
Andrew Aubrey	123	125	25	0	0	0	123	7	155
Ric Parker	124	127	25	109	104	21	89	15	150
Darren Batchelor	0	145	15	0	0	0	90	0	105
Terry Willison	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	17	82
Peter Stoeckel	88	0	9	0	0	0	63	4	76

Veterans.

Roy Killick	123	123	25	114	103	22	143	27	217
Bob Henderson	123	127	25	0	130	13	141	23	202
Mal Head	115	122	24	0	101	10	125	24	183
Alan Jones	104	125	23	0	100	10	136	12	181
Tony D'Alonzo	114	112	23	107	105	21	120	17	181
Terry Fuller	97	105	20	0	94	9	122	20	171
Jim Strong	80	0	8	79	48	13	107	16	144
Andy Thorgersen	74	93	17	90	0	9	84	18	128
Trevor Stam	99	95	19	83	69	15	84	4	122

Juniors.

Kade Ross	119	124	24	105	87	19	82	16	141
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Mini Juniors.

Rhys Jones	73	75	15	66	69	14	69	19	117
Andrew Stoeckel	46	56	10	50	54	10	29	1	50

Day Winners.

112 gram winner	George Holman / Nick Allsworth	30
56 gram winner	George Holman	27
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick	143
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick	27
Winner of the Day	Roy Killick	217
Junior winner	Kade Ross	141
Mini Junior winner	Rhys Jones	117

Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 3 February 2002, 8:30 am start.

Events:-

**112 gram distance,
Artificial Bait distance,
Double Handed accuracy,
Single Handed accuracy.**

Surfcasters Preston to Golden Bay Field Day / Mandurah 500 – 26/27 January 2002.

The January Field Day was run with the Mandurah 500 on 26/27 January 2002. Boundaries for this field day were from the northern end of Golden bay to 10km south of Preston beach carpark.

And so it was the Spencer King and I arrived at the Mandurah 500 sign on at about 1:30pm, after a quick drive down to Mandurah (one of the nice things about close field days). Thankfully, due to the great work of the Mandurah 500 crew, this was a painless procedure. After much debate we decided to fish south of Preston beach where hopefully, the beach might be a bit quieter (but not before trying to suss out where Tony D'Alonzo was fishing...no one knew...of course!!)

Did I say quiet, I should have known better, we arrived at Preston to find 4wd's everywhere, it seemed everyone in Perth had decided to fish the same spot. This was probably due to a combination of the fishing competition, and a long weekend.

After a bit of a drive, we settled into a spot about 3 km south, did the fishing chores such as rigging up and setting the berley bag, and settled down for some serious fishing. The berley bag did the trick and after about an hour, we were into a hot little session on Whiting and Herring. The arrival of darkness saw the distribution of bigger gear to target Sharks and Mulloway (yeah right, we should be so lucky!!). Unfortunately, the conditions, although comfortable, were not ideal as there was a decreasing tide and full moon. The night was uneventful fishing wise although I did catch a huge Blue Manna Crab. (Gee, I wish I could have weighed that in!)

The crack of dawn saw us once again fishing for the bread and butter species, of which there was no shortage. Try as we may, we couldn't really get into any of the chopper Tailor that are usually prolific on these beaches at this time of year (maybe the full moon??)

Leaving the beach for the weigh-in, it seemed like the number of people fishing had swelled over night. Upon arrival we meet the rest of the club and watched the Mandurah 500 competition. This was a real eye opener as there was about 3 large Mulloway, and 4 big Sharks entered. It just shows, no matter what the conditions are like, there is no substitute for having a line in the water.

As John was away fishing in Albany (lucky bugger!) this club weigh-in was my first as an FDO. I'd like to thank all the senior members there who helped show me the ropes and ensured a smooth weigh-in.

And so ended another field day, great weather, reasonable fishing, a lot of people, and a great time had by all.

Damian D'Mello, Assistant Field Day Officer.

These results were prepared in a bit of a rush because of the short time between the Field Day and the Reel Talk deadline, so if there are any details missing or wrong, please let us know, so that we can put the correct results in the next Reel Talk.

Attendance: Seniors 15 Juniors 0 Mini-Juniors 2 Visitors 1 Total 18

Angler	Total Weight	No of Species	No of fish	Total Points
Tony D' Alonzo	3.3 kg	4	30	123
Filomena D' Alonzo	3.23 kg	4	30	112
Damian D'Mello	2.40 kg	3	23	104
Spencer King	2.10 kg	3	23	101
George Holman	1.48 kg	3	13	95
Terry Fuller	2.40 kg	2	20	94
Rob Mitchell	0.12 kg	1	1	61
Ross Kember	0 kg	0	0	50
Peter Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	50
Eric Parker	0 kg	0	0	50
Julie Kember	0 kg	0	0	40
Paul Mollet (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40
Daniel Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40
Andrew Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40
Ken Black	0 kg	0	0	40
Andy Thorgersen	0 kg	0	0	40
Darren Batchelor	0 kg	0	0	40
Don Batchelor	0 kg	0	0	40

Sportsperson of the Year Sections, and Field Day Prizes for January.			
Best Scale Fish	Filomena D'Alonzo	Tailor	0.35 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	3.3 kg

Top Ten up to January

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D' Alonzo	1860.8	6	Andy Woodford	314
2	John Jardine	1127	7	Ian Cook	307
3	Damian D'Mello	788.5	8	Eric Parker	307
4	George Holman	677.01	9	Ken Black	270.5
5	Spencer King	342.5	10	Ian Taggart	255.5

Changes to Field Day Sections.

Section	For	Angler	Species	Weight.
All	No changes for January			

Mandurah 500

We don't have all the results, (names etc) for the Mandurah 500 yet. Eligible species were Tailor, Mulloway, Herring, Flathead/Flounder, Whiting, Tarwhine, Skippy and Sharks. The heaviest fish presented wins.

The species are drawn at random, with the last species being eligible for the major prizes of \$1000 for the Open section and \$500 each for Ladies and Juniors. This year the last species drawn was whiting, so the winners won the major prizes with whiting of around 165 grams.

Mulloway of 9.9 and 13.6kg won the ladies and men's mulloway prizes, a shark of around 16kg won the shark prize.

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Junior Whiting Winner and Runner up.

Three sharks presented at the weigh in – winner in centre.

It seems that the larger fish were mostly having a holiday too. There were plenty of small fish, but the usual run of tailor seemed to be missing. There were rumours of professionals netting the Preston Beach area, with significant catches of tailor recently, but it seems the tailor were fairly scarce both north and south throughout the area. There were certainly enough people trying to catch them!

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Winning mulloway 13.6kg

Suggestions for Instruction Periods at General Meetings.

The committee would like to have some suggestions from members for topics or speakers they would like to have for the instruction periods at our monthly meetings. Please fill out the form in the January Reel Talk with any suggestions and send to:- Secretary, SCAC, PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020, or hand to Terry Fuller at a Club event.

Membership Coordinator's Report.

It was a pleasure to be the member elected to spend time with nominated new member Terry Ring who has attended a Dry Casting meeting, a General Meeting and a session on making rigs, plus preparation to fish together at the Febuary Garden Island Field day. Terry is the first member to experience our new inauguration procedure which is now standard practice. We look forward to enjoying Terry's company in forthcoming club events.

The Committee will be addressing both General meetings and Social areas designed, in part, to further enhance the sporting and social areas for both new and established members. Derry Barber.

AAA Report.

AAA Rock and Beach competition, 16/17 March 2002. Boundaries Cervantes to Green Head. Registration at Cervantes Caravan Park 11:00am to 12 noon. Lines down at 2:00pm Saturday. Weigh in at Cervantes Caravan Park at 10:00am Sunday.

AAA Boating Competition 27/28 April, 2002. More details in next month' s Reel Talk.

Remember, all points go towards deciding the champion club and we are in a good position at the moment.

Social Report.

The Yokine Bowling Club's social bowling nights are back on and two teams from SCAC are participating but more competitors are welcome Wednesday nights 6:30 – 7:00 pm start.

I have put in a request for members to wear their club colours at State and Club events, and it has been great to see many of the members going along with it. How about buying a window sticker for your vehicle too? All shirts, cardigans, peak caps and stickers can be obtained by giving me a call. Hendo, Social Organiser.

President's Notes.

Hello fellow anglers.

First on Julie's and my behalf, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who expressed their condolences at our recent loss. These times are never pleasant and even though we have to deal with the inevitable, it is comforting to know that others are close by in their thoughts.

The new year has at last arrived and it is now time to get busy doing those things that we need to do. The Mandurah 500 is one such event that we have committed to support. This weekend Surfcasters have agreed to combine the January field day with the annual AAA public contest. I believe that additional monetary support has been gained from the public authorities in Mandurah, some of which has been used in Metropolitan advertising, so I would hope that the competition for section prizes and the prize money would be fierce.

I have said this before and will again: Please support the event. A number of our members are spending considerable time and effort to make this annual contest a successful one.

Still on the subject of the AAA but one that will effect if not all of us, then a great many recreational anglers in general is the two proposals being discussed at the moment. Firstly the dredging of areas which include some sea grass meadows off our metropolitan coast. If you have not already done so, please write to the Minister and express your concern. The successful application by a company wishing to use this resource will most certainly reduce the sea grass meadow around Perth. There goes some nursery area and protection for Squid, KG Whiting, and a plethora of other fish species that we are trying to protect for our future.

Secondly the proposed Cottesloe fish habitat protection area. Once again it would seem that we are to be dictated to by a small number of people with a vested interest. Are we not the most regulated state in Australia? And why should we be subjected to the loss of more of our near coastal access. Our recreation is at risk at a time when it has been determined by learned people that we do not get enough recreation.

Once again please write to the minister and your MPs expressing your concern. I might remind you that letters will not be looked at with credence if they have obviously been composed for mass mailing. Your letter does not have to be a thing of art just, a genuine concern for something that affects you and your family.

These next few months will be extremely busy for the social organizer. The 50th anniversary dinner is in June and organization will start in earnest. If you can help or if you have any ideas please do not hesitate to speak to a committee members or myself. You Can Help with little effort.

The social committee has organised a car rally for March. While this may be enjoyable for a few, a well-supported event will be enjoyed by many, so please join in.

Fish and Drive safe.

Ross Kember

Car Rally.

Sunday 24 March. Departing 9:30am from the carpark Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine Reserve. It will be a two hour (approximate) drive.

Bring your own barbecue food, or you can purchase some at the destination. A small flick rod and reel are essential for the fishing competition. Please contact Bob Henderson 9451 6341 to register your interest in participating.

Exmouth Safari 2002 Update – Results of Meeting 24 January.

Travelling: It was agreed that all persons travelling to Exmouth would meet at Carnarvon at the Shell Roadhouse at the "T" intersection between 0700 – 0800 am on Saturday 11 May 2002 and travel on as a group to our destination.

This would allow those wishing to travel to Carnarvon the previous day and stay overnight if they were desirous of doing so. Accommodation in Carnarvon to be arranged by those wanting it. The return trip would be similar and discussed by all whilst in Exmouth.

Accommodation:- All accommodation is 'American Block Homes' as constructed by and for the US Navy when they were resident there.

The Kennedy Street residence has a big verandah all the way around the house and the most external space for any BBQ type functions. All three residences have gas trolley BBQs, however, it should be noted that residents are responsible for filling the gas bottles. So, if the last resident hasn't filled the bottle, it might last the week out, or it might not... ☹ We should ensure we fill it before leaving (\$21 a bottle)

Similarly, the residence at Kennedy Street has a 'Tuckerbox' type freezer available for use, as does the residence at Tautog Street. The house at Fyfe Street has a normal fridge/freezer.

All accommodation is self contained with the exception of linen. Groups at this stage are:

Ross & Julie Kember; Wayne & Rhonda Morris; Ian Cook; Derry Barber; Ian Mascarenhas (7)

Chas Riegert; Matt Sneddon; Kade Ross; Jamie Gouldthorp; Ron & Jill Delary-Simpson (6)

Bob Henderson; Pete Stoeckel; Spencer King; Ric Dunstan; Terry Fuller; Ric Parker (6)

Suggested Activities:-

Western beaches at high tide at night.	Mildura wreck to Point Murat.
Inside gulf area on light tackle.	Squid night.
Marina night	"Bighty" night.
Biggest species morning (whiting just for Derry).	

Please note that these are just a sample of the activities we can participate in. I have contacted some locals at Exmouth on and obtained the following information.

For the period we are planning to be in Exmouth, the prevalent species usually are; Trevally, Queenfish, Mackerel, Bluebone and the ever present sharks. In the gulf itself, there is a preponderance of Flathead, Whiting (Yayyyy, Derry), Bream, and Mangrove Jack.

The Learmonth area is especially active for small Queenies (1 - 3 kg) which engulf with gusto most smallish chrome slices.. ☺☺☺☺

The west coast area is generally popular with the bluebone who have a fetish for 'ghost crabs'. I have been reliably informed that these skittish creatures can be caught locally by some deviate method. **Question:** Who knows the best (or any) way to catch ghost crabs (apart from being bloody fast on your feet, which many of us aren't any more). They also have a liking for coral prawn, and as this time of the year is 'prawning time', we should have a good supply of this bait.

Bluewater Tackle in Exmouth has assured me that their prices for bait are basically the same as their shop in Scarborough and they can supply bulk lots if we want (ie boxes of mulies as against blocks).

The recommended area for fishing from the shore is that part of the coast between the Mildura wreck and Point Murat.

Social: On Thursday 16 May 2002, it is planned to have a BBQ/Drinks night. At this time several venues are being considered, not the least being the local Yacht Club which has a very good reputation. This evening will also be the briefing for our proposed 'Field Day' on Friday.

Other Matters:- I am awaiting delivery of pamphlets and other paraphernalia from the local Tourist Information Centre on Charter Boats and fishing locations. When it becomes available, I will pass it on to one and all.

On Friday 25 January 2002, the local fuel prices in Exmouth were: Unleaded Petrol at \$1.04 litre; Diesel at \$1.06 litre and Gas at \$0.65 litre. As we all know, this is subject to change, rapidly at times. It may be appropriate to contact 'Exmouth Fuel Supplies' with the view to running an account for the period we are in Exmouth. I am informed that this can be arranged at a slightly reduced charge to what it costs at the bowser.

Apart from Bluewater Tackle, in Maley Street, there is Bettsies Seafood & Tackle in Pellew Street that supplies good fresh bait. In point of fact, Bettsies has been recommended for fresh seafood for both personal consumption and bait. My source says that the Coral Prawns from Bettsies are better cooked and eaten rather than put on hooks. ☺ Sounds like Butterflied Prawns on the Barbie to me...

If anyone has any further activities to suggest, or wants any information that is not here, please contact me on Email (riegert@jazzline.net.au or Chas.Riegert@police.wa.gov.au) or on 0438 535 848.

Chas needs the balance for the accommodation (\$90 less whatever deposit you have already paid) by the March General Meeting.

Remember with tackle Fish don't care what you paid ... Chas Riegert 25 January 2002

Wanted.

Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the meeting and give them to Mal Head. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

For Rent.

Club 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), has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$210 per week,	On season	\$350 per week	} all
Club Members:-	Off season	\$150 per week,	On Season	\$200 per week	} plus \$50
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights			} bond.

For bookings and further information, contact the Club' s Property Officer, Rob Mitchell, after hours on (08) 9248 8164.

Donations for Trophies.

Soon we will be looking for trophies for this competition year.

There are some things members can do:-

1. Get involved in the competition – there are plenty of open competition sections which don't have entries.
2. Donate a trophy yourself – particularly if you have been on the on the receiving end in past years.
3. When buying your gear and getting your services from our trophy donors and advertisers, make sure you let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club, so that when we contact them in a few months, they will know that this Club's members support them.

Our 2000/2001 trophy donors have been listed in recent Reel Talks. We haven't yet approached companies about donations for our current 2001/2002 year. Club donors so far are:-

George Holman - rod trophy not allocated last year.

Derry Barber - money not used last year.

Terry Fuller - money not all used last year.

Doug Edward

If any names have been missed, please contact the Reel Talk Editor.

Our 2000/2001 trophy donors so far are:-

Seaducer Tackle Corporation.

Club's 50th Anniversary.

The annual dinner, dance and 50th reunion is heading our way soon. It will be held on Saturday 29 June 2002 at the Yokine Bowling Club. I hope one and all are putting in special efforts for the open competitions and club competitions.

Have you ever thought about donating a trophy or a prize towards this evening? Have the actions of any club member giving you reason to put forward a special prize on this evening to show your appreciation? Ever thought of producing that "certain trophy" for some crazy reason?

This night is set aside to congratulate club members for their efforts over the past year. Surely a special award will create memories.

Bob Henderson.

2001/2002 Open Competition.

Cookie needs more entries !!! Someone must have caught some fish ??? Or will catch some fish soon!

March is the annual pilgrimage to Bluff Creek. This is an ideal venue to cast Seducer Lures for salmon, which you can enter into the Seducer Lure competition.

For members going on the Exmouth Safari, the May field day will be held over one day (24 hours) probably on the Friday. Normal field day rules will apply to the field day. Ian will give details to the party on the Thursday night. Remember to take lots of entry forms for the Open Competition, Species Badge, Master/Grand Masters. You will probably catch some fish that are not in our clubs record book, so take a list of the Club Records. Ian will be taking the club's 50 kg scales and a set of 15 kg digital scales. Both scales are certified.

Ian will be providing tide tables with times and graphical interpretation prior to our trip up north.

Good Fishing

Cookie Monster + "Hunter".

Changes to the list published in the January 2002 Reel Talk are:-

Section	For	Min weight	Current Leader.
11	Heaviest Mackerel	4 kg	Ian Mascarenhas, 10.5 kg Mackerel at Steep Point.

Seaducer Lure Fishing Competition.

Chris Scobles has again been willing to support this competition and has already provided the lures for the prizes. Entries so far are:-

Heaviest Tailor	Mal Head 2.5kg at Red Bluff, Kalbarri.
Heaviest Salmon	No entry.
Heaviest Scale Fish	No entry.

Norm Clark.

Norm Clark was a member of the club back in the 1960's, and served some years on Committee. He died aged 78 on Saturday, 19 January. His son, Greg, contacted me via past member Doug Clegg, to tell me of Norm's death and how much the club had meant to him as a child and to Norm. Greg was reminded of the club when preparing the photos for the funeral and came across some including the ones below.



Norm Clark with a 47½ lb (21.6 kg) mulloway from the November 1961 Moore River Field Day.



Nine year old Greg Clark and Norm Clark with mulloway.

distance down the beach. Later, Norm Clark joined me and we pressed on, weed or no weed. I had a strike, then a run, and away it went, with me hoping it was a mulloway, though it didn't take me long to find out I only had a ray, which smartly brought me back to earth. Terry did the honours with the gaff and hauled it ashore.

Then Norm had a strike, and he remarked "Wouldn't it! Just another ray, and with the tailor coming on too!" However Norm moved away north, and I waited, wondering what next, and then I noticed Terry go into action again with the gaff and my eyes nearly popped when I saw what was on the end of that gaff. Previous to this Norm had been really laying into the so-called ray, hoping that it would snap off, so that he could continue fishing for tailor, so you can imagine the shock when he saw the mighty mulloway. They sure are a mighty fish and just out of the water the lateral lines stood out boldly and the silver sheen was something to see."

So you can see that the photos of Norm and this mulloway bring back memories for me, too. As Jim says, I was expecting to gaff just another ray, and when this silver and bronze monster appeared in the surf, it certainly put the pressure on me as a young and new club member, not to fluff the gaffing of such a fish for another member. After a few dramas, we managed to get it ashore through the surf. I'll always remember that smile on Norm's face.

Terry Fuller.

New Member Applications.

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

Terry Ring

87 Camboon Rd., Noranda.

Don Batchelor

20 Ellison St., Willagee.

Ron and Jill Delary-Simpson

4 Lorica Cove, Hillarys.

Letter to the Editor, February 1963

Back in January 1963, the Reel Talk editor had asked for suggestions about the competition, and had put in some of his own ideas. A.C.Gull replied in verse, as he often did. Doesn't the last paragraph say it all?

Dear Mr. Ed. I've carefully read
What you wrote in your previous edition
And I'd like to say in my shy gentle way
Let us alter the whole competition.

We all of us wish to catch a big fish
And that's only right and proper
But it should be deplored to seek a reward
Each time you latch on to a whopper.

The aim of the club and the path of the sub
Shouldn't end with a mass presentation
Much better jobs could be done with the bobs
And give rise to far less irritation.

I think in the main that material gain
Has no very potent appeal
Between you and me most boys would agree
They're fishing to fill up the creel.

Consider the sport who never has caught
A decent sized fish for his tea
Should you ask if a prize would make his spirits rise
He'd tell you "Go jump in the sea".

Then there's the lad whose heart's always glad
And he thrills to the feel of his rod
All he seeks is the whine of a peeling off line
And a healthy communion with God.

Again there' a the chappie whose always quite happy
To give you the run of his pack
A sinker or rig, a sandwich or cig.
Just a case of "Go help yourself Jack".

I'd like to suggest and I hope that the rest
Will give the matter fair trial
Without further ado let's try something new
And see if we can make it worthwhile.

The chap with the bag who has got a big swag
And enjoyed all the pleasant reaction
Has had his reward, let him go by the board,
And blow up with self satisfaction.

T'wixt the reels and the jigs and the chaps north of Triggs
This business doesn't enrapture
Away with the pot, chuck out the whole lot
Present a card of certified capture.

The chaps worth a prize in my baby blue eyes
And their value's quite easy to measure
Are the lads with a smile who make it worth while
To fish with your mates just for pleasure.

A.C.Gull.

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Remember the current 2002 Committee is looking for your suggestions for the Field Days, Instruction periods, etc. and we'll take them in any form - they don't have to be in verse and they don't have to rhyme!

Cottesloe Fish Habitat Protection Area.

The Cottesloe Fish Habitat Protection Area extends from North Street, Swanbourne, to 300m south of the artificial surfing reef at Cable beach and seaward 800m from the high water mark. That's 4.5km of coastline and the entire beachfront controlled by the Cottesloe Town Council.

In the media release announcing the FHPA in September 2001, the Fisheries Minister, Mr Kim Chance said the reef was composed of limestone outcrops, seagrasses, kelp beds and sponge gardens and was shelter to fish, shellfish, crustaceans, sea dragons and stingrays, providing a valuable fish habitat. The reef system is also a recognised nursery area for Port Jackson sharks and a squid habitat and breeding ground. It is a living laboratory and once the marine biodiversity is given the chance to regenerate, it has the potential to become an attractive eco-tourist destination.

Mr Chance said the high degree of community support for Cottesloe Reef during the consultation and planning phases would be critical during implementation of the management strategies. The strategies would ensure protection of Cottesloe Reef through:

a ban on commercial fishing, spearfishing and aquaculture;
 a ban on collecting marine organisms, such as coral, live rock, shells or crustaceans;
 installation of four public environmentally sensitive boat moorings;
 co-ordination of a long-term water quality and catchment management plan; and
 promotion of non-invasive recreational activities like snorkeling, diving and underwater photography.

Recfishwest drew attention to an advertisement in the local paper which said:-

“Fisheries WA declared Cottesloe a Fish Habitat Protection Area. This does not protect the fish. People can still fish, crayfish and capture abalone anywhere within this area!. Given a chance, the reef of South Cottesloe could become a marine aquarium where families snorkel amongst fish and enjoy the marine life fully intact. Please write, fax or email Kim Chance, Minister for Fisheries. Tell him to protect all marine life between the main Groyne and the Cable Station.” and had the name Rowley Goonan – Cottesloe Marine Sanctuary Committee.

Fisheries Management Paper 150 covering the FHPA says “The Cottesloe Marine Protection Group (CMPG) was formed in December 1998 by a group of local snorkellers concerned about the depletion of marine life and degradation of the Cottesloe reefs as a result of human impacts such as spearfishing, collecting of marine life, and discharge of nutrient-enriched stormwater and groundwater. The aim of the CMPG is to protect the natural heritage value of the Cottesloe reefs and waters from the impact of human development and usage through appropriate management measures.” It also notes that “The Cottesloe reef system is notable because it is a healthy, flourishing marine system....”

Recreational line fishing was not listed among these negative impacts. Indeed, when the Fish Habitat Protection Area was declared, recreational fishing was deemed to be an activity which is compatible with the FHPA declaration, and there were no restrictions placed on fishing from the shore and boat fishing was still allowed but anchoring was not allowed.

Nothing has changed in the marine area, but this Committee now calls itself the “Cottesloe Marine Sanctuary Committee” and is calling for extra restrictions which would effectively make two kilometres of this shoreline and 800 metres out to sea into a Sanctuary area, which would prohibit all recreational line fishing in this area. This appears an attempt to bring in a further set of restrictions, after a comprehensive public review of the original proposals did not support any such restrictions.

The club supports Recfishwest's opinion that making this area into a full Sanctuary Area is neither necessary nor desirable. This area, particularly the Cottesloe Groyne, is an important area for many recreational fishers who mainly catch the pelagic types of fish which move through the area and are not long term resident fish, such as herring, tailor, salmon, whiting, skipjack, etc.

Restrictions in one area just place extra pressure on nearby areas, and that could then lead to restrictions in those areas. Once access is lost, it is unlikely ever to be given back again. So calls for restrictions which cover relatively large areas must be opposed unless there are really good reasons for having them.

We should make sure that all the things doing real damage are also controlled. I remember reading articles in the local papers about the effect of discharge of nutrient-enriched stormwater and groundwater on to the beaches and reefs, causing excessive weed and algae in the shallow waters.

The Club has written to the Fisheries Minister and asked he refuses these requests to place any further restrictions on recreational line fishing from the shore or from boats in this area. Terry Fuller.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

Many thanks to Tony D'Alonzo for the latest donation of 92 issues of Reel Talk from 1981 to 1988 with just a few missing. That filled a lot of the gaps in the Club's Library. The following lists the issues we still don't have. We are looking for donations, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. A few copies, eg all of what we have for the early months of 1982 are not in good condition, so we would take any better copies if they were offered.

1957	January	1958	January	1959	January	1960	August	1974	December
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					December				September

1977	February April May June July August	1979	June July August September October November December	1980	January February March April May June July August September October November December	1982	August September October November December	Please contact Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller if you have or can donate any of the missing issues.
1978	January February March					1984	November December	
						1988	January November December	

SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003 – Draft Version January 2002.

2002/2003 Possible Dry Casting Dates.

These are the “normal” dates. Some dates may change to fit in with Field Day changes. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30am.

Sunday 5 May 2002	Sunday 3 November 2002
Sunday 9 June 2002, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 1 December 2002
Sunday 7 July 2002	Sunday 5 January 2003
Sunday 4 August 2002	Sunday 2 February 2003
Sunday 1 September 2002, (change for Fathers’ Day?)	Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 6 October 2002	Sunday 6 April 2003

2002/2003 General Meetings.

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 8 May 2002	Wednesday 13 November 2002
Wednesday 12 June 2002	Wednesday 11 December 2002
Wednesday 10 July 2002	Wednesday 8 January 2003
Wednesday 14 August 2002	Wednesday 12 February 2003
Wednesday 11 September 2002	Wednesday 12 March 2003
Wednesday 9 October 2002	Wednesday 9 April 2003

2002/2003 Possible Field Day Dates

These are the “normal” dates. Some dates may change. The Venues will be added when they are known.

Saturday/Sun 18/19 May 2002 (changed for Mothers’ Day)	Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November 2002
Saturday/Sun/Monday 1/2/3 June 2002 LWE	Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December 2002
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 July 2002	Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 August 2002	Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 September 2002	Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE
Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29/30 September 2002 LWE	Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003

2001/2002 Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Trophies.

This will be the club’s 50th anniversary and will be held on Saturday 29 June 2002 at the Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue.

AAA Coming Events.

This information has been updated from the October 2001 AAA report, the latest one which had a timetable of events. Check for updates in later Reel Talks.

February 16/17, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Yanchep to Moore River.
March 2/3/4, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Go anywhere.
March 16/17, 2002	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Cervantes/Green Head.
April 20/21, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Cape to Cape
April 27/28, 2002	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Marmion AAC.
May 18/19, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Rottneest
June 1/2/3, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Cheyne’s Beach
October 27, 2002	AAA Dry Casting (State Championships)	Yokine Reserve. (Don’t miss it!)

November 23/24, 2002	AAA State Estuary Championships	Swan River.
January 2003 (presumed)	AAA Mandurah 500	Dates and boundaries to be decided.
March 2003	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Lancelin AAC.
April 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Dawesville Cut to Binningup Cut.

Pilchard Catch Quotas.

Fisheries Minister Kim Chance has agreed to increase the annual commercial catch in the South Coast Pilchard Fishery for the remainder of the 2001-2002 fishing season.

Mr Chance's decision to amend the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) follows advice from the Purse Seine (Pilchard Fishery) Management Advisory Committee (MAC), which met recently to review the first six months of the strictly monitored season.

The Minister will allow commercial operators in Albany to take an additional catch of 200 tonnes and in Bremer Bay an additional 400 tonnes for the remainder of this quota year.

He said the mid-year revision to the TAC was a positive but cautious response to the department's scientific research, which has revealed fish stocks are recovering well from the pilchard deaths.

Commercial operators in the Albany and Bremer Bay zones of the South Coast Pilchard Fishery were granted limited access in July. At the time, the amount of fish able to be taken was severely restricted and the catch closely supervised by Fisheries scientists.

"Egg surveys carried out by research staff in that time, indicate the stock is recovering quickly and this is reinforced by anecdotal evidence from industry," Mr Chance said. "The industry should be commended for the degree of maturity and spirit of responsibility it has demonstrated towards the fishery over the past six months."

Mr Chance said commercial operators had worked collaboratively with Fisheries scientists and this high level of co-operation had ensured pilchard stocks had not been exposed to unreasonable risk. Fisheries researchers would continue to supervise the management of the 'maintenance catch' to ensure maximum research benefits were achieved and the impact of continued fishing was properly assessed. "I understand the industry needs to maintain a viable commercial fishery but the ongoing long-term sustainability of the pilchard fishery is the first priority," Mr Chance said.

What's on the Web Message Boards.

Just a filler. You find lots of interesting discussions on some of the Internet Bulletin Boards (and of course a lot of rubbish). One that has quite a lot of good local fishing related discussion is the Western Angler Fishing Forum at <http://www.westernangler.com.au>.

Tailor Catches. One discussion started off "a bloke who lives in the street came in with five 2 kilo Tailor for my father in law. Apparently about 5 blokes get together and put a net out in Peel Inlet on a Wednesday night and check it on the Thursday morning. They always get about 40 good size tailor and divi them up in the street. You are allowed to use a net on Wednesday nights only, and they follow the guidelines. Asked if there is a person limit or a net limit."

Well you can imagine the comments – and the emphasis that the one person who had the net license is allowed the standard bag limit of 8 tailor, and the rest of the people involved don't have a license and aren't allowed ANY. And the obvious questions – what happens if there are more than 8 tailor in the net in the morning – they're drowned and it's too late. Just an example of why recreational set netting should be banned – because it can catch species which shouldn't be caught in these numbers by recreational fishers.

Blowies. One discussion asked for theories on the blowie population explosion, and if it was linked to the poor prawn catches for the last several years. Fisheries had lots to do and their resources didn't yet stretch to blowies and prawns in the Swan but Recfishwest would be talking to them about what could be done from now.

Prawns should be in the Swan in good numbers this year after two pretty dry winters but they simply aren't there. Prawns do have the capacity to come back strongly after low numbers but after 5 years it is becoming a real worry. Note however, that crab numbers have been good for the last 5 years. Some pretty respected people in Fisheries and at the Unis are also starting to get concerned.

Some very good work was done by Murdoch Uni a number of years ago, including blowies diet studies, and it is important to repeat that work at the same sites and compare the results. It is also important to get some environmental data and see what has happened.

As someone suggested, maybe blowies could be used as tuna food for the SA farms, but there is still the problem with the by-catch of flathead and flounders.