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## Minutes of General Meeting, 8 February 2006

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Time 8:10 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding
- Present:-** 29 members, 4 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Josh Lucocq, Terry Willison, Filomena D'Alonzo, Malcolm Harris, Roy Killick.
- Visitors:-** Peet Wessels, John Crompton, Iain Kaslar, Tino Baiardo.
- New Members:-** Melvin and Claudine Wee were welcomed into the club and given club badges, copy of the constitution and competition rules.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. So far 21 questionnaires and only 4 or 5 sets of suggestions for Field Days had been received. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Maurice Kolman, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Bob Henderson gave a summary from the previous Committee meeting.  
The accommodation voucher provided by the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park will be raffled at this February General meeting.  
Bob Henderson has some ideas for presentations at the instruction periods and will approach members with special skills or knowledge
- Correspondence In:**
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|---------------------|--|
| Westpac Bank        | Statement for January                          |
| AAA                 | Minutes of January Delegates' meeting          |
| Ray White Kalbarri  | Statement for January and cheque for \$75.10   |
| BT Funds Management | Quarterly Statement to Dec 2005                |
| AAA                 | Invitation to Angler of the Year presentations |
- Correspondence Out:-**
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|---------------|---|
| Paul Rebelo   | Progress with membership application and survey |
| Noel Cobby    | Progress with membership application and survey |
| Bev Grigo     | Progress with membership application and survey |
| Scott Maloney | Progress with membership application and survey |
| Melvin Wee    | Acceptance of membership application.           |
| Peet Wessels  | Info about the club (email)                     |
| John Crompton | Info about the club (email)                     |
| Chris Dickson | Info about the club (email)                     |
- Moved** Ian Cook, seconded Allan Jones correspondence be accepted - carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Accounts for payment. Paul Thompson for a new receipt book. \$170 for the hall hire for the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club. Cheque received for proceeds of Kalbarri rental as in correspondence.  
**Moved** Andy Thorgersen, seconded Maurice Kolman accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- Property Officer** Vix Alexander reported. The house has good bookings at present. Little else to report.
- Secretary's Report.** Will be covered under other headings.
- Field Day Officer:-** Peter Stoeckel gave out prizes for recent Field Days, and reported on the coming February Field Day at Cervantes.  
Terry Fuller handed out some copies of the new South Coast recreational fishing rules brochure. These will be important for the coming Bluff Creek / Bremer Bay / Emu Springs / Denmark Field Days.  
A show of hands showed that most people were going to Bluff Creek for the March Field Day. Makes you wonder why we have a split Field Day when back in April there were equal numbers voting for the two alternatives.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson reported on the February dry casting. Details as in Reel Talk.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman advised the AAA mid term convention meeting had been scheduled for 25/26 February 2006.  
A meeting of the dry casting group was held at George Holman's place on Monday 6 February at 8 p.m. to discuss all the arrangements for the 2007 Phillip Island AAA National Convention  
The AAA State Boating Championship event will be held at Jurien on the long weekend in March 2006.  
The AAA State Rock and Beach Championship event will be held at Jurien Saturday and Sunday 25/26 March 2006. Members who are interested in competing should leave their name with a committee member.
- Recorder:-** There was some discussion about the next Rottneest Field Day. It was decided it would be held in May and be an extended weekend.  
About 12 people indicated they would be going to Emu Springs for the Easter Field Day. Ian Cook to make arrangements with the property owner.
- Social Organiser:-** Josh Lucocq had contacted Bob Henderson and advised that due to the changes in his working arrangements which put him on night shift, he was no longer able to attend meetings, and had been forced to resign as the Social Organiser. This will leave yet another vacancy on the committee.

- Reel Talk Editor:-** Terry Fuller advised he had received 21 completed survey forms and only 4 or 5 suggested list for Field Day venues as sent out with the December Reel Talk.
- Notices of Motion:-** Terry Fuller moved an addition to the Competition Rules as follows:-  
**Add Section 1.1.9. Amendment to These Competition Rules.**  
 The Club's "Competition Rules" are different from the "Rules of the Association" as set out in the Constitution  
 All proposed amendments to the Competition Rules must be notified to members in writing before the meeting at which voting takes place.  
 All amendments made to the Competition Rules must be notified to all members prior to the commencement of the first affected event in any competition year.  
 The Competition Rules may be amended and applied part way through a competition year providing this is notified to and is endorsed by members of the Club, by a majority vote from eligible financial members present and voting at the meeting.  
 The Competition Rules must be confirmed or may be amended at a General Meeting held prior to the commencement of each competition year, voting as above."  
 The motion was seconded by Peter Osborne. After a short discussion, the motion was put and carried without dissent.
- General Business:-** Basil Marsh is in Hollywood Hospital in palliative care.  
 Bob Henderson has a small dinghy and trailer for loan for fishing or crabbing in the river.  
 Ian Cook showed members samples of the yellow colours which could be used for the club badges.  
 A question was asked about protecting the laser measuring device for the hot sun. A cover or shade is to be made and used.  
 George Holman suggested that members consider a change to the dry casting rules so that instead of getting no points for distance casts which end up out of court, the rules simply impose a distance penalty. In this way new members who cannot always land within the relatively tight court can still have their distances recognised. This rule change will involve a programming change to the dry casting computer scoring system.  
 Jim Yeates commented on the article in the February Reel Talk about the number of recreational anglers and the amount of time they spent fishing. He thanked Terry Fuller for informing the members.  
 George Holman reminded members that Rick Parker was producing Barron Lures which were top-class lures and could be supplied to the members.  
 Bob Henderson reminded members that all the details for a car rally had been prepared last year but it was not run. The intention is that it will be run during the cool months.  
 The Ken Matthews Trophy has been refurbished and excess weight removed by Malcolm Harris. Names of the most recent winners have been engraved and the trophy was passed to Spencer King to hold for the next few months.  
 A tackle sale will be run next month.  
 Spencer King showed a compressor which is on sale for about \$100.  
 The raffle for the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park voucher was won by Morris Kolman.
- Instruction Period:-** Some mullet were smoked to show members and give them a taste. I hope all the people who had a large taste enjoyed it, because some of the workers missed out completely.
- Meeting closed:-** 9:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary T Fuller

## **Knife Mislaid at February General Meeting**

At the February General Meeting I organised Cookie and Morris to prepare the Fish Smoking exhibit which they both did to great satisfaction by all that commented on the fish.



During the preparation Cookie asked me for a sharp knife and instead of searching the kitchen I gave him my pen knife from my briefcase.

Unfortunately the knife went missing towards the end of the evening.

The knife was of great value to me as it was a 60th birthday gift from my son Jamie.

Please contact me if you have the knife or know who has it.

Bob Henderson.

# Wanted Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Website Editor

After being on Committee for nearly 6 years in this stint, and doing nearly 5 years as Reel Talk Editor, it's time to move on, look after myself and give myself some time and energy left over to go fishing again and do more of those other ordinary things in life.

I will not be volunteering and will not accept any nomination to be a Committee Member at the next elections at the Annual General Meeting in July 2006.

That means the Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Web Site Editor jobs will be vacant and will be available to anyone who wishes to nominate for any of those jobs, and to anyone the members wish to elect or co-opt.

This gives the Club four months' notice to find some person or people to take over, and for those people to see what is required and do whatever preparation they want.

I will help new people as much as I can to take over the jobs, but I will not continue to do the jobs.

I offer to remain as one of the Club's AAA delegates if the club wants that.

I will also advise the Australian Anglers Association at the February Delegates' meeting that, after doing the jobs for over three years, I will not be volunteering and will not accept any nomination to be the AAA Secretary / Treasurer / Web site Editor at their August AGM.

That will give them 5 months notice to find replacements.

I am prepared to be the Recfishwest Board Member representing AAA if the AAA Delegates want that.

I do realise that not doing this work may present a problem for the Club and a really major problem for AAA due to the extreme lack of volunteers prepared to do work in recent times.

However, it's time for me to move on and for others to take over.

Terry Fuller.

## Coming Club Events. All compiled by Terry Fuller R/T Editor

### March General Meeting.

**When:-** Wednesday 8 March 2006, 8:00 pm.

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

**Sign In:-** Please remember to tick your name on the attendance sheet which is on the table near the door. And while you are there, what about buying some of the raffle tickets?

**Instruction Period:-** Discussion on Field Day Venues for 2006/7

### March Dry Casting.

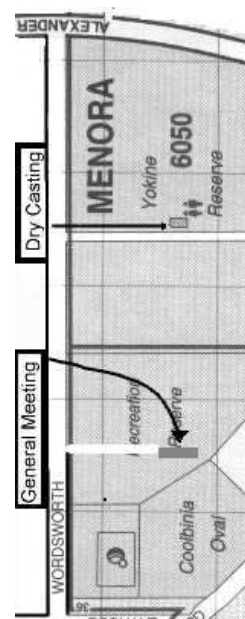
**When:-** Sunday 12 March 2006. **Note** changed because of Long Week End.

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

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

All casters please assist with the setting up at the beginning of the day before setting up your own gear.

Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.



### March 2006 Field Day – Split Bremer Bay / Bluff Creek.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 March 2006.

**Sign On:** 11.00 am Saturday Bluff Creek camping area. Bremer Bay at fish cleaning facility near the mouth of the inlet.

**Lines Down:-** 12.00 noon Saturday.

**Barbecue:-** 12 noon Sunday to 2:00 pm Sunday at Bluff Creek. If you don't come to the barbecue and get together, you must stop fishing for those times. And you would be missing out on one of the best reasons for being in a club. Bremer Bay discuss at sign on, but stop fishing times still apply.

**Weigh in:-** Monday 10 am same place as sign on.

**Boundaries:-** Bremer Bay. Point Charles to Reef Beach. Bluff Creek:- As far as you can walk past the rocks at each end of the beach.

<b>Tides for Albany</b>	Saturday 4 Mar	0.44m at 4:52 am	0.89m at 12:54 pm		
	Sunday 5 Mar	0.33m at 4:26 am	0.93m at 12:49 pm	<b>Sun</b>	Sunrise:- About 5:50 am
	Monday 6 Mar	0.24m at 4:32 am	0.95m at 1:00 pm		Sunset:- About 6:35 pm
<b>Moon Bremer Bay</b>	Saturday 4 Mar	Rise 10:30 am	Set 9:05 pm		
	Sunday 5 Mar	Rise 11:40 am	Set 9:40 pm		
	Monday 6 Mar	Rise 12:50 pm	Set 10:25 pm	First Quarter	Monday 6 March

## Local Field Day for March 2006.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 March 2006.  
**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 in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.  
**Boundaries:-** Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

<b>Tides for Fremantle</b>	Saturday 4 Mar	0.57m at 4:24 am	0.95m at 1:15 pm		
	Sunday 5 Mar	0.51m at 1:06 am	0.98m at 1:45 pm	<b>Sun</b>	Sunrise:- About 6:10 am
	Monday 6 Mar	0.45m at 1:59 am	0.99m at 12:39 pm		Sunset:- About 6:50 pm
<b>Moon Fremantle</b>	Saturday 4 Mar	Rise 10:40 am	Set 9:30 pm		
	Sunday 5 Mar	Rise 11:50 am	Set 10:05 pm		
	Monday 6 Mar	Rise 12:55 pm	Set 10:50 pm	First Quarter	Mon 6 March

## AAA Rock & Beach State Championships

All the details of the event are in a booklet which has been sent to all SCAC club members who fish in our competitions. The AAA website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/RockBeachMain.html> has copies and all the details.

The Surfcasters should enter teams in this event. Come to the General Meeting or contact Peter Stoeckel. Contact Terry Fuller if you need a printed copy of the booklet.

**Where/When:** Jurien Bay, Saturday 25th/ Sunday 26th March, 2006  
**Headquarters:** Apex Holiday Park, Bashford St, Jurien  
**Boundaries:** Southern jetty at Cervantes to northern point of Desperate Bay  
**Registration:** 11am to 12 noon, Saturday 25th March at the Apex Holiday Park.  
**Briefing:** By a written set of Rules of the Day, issued at the time of registration.  
**Lines Down:** 2pm Saturday, 25th March, 2006.  
**Weigh in:** Sunday morning at the Apex Holiday Park commencing 10am.  
**Species:** Species prizes will be awarded to the heaviest whiting, shark, flathead, mulloway, tarwhine, tailor, herring, gardie. If some of these are not caught, then the reserves are:- first reserve – mackerel, second – skippy, third - snook.  
**Entry fees:** Men and Ladies, \$12, Juniors and Veterans, \$7 AAA Secretary, Terry Fuller

## April 2006 Field Day – Emu Springs and Denmark.

**When:-** Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Monday 14/15/16/17 April 2006. Easter.  
**Sign On:** Friday (See April Reel Talk for time) Emu Springs:- at camping area. Denmark:- at park alongside river, right hand side of road going west on Denmark side of the river.  
**Lines Down:-** Friday (See April Reel Talk for time)  
**Weigh in:-** Monday (See April Reel Talk for time) same as sign on.  
**Boundaries:-** Emu Springs:- White Point to the real Emu Springs which is about 8 km west of the camping area. Denmark:- eastern end of Ocean Beach at Denmark to Clifly Head, near Mandalay Beach west of Walpole.

<b>Tides for Augusta</b>	Friday 14 Apr	1.15m at 10:18 am	0.64m at 5:53 pm	0.81m at 11:38 pm	
	Saturday 15 Apr	0.73m at 3:08 am	1.20m at 10:30 am	0.63m at 6:43 pm	
	Sunday 16 Apr	1.24m at 10:53 am	0.62m at 8:00 pm	<b>Sun</b>	Sunrise:- About 6:40 am
	Monday 17 Apr	1.27m at 11:23 am	0.58m at 11:38 pm		Sunset:- About 6:00 pm
<b>Moon</b>	Friday 14 Apr	Moonrise:-	About 6:00 pm	<b>Full Moon</b>	Friday 14 Apr
	Saturday 15 Apr	Moonset:-	About 8:00 am	Moonrise:-	About 6:40 pm
	Sunday 16 Apr	Moonset:-	About 9:05 am	Moonrise:-	About 7:20 pm
	Monday 17 Apr	Moonset:-	About 10:10 am		

## Local Field Day for April 2006.

**When:-** Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Monday 14/15/16/17 April 2006. Easter.  
**Sign On:** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 on the day before the Field Day - Thursday.  
**Lines Down:-** Friday (See April Reel Talk for time)  
**Weigh in:-** Monday (See April Reel Talk for time) 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:-** Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

**Tides for Fremantle**

Friday 14 Apr	0.69m @ 2:50 am	1.05m @ 9:47 am	0.63m @ 5:15 pm
Saturday 15 Apr	0.69m @ 2:57 am	1.10m @ 10:05 am	0.61m @ 6:10 am
Sunday 16 Apr	0.71m @ 12:30 am	1.13m @ 10:28 am	0.59m @ 8:30 am
Monday 17 Apr	0.67m @ 1:29 am	1.15m @ 10:52 am	0.57m @ 9:25 pm

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

## 2005/2006 General Meetings.

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

Wednesday 8 February 2006

Wednesday 12 April 2006

Wednesday 8 March 2006

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

## Calendar for Next Three Months.

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

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

<u>30</u>	Australian Anglers Association Event																			
<u>8</u>	Dry Casting			<u>11</u>	General Meeting				<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	Field Day			<u>18</u>	Committee Meeting					
March 2006							April 2006 – end of 2005/6 competition year.							May 2006 – start of 2006/7 competition year						
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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27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				
														<b>May Field Day dates changed.</b>						

## 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.

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

## 2005/2006 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Saturday/Sun/Mon 4/5/6 March 2006 LWE

Split Field Day Bremer Bay / Bluff Creek.

Friday - Monday 14/15/16/17 April 2006 Easter

Emu Springs and Denmark.

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

## 2005/2006 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 12 March 2006, (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 2 April 2006

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

## **AAA State Championship Events 2006.**

2005/2006 State Boat Angling Championships  
2005/2006 Rock and Beach Championships  
2006/2007 AAA State Dry Casting Championships

Jurien, 4 March 2006  
Jurien, Saturday / Sunday 25/26 March, 2006  
Yokine Reserve, Sunday 29 October 2006  
AAA Secretary, Terry Fuller

## **2007 AAA National Convention In Victoria**

To be held at Cowes on Phillip Island from 21 February 2007 to 12 March 2007.

A meeting was held at George's place on Monday 6 February to discuss accommodation requirements, transport of equipment, participation in the fishing and casting, social activities, team selection criteria, air travel arrangements, uniform requirements and whatever.

Bob Henderson and Kevin Hughes are going to the AAA mid term meeting at Cowes on 25/26 February to represent AAAWA  
AAA Secretary, Terry Fuller

## **Member Survey and Questions.**

A set of questions about **YOUR** opinions and need was delivered with the December Reel Talk.

**PLEASE** answer the questions and send the form back to the club or hand it in at one of the Club events.

We will be doing a summary and analysis of the member's comments starting in early March, so **we really need your comments now**, please, if you haven't already sent them.

Secretary, Terry Fuller

## **Acknowledgement.**

I would like to have an acknowledgement of people's names that helped in the eventual finished survey. For two reasons to inform the rest of the club members that it was not all done using Committee only, and also the help from partners of the team who were there in the capacity of supplying cake, tea, and their time in proof reading and suggesting ideas during the drafting process.

That process finally finished on the fourth draft! I headed the Sub committee on the survey and I was more than happy with the finished item. Again I hope the survey can be used as a tool to fine tune the SCAC. I ask that you all put some time and effort into filling it out and returning it so we can have some feedback.

I would like to thank Chas Riegert & Annella, John Romano & Maria, Jim Yeates, Brian Stokes and Terry Fuller for the final edition, and finally my wife Ida.

Treasurer, Paul Thompson

## **Reel Talk Publishing Deadline.**

The Reel Talk is published so that it gets to the members early in the week before the first event held in the coming calendar month. But it also depends what else is going on and what the Editor wants to do with his personal life and valuable personal volunteer time.

The Reel Talk is produced progressively through the month, as stuff becomes available, so that the whole article is on the same page, and to avoid a few lines separated from the rest of the article. Of course Microsoft Word makes it possible to zap the articles to any page, and the list of contents is updated almost automatically. But once the front pages are set out properly, it's just extra and unnecessary work to insert stuff. So items which come in early generally ends up towards the front of the magazine, and late stuff towards the back.

Items received electronically can be put into the magazine in a very short time, subject to space. It's a juggling act, and first in generally has the best chance of getting published that month. The Reel Talk contents is always an even number of pages, and the pages usually have something on them with not too much blank space. Late items which need parts of extra pages and need a rearrangement of other stuff to keep to the "even number of full pages" might just get deferred to a later issue.

The absolute deadline for items for the coming Reel Talks are:-

April 2006 Reel Talk            3 pm Monday 20 March.

May 2006 Reel Talk            3 pm Wednesday 22 April.            Maybe earlier, check April Reel Talk.

The editor would really appreciate getting items a long time before the deadline, particularly if they have to be typed in, scanned, reformatted, etc.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Life Members of the Club.**

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

## **Donations for Trophies.**

We are looking for trophies for this current competition year. Please give us your suggestions for people / companies / etc to contact.

There are some things members can do:-

1. Donate a trophy yourself – particularly if you have been on the receiving end in past years.
2. 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 if or when we contact them, they will know that this Club's members support them.

Secretary, Terry Fuller

## **Wanted - Aluminium Cans.**

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Safari 2006.**

The next opportunity for a club safari is during calendar year 2006. Esperance has been suggested as a possible location. Suggestions for alternative places, dates, etc are wanted, please.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **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. And if you want some really interesting fishing stories in the Reel Talk, please write some or get your friends to write some.

Thanks to Bob Henderson, Paul Thompson and Ian Cook for articles and Melvin Wee for photos in this edition.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Kalbarri House For Rent.**

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

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:- Off season \$250 per week, On season \$390 per week } all plus \$50

Club Members:- Off season \$160 per week, On Season \$210 per week } deposit / bond.

Club Members:- Short term \$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights} plus \$55.00 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. The club has decided that cleaning will need to be paid for and is \$55.00 extra on the rates above for future new bookings. The club is now being charged GST on the cleaning.

Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for more details and for bookings.

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

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

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Happy Birthday to:-**

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

If your birthday hasn't been listed in the last 12 months, then I don't know what date it is. Over to you.

Kaitlin Stoeckel, 20 March

Terry Willison, 20 March

Marlin Heaney, 30 March

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller



## **Sponsorship Renewal by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park**

The Yallingup Beach Holiday Park has provided the club with another accommodation voucher to the value of \$250 for two adults for two nights in one of their Malibu ensuite cabins for the new competition year.

The previous year's voucher was raffled at the February General Meeting and was won by Tony D'Alonzo.

The park has a waterfront location with spectacular views over Yallingup Bay. Opposite is a safe swimming lagoon and an excellent fishing beach plus the world famous Yallingup surf break.

On site accommodation includes ensuite cabins and standard cabins (for the budget conscious) plus plenty of well grassed van and tent sites.

This is an ideal base from which to visit the numerous nearby wineries, go whale watching, take scenic drives and walk trails and visit the spectacular Yallingup Ngilgi Cave, or of course, go fishing!!

Check the website at <http://www.yallingupbeach.com.au/>

This voucher was raffled at the February 2006 General Meeting and was won by Morris Kolman.

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

## **New Member Acceptances.**

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

Paul, Dionnie, Madeline and Stephanie Rebelo

Scott and Nova Maloney

Bev Grigo

Noel Cobby

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

## **New Member Applications.**

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

John Crompton

Iain Kaslar

Peet and Sandra Wessels

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

## **Advertising in Reel Talk.**

Advertising is available in the Reel Talk. 12 monthly copies are printed, currently 62 copies. Charges are:-

Inside and outside back covers are printed black on Terra Yellow paper. Inside or outside back cover. Full page, \$100.00 per annum. Half page, \$70.00 per annum.

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Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

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

We are looking for donations of old Reel Talks, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. A few copies, eg all of what we have for the early months of 1982 are not in good condition, so we would take any better copies if they were offered. See the list in the February 2002 Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.**

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

Contact Andrew Aubrey.

## **Wanted – Small Baitcaster**

Scott Maloney is looking for a small baitcaster overhead reel for use at dry casting for the single handed accuracy.

Contact Scott at .....

## Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

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

But the sausage sizzle is not free, much as we would like it to be. It has to be paid for somehow, and the prices are quite reasonable compared to what you would pay elsewhere. **Don't forget to put the money in, please.** Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

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

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## February Dry Casting Report.

What a way to spend a Sunday morning. The sun's shining with not a cloud in sight, a very slight southeasterly breeze, happy people gathering to partake in a sport that's not too heavy on the body and fun to participate. Life's good when you're at ease with the world and having fun with friends.

Low numbers in the seniors allowed them to carry out their accuracy events quickly and give them time to relax and enjoy their drinks. George must have been quite at ease for he blitzed everyone in the double handed accuracy and pushed all in the single handed event. His efforts won that event for the day. Some great distance casting won Nick all the day's honours.

"Young" Gary has declared his coming of age and competed in the Vets section. "Getting some practice for the upcoming State and National titles" said Gary. Watch how the Vets events go up a notch now that Gary is pushing us. An even bigger fear for us is that George is also heading our way too. Still on the day we can overcome.

AJ won the Vets Artificial Bait, Alphonse beat everyone in the single handed event. The targets took a hammering with quite a few bulls eyes being scored. "If Only" Cookie could stop snaffling his casts we would see his name up in lights. Vix and Filomena shared honours and we all enjoy assisting Kaitlin with her casting. Yours truly had a good day as the scoreboard shows.

Congrats to George for producing a great cast of 180m to win the Open event. Cookie's third cast was a classic.....

Thanks to all helpers and Pete for the coldy and snag at the end of the day. The sit around makes a great ending to the day.

Dry Casting Organiser, Bob Henderson.

Gary Gildersleeves has decided to move to the Veterans section for casting. The usual arrangement is that people stay in the same section for the full competition year, and only make the changes at the start of a year.

This shift affects accuracy scores because Seniors and Veterans cast to different distances. Gary was happy for his accuracy scores not to be counted for the last three months of the year.

Gary's casts are listed in the Veterans section for this month of February. A precedent of sorts was set earlier when George Holman cast in the Veterans section before the Yeppoon Championships and then moved back to the Seniors Section.

What does it all mean for the results of the competitions? Fortunately with the computer scoring system used now, (developed by Terry Fuller despite great expense and technical difficulty,) the raw results can be shifted around or deleted and a few clicks then recalculates **everything**.

So even though it is possible for a change of section to affect the results and the winners, in reality it might not make much difference except who gets acknowledged each month.

When I get some spare time (what's that?) I'll look through all the results and see if George's and Gary's moves make any difference to the overall results for the year. That might not happen or be possible until we have the full year's results, including scores from March and April.

~~Reel Talk Editor no. Web Page Editor no. Secretary, no. Collator of Dry Casting Scores, (that'll do) TerryF.~~

## Dry Casting Top Ten.

Total scores up to and including February casting. Remember the best 11 months out of 12 will be selected at the end of the year. Tony D'Alonzo and Mark Hansen are the people who have attended all dry casting days so far, so they are the only ones whose progressive scores will be reduced.

1	Tony D'Alonzo	2330	6	Filomena D'Alonzo	1697
2	Terry Fuller	1995	7	Jim Strong	1684
3	George Holman	1838	8	Gary Gildersleeves	1662
4	Malcolm Harris	1827	9	Allan Jones	1641
5	Malcolm Head	1747	10	Trevor Stam	1599

## Dry Casting Winners for February 2006.

Event	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
56 gram Score	27	Nick Allsworth	26	Gary Gildersleeves
56 gram Distance	137m	Nick Allsworth	138m	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Score	27	Nick Allsworth	21	Allan Jones
Artificial Bait Distance	134m	Nick Allsworth	117m	Ian Cook
112 gram Score	33	Nick Allsworth	27	Bob Henderson
112 gram Distance	165m	Nick Allsworth	137m	Bob Henderson
Double Handed Acc.	162	George Holman	152	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	30	George Holman	35	Tony D'Alonzo
Section Highest Points	231	George Holman	248	Bob Henderson

Event	Ladies Winner		Mini Junior Winner	
56 gram Score	19	Vix Alexander	2	Kaitlin Stoeckel
56 gram Distance	96m	Vix Alexander	11m	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Artificial Bait Score	8	Filomena D'Alonzo	1	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Artificial Bait Distance	84m	Filomena D'Alonzo, Vix Alexander	5m	Kaitlin Stoeckel
112 gram Score	20	Vix Alexander		
112 gram Distance	104m	Vix Alexander		
Double Handed Acc.	107	Filomena D'Alonzo		
Single Handed Acc.	18	Filomena D'Alonzo	12	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Section Highest Points	173	Filomena D'Alonzo	23	Kaitlin Stoeckel

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to February	
56 gram Score	27	Nick Allsworth	29	Chas Riegert, Gary Gildersleeves, Malcolm Harris, Nick Allsworth
56 gram Distance	138m	Gary Gildersleeves	151m	Nick Allsworth
Artificial Bait Score	27	Nick Allsworth	28	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	134m	Nick Allsworth	159m	Keith Heaney
112 gram Score	33	Nick Allsworth	38	Keith Heaney
112 gram Distance	165m	Nick Allsworth	192m	Keith Heaney
Double Handed Acc.	162	George Holman	162	George Holman
Single Handed Acc.	35	Tony D'Alonzo	35	Tony D'Alonzo
Day's High Points	248	Bob Henderson	276	Gary Gildersleeves

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## Attendance at Field Days.

Where have all the people gone that used to attend field days? The Club records indicate that there are very few members turning up.

So I asked myself why don't I attend because I'm one of them.

Mainly the running costs do put me off due to the distances traveled. The amount of running around I do for the Club cuts into my finances. (Don't believe me? okay ask TerryF how much running around does he do and how much time and money does he also donate. It's three times the amount ).

Family commitments is another (and I don't have a job to go to either).

The "old bod" now has trouble coping and getting over a good weekend. Not as young as I used to be.

BUT THE MAIN IRK is that on the last few field days that I did attend we met up with everyone at the sign on then everyone disappeared into the distance. Silly bloody 50km boundaries had one and all gone.

The split locations are a great disincentive towards Club comradery.

No wonder new Club members attend a field day and ask "where is everyone??".

To maintain a healthy Club we should give SERIOUS THOUGHT to reverting back to the closer single locations, shorter travelling distances and encourage togetherness.

Surely having a great weekend IS the most important aspect

Guess I'm just a grumpy old man now!!

President, Bob Henderson

## Wanted Committee Members.

There are now vacancies for some Committee jobs. Please contact the President, Secretary or any Committee member for more details, or get yourself nominated at the next General Meeting.

Secretary, Terry Fuller

## What's Our Future

At the 2006 Annual General Meeting in July we call on you the members to step up and take on a position with the committee for the next twelve months. It's time some of you gave serious thought to stepping forward. I can advise you all that there will be positions available because present committee members WILL be stepping down.

Personally I will definitely be stepping away from any position on Committee. That "road to nowhere" is calling and I intend being on it in the near future. My membership is too valuable to relinquish because I need somewhere to publish my stories.

**IT'S YOUR CLUB TOO** so how about giving some serious thought to being on committee and keeping the Club going for future Club members to enjoy. Be a part of it's history.

President, Bob Henderson

## Fish Smoker.

Fish must be thawed out thoroughly.

Half fill burner with methylated spirits. (for fish ). Spread 1½ measures of smoking sawdust over bottom of inside the smoker, in the centre about ½ inch thick.

Fillet the fish, rub a little salt to your liking, and spread fillets out on grid. Place fillets skin side down.

Light the burner and place burner in centre of smoker base. Allow fire to burn right out and do not remove the lid for a further 5 minutes.

Now remove the lid and fish should be ready for eating. Overall cooking time is about 8 to 10 minutes.

**NOTE.** Do not remove lid during smoking process. Keep the methylated spirits bottle well away from fire and DO NOT REFILL burner while alight.

Steak or Chops Fill burner. 12 to 15 minutes to cook.

Tomatoes or vegetables Half fill burner. Approx 8 minutes to cook.

Try different sawdust mixtures for taste. Salmon, herring, rockcod, skippy. Or use as a grill when camping

A good idea is having a go at soaking in a brine mix (1 tablespoon of brown sugar with 2 tablespoons of salt mixed with 1 litre of water). Soak in brine for at least 15 minutes, pat dry with absorbent paper or cloth, set aside to air dry for another ½ hour then place in smoker skin side down.

Bob Henderson

## "It Wasn't Me"

Sometimes people just don't learn by their mistakes and it can take two or three incidents for them to get the message. Now some may think that I might have been a little bit of a slow learner in my youth just because I took 3 years to pass my exit exam from preprimary.

Another daredevil display in my youth was doing "bommies" off the top of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge. Manly displays of one and a half somersaults with the unarranged "pike" (or flathead some would say) to show off in front of sheilas and mates passed the time of day on weekends. Day or night we cavorted off that bridge and, depending on the tide, ended up or down river.

The best time was when the Rotto ferries came through the bridge because they had to slow down and passengers were always hanging over the side. Perfect victims for our shenanigans.

Hiding out of sight until the ferry began to pass under the bridge, a dash and leap. A blood curdling yell, an artistic flight through the air and a landing as close to the boat. Finish with a majestic "bommie", stay high in the water and drift away when you surface. Look back and observe the passengers soaked to the skin. Time other jumps to perfection and you could collect those up front or well to the rear.

"Oh the LANGUAGE" one would hear from those holidaymakers.

Blimey it was only some kids having a bit of fun.....

Change the timing to nighttime and we could really cause pandemonium.

Some people with no sense of humour eventually made complaints and there were times we departed in haste when the local constabulary ventured forth. No, I was never caught although for some unexplainable reason my poor mother did have to answer the front door and reply to questions about my whereabouts at certain times of the day or night. Under the stern gaze of a huge policeman my angelic behaviour and innocent looks pleaded not guilty. Just youthful fun.

Bob Henderson

## Nite Life on the Swan

At an early age the normal comment towards me was "ratbag". (In today's speech I would be "free spirited"), my old man pointed out that to be a winner you had to go out and have a go. With my luck I generally came fourth or fifth but that didn't stop me from having a go, at any time any place or any challenge. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose.

Today, memories of my youth and the escapades within the boundaries of Fremantle and the Swan River can produce a tale or two and the stories may hold humour, devilment, devious foolishness and a dash of stupidity. "Got to have a go" was our motto, suffer the consequences later. So here's one that's the whole truth cos you know I don't fib....

Cavorting around the Bicton Baths, racing up and down the rope lanes annoying all the sheilas, bommies off the high dive tower and being an utter nuisance to everyone led to boredom. Our eyes soon wandered to the other side of the river and took in the huge tin building called the Sugar Factory. Rumours abounded that it held untold treasures so it became a challenge to explore.

The amount of boat traffic during daylight hours and tidal movement gave us something to think about for a minute and a decision for a night attack was made. Plans were put forward to use our old corrugated iron canoe for one person and the other two to place their bums in car tubes and paddle over. Friday night was the night cos nobody worked at night we thought. Sundown was the time to venture forth and the "Leeuwin Barracks" was the place to gather and set forth.

Now we were quite smart little buggers cos we reckoned that the incoming tide would assist us getting there quite easily. So once darkness was upon us we jammed our backsides into the canoe and the car tubes and set out towards the middle of the river to catch the tide. Dressed only in our bathers with dry clothing in the canoe our plan was to reach dry land get dressed in our dark clothes and sneak up and carry out our raid. SO EASY....

Sheer luck had us out in the middle of the river and with no moon it was as black as (can't say due to political correctness) and we ventured unseen. Our thoughts were on what we may obtain, as rumours were those bags of sugar, pieces of sugarcane, tins of assorted syrups and maybe lollies and stuff that would burst your taste buds filled our empty heads.

Someone forgot to mention that there was also night traffic on the river and it wasn't long before we came close to some dingy fishermen that gave us mouthfuls of unsavoury comments. The old party boat the "Zephyr" came up on us with lights ablazing and it's wash tipped us over into the river. Bloody little green and red lights flickered about and flapping sails towered over us. Shouts and abuse echoed into the night, three kids floundered towards the shore to recoup and try to carry on.

Nuffin was gunna stop us so we kept close to the shore and made our way to the hot water outlet below the "Sugar Factory". A good hour had passed so we took a rest before starting to climb the slope towards the "treasure chest". We searched vainly for a loose sheet on any wall or a broken floorboard to squeeze through.....nuffin... all closed up like Fort Knox.

A few small piles of sugar on the ground a few bits of cane leaves and puddles of muck that we were not game to touch. We searched all over and the only prize we got was catching a dribble of sweet juices coming from a pipe. Our "behaviour" attracted the attention of someone inside and it wasn't long before yells and scream had us gathering speed down the slope towards our getaway.

Arriving at our getaway spot we again encountered another hitch in our plans. We somehow didn't secure our tubes very well because they were nowhere in sight and that bloody canoe could only hold one. Boat wash must have washed our tubes away and a quick decision was made, the canoe owner said you two swim and hold onto the canoe. Simple...

Did I say that the current was running in ? Well change that to "Rushing In. We took off from the northern bank and moved out into the tidal flow. Within minutes we were heading for "Chidley Point" evading the silly sailors in the pitch black. As we arrived at Chidley Point another pleasure cruise boat nearly ran us over. Time for a quick decision and action was taken to try and head towards Point Walter spit and safety. Lights from people crabbing or prawning guided us in the general direction.

We made it to the sand spit exhausted and despondent, packed up our gear into the canoe and headed back along the road via Blackwall Reach. That bloody canoe got quite heavy and a number of stops were made to change positions of the carriers. Weird looks were cast our way by many as we trudged the roads back to our bikes and trolley we left at the Leeuwin Base.

What we didn't know.....some silly so and so on board the party boat that nearly ran us down near Chidley Point had raised an alarm that bodies were floating in the river and had convinced the skipper to turn around and search the area losing a lot of valuable cruising time. Even the water police had been called out in the search but to no avail.

Two days later there was a story in the "Daily News" about bodies in the river, a very uptight passenger, a bad tempered skipper and some coppers with fire coming from their ears and commenting about a wild goose chase. OF COURSE WE OWNED UP TO IT

# Rottnest No Fishing Zones are Coming.

**Yes, crunch time is just around the corner.**

For some years I have been telling club members that the day will come when they will find “no fishing” signs on their favourite fishing spots. Well, that day is nearly here.

The Rottnest Island Authority is planning to put “no fishing” signs on all the club's favourite shore fishing spots at the West End of Rottnest and at other fishing places around Rottnest – and boat areas, too.

A few days after the former Premier Geoff Gallop resigned, Recfishwest heard about plans for more no fishing zones on Rottnest. After quite a bit of publicity, and interviews of Western Angler's Ian Stables on radio and TV, Rottnest Island Board Chairman Laurie O'Meara admitted there were plans for “a mere 17 percent” of the marine area at Rottnest to be closed to fishing.

However he said that peak bodies, including Recfishwest and the Department of Fisheries had been consulted throughout the planning process.

Now both Recfishwest and the Department of Fisheries were quite surprised that Mr O'Meara would make a statement like that, because there had been no effective nor actual consultation due to the confidentiality agreements the recreational people had been forced to sign. Mr. O'Meara was either badly misinformed or had been misled or.....

He advised that the draft plan for the closed areas would be released for public comment in about 4-5 weeks – that would be about mid March.

## **What's the history?**

The current Rottnest Island Management Plan 2003-8 was amended as a result of the strong objections raised about the closure proposals in the earlier draft 2002-7 version, and the government finally stepped in.

This current plan recognises the severe lack of knowledge about fish and fishing in the Rottnest Reserve and makes **commitments to undertaking research and consultation.**

I don't think anyone could argue with the plan and the way the intentions are worded and the Rottnest Island Board's plans of action. But the lack of any public "consulting" and advice of any progress by the Rottnest Island Authority in the nearly 2 years since that plan was released raises questions.

Just so everyone knows, here are some extracts from the Rottnest Island Management Plan:-

*“...the Authority is concerned about the health of the marine environment given the level of activity that occurs in the Reserve. The Authority wishes to review the current marine management regime and investigate the need to implement further measures to protect the Reserve.*

*The Authority is committed to **maximising equity of access and opportunity** for a quality experience among recreational users of the Reserve, while protecting its environmental values. This objective will be pursued through the development of a marine management strategy, which may involve the development of regulations under the Fish Management Act 1994. The marine management strategy will be pursued in coordination with the Department of Fisheries and **in consultation with relevant stakeholders.***

*Fishing, 4.9.1 Issues. Recreational fishing is a popular pursuit in the Marine Reserve. For some, recreational fishing is the primary reason for entering the Reserve, generally on a day trip basis. For others, recreational fishing is one of the many pursuits enjoyed while holidaying on the Island.*

*The **level of fishing pressure** within the Reserve and the **impact of this** on fish stocks and marine communities **is unknown.** The Authority **is committed to increasing its understanding** of the recreational fishing activity and potential impacts of this within the Reserve in order to ensure that appropriate management measures are determined. **Research that is required to develop an understanding of these issues** will be closely linked to the development of a Marine Management Strategy....”*

A committee was set up. Lots of time has been spent in that committee by Ross Cusack and Norman Halse and Andrew Cribb trying to get outcomes that deliver real benefits for the fish and sustainability based on the real issues, including like the concepts in the management proposals for the metro area.

Those three people are all very experienced Rottnest recreational anglers, one of whom happens to be in Recfishwest and one employed by the Department of Fisheries.

The Rottnest Island Authority was incredibly sensitive about it all after the roasting they got from the poor way they proposed the restrictions as part of their Rottnest Island Management Plan back in 2002, so the RIA enforced confidentiality agreements, restricted minutes, no maps were allowed to be taken away, there were separate sub group meetings, and the like.

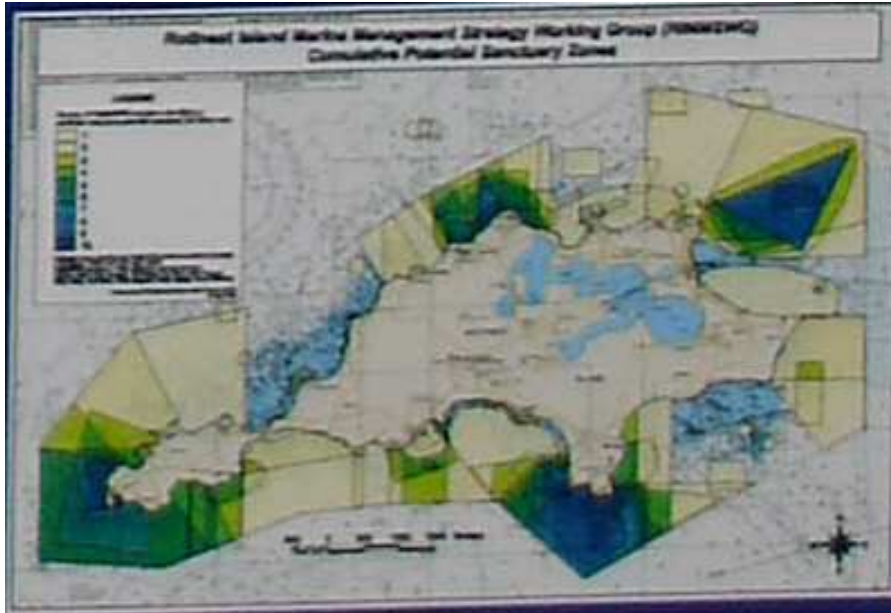
The recreational people did want to consult and inform the wider recreational angling community about what was being discussed, but were prevented by the confidentiality agreements. These people could easily have sold any half decent proposal which had some real merits.

They disagreed with many of the proposals because of the unnecessary impact and the lack of justification. They proposed things which could easily have been accepted by recreational anglers, but were ignored.

The people pushing for closures seem to have different agendas.

### What info is available?

Despite there being restrictions on what could be told to people outside that working group, and no public release of any plans or proposals, Lynnath Beckley, Murdoch researcher and member of the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority, presented some information about these Rottneest consultations to the First International Marine Protected Areas Congress in Geelong last October 2005. This included maps which seemed to show some closed zones. That release of what seems to be information obtained through a privileged position is now widely known and could backfire.



At left is the map from the display by Lynnath Beckley at the First International Marine Protected Areas Congress in Geelong.

It is clearly labeled as though it is from the Rottneest Island Marine Management Strategy Working Group.

I'm sorry for the poor image quality - this is only a tiny part of a much larger photo.

The different shades of blue and green colour coding of the zones won't show up in a black and white print of this.

But it is obvious from this map that most of the West End is targeted for closed, "no fishing" areas.

The heading is:- Rottneest Island Marine Management Strategy Working Group  
Cumulative Potential Sanctuary Zones.

The abstract of a thesis at <http://www.marineresearch.murdoch.edu.au/abstracts/SmallwoodC.pdf> covers a recreational angling creel survey run by the marine management research group, school of environmental science, Murdoch University in 2003. Much has been made of the "data" obtained and conclusions drawn in that survey. Some extracts are:-

*"..... A roving creel survey of shore-based recreational angling and inshore boating activity was conducted from January to September 2003.*

*In total, 854 anglers were recorded during the survey and their distribution around Rottneest was found to be affected by the distance from the settlement areas, day type and weather conditions. The main target species was Herring (46%) although there were a total of 42 fish taxa recorded during the survey. The catch was mainly Herring (62%), non-target species (20%) and Tarwhine (10%).*

*Effort during the nine month survey period was estimated at 17,869 angler days with the total catch 49,069 kept and released fish. An estimate of angler numbers indicated that only between 4,848 and 5,711 anglers fished from the shore during the survey period.....*

*Management concerns in the reserve include non-compliance with fishing regulations, large catch of non-target species, access and occupancy of moorings, the impacts of boating and user conflicts. The data from the survey can be used by agencies to address these issues through education, monitoring and zoning."*

Lynnath Beckley presented information about this survey at a Murdoch seminar in March 2005. It was advertised as "covering the results on demographics of the shore anglers, frequency and patterns of use, socio-economic indicators (residential suburb, travel estimators and direct expenditure on bait and equipment) and actual catch were presented. In addition, the extent of support by the recreational angling user group for Western Australian fisheries management and biodiversity conservation measures is reported on."

I went to that presentation. It was fairly high level, and had a lot of info which didn't have anything to do with the need or justification for closing areas or changing fisheries management, which was my main reason for attending. I seem to remember some of the conclusions drawn from that could have other very different but equally valid interpretations. A particular example was the "high level of support for

conservation" which was portrayed as "a high level of support for closing areas to fishing" which are two very, very different things. Of course most thinking anglers support conservation.

### How is this survey data being used?

In Marine Protected Area News May 2005 <http://depts.washington.edu/mpanews/MPA63.htm> (isn't Google wonderful?), we find this report:-

*"Across the world on Rottneest Island in Western Australia - a popular recreational fishing location - the topics of sportfishing effort and MPA compatibility have both been examined. Resource managers for Rottneest Island Reserve (a multi-use protected area with roughly 38 km<sup>2</sup> of marine area) are working with stakeholders to plan new management zones, including no-take areas for recreational fishing and other zones to address user conflicts. In an ongoing process, managers and stakeholders have been working to site the no-take areas where they will cause minimal impact to recreational fishing while also encompassing representative areas for biodiversity conservation.*

*To help determine how many Rottneest Island anglers are active in the shore-based fishery and where they go fishing, Lynnath Beckley of Murdoch University (Australia) used surveys to document their spatial and temporal distribution. She and post-graduate student Claire Smallwood also collected data on target species, catch composition, and angler demographics, among other criteria. They found that more than 70% of shore-based anglers were fishing in the populated eastern part of the island. Thus, biodiversity conservation measures along the remainder of the coastline would affect a relatively small proportion of the shore-based anglers. "In Thomson Bay near the settlement, it would be inappropriate to create a sanctuary zone as most of the fishing effort is in this region," says Beckley. "Out at the western end of the island where relatively few people fish, it would not affect too many people." Managers are using her data in their planning."*

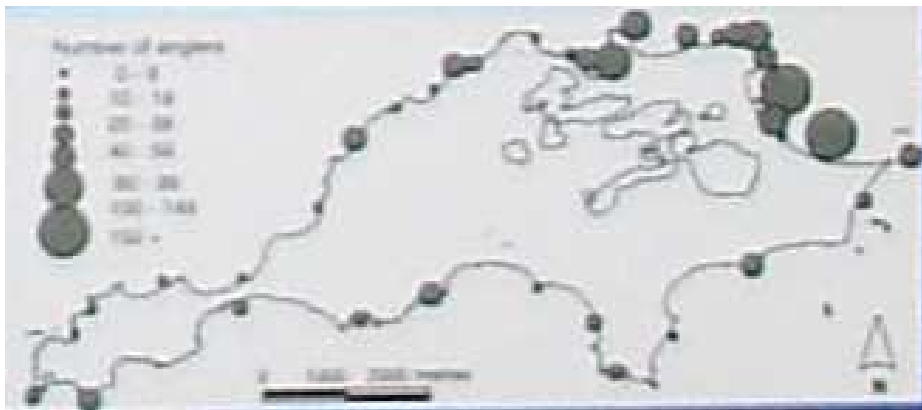
**That's you**, dear readers, who are in the "not affect too many people" category. I could say "if not many people fish, then they won't have much impact, and so there's little to be gained from stopping fishing"

Some wise person asked:- "Just where does Dr Beckley get these conclusions from? It is scurrilous to suggest that recreational anglers are impacting on biodiversity at Rottneest, and then promote closures as a management response. It would appear environmental exclusionists just want anglers out, and they are prepared to use any vague unsubstantiated reasons, couched in quasi scientific jargon, to do it."

Very good questions and observations, so I went looking.

### What does this survey show?

Here's another diagram from the photo of the display by Lynnath Beckley.



*Distribution of recreational fishing effort on Rottneest. (Limited daylight times 9am-4pm)*

At left is the plot of where anglers were recorded as fishing in those survey times.

The legend attached to the circles is "number of anglers 1-9, 10-19," etc.

Surprise, surprise, the majority of people in that 9am to 4pm period are mainly at the north east of the Island within walking distance of the ferries and near the areas with accommodation.

Could this have included a lot of those family fishing parties, mum and dad with the kids?

I have only the abstract. I will get a copy of the full text of the thesis, but I don't have it at the time of writing this. Some observations and questions I have about the above extracts and the seminar are:-

The surveys were run from about 9am to 4 pm to fit in with the researchers' travel from the mainland by ferry. How well do these times fit with usual and actual fishing times on Rottneest?. Some anglers who fished the West End during the survey period have commented that they didn't ever get contacted during the times they were fishing.

The extrapolation from the 854 anglers actually contacted to "estimated ... between 4,848 and 5,711 anglers fished..." will be interesting. How might the survey times affect the numbers and the "distribution around Rottneest"?

"...main target species was herring (46%)...." "The catch was mainly herring (62%), non-target species (20%) and tarwhine (10%)"



There is a very big difference between "targeting" and "putting out a bait which might be taken by..." What exactly did they classify as "Non target species"? If they asked people "what are you fishing for" and the answer is "herring" as 46% said, then there are many other legitimate, legal and recognised recreational species which will readily take a bait "intended" for herring, eg, gardies, skippy, whiting, yellowtail, mackerel, tailor, tarwhine, wrasse, yellow eyed mullet, snook, pike, buff bream, etc (and not forgetting all those blowies and the occasional salmon.)

"...total catch 49,069 kept and released fish". We need the split between kept and released to make any sense of this. But even so, "estimate 17,869 angler days" for 49,069 fish works out at only 2.74 fish per person per day average of which 62% or 1.7 were herring anyway – whatever they might have said they were "targeting".

The summary says "*Management concerns include ..... large catch of non-target species...*" so the definition of what they mean by "non target" is very, very important for the proper interpretation of this data.

And the conclusion on that display by Lynnath Beckley at Geelong said "*Improved collection of spatial data on recreational fishing, particularly in candidate areas for marine biodiversity conservation, will ensure that displaced recreational fishing effort can be objectively assessed based on scientific information.*" I would agree with all of that except for a small detail that the data from this survey and the way it is presented is neither objective nor scientific.

### **And just in case....**

Anyone says because we oppose **the process for deciding** some no take areas in some places, therefore "we must be part of the problem because we oppose proper conservation," then just tell them:-

Recreational anglers want sustainable fishing and good fishing experiences and a FAIR GO!

Informed Recreational anglers aren't opposed to Marine Parks.

Informed Recreational anglers aren't opposed to sanctuary and no take zones in the right places for the right reasons.

Informed Recreational anglers want to protect nursery areas, spawning fish stocks and spawning fish aggregations, but these don't need total closures all year long. Example:- Cockburn Sound Pink Snapper seasonal spawning closures promoted, extended and championed by concerned recreational anglers.

Recreational anglers want to protect the environment, but locking up large areas is not the **only** way to protect the environment.

Informed conservationists would talk about the outcomes they want, and not just keep promoting only **one** of the methods which might achieve them and ignore all the other methods which should be part of the complete package.

### **So where to from here?**

The draft plan for the closed areas will, I understand, be released for public comment in about mid March.

If ever there was anything that would ever fit the saying "**if it is worth having, it is worth working and fighting for it**", then I suggest fishing at Rottnest, particularly the West End, clearly falls into that category for this Club and its fishing members.

We lost Garden Island, and what a massive loss that was for this club. Do you want to lose the best parts of Rottnest, too?

When the time comes, what will **YOU** do to protect your fishing at West End??

Terry Fuller.

## **Field Day LWE March 2006 Bluff Creek**

The March Field Day is a split Field Day, Bluff Creek and Bremer Bay, since there was an even split of votes between these two very good venues for a long weekend on the South Coast. But show of hands at the February meeting showed most will be going to Bluff Creek now.

DO NOT MISS THIS FIELD DAY!! If you don't own a 4WD then ask another member for a lift. This is a FAMILY Field Day location so bring your wife or partner, friends and children or as a last option your dog. This is one of the best locations we go to for a club field day.

It's the Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 March 2006 Long Weekend. This is BEFORE the March General Meeting.

**You MUST let your tyres down to beach driving pressures (20 psi or less) before starting on the track.** and use 4WD as there are some very soft uphill sections.

The track gets badly chewed up by people who don't consider other people who have to follow them and leave their tyres at normal pressure or only let them down a little bit. Please don't be one of those.

See the write ups in the February Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Recfishwest Report February 2006.**

Here are some of the main points from the January 2006 Recfishwest Board Meeting, and other recent activities.

The Recfishwest Board had a breakfast meeting with the Minister for Fisheries. The Minister gave us an insight into many of the things he is working on, including the commercial wetline review, wilderness fishing, Marine Parks, fish habitat protection areas, commercial fishing in the Swan River and Cockburn Sound, commercial salmon and herring fishing, Rottnest no fishing zones, the Labor Party's commitment to its fisheries election promises, illegal foreign fishing, compliance, metro management (Zone 5) proposals, spatial separation and allocation of areas to recreational anglers, etc. His approach to many topics would be of great encouragement to recreational anglers. Outcomes of these will be reported as they are announced.

Fisheries Minister Jon Ford has given the community a final opportunity for input to determine management arrangements for Western Australia's commercial scale fish (wetline) fisheries. The papers are available from the Department of Fisheries website. Recfishwest will be preparing detailed comments on the updated proposals. Comments need to be submitted by 24 March.

Recfishwest held a strategic directions seminar in December. As a result there are proposals for changes to the composition of Recfishwest's Board. These include expanding from the current 11 to 13 members plus the chairman. One would be an additional association Board position for either the Australian Fishing Tackle Association OR the WA Charter Boat Association. The other would be an additional public member who would be allowed to be a member of a fishing club or association, which is not currently possible. Recfishwest has also moved to handle the decline in some Associations and to make some of the five association positions available to other associations which are currently not represented.

Integrated Fisheries Management continues to be a major activity. The next submissions on the Western rock lobster papers is well advanced. There has been a lot of activity on abalone IFM, including vigorously challenging and heading off unjustified extra allocations to the commercial fishery in advance of IFM which would have had a major impact on the outcome in terms of the catch share.

Rottnest no fishing sanctuary zones have been a major issue as reported in detail elsewhere and will be ongoing.

Submissions have been put in on the closure of Logue Brook dam to recreational fishing and other recreational activities.

Recfishwest has been present at a meeting to discuss changes to the Shoalwater Marine Park in the Rockingham Safety Bay area, and has resisted plans for increased no fishing areas.

Recfishwest traveled to Karratha for the final meeting to discuss the zoning for the Dampier Archipelago Marine Park. Indications are that the proposals have really taken account of the community's concerns, and represent actions that the community can support and will be prepared to take ownership of and help to police.

A meeting was held between Recfishwest and senior management of CALM Recfishwest's comments on the Premier & Cabinet Discussion Paper: Bioregional Marine Planning in Western Australia and working towards getting a fairer, better, more scientific, objective and more effective way of deciding what really needs to be done to preserve biodiversity and manage fishing pressure and everything else affecting biodiversity and fish stocks than the current very dissatisfactory Marine Parks process.

Recfishwest has written to the Minister and asked for cobbler to be protected in the Swan and Canning Rivers.

Recfishwest has written to the Minister and asked for commercial salmon fishing to be suspended over Easter and the April school holidays.

Recfishwest's draft policy on Catch and Release fishing has received some favourable comments from the public, and is being finalised.

Recfishwest has prepared a draft policy on Artificial Reefs.

Recfishwest has written to the Minister for the Environment asking for action to control the building of dams on winter creeks for the benefit of freshwater species including Marron.

Frank Prokop attended a released fish survival working group meeting in Brisbane and came back with a lot of information about research on the survival of fish, the ability of fish to handle hooking in various parts, and best practices. This information will be distributed and used in information brochures.

Frank showed information about the samson fish tagging program, run off Rottnest, to his counterparts in other States who were astounded at the fishery, the quality of the research and the tremendous amount of recreational angler participation and cooperation.

Recfishwest has been advised it will receive a grant to promote "get hooked on fishing not drugs" in conjunction with its very successful fishing clinics which are run in many parts of the State.

Terry Fuller, Recfishwest Board Member.

## Proposed 2006/2007 Field Day Dates and Venues.

The following is the Committee's recommended list of Field Day dates and venues, based on the fantastic response of six (yes 6) suggested lists we received. The dates and venues were chosen by the committee. The details have been expanded or spelt out by me, based on boundaries for previous field days and the clear intention of Committee to limit the field day boundaries.

April 2007 has three suggested options. We would like to have all this voted on by the members at the March General Meeting. That gives us a month spare to sort out any difficulties and means we are not forced to make a decision on the last possible night in April. We don't want to do it at the last minute like in some recent years. 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.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Dates	Venue	Boundaries / more details
20/21 May 2006	Rottnest	Extended weekend Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Avoids Mothers' Day on 14 May
3/4/5 June 2006 LWE	Emu Springs	White Point to the real Emu Springs which is about 8 km west of the camping area.
15/16 July 2006	Capes (South)	Margaret River to Augusta including the west side of the Hardy Inlet up to the jetty near the north boat ramp.
12/13 August 2006	Rottnest	All of Rottnest.
16/17 Sept 2006	Cervantes/Jurien	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to Sandy Cape north of Jurien.
30 Sep/1/2 Oct LWE	S - Bend	1 km south of Flat Rocks to Southgates.
11/12 Nov 2006	Cervantes to Hill River	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to 1 km north of the Hill River access road parking area.
16/17 December 2006	Standard Local	Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.
13/14 January 2007	Swan/Canning Rivers	Upstream of Fremantle Railway Bridge.
17/18 February 2007	Cervantes to Hill River	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to 1 km north of the Hill River access road parking area.
3/4/5 March 2007 Long weekend	Bluff Creek	As far as you can walk past the rocks at each end of Bluff Beach.
14/15 April 2007 or 14/15 April 2007 or 6/7/8/9 April 2007 Easter	Guilderton walking or Capes (North) or Emu Springs	Walking distance from parking areas near the foreshore between the Moore River and the town groyne.  Busselton jetty to Margaret River.  White Point to the real Emu Springs which is about 8 km west of the camping area.

### **Public and School Holidays 2006/2007.**

Having been caught by changes to the Oct/Sept Queens Birthday holiday in 2005, I have made a copy of these web pages this year. Public Holidays are, (from [http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/lr/LabourRelations/Content/Wages%20and%20Conditions/Public%20Holidays/Public\\_Holidays.html](http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/lr/LabourRelations/Content/Wages%20and%20Conditions/Public%20Holidays/Public_Holidays.html)):-

Foundation Day	Monday 5 June 2006	Queen's Birthday	Monday 2 October 2006
Australia Day	Thursday 26 January 2007	Labor Day	Monday 5 March 2007
Anzac Day	Wednesday 25 April 2007	Easter	Friday 6 April - Mon 9 April 2007

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

Saturday 8 July - Monday 24 July 2006	Saturday 30 September - Monday 16 October 2006
Saturday 10 December 2006 – Tuesday 30 January 2007	Friday 6 April - Sunday 22 April 2007

Dates which needed to be avoided are May 14, Mothers' Day. September 3, Fathers' Day.



Sunday 8 October 2006, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 1 April 2007
Sunday 29 October 2006, AAA State Dry Casting Championships	

**2006/2007 General Meeting Dates.** All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, start 8:00pm.

Wednesday 10 May 2006	Wednesday 8 November 2006
Wednesday 14 June 2006	Wednesday 13 December 2006
Wednesday 12 July 2006	Wednesday 10 January 2007
Wednesday 9 August 2006	Wednesday 14 February 2007
Wednesday 13 September 2006	Wednesday 14 March 2007
Wednesday 11 October 2006	Wednesday 11 April 2007

### **AAA Championships During Our 2006/7 Competition Year**

Rock and Beach Championships, HQ Cheynes Beach, Reef Beach to Betty's Beach, date not yet decided.
Dry Casting Championships, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 29 October 2006
Estuary Championships, Swan River, Saturday and Sunday 25/26 November 2006
Boat Angling Championships, date to be advised in March 2007 at Whitfords

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

### **Open Competition 2005/6.**

These are the details of the Open Competition Sections up to February 2006. Entries close 30 days after capture. Recorder Ian Cook would like some more entries even if they are for the species competition, please.

<b>Section</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Minimum weight</b>	<b>Entry</b>
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	10.5 kg Paul Thompson, Kalbarri
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	5.0 kg John Jardine, Swanborne Drain
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	2.25 kg Tony D'Alonzo, Jurien Bay
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	1.29 kg black bream, Sharon Osborne, Murray River.
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	12.5 kg John Jardine, Quobba
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	1.0 kg Malcolm Harris, Sandy Point
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Black Bream	0.6 kg	1.29 kg, Sharon Osborne, Murray River.
Section 16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	3.4kg Golden Trevally, Spencer King, Exmouth.

Recorder, Ian Cook

### **Barron Lure Competition.**

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	Paul Thompson, Tailor 1.43 kg, Seabird
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	No entry.
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	John Jardine, Spanish Mackerel, 12.5 kg, Quobba.

Recorder, Ian Cook

### **Club Competition Rules and Constitution.**

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available – all you have to do is **ASK**.

The latest **printed** version of the Competition Rules is dated 13 April 2005, and the Constitution is dated February 2003. If you have any earlier version, throw it away and get a current version.

**Please note:-** the February 2006 General Meeting adopted the following additional rule, which applies from now on for **ALL** changes to the Competition Rules.

**1.1.9 Amendment to These Competition Rules.** The Club's "Competition Rules" are different from the "Rules of the Association" as set out in the Constitution.

All proposed amendments to the Competition Rules must be notified to members in writing before the meeting at which voting takes place.

All amendments made to the Competition Rules must be notified to all members prior to the commencement of the first affected event in any competition year.

The Competition Rules may be amended and applied part way through a competition year providing this is notified to and is endorsed by members of the Club, by a majority vote from eligible financial members present and voting at the meeting.

The Competition Rules must be confirmed or may be amended at a General Meeting held prior to the commencement of each competition year, voting as above."

I will print more copies, with all the updates, as soon as the rules are confirmed for 2006/7 at the April General Meeting.

Contact the Secretary for a copy or see the club's web site for the online, completely up to date versions – see <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/ClubRulesMain.html>

**Just to be crystal clear** – this is the March edition of Reel Talk. If any proposed Rule Changes are not in this edition or in the April edition of Reel Talk, then they can't apply for the 2006/7 competition year if they would affect the May events.

Think about it. Time is short. Over to you for your detailed **written up** proposed rule changes before the deadline for the April Reel Talk. Deadline? See the list of contents.

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

### **Proposed Amendment to Club's Competition Rules.**

**Rule 1.1.3, Visitors Points.** I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:-

"No visitor may attend more than any three (3) Club events in any one (1) Competition year" to read:-

"No visitor may attend more than any four (4) Club events, unless a motion is passed at a General or Committee Meeting either:-

- (1) exempting an individual from the rule, or
- (2) inviting an individual to attend an event, or
- (3) deeming that attendance at a specific club event or class of club event will not to be counted for the purposes of this rule."

**Reason for the proposed change:-** Attendance by visitors should be so that they can find out if what the club does and if what it offers them is what they want from a fishing club.

After attending a sufficient number of events, the club should expect some commitment and contribution from any person who is benefiting from the club's efforts and expenses to organise and run events.

The way the rule is worded at present, a person can pick out three desirable events, for example, two Rottneestrips and a Bluff Creek or a Cervantes trip, and come to those three events every year forever and never commit to becoming a member.

The proposed rule allows people with special circumstances to be exempted if the other club members agree. It allows attendance by invitation and allows certain events, eg car rallies, not to be counted.

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Terry Fuller.

**Rule 3.3.4, Leaders.** I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:-

"The use of a heavy leader is optional for all events, provided it not more than 380 mm in length. The exception being in Artificial Bait competition where the length of the leader from the terminal knot to the weigh shall not exceed 1,000 mm. Swivels may also be used between the weight and the line."

to read:-

"A heavy leader is compulsory for all events. For 56 gram, 112 gram and accuracy events the leader must not be more than 380 mm in length. In Artificial Bait rigs, the length of the leader from the terminal knot to the weight shall not exceed 1,000 mm. Swivels or rings may also be used between the weight and the line."

**Reason for the proposed change:-** To change heavy leaders from optional to compulsory as has been used successfully during 2005/6 to reduce the need to dig the weights out of soft ground. Terry Fuller.

**Rule 3.6.2, Scoring Of Level Line Distance Casts.** I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:-

“To score full points, the weight cast must come to rest in the “V” court marked by ropes and/or flags. For 56 gram and 112 gram level line the weight must remain attached to the line, and for 112 gram Artificial Bait, the weight and dowel must both remain attached to the line. Any cast which comes to rest outside the “V” court receives zero score, however for Juniors and Mini Juniors a penalty loss of ten (10) metres is imposed.

The distance of the cast shall be the measurement from the base line to the point where the weight finishes. The distance is to be rounded off to the nearest whole number using 0.5 metres as the changeover, i.e. 72.5 metres is read as 73 metres, 72.4 metres is read as 72 metres.

After each cast, the distance in metres shall be shown on the scoreboard provided. Should a penalty for a Junior or Mini Junior be incurred it shall be signified by the letter "P".

to read:-

“To score full points, the weight cast must come to rest in the Club “V” court marked by ropes and/or flags. For 56 gram and 112 gram level line the weight must remain attached to the line, and for 112 gram Artificial Bait, the weight and dowel must both remain attached to the line. A penalty reduction of twenty percent (20%) is imposed on any cast which comes to rest outside the club “V” court.

The distance of the cast shall be the measurement from the base line to the point where the weight finishes. The distance is to be rounded off to the nearest whole number using 0.5 metres as the changeover, i.e. 72.5 metres is read as 73 metres, 72.4 metres is read as 72 metres.

After each cast, the distance in metres shall be shown on the scoreboard where one is used. Should a penalty be incurred it shall be signified by the letter "P".

**Reason for the proposed change:-** Some new members have difficulty keeping casts within the club narrow “V” court, and current rules record their casts as zero. Casts at AAA State and National competitions use a wider “V” court and it is desirable to give some credit for distances which would have been inside that wider AAA court. The proposed 20% reduction means that all casters are penalised equally and pro rata, which would not apply if one fixed distance or one fixed point score deductions were applied.

Terry Fuller.

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**Rule 3.3.7, Plastic Tube And Pompoms.** I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:-

Plastic tubing must be used for level line distance events.....

to read:-

Plastic tubing must be used for all level line distance events.....

**Reason for the proposed change:-** to emphasise that this applies to Artificial Bait rigs as well as to the 56 and 112 gram rigs as has been the usual interpretation in the past. AAA State and AAA National rules now require plastic tubing on Artificial Bait rigs.

Terry Fuller.

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**Rule 4.10 Eligibility Of Species** (for the Open Fishing Competition). I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:-

“Only fish actually caught in Western Australian Territorial Waters are eligible for Club competitions,.....”

to read:-

“Only fish actually caught in natural Western Australian Territorial Waters including still or flowing freshwater streams, rivers or lakes, but excluding closed or artificial impoundments, are eligible for Club competitions,.....”

**Reason for the proposed change:-** to clarify that we will accept entries for fish caught in natural still or flowing freshwater streams, rivers or lakes, but not fish caught from stocked water holes in the ground or man made impoundments, as discussed by Committee.

Terry Fuller.

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**Boundaries for Local field days.** These are not listed in the Competition Rules, but are in every Reel Talk. I give written notice that I will move that the boundaries for local field days should be amended from:-

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

to read:-

“Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.”

**Reason for the proposed change:-** to add the Canning River. Specific mention of the North and South Moles was a carryover from the time when the boundary was first changed from either one mole north or the other mole south, and is no longer necessary.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

## **February 2006 Field Day Cervantes**

No write up was available at the time of publication. Thanks to Melvin Wee for some photos from the Field Day.



*Mark, Peter and a "friendly" seagull*



*The "mob" at the Field Day*



*The "Hill River Hilton"*

George Holman caught a nice Black Tipped Reef Shark of 8.35 kg which qualifies for his Masters section. 7 species were caught in total, herring, tailor, skippy, garfish, flathead, wrasse, shark.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

### **Results for the February 2006 Field Day.**

<b>Angler</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Points</b>
Tony D'Alonzo	9.3 kg	4	30	133
George Holman	9.65 kg	2	5	116.5
Mark Hansen	2.55 kg	5	15	75.5
Morris Kolman	2.1 kg	3	7	51
Melvin Wee	1.15 kg	3	6	41.5
Paul Mollett (vis)	2.35 kg	1	4	33.5
Peter Stoeckel	0.62 kg	2	3	26.2
Nick Allsworth	1.14 kg	1	2	21.4
Josh Lucocq	0.45 kg	1	1	14.5
Andrew Stoeckel	0.45 kg	1	2	14.5
Brook Reilly	0	0	0	0
Eric Parker	0	0	0	0
Andrew Thorgersen	0	0	0	0



### Sportsperson of the Year Sections for February 2006.

Best Scale Fish	Nick Allsworth	Tailor	0.75 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	9.3 kg
Best Shark	George Holman	Black Tipped	8.35 kg
Best Bag including sharks	George Holman	Mixed Bag	9.65 kg

### Field Day prizes for February 2006.

Best Scale Fish	Paul Mollet (Vis)	Tailor	1.1 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	9.3 kg
Best Shark	George Holman	Black Tipped	8.35 kg

### Field Day Sections up to February 2006.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.750 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Vix Alexander	Mulloway	1.700 kg
2	Most Meritous Fish	Decided by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Peter Osborne	Shark	5.025 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.750 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Tony Ong	Tailor	2.005 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	John Romano	Salmon	3.850 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony Ong	Trevally, Skipjack	0.825 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)		No entry	
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.0 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	27.855 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	9.0 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tony Ong	Tailor	6.350 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)		No entry	
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod		No entry	

### Field Day Top Ten for 2005/2006 up to February 2006.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	2343.5	6	Vix Alexander	651.8
2	Peter Osborne	996.3	7	Filomena D'Alonzo	598.1
3	Malcolm Harris	974.8	8	Mark Hansen	496.2
4	George Holman	951.1	9	Ian Cook	465.3
5	Tony Ong	654.0	10	Morris Kolman	329.5

### Rottnest Field Day May 2006

The format was decided by a vote at the February meeting. The club will utilise the weekend of 20/21 May. We will leave for Rottnest from North Port ferry terminal on Friday 19 May at 6:00 pm. Be there at least 30 minutes earlier. Tickets will be purchased 15 minutes prior to the ferry departure time.

The bus times on the Island are:-

Saturday Pick up at 6 am to West End, return from West end at 6:30pm

Sunday Pick up at 6 am, return from West end at 12 noon

The cost will be between \$120 and \$140 depending on the number of starters. If we have below 10 participants the field day will be cancelled.

A \$50 deposit will be required at or before the March General Meeting.

Ian Cook

**There will be no exceptions. Full payment must be made at or before the April General Meeting.**

### Species, Masters and Grand Masters Badges

The new patch badges have arrived "Hurrah". These members have completed capturing their 10 species. Ian Cook, Tony D'Alonzo, Filomena D'Alonzo, George Holman, Roy Killick, Dave Maxted, Morris Kolman

Tony D'Alonzo has completed capturing 8 species for Masters.

Badges will be available for presentation at the April General meeting

I am sure there are a number of other members who will have captured the required number of species for their Species badge.

If you let me know which species and when you have caught them I will enter them against your name. The computer does not generate this data so it needs to have input from the member.

Ian Cook