

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

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## Life Members of the Club

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

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# Minutes of SCAC General Meeting

Venue:	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.								
Date:	14 February 2007								
Time:	8pm								
Present:	24 members								
Apologies:	Bev Grigo, Bob Henderson								
Visitors:	Nil								
Previous Minutes:	As Published in January Reel Talk								
Moved Jim Strong Seconded Trevor Stam									

#### Inwards Correspondence:

BT Fund Investment Coolbinia Football Club

#### **Outwards Correspondence:**

Email to Stirling City Council: Ground use for Casting **Moved** Scott Maloney **Seconded** Malcolm Harris

**Property Report:** Vix talked about club members having preference over non-members for booking of Kalbarri house. General consensus first in best dressed. Talk to Ray White about increasing the rent.

**Secretary's Report:** Asked to write a letter to Chas Riegert regarding the motion passed at the last meeting. I will take it to committee before sending it out.

**Field Day Report:** Swan and Canning River eight people attended five fish weighed in. The Pekaars chased Black Bream others went to Resolution Point - no luck. Best Scale fish Tailor 250g John Crompton, Best Bag 1 kg Malcolm Harris.

Reel Talk March 2007

**Dry Casting:** Scott gave his report. The seniors finally had a day where everyone had good results. See Dry Casting Results Sheet.

Real Talk Editor: Marcia gave her report and asked if all correspondence was in by the weekend.

**Recorder:** There were some adjustments to sizes of species in Masters and Grand Masters. Listed in Reel Talk

**AAA Report:** The motion from last year regarding any member's behavior at AAA events and the ability of clubs to deal with this, was passed. Terry was thanked for his work re RecFish West. AAA now has a Secretary. 16 Members attended.

**Social Organiser:** Josh asked if he could have some help over the next few weeks as he is building his house and may not be able to make it every month. Sandra volunteered.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Balance	\$12,457.56					
Monies Received						
M Harris Field Day 15-17-06	\$9.00					
Dry Casting Dec/Jan/Feb	\$282.00					
Sinkers	\$22.00					
K Heaney Membership	\$85.00					
General Meeting Raffle	\$24.00					
Accounts to be Paid						
J Lucocq Supply of food and drink	\$81.15					
Coolbinia Football Club 8 months	\$400.00					
Final National Drycasting Cheque	\$1,405.88					

Notice of Motion: From Recorder regarding species badges. Will be in the Reel Talk

General Business: Rottnest Field day 14-15 of April. Money by next meeting \$145

George asked about taking the laser to National. Scott will look after it. Conditional use is that the machine is looked after and returned in working order.

Vix asked about the rods returning to Perth in time for Dry Casting in March, Ian said they will be back on the Friday before.

Mal Head wants the condition of use for the oval and the area we hire for Dry Casting from City of Stirling Council. Secretary will write to them.

Malcolm wants people to return their suggestions for field days ASAP.

Instruction Period: John Scott of Aqua Jackets attended with a demonstration.

At the General Meeting in March there will be a presentation of results from the Boys' Yalata Expedition. A BBQ dinner will also be held, the cost of which will just be by donation. Please be early to this one – 7.15pm

# 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.

<u>29</u>		aaa e	event		]																	
<u>8</u>	0	Dry Ca	sting		11   General Meeting <u>14</u> <u>15</u> Field Day						Day		18	Committee Meeting								
March 2007									Ар	ril 20	07		May 2007**									
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun		
			1	2	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	30						<u>1</u>		1	2	3	4	5	<u>6</u>		
<u>5</u>	6	7	8	9	10	<u>11</u>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
12	13	14#	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	<u>*14</u>	<u>*15</u>	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31					

# Please be early to this one 7.15pm (See Minutes above)

\* Field Day location to be confirmed

\*\* May Field Day yet to be decided

#### 2006/2007 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries

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

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details											
3/4/5 March 2007 Long weekend	Bluff Creek	Reef Beach to Betty's Beach. AAA Rock and Beach Championships are on Saturday and Sunday of this long weekend.											
*14/15 April 2007	Capes (North)	Busselton jetty to Margaret River.											

\* Possible change of venue to Rottnest.

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

Rock and Beach Championships, HQ Cheynes Beach, Reef Beach to Betty's Beach, Sat/Sun 3/4 March 2007 – Note weigh in Sunday.

Boat Angling Championships, date to be advised in March 2007 at Whitfords

2007 Dry Casting Dates. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting 8:30am.

Sunday 11 March 2007, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 1 April 2007

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

Wednesday 14 March 2007	Wednesday 11 April 2007
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#### **COMING CLUB EVENTS**

March Dry Casting	
When:	Sunday, 11 March 2007
Where:	Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue
Events:	Double handed accuracy, single handed accuracy, 56g distance, artificial bait distance, 112g 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.

#### Sausage Sizzle: Sausage & Bread \$1.00; Can of Cool Drink \$1.00 Casting Sinkers also available on the day.

Field Day, Local	
When:	3, 4, 5 March 2007
Sign On:	Phone the FDO
Lines Down:	Check with FDO
Boundaries:	Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.
Weigh In:	Monday, 5 March at George 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 witten in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8.00pm that night.
Field Day, Bluff Cro	eek
When:	3. 4. 5 March 2007

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Where:	Bluff Creek
Weigh In:	Monday, 5 March check with FDO
Boundaries:	Reef Beach to Betty's Beach. AAA Rock and Beach Championships are on Saturday and Sunday of this long weekend.

March General Mee	ting
When:	Wednesday, 14 March 2007
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 off the attendance sheet which is on the table near the door. And while you are there, what about buying some of the raffle tickets?

## 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

# Dry Casting Results, 4 February 2007

Results for the day	56 g	Iram		Artifici	al Bait		112 (	gram				Dou	ible F	lande	ed Ac	cura	су		Sing	jle H	ande	d Ac	curacy				
	Cast	Cast		Cast	Cast			Cast				Та	rget l	lumb	ber				Tar	get d	listar	nce		Day	Attend	ance	Total
Seniors	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points	Total	DC	GΜ	Points
Nick Allsworth	0	125	13	123	139	26	160	146	31	18	15	15	25	21	8	16	14	132	10	0	7	4	21	223	10	0	233
Peter Pekaar	136	134	27	134	127	26	150	157	31	21	17	12	5	18	7	15	21	116	0	0	1	5	6	206	10	0	216
Mark Hansen	120	133	25	0	122	12	141	149	29	15	16	14	0	12	7	17	13	94	2	0	0	10	12	172	10	0	182
Scott Maloney	121	102	22	111	123	23	152	156	31	19	3	21	20	10	1	8	0	82	5	0	1	0	6	164	10	0	174
Keith Heaney	143	148	29	0	143	14	189	0	19	0	13	22	23	10	0	2	23	93	0	0	0	0	0	155	10	0	165
Joe Pullella	146	0	15	0	157	16	0	177	18	4	8	13	10	18	16	21	8	98	0	0	3	1	4	151	10	0	161
Malcolm Harris	0	137	14	0	113	11	0	0	0	17	9	15	16	9	12	6	19	103	5	0	7	3	15	143	10	0	153
Veterans																											
Gary Gildersleeves	125	129	25	112	124	24	137	148	29	6	18	19	22	25	17	21	20	148	9	9	8	5	31	257	10	0	267
Malcolm Head	0	0	0	91	105	20	121	126	25	14	21	17	23	23	8	19	17	142	5	5	9	4	23	210	10	0	220
Allan Jones	0	108	11	112	107	22	129	120	25	25	11	25	19	0	10	19	20	129	0	5	9	1	15	202	10	0	212
George Holman	0	0	0	137	132	27	0	163	16	9	18	24	11	19	16	16	19	132	1	7	6	8	22	197	10	0	207
Jim Strong	73	72	15	80	77	16	80	83	16	15	13	17	24	11	20	11	24	135	0	5	1	8	14	196	10	0	206
John Crompton	73	74	15	72	64	14	78	86	16	2	23	13	18	0	21	16	15	108	3	0	6	0	9	162	10	0	172
Trevor Stam	0	74	7	0	66	7	68	45	11	0	23	22	18	9	15	15	14	116	2	3	0	7	12	153	10	0	163
Terry Fuller	98	100	20	88	0	9	0	84	8	9	11	9	14	21	0	11	22	97	7	0	4	8	19	153	10	0	163
Geoff Raftis	87	86	17	84	85	17	0	109	11	14	6	6	0	18	9	10	7	70	3	8	7	8	26	141	10	0	151
Ladies																											
Vix Alexander	0	99	10	80	80	16	83	98	18	0	16	17	3	9	7	6	19	77	0	7	0	1	8	129	10	0	139
Marcia Pekaar	59	71	13	59	0	6	0	75	8	20	7	21	0	5	10	14	23	100	0	0	0	0	0	127	10	0	137
Wendy Hansen	56	0	6	73	49	12	75	91	17	10	6	19	18	17	0	0	9	79	0	0	0	0	0	114	10	0	124
Juniors																											
Andrew Pekaar	105	110	22	0	110	11	133	126	26	13	16	23	20	0	8	19	15	114	8	5	5	3	21	194	10	0	204
Mini Juniors																											
Kaitlin Stoeckel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	7	1	9	11	10	0	21

# **Dry Casting Top Ten**

Total scores up to and including February casting – not including February General Meeting attendance. Only the best 11 months out of 12 count at the end of the year.

1	George Holman	2215	6	Malcolm Harris	1612
2	Bob Henderson	2084	7	Terry Fuller	1501
3	Allan Jones	2060	8	Jim Strong	1416
4	Malcolm Head	1972	9	Mark Hansen	1374
5	Gary Gildersleeves	1853	10	Trevor Stam	1317

# Dry Casting Winners for 4 February 2007

Event	Seniors Winner		Vetera	ns Winner
56 gram Score	29	Keith Heaney	25	Gary Gildersleeves
56 gram Distance	148	Keith Heaney	129	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Score	26	Nick Allsworth, Peter Pekaar	27	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	157	Joe Pullella	137	George Holman
112 gram Score	31	Nick Allsworth, Peter Pekaar, Scott Maloney	29	Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram Distance	189	Keith Heaney	163	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	132	Nick Allsworth	148	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	21	Nick Allsworth	31	Gary Gildersleeves
Section Highest Points	233	Nick Allsworth	267	Gary Gildersleeves

Event	Ladies Winner		Junior	s Winner
56 gram Score	13	Marcia Pekaar	22	Andrew Pekaar
56 gram Distance	99	Vix Alexander	110	Andrew Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	16	Vix Alexander	11	Andrew Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	80	Vix Alexander	110	Andrew Pekaar
112 gram Score	18	Vix Alexander	26	Andrew Pekaar
112 gram Distance	98	Vix Alexander	133	Andrew Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	100	Marcia Pekaar	114	Andrew Pekaar
Single Handed Acc.	8	Vix Alexander	21	Andrew Pekaar
Section Highest Points	139	Vix Alexander	204	Andrew Pekaar

Event	Mini Juniors Winner		
56 gram Score			
56 gram Distance			
Artificial Bait Score			
Artificial Bait Distance			
112 gram Score			
112 gram Distance			
Double Handed Acc.	2	Kaitlin Stoeckel	
Single Handed Acc.	9	Kaitlin Stoeckel	
Section Highest Points	21	Kaitlin Stoeckel	

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to February 2007		
56 gram Score	29	Keith Heaney	29	Keith Heaney	
56 gram Distance	148	Keith Heaney	148	Keith Heaney	
Artificial Bait Score	27	George Holman	27	George Holman	
Artificial Bait Distance	157	Joe Pullella	157	Joe Pullella	
112 gram Score	31	Nick Allsworth, Peter Pekaar, Scott Maloney	32	George Holman, Malcolm Harris	
112 gram Distance	189	Keith Heaney	189	Keith Heaney	
Double Handed Acc.	148	Gary Gildersleeves	166	Gary Gildersleeves	
Single Handed Acc.	31	Gary Gildersleeves	34	George Holman	
Day's High Points	267	Gary Gildersleeves	269	Bob Henderson	

## Dry Casting Report

February's casting day was well represented with both Seniors' and Veterans' teams having some good results. The highlight of the day was as cast of 189 m by Keith Heaney. Marcia Pekaar beat a lot of the Seniors' accuracy results with a score of 100 - well done. Scott finally got some good results after almost a year of poor casting and cast his personal best of 156 m and managed to get all six casts in, thanks to a good side wind. Overall winners were Nick, Gary and Vix. Well done to everyone this month and good luck at the Nationals.

Scott Maloney Dry Casting Officer

# **Recorders Report February 2007**

## 2006/2007 Open Competition Results till February 2007

Section	For	Min Weight	Details
1.	Most Meritorious Capture	None	Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.
2.	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	
4.	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5.	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman 4.0 kg False Entrance
7.	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9.	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman 3.3 kg False Entrance
10.	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	Dave Maxted 0.6 kg Steep Point
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman 11.5 kg False Entrance
12.	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	
13.	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14.	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15.	Best Black or Yellowfin Bream	0.6 kg	
16.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	George Holman Bonefish 2.8 kg False Entrance
17.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	

Please let me know if there are any omissions.

#### **Barron Lure Competition**

Heaviest Tailor
Heaviest Salmon
Heaviest Scale fish

1.6 kgDave Maxted3.85 kgMark Hansenare there any entries?

## FLEETS TACKLE: WALTER ROAD, MORLEY

15% Discount To Club Members Excluding Bait. Also fixes reels at reasonable rates. Contact: Brian Abbott Species for the Species Badge are not automatically recorded from the FD results. You need to give the Recorder a written list of the species and which FD you caught them on. Species caught outside of a Field Day need to be submitted on the standard application form.

I am sure there are a number of members who will have captured the required species for the species badge but which are not recorded.

# Notice of Motion

### Proposed by Ian Cook

### Proposed Changes to By-Laws for the competition year 2007-2008

#### Clarification of Junior Masters, Masters, Grand Masters

#### Masters Fish (5.3)

Currently the By-Laws state that: Masters Fish must be caught on a Club Field Day. Therefore an application form is not required. This is very clear cut.

#### Grand Masters (5.4)

There is no clarification on when the fish may be caught for this section and there have been various interpretations. If the species is caught outside of a Club Field Day, an application form must be filled in and submitted. I would like to have a new sentence included in the section (5.4)

Species for Grand Masters may be caught at any time including on a Club Field Day.

Allocation of the species to Masters and/or Grand Masters section. I would like to have a new sentence included in the section

#### A fish may only be entered into Masters or Grand Master but not both sections.

Example, A Salmon of greater than 4.5 kg may be entered in to Grand Masters or Masters but not both.

#### **Grand Master Weights**

Currently, some species' weights are the same for both Masters and Grand Masters. I wish to increase the weights to the following species in Grand Masters

## Increase the weight of Trevally (all) to 4.5 kg Increase the weight of Mackerel 12.0 kg Increase the weight of Pink Snapper 3.5 kg

#### Junior Masters (5.2)

Juniors should be able to enter a fish in Masters or Grand Masters if they wish. I would like to have a new sentence included in the section **(5.2)** 

#### A Junior may choose to enter an eligible fish into the Masters or Grand Masters.

#### Reduce the minimum weight of Herring from 0.3 to 0.2 kg

**Species Competition (5.1)** To include 4 new species as listed below

Pink Snapper Sampson Fish Mackerel (all) Wrasse

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

## **Rottnest Field Days**

A decision was made at the February General Meeting to have the April Field Day venue set as Rottnest Island on 13 - 15 April. There is no accommodation available between 5 - 23 April due to school holidays.

The Rottnest Field Day will now be 11 - 13 May. If anyone who put their name down for going to Rotto in April cannot go in May let me know prior to the March General meeting. Full payment of \$145 is required at or before the March GM.

The proposed second Rottnest Island Field day would stay as 15-17 June.

Tight Lines Ian Cook

# **Full Rottnest Report**

You will all be aware that the new marine management plan for Rottnest Island was gazetted in December 2006. One of the sanctuary areas (West End Demersal Zone) now includes the area at West End that the Club has fished for 50 years on our trips to Rottnest Island. The loss of the area around West End and possibly Rices means that the more productive fishing areas have been lost to shore based fisher persons.

The committee is proposing that we increase our use of Rottnest Island for Field Day venues up to July when the restrictions come into force.

It is proposed to have up to two field days between April and July. Currently, May is set as a Field Day.

We have used two variations to the normal Rottnest Field Day format. Both of the formats turned out to be very successful.

- 1. Use the June LWE. This means going to Rottnest Island on the Saturday morning ferry and returning on the Monday afternoon Ferry. This will allow for two morning and two afternoon fishing sessions.
- 2. Use a normal two day weekend. Go across to the Island on the 6:00 pm ferry on the Friday night and return on the Sunday afternoon ferry. This will give us the opportunity to fish two morning fishing sessions and one afternoon fishing session.

Both of the above formats turned out to be very successful. Utilising the LWE gives a total of equivalent of two days fishing time. Going across on the Friday night was good as we went to the café for dinner and a few drinks. This allowed us to prepare for the early start on Saturday morning.

Having full days allows for exploration of more or new locations. Utilising the extra time is also more cost effective and with fuel and other associated costs, Rottnest Field Days are good value. The potential for even novices to catch good quality fish is very good and results are normally excellent.

**New Members:** Don't be put of by the idea that it is all new and daunting. There are lots of senior member who are only to willing to enlighten you on the merits of fishing Rotto. We fish together, so there is always some one experienced to fish with and to give on the spot advice.

The options will be discussed at the February meeting and a vote taken to decide on the format and number of Field Days. If you are unable to attend the February meeting and you are interested in going contact me well before the February GM. A decision will be made at this meeting on the format, number of trips and timing if sufficient interest is shown. <u>A deposit of \$50 will be required at or before this meeting if we are to go in April and full payment in March. If May retained then a Deposit will be required in March</u>

We need a minimum of 10 starters.

The approximate costs are

- LWE \$175 Estimate only
- Extended weekend **\$155** *Estimate only*

Cost includes Ferry, Transport and accommodation

Please contact me as I am more than happy to provide information and advice. If required we will have an instruction periods at the general meeting prior to the field day.

Tight Lines Cookie

## "GREAT NEWS"

This arvo we received the "ALL CLEAR" from Lee's Specialists with the explanation that the "dark spots" that gave concern are actually scar tissue due to the radical operation that Lee had. Nothing to worry about....

So we spent time celebrating and making plans for our trip. We intend packing up and preparing to leave either Monday arvo or Tuesday morning. Drive during the morning hours, rest and continue in the late afternoon if it's too hot. Slowly wander over to Phillip Island.

I just hope you realise the sacrifice we are making just so YOU can be indoctrinated on travelling across the Nullarbor to Victoria.

#### A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CONCERNS.

Will be in touch later.

## AWARDS FOR STATE TEAM

James Strong has been kind enough to offer the following awards for those members travelling to Phillip Island to compete in the Casting Competition in March:

Senior Team Members	
Accuracy Section	
Highest Score in Accuracy Event Award:	\$50.00
Veterans Team Members	
Accuracy Section	
Highest Score in Accuracy Event Award:	\$50.00
Ladies Team Members	
Accuracy Section	
Highest Score in Accuracy Event Award:	\$50.00

#### Presentation:

Awards to be presented at SCAC meeting 14 March

James Strong State Patron WA Division AAA

## 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.

Mal Head

## PLEASE NOTE:

From March to April please do not bring cans. Malcolm will be unavailable until May when you can start bringing them again.

## FROM THE EDITOR

I would firstly like to give a big thank you to the Club for having some faith in my ability to cast. Following my first attempt I honestly thought there was no hope. But somehow I was selected in the team to compete at Phillip Island. At the time of printing, the Victorian event hasn't been held, but I must say with the coaching and support of my husband and son, Peter and Andrew, as well as coaching from Vix and general support from many club members, my casting has improved immeasurably. Time will tell how we all go, but good luck to you all. I hope we all remember to enjoy our time away and treat any wins as a bonus.

Marcia Pekaar Reel Talk Editor