



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

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Membership Coordinator **New !!**

Chas Riegert

Committee Person

Peter Stoeckel

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George Holman

Bob Henderson

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## Minutes of General Meeting, 12 February 2003

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:06 PM. President Ross Kember presiding. Ross gave birthday wishes to members as listed in the Reel Talk, plus Andy Thorghersen and Julie Kember.
- Present:-** 36 senior members, 1 junior, 2 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Ian Cook, Mat Sneddon, Trevor Stam.
- Visitors:-** Brian Stokes, Trevor Voit.
- New Members:-** None.
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Peter Stoeckel seconded Terry Willison, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Ross Kember outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.
- Correspondence. In**
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| Peter Mahony               | Requesting 12 months' leave.               |
| Kalbarri Home Services     | Increase in charges.                       |
| Ray White, Kalbarri        | Statement for January, cheque for \$170.34 |
| City of Stirling           | Summer/Winter changeover.                  |
| Albany Angling Club        | Easter Fishing Competition.                |
| Seniors Recreation Council | Update of their printed directory.         |
| Suggestions for Field Days | Graeme Lowick, by email                    |
- Correspondence. Out**
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| Graeme and Jo Lowick | Progress with their application. |
| City of Stirling     | Dry casting dates                |
- Moved** Chas Riegert, seconded Peter Stoeckel, that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Treasurer John Hall reported.  
 Opening Balance \$7624.93, Closing Balance \$8332.25  
 Accounts for payment - Jiffy Print \$133.15, Yokine Bowling Club \$50.00  
 Cheques raised for Rotto \$212.00 accommodation, \$308.00 transport  
 BT Funds Dec quarter from \$6092.14 up to \$6252.44  
**Moved** Terry Willison seconded Peter Stoeckel report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- Property Officer:-** Vix Alexander reported on new bookings for Kalbarri. House is available as in Reel Talk.
- Secretary Report:-** Very few suggestions have been received for Field Days. Henry Bester had donated some fishing gear to the club, to be listed in the Reel Talk.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson gave details of the February Dry Casting as in Reel Talk.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported on the January Mandurah 500 and the February open field day as in Reel Talk.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman reported on the meeting with Recfishwest and the topics discussed. A draft submission on the Toohey Integrated Fisheries Management report, and AAA policy on recreational fishing licenses have been prepared.  
 Peter Stoeckel had advised that the rock and beach fishing competition headquarters has been moved to Preston Beach caravan park.
- Social Organiser:-** Club shirts and jackets will be available soon. Corporate bowls as reported in the February Reel Talk.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook not present. Ross Kember advised people need to commit for the 17/18 May Rottneest Field Day. Ross showed photographs of some fish caught by John Jardine some time ago.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Articles, photos, stories needed.
- Notices of Motion:-**
1. Roy Killick **moved** seconded Bob Henderson to amend Sub Section (b) and (c) of Section 3.5.2 Double handed Accuracy Target Distances, as set out in the Club' s Competition Rules.  
 Existing sub sections to be deleted and replaced by:-
    - (b) For Ladies, Juniors and Veterans sections,
 

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Metres	60	56	53	59	61
    - (c) For Mini Junior Section
 

Group	1	2	3	4	5
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- Motion carried
2. Terry Fuller gave **moved** seconded Rick Parker to amend Constitution Section 16, (a) and (b) to read:-
    16. Membership Fees.
      - a) Membership fees for the ensuing year shall become due and payable on the 1st of July in each year, and must be paid by 31 July.
      - b) Any member whose membership fee is not paid by 31 July shall be deemed to be unfinancial and the Committee without further notice may terminate the membership of such person. Such person will not be eligible for any club competition, nor be eligible to vote or stand for Committee selection until membership fee is paid or an alternative arrangement is approved by the Committee.

Amend Section 16 c), d) and e), Section 3 c), Section 4 c), Section 15, replace the word "subscription" with "membership fee" for wording consistency.

Roy Killick **moved** Terry Willison seconded an amendment that Section 16 (e) be amended to read:- (e) The committee shall set a reduced annual membership fee for members of age 60 years or more. This reduced membership fee will apply to pensioners who make application to the committee. Members in paid employment are not eligible for reduced fees.

Motion carried, and became the motion. After a brief discussion the motion was put and carried.

**General Business:-**

Bob Henderson discussed his suggestions for Field Days for the coming competition year.

Rick Parker showed a selection of lures which he was producing as a part time venture. These lures are a proven design and were given the big thumbs up by George Holman.

**Instruction Period:-**

George Holman led a discussion on Bluff Creek, describing the beach, the access track, camping area and the species likely to be caught.

**Meeting closed.**

10:00 pm

**Coming Club Events.**

**March Dry Casting.**

**When:-** Sunday 9 March, 8:30 am start. **Note Not the first Sunday of the month**

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

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

**March General Meeting.**

**When:-** **Tuesday 11 March** 2003, 8:00 pm. **Note Changed**

**Where:-** Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.

**Instruction Period:-** Nathan Harrison, Fisheries, or "the mobile angler".

**March Field Day, Bluff Creek, Cheynes Beach for 2WD.**

Bluff Creek is four wheel drive only. Contact Mal Harris FDO before the Field Day if you only have two wheel drive and want to fish in the Cheynes Beach area.

**Don't miss it - often the best field day of the year!!**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 1/2/3 March 2003.

**Sign On:-** Saturday 12 noon Bluff Creek Camping area.

**Lines Down:-** After you've signed on.

**Barbecue:-** 12 noon Sunday to 2:00 pm Sunday. If you don't come to the barbecue, stop fishing.

**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.

<b>Tides for Albany</b>	Saturday 1 March	0.21m @ 6:05am	0.6m @ 12:52am	0.57m @ 3:32pm	1.06m @ 10:35pm
	Sunday 2 March	0.27m @ 6:10am	0.62m @ 12:17pm	0.53m @ 4:10pm	1.03m @ 10:58pm
	Monday 3 March	0.32m @ 6:12am	0.66m @ 12:05pm	0.50m @ 4:44pm	0.97m @ 11:18pm
<b>Sun and Moon Bluff Creek</b>	Sunrise:-	About 5:55 am	Sunset:-	About 6:45 pm	
	Saturday 1 March		Moonrise:-	3:40am	Moonset:- 6:06pm
	Sunday 2 March		Moonrise:-	4:42am	Moonset:- 6:40pm
	Monday 3 March	New Moon	Moonrise:-	5:43am	Moonset:- 7:09pm



**Local Field Day for March 2003.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 1/2/3 March 2003.

**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.

**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12:00 noon

**Weigh in:-** Monday 10:00 am at G. Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written on the Field Day sheet. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

**Boundaries:-** South local, North Mole to Penguin Island, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

<b>Tides for Fremantle</b>	Saturday 1 March	0.29m @ 5:11am	0.89m @ 8:50pm	Sunrise:	About 6:05pm
	Sunday 2 March	0.33m @ 5:20am	0.56m @ 12:30pm	0.86m @ 9:25pm	
	Monday 3 March	0.37m @ 5:20am	0.59m @ noon	Sunset:-	About 6:52pm

**April 2003 Field Day - Cape to Cape.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003.

**Sign On:-** Saturday 12.00 midday at Dunsborough Centennial Park (near the beach).

**Weigh in:-** Sunday 12.00 midday at Busselton Jetty parking area.

**Boundaries:-** Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin.

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

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**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 1/2/3 March 2003.  
**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.  
**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12:00 noon  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday 12.00 midday at G. Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written on the Field Day sheet. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.  
**Boundaries:-** North local, South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

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

### AAA Rock and Beach Fishing Championships.

#### WANTED.....WANTED.....WANTED.....WANTED

Veterans, Men, Ladies, Juniors and Mini-Juniors wanted for the AAA Rock and Beach Fishing Championships. This is to be held on the weekend of 29 and 30 March at the Preston Beach Caravan Park (**Note: Venue Change**). The boundaries are Halls Head Inlet to Myalup Drain. Sign on is from 11.00am until 12 noon Saturday 29 March. Lines down at 2.00pm Saturday. Weigh in at 11.00am Sunday 30 March.  
 Cost: Mens and Ladies \$10.00 Veterans \$5.00 Juniors & Minis \$5.00  
 Please register as soon as possible so that teams can be formed. For further details contact Bob Henderson, or Peter Stoeckel.

### Calendar for Next Three Months.

<b>9</b>	Dry Casting					<b>12</b>	General Meeting					<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	Field Day				<b>19</b>	Committee Meeting			
March 2003							April 2003							May 2003								
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun		
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	<u>31</u>			

### SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003.

#### 2002/2003 Dry Casting Dates.

All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30 am.  
 Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day) Sunday 6 April 2003

#### 2002/2003 General Meetings.

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.  
 Tuesday 11 March 2003 (**Changed**) Wednesday 9 April 2003

#### 2002/2003 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE Bluff Creek, and "South" Local.  
 Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003 Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin, and "North" Local.

#### May 2003 Rottneest Field Day.

The Committee has decided the May Field Day will be Rottneest on 17/18 May so that bookings can be made in enough time. Any trip to Rottneest must have accommodation and transport booked well in advance. If you want to go, you **MUST** have paid in full by the March General Meeting. A couple of people have pulled out, so there's two vacancies. Contact Cookie for more details, but do it soon, or you'll miss out. Payments to John Hall, please.

## **AAA and Affiliated Club Coming Events.**

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

March 15/16, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Cervantes to Wedge.
<b>March 29/30, 2003</b>	<b>AAA State Beach and Rock Championship</b>	<b>Halls Head to Myalup Drain, Headquarters Preston Beach.</b>
April 25/26/27, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Go Anywhere.
May 17/18, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Rottnest.
May 31/June 1/2 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Albany area.
July 19/20, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Rottnest.
September LWE, 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Horrocks to Kalbarri. <b><u>Date Change</u></b>
October 26, 2003	AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve.
March or April 2004	AAA State Estuary Championships	Collie River and Leschenault Estuary.

## **Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.**

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

## **Happy Birthday to:-**

Derry Barber, 4 March

Vic Dunstan, 17 March

Jo Lowick, 17 March

Kaitlin Stoeckel, 20 March

Tony Slate, 25 March

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

## **Wanted – Aluminium Cans.**

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

## **Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.**

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor.

Thanks to John Lee for his Kalbarri story in the February Reel Talk.

## **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.

Brian Stokes.

## **New Member Acceptances.**

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

Graeme and Jo Lowick.

## **Kalbarri House For Rent.**

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

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

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

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

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

As at 9 February, the house is available 23 March to 10 April, from 10 May to 25 September, from 30 September to 17 October 2003, 22 November to 26 December 2003, and 10 January 2004 on. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

## **Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.**

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

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

## **Change of Accuracy Distances.**

At the February General Meeting, a change was made to the Club' s Competition Rules Sub Section (b) and (c) of Section 3.5.2 Double Handed Accuracy Target Distances.

The sub sections are now:-

(b)	For Ladies, Juniors and Veterans sections,				
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(c)	For Mini Junior Section				
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The reason for this amendment is to bring the Club into line with the distances now being cast by these Sections, as a result of the amended distances introduced at National level and subsequently adopted by the A.A.A. W.A.

## **Change of Membership Year.**

At the February General Meeting, a change was made to the Club' s Constitution Sections 16, (a) (b) and (e) which now read:- 16. Membership Fees.

- a) Membership fees for the ensuing year shall become due and payable on the 1st of July in each year, and must be paid by 31 July.
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- e) The committee shall set a reduced annual membership fee for pensioner members aged 60 years or more. Eligible individual members must apply to the committee for reduced fees. Members in paid employment are not eligible for reduced fees.

Constitution Section 16 c), d) and Section 3 c), Section 4 c), Section 15, have the word "subscription" replaced with "membership fee" for wording consistency.

**Effect:-** This change aligns the membership year with the financial year so that income and expenses will be in the same period and the club can budget better.

The changed wording in (b) allows a member to make arrangements to pay in installments if approved by the Committee. Once that arrangement is agreed, the member will have all membership rights.

The changes to (e) are rewording and don't change the details from what was passed at the August 2002 meeting.

This change of membership leaves a two month period between the "old" 2002/2003 membership year which ends on 30 April and the "new" 2003/2004 membership year which will start on 1 July for which membership fees will not have been paid.

The Committee has decided that a once-off pro-rata payment of two months' fees will be added to the amount to be collected for the 2003/4 fees. That's an extra 2/12 of the yearly rate, or Single \$12.50, Family \$14.15, Concession \$6.25, Junior \$8.35, Associate \$4.15, at current annual rates - but these need review based on the club's likely income and expenses.

No change is proposed for the Club' s fishing and dry casting competition year which runs from the beginning of May to April. The competition year will still end on 30 April so that all competition winners can be decided in time for the Annual Presentation of Trophies in mid June.

## **From Reel Talk October 1953.**

Many thanks to past members Ted Horsley and Vern Pocklington for donating copies of early Reel Talks from 1952 to 1954, and a copy of the Constitution of the Surfcasting and Angling Association of WA from that time.

Here's the October 1953 issue, when the Club was called "The Surf Casting and Angling Association of WA."

## **Club Activities, October 1953.**

The advent of Spring has seen an increase in the Club's activities and membership.

Our casting tournament at Rosalie Park turned out to be one of the best club activities yet organised. No less than 15 members took part and there was a keen interest shown by many onlookers. Some came along to pick up some clues, as they weren't confident enough to try out their own skill. As a result of the interest shown we plan to make it a monthly event and it will be held at Rosalie Park on the weekend after the Field Day.

Our last Field Day to the 14 mile beach beyond Mandurah was notable in that, for the first time, we all went in the one vehicle. We managed to get the use of a truck at a cost of 10/- per person which we considered very reasonable. Unfortunately we didn't get the variety of fish that we had come to expect from this spot. Large skippy, tailor, kingies, salmon, blue sharks and pike have fallen to our "traps" previously and we thought we couldn't miss. However, all could catch silver bream easily and a couple of good skippy and herring were caught. Vic Davis, just to show that sharks were there, landed a 100 lb. wobbegong on his light gear.

As we can get the truck again in October, we're going back to the same spot. We know no better and this time we'll really give the fish a bashing. The truck is large, so we're not afraid of overloading it.

Just here Noel Knight would like me to put in a word of caution to those who may wish to poke their head over the side of the truck to see where we're going. It's not bad for small scrub but it won't shift the larger banksias near the track.

So sure are we of catching fish - real fish - that we're inviting Bunbury Club to come along and try their luck with us.

Felix will need to improve the form he showed last time I or we might consider leaving him home. He even allowed Vic Davis to beat him on points.

I saw Nelson Smith tying steel cable to some huge hooks so he wouldn't lose even the big ones this time.

The arrangements should be simple. Just find your way to Lloyd Dunn's place, in Shenton Park not later than 1:30 pm on Saturday, 17th October, and have with you some "tucker" for evening and morning, some warm "clobber" for a cold night, fishing gear, bait and your fare plus 2/6 for a 'sweep' on the night's fishing.

A trip to the "4 mile" beyond Mandurah by V. Davis, P. Edwards, J. Mc Nerney and L. Dunn failed to convince the Secretary that it was a good fishing spot, but it made Doug Edward a happy man as he was able to take home a real fish, a 10lb mulloway.

Vic Davis also took home a kingie - a six pounder. I won't tell you what the other two of us caught!

## **Pathfinders For Our Field Day, October 1953.**

Well fellars! Vic Davis and I set off about 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the direction of Mandurah. Feelings were high, although the wipers on our eyes were busy, and assurances of good weather, the main topic of our conversation. This we found later had good effect.

Mandurah. Davis pulled his safety belt tight and yelled: "Well, Mac, here we go," Hellzapoppin wasn't in it. If you compare a cherry on a sponge cake to a dice in a shaker, then that's Davis and me. His van passenger seating is specially for keeping his mates awake for earbashing, which is plenty.

Destination reached, - The Fourteen Mile Beach - I managed to lift my head to the level of the windscreen still suffering slight concussion, raised my eyes to the sandhills about two hundred yards in front, and saw Vic gesticulating wildly for me to come up there. I drag myself up and find a beaut fishing possie spread out before us. Well by the time I'm rigged, Davis has two silver bream. I get five, he then has a dozen.

Vic then decides he's had bream, "Now for some bigguns," he said. In a matter of ten minutes he hooked into a grey nurse; we saw it as it lashed around, tail showing out of the water about 40 yards out on the bank. Vic starts winching him in to almost gaffing distance. I'm at the ready, with the gaff, but as he draws closer, the hook straightens and tears out, Vic said some horrid things and I went back to my rod. Yes, I put my heavy line out but had no luck, Tally time 5:30. Vic:- 10 silver bream, 1 salmon, 1 grey nurse hooked and got away, 1 skippy, 1 whiting. Mac:- 5 silver bream. I wish the cow would give me a go.

Vic again hooks a grey nurse, time 5:45, ratchet screams; this one is well hooked too. Vic lays into him and makes his rod and drag work overtime..... I'm in position "Do or Die," all of a sudden Davis gives an incoherent yell and the shark moves out a bit. I still stand firm; look around at Vic doing a Fandango, then back at the shark which is still mucking around, back again to Vic, hear him above the sound of the surf, yelling "He's loose." I find climbing up the gaff handle was much easier than coming down. Once again, the hooks had straightened and torn out.

Here I state that Vic's wife pins a beret on his head through his tabs (ears to you) so that he'll have some hair left when he comes home from a fishing trip.

I've had one unsuccessful strike so far. 7.30 Vic winds in about a 30 pound Carpet Shark. Vic winds in about a 8 pound Kingie. Mac another strike (nowt). I'm near bald myself now. Patience.

I lit the pressure lamp earlier on, and it has kept things bright all round (except me). I keep thinking something's bound to turn up before long.

Once again there' s an unearthly yell and Vic is at it again, I find myself up to the knees in water, lamp in one hand and gaff in the other at the ready once more. A grey nurse again, I've got me motor revved for a quick take off, if this one gets nasty. I see her eyes gleam as she shakes her head from side to side. I near let the B clutch in and B Davis, any way she has another look at me, turns ready to go back to the depths; no wonder too, if she can hear Vic yelling, heaving, and groaning about 10 yards behind me. As she flicks her tail on the turn, I lay the gaff in. She does a couple of rolls, and near turns me arm into a left hand thread. Vic then comes in and we both heave her out on the beach. She's a beaut! Over 6 feet long and about the 140 pound mark.

A nice bit of fishing I do say. I haven't had any further strikes, and it's about 10 o'clock; the weather glowers at us, sorry to say, and we head for the van. We settle down, and. wise crack for a while, then it begins to rain.

Pre dawn greets us clear, but threatening rain, so we decide to have a go for tailor. Vic was first out as usual, He hit a kingie on the head with a sinker, poor devil, was mad enough to bite in self defence and of course found himself in Vic's wicker basket.

"What's wrong Mac?" "Oh, nothing. I guess I haven't got over the ride to this godforsaken spot yet."

We decide to head along the beach a bit and once again the silver bream come on the bite. Vic catches one, then I manage to sneak one in but Davis sees all. He does a tap dance on his burley sinker, casts out into the deep and promptly gets a double head of silver bream. I can't get a B-go. What's a man to do with a guy like him on a fishing trip?

The weather is getting pretty brisk blowing and squally and the looks of worse to come, so we decide to hit the track. To me it's been quite an interesting exhibition, to Davis well! well! When you ask him about the trip, button down your ears and just watch his hands. Good onya, Vic. J. McNerney.

### **14 Mile Reef Expedition, October 1953.**

Boy, what a weekend The original arrangements for this Field Day at Mandurah were for the party to leave Lloyd Dunn's place at 1 pm on the Saturday.

Twenty past two found Doug Edward still sitting on the Highway together with camping gear and rod. Soon afterwards a truck pulled up resembling the Grayden expedition with the ugliest crowd of fishermen that one could wish to see. I have never seen so much gear in all my life. How Vic Davis ever became the President of the club with the outfit he wears is beyond imagination.

Quite a lot of mudslinging took place and we suggest to our readers that they ask Noel Knight to repeat some of the very rude stories that he has in his repertoire.

One must congratulate Lloyd Dunn on his truck driving. Getting a 6ft wide cab through a 6'1" gate required a lot of very good judgment. The road to the beach was not as bad as originally feared and the trip was done in a little over 2 hours.

Of course those people that had been to this place before knew the ropes and took up their positions within a few minutes of the truck stopping.

Unfortunately the weekend was a flop as far as the larger fish were concerned but those who were there must congratulate Vic Davis on landing the 100 lbs (weighed) Carpet Shark on such light gear.

Nelson Smith had some bright idea about walking miles around the beach but it was apparent from his bag that the walk was not worth while.

The reef fishing in the morning was exceptionally good to those who had any gear left and quite good bags of bream and a few skipjack were taken. If I remember rightly, Noel Knight would have had the heaviest bag of 16 lbs.

I would like to mention that I received 1½ points for this weekend, being three small silver bream which I feel should have been thrown back the creek.

Poor old Les Jones felt that he also should throw his surf master in the creek as he did not seem to be able to master the art of overruns. It was disappointing not to see Felix in form, but I presume that even fishermen can have their day off.

As a new member of the Club I would like to recommend to other members, especially the newer ones, that they take part in these Field Days which help firstly to get to know other members of the Club, and while you may not do as well at fishing as the older members, it is necessary to have the experience and the tuition to enable you to take your part with them in competitive fishing. Doug.

### **Just Spinning, October 1953.**

Noticed Vic Davis mother in law sitting in the fishing chair that collapsed last field day. He claims he fixed it! Don't know whether this is the truth and he just wanted it tried out or not.

If anyone wants to keep me quiet, just bring along a Southam for me to play with as the President did for his small son.

Noticed Mrs Davis practising with a Southam. Watch your laurels boys.

They tell me the scouts are after Alec Hancock for a troop leader. "Be prepared" seems to be his motto. Got it out yet Alec?



Seems a couple of the members reckon the Club should change its name to the "Sundowners" as the others on the last field day went to bed when the sun set.

Ever seen Vic playing Tarzan? He swings from the trees to the ground flat on his back. It's a good turn; get him to show you some time.

See by an article in the "Post" that Lloyd got pulled in by a groper some time. His wife always did say he was unbalanced.

Congratulations to Doug Edward on his 10 lb kingie. The secretary is still going round with his chest thrown out because he tied the hook on.

Ever hear about the kingies Noel caught in the river last summer? If you haven't you're either deaf or lucky.

Heard Nelson apologising for only getting within 27 inches of the peg in the accuracy casting. Says he forgot it wasn't a fish and allowed 27 inches so the fish would have time to open his mouth and take the bait.

Ever heard Felix laugh when he gets tangled up with ten other lines, all Lloyd's at daybreak? Neither have we.

We're still trying to find out whether Doug Edward bought his cap to match the binding on his rod or whether he bound his rod to match his cap.

Believe Mac is crooked on the article in the "Post" Reckons everyone in Australia will know he can't catch fish now.  
By I Tell.

### **Dry Casting Day, October 1953.**

The Club's last dry casting day was one of the most successful outings held by the club. A fair number of competitors, excellent casting and a large number of interested onlookers made it so.

The reappearance of Bill Bridger was appreciated by the rest of the members of the club until they lined up and tried to match his casts.

Standard fishing gear was the order of the day and in view of that, the casting I think would compare favourably anywhere. Bill was asked to set the ball rolling in the 3¼ oz class to give the rest of us something to chase, which he certainly did. 125 yds first up.

The only other competitor to top 100 yds in this class was Vic Davis, although quite a few were in the 90 yds.

In the 2½ oz class Bill once again set us something to have a "go at" 120, 122, 122 yds. Good casting in any language, especially "Digger's". Here, however the opposition was a trifle warmer as Vic reached 117 yds and Vern Pocklington 115 yds.

The Southam gang were the only ones to top the hundred all day, but a few of us old Rangooners were around the 95 yds and very determined to do better next time.

Some very good publicity was gained for the club by the manner in which answers to questions and instruction in casting were handed out by various competitors. It was very good to see so many interested and able to gain by other's experience.

In the accuracy cast the result was a bit of a surprise even to Nelson as he landed 27 inches from the peg. Not a bad effort for someone who has the devil's own job to hit the water half the time. Still some of the others may get over their stage fright by next time.

Now fellow club members how about a bit more cooperation next time and ALL turning up to give those leaders a bit more opposition, which I can assure you they will greatly appreciate.  
By Observer.

### **Social Officer's Report February 2003.**

See the report about Corporate Bowls in the February Reel Talk.

If you ordered club shirts or jackets, please bring correct balance amount to the next General Meeting. Polo Shirts only, Derry says may have jackets also. Check with Derry Barber about the jackets.

Name	Balance	Name	Balance	Name	Balance
Tim Tran	\$30	Ian Cook	\$70	Ross Kember	\$70
John Romano	\$30	Rick Parker	\$200	Derry Barber	Nil
Chas Riegert	\$60	Spencer King	\$30	Terry Fuller	\$40
Vix Alexander	\$90	Dave Maxted	\$10	John Hall	\$60
Malcolm Harris	\$90	Colin Lilburne	\$40	Jim Yeates	\$40
George Holman	\$40	Dean Stewart	\$25	Bob Henderson	\$40

### **Quote of the Month.**

No, it's a question this month. Just ask "Do they know enough to know what they don't know?"

### **Life Members.**

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

Does anyone know anything about Lloyd Dunn?

## **Club Badges Now in Stock.**

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

## **AAA Publicity.**

The February issue of West Coast Fisherman newspaper has an article with details of the Sunsmart Mandurah 500 and Mandurah shore based angling Clinic. The March issue should have a write up of the results of the AAA State Boating Championships at Lancelin on 22 February. The deadline for copy is 23 February, so it's going to be tight.

For photos and all the results for all the AAA events and State Championships, look at the Australian Anglers Association, (WA Division) website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

## **Species Caught on Recent Field Days.**

Thanks to Eric Sullivan for a suggestion to improve the Reel Talk by listing the species weighed in on field days. The species are already recorded on the Field Day spreadsheet and it is simple to copy them, and will be included as part of the Field Day report in future Reel Talks.

To let you catch up on the species weighed in on recent field days, here is the list since May 2001 from the spreadsheets I have.

May 2001	Herring, Skippy, Salmon, Tailor, Tarwhine, King George Whiting, Western Rock Blackfish, Wrasse, Breaksea Cod, Yellowtail Kingfish.
June 2001	Herring, Skippy, Salmon, Tailor, Wrasse, Flathead, Yellowfin Whiting, Western Rock Blackfish, Leather Jacket, Snapper (Red and Swallowtail), Breaksea Cod.
July 2001	Herring, Skippy, Salmon, Snook, Wrasse, Leather Jacket, Western Rock Blackfish.
August 2001	Herring, Tailor, Snook, Leather Jacket, Western Rock Blackfish, Wrasse, Tarwhine, King George Whiting, Dhufish, Yellowtail Kingfish, Mulloway.
September 2001	Herring, Tailor, Mulloway, Tarwhine, Wrasse.
October 2001	Skippy, Tailor, Mulloway, Whiting (other), Wrasse, Flathead.
November 2001	Herring, Skippy, Tailor, Pike, Flathead, Wrasse, Shark, Tarwhine, Western Rock Blackfish, Garfish.
December 2001	Herring, Skippy, Tailor, Flathead, Tarwhine, Mackerel (Other), Pike, Garfish.
January 2002	Herring, Skippy, Tailor, Pike, Yellowfin Whiting.
February 2002	Herring, Tailor, Pike, Bream, Wrasse, Dart, Flathead, Tarwhine, Mulloway.
March 2002	Herring, Skippy, Salmon, Tailor, Flathead, Wrasse, Sweetlip, Whiting (other), Western Rock Blackfish.
April 2002	Herring, Tailor, Pike, Tarwhine, Flathead, Dart, Wrasse, Spanish Mackerel, Whiting (other).
May 2002	Herring, Salmon, Tailor, Wrasse, Tarwhine, Dart, Bream, Western Rock Blackfish, Breaksea Cod, Leather Jacket, Trevally (Other).
June 2002	Herring, Skippy, Salmon, Wrasse, Tarwhine, Shark, Whiting (other), Western Rock Blackfish, Breaksea Cod.
July 2002	Herring, Skippy, Wrasse, Snook, Tarwhine, Flathead, Leather Jackets, Western Rock Blackfish.
August 2002	Herring, Skippy, Tailor, Pike, Tarwhine, Wrasse, Yellowtail Kingfish, Breaksea Cod, Western Rock Blackfish.
September 2002	Herring, Tailor, Wrasse, Flathead, Dart, Shark, Mulloway, Yellowfin Whiting, Sea Trumpeter.
October 2002	Herring, Skippy, Salmon, Tailor, Mulloway, Cod, Pike, Flathead, Shark.
November 2002	Herring, Skippy, Tailor, Cod, Mulloway, Tarwhine, Flounder, Flathead, Pike, Yellowfin Whiting.
December 2002	Herring, Skippy, Tailor, Dart, Wrasse, Pike, Shark, Tarwhine, Flathead, Pink Snapper, Cod, Yellowfin Whiting, Sea Trumpeter.
January 2003	Herring, Skippy, Tailor, Yellowfin Whiting.
February 2003	Herring, Skippy, Tailor, Dart, Whiting, Yellowfin Whiting, Cod, Tarwhine, Cobia, Bream.

## **Rick Parker Lures**

Rick Parker has started up a new part-time venture of making lures. The range includes weighted and unweighted poppers in various sizes as shown at the February General Meeting. The designs are the ones which has been available up until recently, and George gives them the big thumbs up for catching fish.

It's good to have someone in the club in a venture so closely related to our sport and the tackle we need. Rick will be sponsoring the Open Lure fishing competition, to be known as the Barron Lure Competition.

## Club Web Site Update.

"Search" sites are like an index or directory of the Internet. You put in some words you're interested in, and the search page shows you where you can find those words. The results are given to you in pages with 10 to 15 internet locations on each, and you can click on the link for one of the pages and that individual page will be displayed so you can read it.

Of course, most times there are hundreds or thousands of internet pages with those particular words in, and people will look at the first few screen fulls of the search listing, that's 30 or 40 locations, and if they find something interesting about what they are looking for, they will never get to the ones listed below that.

And of course, it depends on what people search for, and where they do the search, and there's about 357,000,000,000,000,000 different possibilities, give or take a few numbers on the first significant digits and add or subtract several 0's. (That number is made up, in case you didn't guess.)

The "holy grail" of website design is to be on the first page or screen of the list in the search results. And once you're up there, the aim is to stay there.

But who decides what order things are listed in? That's the secret of the "Search Engines", which have programs which continuously trawl around the internet looking for new and updated pages, indexing the contents, and working out how to present it.

Search engines are usually free to users, paid for by advertising, and want to give their users the answers they are looking for. If the answers aren't good enough, the users will go off to use other search engines, and that cuts the advertising and the revenue.

There's been lots written about how to get high up on the list, and the search engines have had to evolve to keep ahead of the people who have manipulated their websites just to fit what the search engines are looking for to decide what order they should be listed in. Manipulated pages don't give the user what they're looking for and expecting, and that really annoys most people.

It's all too hard to manipulate the pages and keep up with the search engines as they refine their "rules to defeat the scammers", and your web site pages risk getting dropped by the search engines if they work out you are "fiddling the system".

So I took the advice of several of the specialists who said "just put in lots of content, keep it simple, make sure that the description and titles match the contents, have lots of links between the pages, all the links work, the pages are clean, consistent and load quickly." Which seemed to make sense and was exactly what I thought people expect in a web site, because that's what I expect. Flashy sites often don't tell you very much.

How does the club's web site rank in Internet search results? Well of course it depends on what you're looking for, but here's some examples, using actual searches which have lead other people to the Club web site.

If someone searches for "learn surf casting" on the Google Search page, the first 3 entries out of about 14,500 point to the club's web site, two directly and one via the AAA web site.

The screenshot shows a Google search for "learn surf casting". The search bar contains the text "learn surf casting" and the "Google Search" button. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for "Web", "Images", "Groups", "Directory", and "News". The search results are displayed in a list format. The first result is "Surf Casting and Angling Club of Western Australia (Inc.)" with a description and a link to the club's website. The second result is "Club Magazine 'Reel Talk', March 1953 Surf Casting and Angling ..." with a link to a specific article. The third result is "Surf Casting And Angling Club affiliated with Australian Anglers ..." with a link to a page about the club's affiliation. To the right of the search results, there are "Sponsored Links" for "Catch Fish With A Kite" and "Casting Audition Models".

If someone searches for "hints for surf fishing from beach" on the Yahoo search page, the club web page is number 6 out of 2,790

Some other searches are:- "beach fishing western australia" number 6 of about 80,400, "fishing tackle western australia" number 3 of about 19,900, "surfcasting techniques" number 9 of about 2450, "surfcasting australia" number 1 of about 720, "western australia club membership

form" number 2 of about 61,500 (that's an interesting search question to ask!).

I would be interested in what other club members search for on the Internet about fishing, so that I can check where the Club Web pages fit, and can put in some real content which might help to get the Club web pages higher up in the list.

Look at the website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> or if you have a computer but don't have Internet access, I can supply you with a CD of all the files and photos so that you can look at everything whenever you like. I'll even throw in everything from the AAA web site.

Terry Fuller.

## **Lost Fishing Access.**

The following has been put out by Recfishwest. This is your chance to list all those places you can't get to now. You can send the list to Terry Fuller if you like, and I'll pass it on.

Access to fishing locations has been one of the most important issues confronting the recreational fishing sector for a long time.

In recent times the activities of those seeking to reduce or prevent recreational fishing access to coastal, estuarine or river locations are becoming more commonplace and their campaigns are becoming more aggressive. While some access restrictions may be warranted, often they are based upon frivolous or unrelated reasons and must be challenged. Some of the restrictions do not have a legislative foundation.

Ensuring equitable recreational fishing access is one of the key functions of Recfishwest and we work hard to ensure that access restrictions are minimised or justified.

However the reality is that, given the small size of the Recfishwest organisation, we have tended to focus on 'putting out the fires' as they have arisen. While this has been necessary in some cases it has drawn our attention away from the need to strategically address the broader issue of access or to coordinate and maximise the use of the available resources.

Appropriately the Recfishwest Board has determined that an important first step is to develop a clear picture of the number, size and relative impact of recreational fishing closures that already exist in WA.

Your help is important in this regard.

We would appreciate your assistance by informing us of any recreational fishing area closures or details of where you have been denied access to fishing locations in your local region.

We are hoping that a collation of the information we receive will build a comprehensive snapshot of the situation currently facing recreational fishers in WA. It should become an extremely useful tool in Recfishwest's broader access negotiations and also in identifying areas in need of particular attention.

It would be appreciated if you could provide details of any recreational fishing area closures or where you have been denied access to fishing locations in your local region. Please use the following headings and return information to us at email [recfish@recfishwest.org.au](mailto:recfish@recfishwest.org.au)

1. Location,
2. Regulating/Management Authority, (ie CALM, Pastoral Lessee Ltd),
3. Reason for closure: (If known),
4. Size of Closed Area: (Approximately)

## **2002/3 Barron Lure Competition.**

Sponsored by Barron Lures, Rick Parker. No change from the list in the January 2003 Reel Talk.

## **Recorders Report.**

Cookie has been going through a lot of changes with his work recently. He's had his rest. Now he needs a challenge, so get all those entries in, please. There are a few updates, as below.

## **2002/2003 Open Competition Results to February 2003.**

Section	For	Min weight	Current Leader.	
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	George Holman	7.0 kg at False Entrance.
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman	4.2 kg at False Entrance.
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	John Jardine	8.1 kg Mackerel at Quobba.
15.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	John Jardine	17.0 kg Cobia at Quobba.
16.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	Ross Kember	0.32 kg Bartailed Flathead.

## **Presidents Notes. - February 2003**

Good afternoon anglers.

February has been a relatively quiet month for angling generally but at last Julie and I hit a "purple patch" so to speak. I was beginning to think that I had become a "Fishing Jonah". We often hear of a person who turns the fish off the bite whenever they come within 500 meters of a sure spot, but Saturday night at "Woodies" proved that I could still catch something. I must admit that with the calm balmy conditions that night, it would not have mattered if there were no fish biting, it was absolutely glorious out there with a big moon no wind and calm seas. A promoters dream.

Your committee have been busy again with most reviewing the Draft duty statements that have been prepared for all committee positions. Last night we accepted the Treasurers duty statement with a few revisions and also the Property officers again with some revisions. It is planned to publish a document that explains the duties of each committee member by the end of this administration.

This time of the year we are looking at the Field days for the next competition year, which starts in May. Elsewhere in this edition of the Reel Talk we have a list of recommendations that will be discussed in March ready for ratification. Of course limited feedback has been forthcoming so we have done the best that we can, based on the fact that you all must be satisfied with the field days in general.

Good Fishing and Safe return.

Ross Kember, President 2002/2003

### **Study Shows Fish Do Not Feel Pain**

James Rose, a professor of zoology and physiology at the University of Wyoming, compared the nervous systems and responses of fish and mammals and found that pain is an emotional or psychological response controlled by a part of the brain that fish do not have. The study concluded that fish brains are not developed enough to sense pain.

Previous studies which suggested fish did feel pain had confused pain with the detection of an injury by the nervous system. The new study makes it clear that they are not the same thing.

The report explained the difference as like a person who is anaesthetised in an operating theatre who will still respond physically to some external stimulus but will not feel pain.

The author is reported as saying "There are people who aren't comfortable with my findings but those who don't accept them have yet to raise any scientific challenge."

The study is likely to cause lots of debate by "experts" both for and against fishing, for example those who argue that fish and mammals are the same, mammals feel pain, therefore fish must feel pain.

One report like this won't make the anti-angling groups go away. Look after your fish, treat them humanely, and don't supply any ammunition against responsible fishing.

### **Notice of Motion - Dry Casting Rules.**

George Holman gave notice of Motion at the February Committee Meeting. This will be discussed at the March General Meeting.

Amend Competition Rules, Section 3.2.3 MARKERS CASTS, to read

"All markers competing in casting shall carry out their respective competition casting at the completion of each event."

Add a third paragraph to Competition Rules, Section 3.2.10, to read

"There shall be two (2) markers for each event."

### **February 2003 Field Day.**

Another open field day, I could hear all those places that we haven't fished to yet calling to me. However the opportunity to explore new territory received a reality check by the need to say gainfully self employed, so local it had to be for Vix and I.

With only Saturday afternoon/night available, we decided on the Swanbourne drain. We had been a couple of times before and not done so well, but for all that it looks good and there are stories of good catches there from time to time.

Being a pleasant afternoon we were not the only ones to occupy the beach and as it is a nudist beach, most of the others were scantily clad indeed. Complete with back pack, reef bag and rod each, we felt very much overdressed as we wove our way along the shore line.

The fishing was slow until well after sundown. A few tailor showed up but they had to compete with a hoard of juvenile tarwhine that had taken up station and stripped our baits as fast as we could throw them at them. A pleasant surprise amongst the pickers were a few fat yellow fin whiting which helped to fill out our meager catch.

Bob led a group to Floreat with basically the same result as us, but then moved to the Swan River where he landed a very nice black bream. Chas and Spencer both ended their night in frustration with Chas being bitten off three times and Spencer losing a good fish to a line break.

Ross and Julie also fished their local waters down at Coogee with a good bag of tailor, herring and tarwhine.

It seems that at every opportunity that he gets, Tony heads north to Wago. It is not hard to understand why when he consistently weighs in impressive catches such as this one. Over twenty four kilos of fish which comprised tailor, tarwhine, dart, cod and topped off by a twelve and a half kilo cobia. He has shown us all a clean pair of heels again.

Next month's field day is the big one, Bluff Creek. Run over the long weekend (only a few days away now), it would have to rate right up there at the top for a fantastic weekend away. Great camping alongside the creek, long white sandy beach bounded on each end by granite headlands, good fishing, what could be better?

Hope to see you there.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

Results for the February Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	24.775 kg	7	25	367.75
Ross Kember	3.8 kg	2	18	108
Julie Kember	3.75 kg	2	22	97.5
Malcolm Harris	2.05 kg	2	5	90.5
Vix Alexander	1.0 kg	2	3	80
Bob Henderson	0.746 kg	1	1	67
Terry Fuller	0 kg	0	0	50
John Hall	0 kg	0	0	50
George Holman	0 kg	0	0	50
Spencer King	0 kg	0	0	50
Charles Riegert	0 kg	0	0	50
Paul Thompson	0 kg	0	0	50
Eric Parker	0 kg	0	0	50
Terry Ring	0 kg	0	0	50
Ben Lilburne	0 kg	0	0	10

#### Field Day prizes for February.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Cobia	12.45 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Ross Kember	Mixed bag	3.8 kg

#### Sportsperson of the Year Sections for February.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Cobia	12.45 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	24.775 kg

#### Field Day Top Ten for 2002/2003 up to February.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	3151.4	6	Ken Black	465.0
2	Malcolm Harris	1005.4	7	John Jardine	419.2
3	Vix Alexander	824.3	8	Spencer King	366.2
4	George Holman	793.6	9	Filomena D'Alonzo	350.1
5	Ross Kember	545.1	10	Mark Farnay	342.6

#### Field Day Sections for 2002/2003

##### Field Day Sections for 2002/2003 up to February 2003.

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

#### Toohy Report - Integrated Fisheries Management.

The draft of comments on recommendations contained in the Integrated Fisheries Management Review Committee Report, and on the additional comments added by the Fisheries Minister was published in the February Reel Talk.

I didn't get any comments from members, so have to assume you were happy that the club send those comments, or you didn't care or didn't R this part of TFRT.

## **Next Season's Field Day Dates and Venues.**

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

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

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

We need to finalise the list at the March Committee meeting for the April Reel Talk, to be voted on by the members at the April General Meeting.

Please realise that the Committee just wants to do what the members want to do, but if you don't tell us, then we will have to make the decision from suggestions we get or from Committee members' ideas. What we don't want is to have all the discussions and the changes at the last minute at the April General Meeting - that's not the way to make good decisions.

Also, please think about your involvement. If you're not able to go to some of the field days, then please consider leaving the discussion, the voting and the decisions to those members who will go on those field days.

By the way, the January 2004 calendar published in the January 2003 Reel Talk was wrong, and showed the General Meeting and Field Day one week too early. Anyone notice? Will publish another calendar when all the dates are finally decided.

## **2003/2004 Possible Dry Casting Dates.**

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

## **2003/2004 General Meetings.**

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## **2003/2004 Possible Field Day Dates.**

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## **2003 Presentation of Trophies Night.**

The Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club has been tentatively booked for 14 June for the Dinner and presentation of trophies, because someone else had already booked it for 21 June, the date we would have liked. Costs have risen a lot and details may change.

## **Henry Bester.**

Henry joined the club in November 1957. He entertained the members with his magic at General Meetings and other club functions for many years, and he is still able to do a few magic tricks, although he doesn't have all of his magic equipment. He is over 90 years old now, his eyesight is failing and he can't go fishing, so has donated his fishing gear to the club.

If he is up to it, I will bring him to the March General Meeting and he would like to meet some of his friends from the past.

His fishing gear includes a split cane beach rod, two 12 foot hollow fibreglass beach fishing rods, and two single handed rods. These are fitted with the metal runners of the time.

There's two 303 right hand wind saltwater Mitchell reels, one 306 right hand wind "intermediate" Mitchell reel, a full length Taft coat which is guaranteed to keep you warm and dry, a pair of size 9 rubber boots, lots of corks of various sizes, various terminal tackle, a knife and some used line.

If you are interested in any of this fishing gear, please contact Terry Fuller.

## **Who's the Skinny Guy?**

Clue:- the fish is a 33lb (15kg) Samson Fish caught at Bunkers Bay on the Yallingup field day in April 1966.

The AAA record for Samson Fish is 53.07 kg, by C. Crombie, at Windy Harbour on 27/10/74.

If you send me your stories, you might not have to put up with filler articles like this one.....

## **West Coast and Gascoyne Changes.**

The State Government has announced new recreational fishing rules to apply from 1 July 2003. See the details in the February Reel Talk.

The internet bulletin boards have been smoking with the hot comments on these changes, with the possession limits getting a lot of attention.

A lot of people are getting very hot under the collar about the 20kg limit with few mentioning the whole fish options.

There is a lot of confusion about exactly what is allowed when it comes to "whole" fish versus "fillets", with lots of different opinions flying around.

AAA asked Recfishwest about this at a recent meeting, and got their understanding of how Fisheries will apply that, based on past discussions. It seems reasonable, but isn't written down anywhere.

AAA will prepare a letter to the Minister and Recfishwest setting out the problems and asking for public statements on how any definitions of "whole" fish and "fillets" will be applied. AAA will also put up a case about the "no filleting at sea" rule which the boaties have problems with.

Another hot topic is managing of the professional catches. It's happening, and some announcements are expected very soon, but it seems that unless the Government makes some changes ahead of the formal process, management for the professionals will not be changed very much when the recreational changes come in.

AAA will be putting a pretty strong case to the Minister, Fisheries and Recfishwest that some management of professional catches must come in at the same time as the recreational changes, or these should be deferred.

## **Extra Dry Casting Accuracy Results.**

Thanks to Chas Riegert for a suggestion to improve the Reel Talk by listing the individual accuracy scores in the dry casting report. The scores are recorded on the day but will take some extra work to put them into a spreadsheet and it will then be simple to copy them, and they will be included as part of the Dry Casting report in future Reel Talks.

Out of bounds and break offs during distance events will be included in results as "Out" and "B/O" in future months results. Accuracy "zeros" indicates it landed too far away from the target to score!

## **Give the Dry Casting Markers a Go!**

After the rain last dry casting day, some sinkers were burying themselves up to 200 mm into the softened ground. They don't come out easily. Tony said "should have brought along a bobcat to dig some of them out."

Sinkers with a strong leader are easier to get out because the marker can use this leader to pull the sinkers out of the ground "backwards", after loosening up the grass a bit if necessary.

If you don't use a good strong leader, and that means 40 to 60 lb, not just a wimpy 25 lb, then you risk having your sinker mangled and/or your leader chafed because the marker has to dig through the grass for the sinker with pliers and drag it out of the ground with the pliers, and it's hard to know where and how deep to dig. And that grass is tough.

All this slows down the scoring and the casting, and put your next casts at risk of a leader breaking off because it has been damaged.

Please check the length of your plastic tubing, Some ended up only 20 or 30 mm out of the ground, and that makes finding them very difficult. Use near the maximum length of 250mm rather than the minimum length of 200mm, please.

You might think a heavier leader and longer tube would cost you some distance cast, but it might only be a small distance. A strong leader and enough tubing makes the markers' job a lot easier and helps them look after your gear for you. Of course if you're trying for maximum distance down to the last few parts of a metre - then it's up to you.

## **Change of March General Meeting.**

It's been changed to **Tuesday 11 March** 2003, 8:00 pm to avoid the Corporate Bowls run by the Yokine Bowling Club on our normal Wednesday night.





## Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

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

But the sausage sizzle is not free, much as we would like it to be. It has to be paid for somehow, and the prices are quite reasonable compared to what you would pay elsewhere.

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

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

Don't forget to put the money in, please.

## Dry Casting Report, 2 February 2003.

What a day of miracles and disasters.

First up while setting up we got rained on, (in February in Perth!) then Willo had to nick off and go back to work. Bad signs. Next, Stokes turned up, the wind started to blow a tailwind, Vix brandished a new rod but had a huge grin on her face. Some mumbles in the background, then casting began.

Roy the boy snapped off, (rare event) AJ snapped off, Mal, Peter Mahony, Jim, Trevor, also had problems. In the background I could hear some of those seniors having problems. Even Vix had a break off.

But there were good signs also. Chas belted one down 179 metres, Nick 172 metres, Aubs 142 metres, Mal Harris 160 metres, Vix 116 metres, (must be the new rod), and the most telling miracle - Stokes got one over 100 metres.

More success. Bullseye by Roy, Trevor and miracle man Stokes. Even I got into the swing of things and reset the veterans 112 gram and artificial bait club records with a little bit of help from that tailwind.

Chas won the 112 gram event, George won the artificial bait, and Roy easily won the double handed and single handed accuracy and was top dog for the day.

Reminiscing on the day, I can still break out a small smile with memories of Vix and her new rod, the veterans all being straight during the double handed accuracy event, the first tailwind for a long time, the encouraging distance casting by all, the personal best for some, the laughter and comradery. Another great day.

There' s a single handed open during next month' s casting and some practice casting after the sausage sizzle.

Keep it straight and long.

Hendo.

### **Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 9 March 2003, Yokine Reserve, 8:30 am start.**

**Events:-** 112 gram Distance, 56 gram distance.    Double Handed accuracy    Single Handed accuracy  
Single handed Open    **Note:- Not the first Sunday of the month.**

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

## How to Get to Bluff Creek.

A good map is the RAC's "Albany Region Tour Planner". I can't print a copy here because it's copyright.

From Mount Barker, there are two main ways to get to Bluff Creek. If you get yourself a copy of the map it's obvious.

1. From Mount Barker, take the Porongorup road to the Chester Pass road, turn right (south) go 3 kilometers, turn left on to a gravel road, go about two km and take the right fork. About 3 km on take the left fork and continue on Mindijup road until you cross a ford over the Kalgan River. That's 11 km in from the Chester Pass road.

A few km on you'll hit the bitumen at the entrance to a mine site. 5 km from the ford there's a T junction with Deep Creek Road - stay on the bitumen for another 3 km until you reach Palmdale Road. Turn right into Palmdale, go only a short distance and then turn left into Fish Track road (gravel). It's 7 km to the South Coast Highway (Albany-Jerramungup Road). From here, it's 5 km to Manypeaks, 6 km more to Cheyne Beach Road, 7 km more to Bluff Creek Road (gravel) on the right, 9 km in to the start of the track to the beach.

2. From Mount Barker, go to Albany, out the South Coast Highway (Albany-Jerramungup Road) to Manypeaks, and continue as above.

If you are travelling at night, the Mount Barker service station closes at 10pm, so if you need fuel, you may need to go to Albany to refuel at the 24 hour station in Yorke Street.

Results for the day	112 gram			Artificial bait			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast number								Points	Cast number				Points		
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		1	2	3	4			
<b>Seniors.</b>																						
Gary Gildersleeves	140	164	30	130	131	26	14	22	19	24	0	2	19	19	119	0	7	3	0	10	185	
Chas Riegert	179	168	35	142	0	14	23	13	20	23	9	8	0	13	109	0	4	0	4	8	166	
Malcolm Harris	0	160	16	0	0	0	14	20	21	19	20	0	20	12	126	0	7	0	1	8	150	
George Holman	159	174	33	144	146	29	0	17	1	24	1	0	9	13	65	7	9	0	0	16	143	
Nick Allsworth	171	172	34	136	138	27	0	9	7	4	0	20	21	7	68	0	8	0	0	8	137	
Ben Lilburne	128	138	27	114	112	23	6	0	14	1	0	0	17	0	38	0	7	8	0	15	103	
Rick Parker	0	146	15	114	116	23	3	0	1	8	2	2	13	19	48	0	0	0	8	8	94	
Andrew Aubrey	0	142	14	0	135	14	0	2	5	15	0	0	23	1	46	2	2	2	8	14	88	
Colin Lilburne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	21	21	0	0	8	0	64	0	4	0	8	12	76	
Peter Stoeckel	113	0	11	0	99	10	0	6	0	7	3	0	0	19	35	2	10	0	2	14	70	
<b>Veterans</b>																						
Roy Killick	0	138	14	110	100	21	16	24	25	19	14	15	22	11	146	5	7	2	9	23	204	
Tony D'Alonzo	135	134	27	109	109	22	20	17	23	17	13	9	18	20	137	1	0	6	7	14	200	
Bob Henderson	152	162	31	132	124	26	22	23	12	16	10	12	17	16	128	1	0	3	7	11	196	
Mal Head	113	124	24	0	100	10	7	14	23	19	10	22	17	14	126	5	9	0	5	19	179	
Allan Jones	124	0	12	0	0	0	15	12	16	18	21	20	13	18	133	0	0	0	3	3	148	
Peter Mahony	0	0	0	74	63	14	15	24	19	18	18	11	12	11	128	2	2	0	0	4	146	
Terry Fuller	68	106	17	80	84	16	12	0	21	16	0	14	18	22	103	0	5	0	2	7	143	
Jim Strong	98	0	10	0	82	8	21	18	4	13	15	18	14	4	107	2	0	0	4	6	131	
Trevor Stam	0	99	10	84	83	17	18	6	20	0	15	0	18	11	88	10	2	0	0	12	127	
<b>Ladies.</b>																						
Vix Alexander	116	0	12	101	91	19	17	23	8	19	0	3	2	17	89	0	0	3	0	3	123	
<b>Juniors.</b>																						
Rhys Jones	100	107	21	90	79	17	3	8	19	14	14	23	0	18	99	0	5	1	2	8	145	
<b>Mini Juniors.</b>																						
Andrew Stoeckel	47	50	10	40	0	4	6	9	17	19					51	0	0	0	5	5	70	

<b>Highest points on the Day</b>	Roy Killick	204			
112 gram Seniors winner	Chas Riegert	35	112 gram Veterans winner	Bob Henderson	31
Artificial bait Seniors winner	George Holman	29	Artificial bait Veterans winner	Bob Henderson	26
Double Handed Accuracy Seniors winner	Malcolm Harris	126	Double Handed Accuracy Veterans winner	Roy Killick	146
Single Handed Accuracy Seniors winner	George Holman	16	Single Handed Accuracy Veterans winner	Roy Killick	23
Ladies winner	Vix Alexander	123	Junior winner	Rhys Jones	145
Mini Junior winner	Andrew Stoeckel	56			

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