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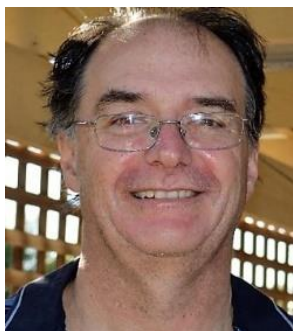
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President's Report – April 2017



I commence this report by expressing my gratitude and congratulations to the membership for their involvement in the process that saw us adopt a new constitution at the special meeting held prior to the March General Meeting. At all stages the members showed their commitment to the process by offering comments and to see it passed by a unanimous vote is particularly gratifying for the committee. Of course this is predominantly the result of the hard work and attention to detail displayed by our Vice President Vic Schilo, whose extensive experience in such matters has proven invaluable to all of us. At the risk of sounding a bit repetitive a sincere thankyou Vic, for all you have done in this very important process.

At the March meeting, it was great to see Ray Walker who has returned from nearly 2 years under canvas in this great land. Ray has been regularly sending us reports on his travels, but I am sure there are many more tales to be told. Many of us talk of embarking upon such journeys but never quite get around to doing it. There is much to admire about those that actually do it, face and overcome the various obstacles in the way. Welcome back Ray.

The March meeting also saw us discuss the committee's proposed Field Day events for the next competitive season. Historically, this can sometimes be a difficult task with many different opinions and ideas on how the program should look. As chair of the meeting it was pleasing to witness so many members expressing their opinions, whilst at all times observing correct meeting etiquette.

The end result was a schedule of field days that reflects the general wishes of the membership and should auger well for a well-attended and successful 2017/2018 season. Many thanks to our Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne, for his invaluable wisdom and work in preparing for this process.

Finally, our Social Organiser Pat McKeown has been his usual industrious self and organised a night cast event to be held at Garvey Park in late April. This promises to be a fun filled social event so I would urge all members to make the effort to attend.

Shane Wignell President

Thought for the month:

"The bringing home of our constitution marks the end of a long winter"



Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, speaking at a ceremony proclaiming his country's new Constitution; Ottawa, 17 April 1982.

Pierre Trudeau's intellectual agility and personal flair dominated late 20th-century Canadian history and helped ensure the country's survival as a federal state. The 1982 Constitution Act was his most significant achievement.



John Crompton has received the Human Spirit Award for his efforts to support Driver Fatigue. Congratulations John, a job well done.

This does affect us all with the distances driving to fishing locations so take breaks.

Social Organisers Report April 2017.

The pressure is on to produce another report for the magazine from the chief editor so here goes.

The next upcoming event is the night cast at Garvey Park Belmont.

Start time 5pm until 8pm on Saturday the 29th April.

BBQ's are available this is a good family event lets all make the effort to attend.

Don't forget to bring along your glow sticks and Have a good weekend Spray repellent as there could be mozzies.

I realise its early days yet but the upcoming Presentation night is approaching fast

And we need to start preparing for it.

Venue:- Croatian Club Wishart Street GWELUP

Date:- **Saturday 22nd July 2017**

Time: - 6pm

Cost \$32.00 per head

Menu: -

Roast Beef, Chicken Schnitzel, Battered Fish, Pasta, Steamed Vegetables, Roast Potato, Garden Salad, Desert, Tea and Coffee.

You can book and pay at the next meeting I will need numbers by the end of June.

Any member donations are more than welcome.

The Club raffle is still going strong thanks for all your support.

We all need to support Ron Thomas by attending Dry casting there is nothing more disheartening than putting in the effort and not be supported.

Remember the organisers have to turn up every time you have a choice whether to attend or not.

The sausage sizzle after is worth going along for. **See you there.**

Tight Lines Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Membership Co-ordinators Report

We are pleased to welcome Mark Nurse back into the club.

Mark is a very skilled fisherman and is more than happy to pass on knowledge.

Have had inquiries from Andrew who attended the last Dry casting event and enjoyed it that much he wants to become a member.

Thanks to all for looking after him.

At the next meeting I will be handing out club information pamphlets for members to hand out and display in your local shopping centre let's get out there and tell people what a great club we have.

The next event on the membership calendar is Bluff Creek always a good event camping and fishing together.

Reports are the salmon are starting to run.

S Bend is the chosen fishing location for September you will have to book early to get a spot in the Caravan Park. Gary and Maxine with Roark and Yvonne gave us a wonderful time last year and are welcoming us back.

Don't forget to attend Dry casting Sunday 2nd April

See you at Bluff.

Enjoy Life Membership Coordinator Pat McKeown

Activity Calendar for the next 2 months.

Dry Casting: Sunday 2 April 7 May

General Meeting: (Second Wednesday) 12 April 10 May

Committee Meeting: (Third Wednesday) 19 April 17 May

Field Days: 15/16 April 27/28 May

April Dry Casting

<u>When</u>	SUNDAY 2 APRIL:	Competition casting starts at 8:30am
<u>Where</u>	Mirrabooka Regional Open Space.	
<u>Fees</u>	\$10 per person, \$12 per family.	
<u>Events</u>	Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, 112 gram distance.	

April General Meeting

<u>When</u>	Wednesday 12 April commencing at 7.30pm
<u>Where</u>	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room

April Committee Meeting

<u>When</u>	Wednesday 19 April, Commencing at new time of 7.00pm
<u>Where</u>	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room . Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the discretion of the President or Vice Chairman. Please contact the President or the Secretary well before the meeting to arrange your invitation.

SCAC Field Day Report: Reef Beach March 2017



Synopsis

The March 2017 field day was an away safari to a location not fished by Surfcasters for many years. This involved a major drive to Reef beach – east of Albany, nearly to Bremer Bay. Good weather underpinned an enjoyable weekend, of socializing, 4WD experiences and topped off with mixed bags of fish captures including some with Salmon. Weather changed from very hot on Friday right from Perth to Reef Beach, to pleasantly cool / warm for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Heading back on Monday, the closer we got to Perth, the hotter it got again.

The Trip.

The trip down to Reef Beach is about a 7 to 8 hour drive including an allowance for fuel and food stop overs. A total of 10 Surfcaster Anglers and 3 Visitors came to the away safari. (i.e. Martin Wearmouth, Gary Parkinson, Vincent Tomazin, Mark Hansen, Ron Thomas, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Chris Stickles, Theo Van Niekerk, and Peter Osborne. Visitors included Helen and Sheldon (friends of Chris) and John Crompton who did not sign on.

The first group, including Vince, Gary, Peter and convoy leader Martin went down early on Friday. The second group (Mark, John, Chris and Helen, and one of his mates - Sheldon) went just a couple of hours later. The balance of members found their own way in independently to suit their specific time tables.

The track in, located at the east end of Reef Beach, was in the usual condition, i.e. narrow, parts heavily overgrown – with some very rocky outcrops stretches (Hence tires down to 22 psi for rock crawling, and then to 16 psi on arriving at the beaches.) The run along the beach was again good in most areas fairly firm and some stretches soft sand with many vehicles already cutting up the tracks.. We set up vehicles at the east end of the beach, with all operating out of vehicles. On leaving, some of us tried the West end exit track – found it a lot longer, but rocks not a major problem and generally less steep but tires kept down to the 16 psi and only pumped up where the sand track finished.



The Fishing

Fishing sessions were periods on Saturday afternoon Sunday all day, and Monday mornings where fish captures were spread across these periods.

However early arrivals undertook some fishing on Friday and Saturday morning and scored some open field day competition section results.



Following sign-on, on Saturday morning; for Saturday afternoon, one group generally tried fishing along the stretch of beach in front of the cars parked at the East end of the beach. Hard left was fishing over shallow reef, with resultant miscellaneous reef fish being landed.

In from of the cars and to the left was the sandy shallow water lagoon, no Salmon showed, with only a few small Skippy and Herring being landed, and shark encounters were realized.

Others fished further west in channels formed between beach and outer exposed reef. More success for some there, as Salmon to show up as well as the odd good Tailor and landed Shark

Martin fished very well over the weekend, both before the Field Day start time and during the competition hours – for both these periods he captured and released some 12 Salmon, and a release of a small Shark (twin of Ron's). He did subsequently come back to the reef at the car parking area and managed a bag of miscellaneous reef fish including some 4 Herring, 2 Blackfish kept and 3 released, as well as release on a Sweep and Wrasse



Vince fished close to Martin landed and kept 2 Salmon, one being the heaviest fish for the weekend at some 4.70 kg, gilled and gutted. Gary fishing close to Martin but only managed a capture and release on a Salmon and a Herring.



Ron fishing a really good looking hole/gutter further east of Martin and undertook a catch and release on 4 Salmon and retained a very good Tailor and a small Shark. While a few good fish came out of this location, it was somewhat disappointing in that for the hours spent working this good looking water, there was a lot of inactivity or lot water between fish.



Theo, Peet and Sandra fished some of the time at the reef area just east of where cars were park, and landed Banded Sweep, Western Rock Blackfish, Wrasse, Skippy and Herring with Peet also capturing a Pilch (i.e. Yellow-eyed Mullet). Peet tried live baiting using Herring. His success was in getting connections (about 6 times) however all resulted in bight-offs or snapped lines on large Sharks.

One of the large animals that gave Peet a big battle was initially considered a big Shark. When Peet manoeuvred it close to shore, flapping wings and tail confirmed not a Shark, but a large Ray.

Sunday afternoon they then moved a couple of times west to where Salmon had been caught. They all managed to land some Skippy. Peet and Theo each beached Salmon Trout (viz a small Salmon between 30 and 40 cm). Sandra landed a Salmon Trout and a better Salmon of 2.65kg.



Mark concentrated on that reef area using a flick rod and soft plastics. He captured Herring, Blackfish, Wrasse, Sweep and a small Cod. With his flick rod he took out one of the single handed rod captures in the Field Day sections and one in the Open section. His back-up fish catcher Douggie also fished with him and put many hours in staring at the water next to Mark and slightly further east among some shore /shallow water rocks and pounced on and tried to catch any fish Mark released



Chris and his friends fished on the western side of the lagoon adjacent to the shallow reef. Chris had limited success with a bag of Herring and a small Skippy. He did bring in the head and shoulder of a large Herring— i.e. he was sharked. Helen tried this spot with her flick rod, but the times she fished it appeared there were no fish actively feeding. John fished with this group but was unsuccessful.

I initially fished the reef area with limited success with a couple of small herring (used for bait) a Western Rock Blackfish and a small Wrasse. I then moved west to the gutter lagoon area further east where Salmon were caught. I initially landed a good Salmon (must admit it caught itself with people on both sides of me yelling “fish on” as I had my back turned). I then caught a couple of Salmon Trout. I persisted through to about 10:00 pm trying for another Salmon. I managed three connections but had hooks pulled and a leader line break. However late afternoon and evening managed a couple of good Skippy, and one good Tailor and late evening large Herring arrived. Caught the latter-with Mulies and 3/0 or 4/0 hooks

While I had a fairly good bag of fish, Martin had a heavier bag and with more weigh-in points, while close, he managed to jump over my total to put him at the top of the cumulative point score for this year. A similar tussle also occurred - Gary and Vince have been trying to get in front of each other over the past field days, however with Vince’s bag of Salmon, he jumps over Gary and relates him to position 10 and Vince moves back to position 9. Our next Field Day will see some effort between these and others to improve their year-end individual scores

Based on the SCAC scoring system, fish capture results and the top ten fisher persons, the results are listed elsewhere in this issue of Reel Talk.

While catches of Salmon did have a hit and miss component with better luck for some, bag sizes were generally less than last year's Bluff Creek weigh-in for the same long weekend date. However most were pleased that they had a feed of fish to take home. It was also good to see that people with fish greater than their needs, handing them to others – that's what club fishing is about.

Personnel thanks for help from Martin, particular at the weigh-in time to allow packing of car in time to leave with the convoy and to Sandra for photographs and helping with scribing weigh-in results.



I drive a Range Rover



Local Fishing

No Surfcasters fished locally

Hope to see you at our April field day at Bluff – while expectations for this venue are high review of above Reef Beach results gave patchy schools with low numbers of Salmon, hence it will be interesting to see that for a later period (by 3 weeks) if Salmon will arrive in big schools at this section of coastline. At time of writing, there has been some limited anecdotal information that some Salmon have come around the SW corner and are heading north...

Tight lines, Peter Osborne; Field Day officer

March 2017 Field Day Results

Angler	Species	Salmon	Tailor	Herring	Western Rock Blackfish	Skipjack Trevally	Wrasse	Mullet	Banded Sweep	Cod (other than listed)	Shark	Total wt	No of Species	No of fish	FD Points	Total Pts
Gary Parkinson	No	1		1								2.52	2	2	45.2	65.2
	Total wt	2.36		0.16												
	Wt of best															
Martin Wearmouth	No	4		4	5		1		1		1	20.39	6	16	263.9	283.9
	Total wt	13.32		0.68	2.12		0.20		0.27		3.80					
	Wt of best	2.38														
Vincent Tomazin	No	2										8.00	1	2	90.0	110.0
	Total wt	8.00														
	Wt of best	4.70														
Ron Thomas	No	4	1							1	1	15.71	4	7	197.1	217.1
	Total wt	9.44	2.10							0.37	3.80					
	Wt of best															
Chris Stickells	No			7		1						1.46	2	8	34.6	54.6
	Total wt			0.90		0.56										
	Wt of best															
Peet Wessels	No	1		2	2	5	1	1				4.29	6	12	102.9	122.9
	Total wt	0.40		0.37	0.83	2.20	0.37	0.12								
	Wt of best															
Sandra Wessels	No	2		1	3	2	1					5.56	5	9	105.6	125.6
	Total wt	3.10		0.18	1.10	0.82	0.36									
	Wt of best	2.65				0.56										
Mark Hansen	No			8	1		1		1	1		1.76	5	12	67.6	87.6
	Total wt			1.01	0.14		0.22		0.25	0.14						
	Wt of best															
Peter Osborne	No	3	1	9	3	2	1					12.15	6	19	181.5	201.5
	Total wt	5.30	1.50	1.80	1.43	1.97	0.15									
	Wt of best	4.36														
Theo Van Niekerk	No	1		8	1	2	1		1			4.10	6	14	101.0	111.0
	Total wt	0.56		1.38	0.30	1.10	0.48		0.28							
	Wt of best															

Field Day Sections up to and including March 2017

Section		Angler	Species	Weight - kg
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Justin Rose	Mulloway	5.00
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Martin Wearmouth	Samson fish	13.89
2	Most meritorious fish	0	0	0.00
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)	0	0	0.00
4	Best mulloway (2kg min)	Justin Rose	Mixed bag	5.00
5	Best tailor (1kg min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	3.60
6	Best salmon (3kg min)	Lee Yongli	Salmon Australian	4.56
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	Shane Wignell	Skipjack Trevally	1.48
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.64
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	Shane Wignell	Cod (other than listed)	1.62
11	Best bag of scale fish	Mark Nurse	Mixed bag	21.93
12	Best bag of mulloway (2 fish min)	Justin Rose	Mulloway	8.10
13	Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	6.20
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon Australian	2.36
15	Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0	0.00
16	Best fish on s h rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	Mark Hansen	Banded Sweep	0.25
17	Best fish on s h rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon Australian	2.36

Sportsperson of the year sections for March

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Vincent Tomazin	Salmon Australian	4.70
Best bag of scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Mixed bag	16.69
Best shark	Ron Thomas	Shark	3.70
Best bag including sharks	Martin Wearmouth	Mixed bag	20.39

Field day prizes for March

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Vincent Tomazin	Salmon Australian	4.70
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	12.15
Best shark	Ron Thomas	Shark	3.70
Best bag including sharks	Martin Wearmouth	Mixed bag	20.39

Top 10 scores up to March 2017

Rank	Angler	Total Points	Rank	Angler	Total Points
1	Martin Wearmouth	1139.7	6	Mark Nurse	607.1
2	Peter Osborne	1086.9	7	Theo Van Niekirk	498.5
3	Peet Wessels	801.0	8	Vincent Tomazan	428.9
4	Sandra Wessels	761.8	9	Gary Parkinson	426.3
5	Mark Hansen	694.7	10	Shayne Wignell	397.6

Recorder's Report



This month has seen a flurry of action in the recorder section centering around the trip south to Reef Beach. The rivalry between Garry and Vince remains strong with both bagging Salmon to add to their respective species badge which Garry has nearly achieved perched on 9 species, Chris Stickells also added a Skippy to his species badge.

Vince caught a Salmon that qualified for a Masters entry also taking his tally to 3

Mark Hansen added to his tally of club records (I think its 6 now) whilst at Reef Beach with two inaugural club records Brown Spotted Wrasse 0.92Kg and Black Banded Sea Perch, I have estimated at 0.13Kg. Both fish were caught on a single handed rod with a soft plastic lure and 2Kg line. The wrasse also qualified for section 8 in the open competition, well done Mark!

The club website has now been updated to reflect current results for the Club records, Species Competition, Masters Competition and Grand Masters Competition

<http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/Fishing.html>

In the past there have been some updates missed from time to time, if anyone has a query or concern about these records please contact me and I will do my best to resolve any issue

2016/17 Recorder, Justin Rose

Open fishing competition 2016/17

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2016 and 30 April 2017, other than on Club gazetted Field days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates. Entries for the Open competition close **30 days after capture**. See Competition Rules Section 4.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best shark	4.5 kg	Ray Walker, 25Kg Lemon Shark, Giralia Bay August 2016
3	Best mullet	5 kg	Justin Rose, 9.2Kg, Kalbarri October 2016
4	Best salmon	3.5kg	Geoff Raftis, 4.8 Kg, Floreat June 2016
5	Best flathead	0.5 kg	Geoff Raftis, 0.8 Kg, Kwinana May 2016
6	Best tailor	1.5 kg	James Rielly, 1.99Kg, S Bend September 2016
7	Best samson fish	5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Mark Hansen, Wrasse 0.92Kg, Reef Beach March 2017
9	Best pink snapper	2 kg	Martin Wearmouth, 6.7 Kg, Preston Beach July 2016
10	Best tarwhine	0.5 kg	Justin Rose, 1.03 Kg, Kalbarri October 2016
11	Best mackerel	4 kg	
12	Best skipjack trevally (southern)	1 kg	
13	Best trevally (northern)	2 kg	
14	Best snook or pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best black or yellow finned bream	0.6 kg	Rob Pekaar, 1.17Kg, Black Bream, Kaglan River 28 th December
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3-15	2 kg	Ray Walker, Barramundi 6.2 kg, May 2016
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	
18	Best fish caught using a soft plastic or hard body lure on a single handed rod (4kg line max.)	Legal size	Rob Pekaar, 1.17Kg, Black Bream, Kaglan River 28 th December

Barron Lure Competition 2016/2017

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

The rules for this competition are the same as for the clubs open fishing competition, plus the fish must be caught on a popper lure and a single fish cannot win more than one Barron lure section

Heaviest Tailor on lure

Justin Rose 0.9 kg, Wilbinga, 6/5/2016

Heaviest Salmon on Lure

Justin Rose 4.7 kg, Wilbinga, 6/5/2016

Heaviest Scale fish on lure

No Entry

Dry Casting Report 12 March 2017

For those members that turn up each month for casting, I thank you. Without you I would feel let down, taking into consideration the amount of work that is put into the day, and I am not only talking about setting the course up but running the Bbq at the end of the day as well. I get out of bed about 4.30 in the morning to make sure the course is set up in time (and we have never been late starting). I always do my share of scoring during the day, and then organise the Bbq. By the time the greasy mess has been cleaned up, the trailer has to be packed up.

I get home usually about 1pm, then everything has to be sorted out, the Bbq gear has to be washed, and so on. By this time it is about 2.30 or 3pm, I have had enough for the day, but it doesn't finish there. The report has to be written and the percentages calculated, this is usually done a day or so after. When it comes to working out the percentages, which all has to be double checked, I must thank my wife for all the help she gives me, for without her i would be lost. I admit I am not the smartest person when it comes to computers.

What I am trying to say here is, without you people that are turning up for casting, I feel as though I would give the job away. Once again, thank you to all the members who turn up.

For those of you who do not go dry casting you are missing out on a fun day and a good social get together.

For those members who do attend casting and are always trying their best to get that little bit extra, but nothing is happening, maybe some different gear might help, or even some new techniques.

Don't forget there are rods and reels in the back of my car which i have donated to the club for this reason. Give it some thought!!!

Hoping to see you all next month.

Drycasting officer Ron Thomas

Drycasting results - 12th March 2017

	56 gram					Artificial Bait					112gram			
	Cast	Cast	Total			Cast	Cast	Total			Cast	Cast	Total	
<u>Veterans</u>	1	2		%		1	2		%		1	2		%
PETER OSBORNE	77.45	100.0	177.4	68.50		88.80	81.24	170.0	71.62		87.86	95.89	183.7	63.07
		0	5					4					5	
RON THOMAS	132.1	126.9	259.0	100.0		114.9	122.4	237.4	100.0		145.7	145.6	291.3	100.0
	2	2	4	0		9	2	1	0		2	3	5	0
BOB HENDERON	95.25	95.15	190.4	73.50		113.9	94.67	208.5	87.76		107.5	117.4	225.0	77.23
			0			1		8			9	2	1	
MAL HEAD	91.00	90.21	181.2	69.95		83.31	75.75	159.0	67.00		102.4		201.9	69.30
			1					6			7	99.45	2	
JOHN CROMPTON	75.08	50.76	125.8	48.58		79.16	69.39	148.5	62.57		92.81	84.30	177.1	60.79
			4					5					1	
ALAN JONES	101.4	102.7	204.1	78.81		84.36	93.52	177.8	74.93		109.7	101.2	211.0	72.42
	4	2	6					8			5	5	0	
DEAN STEWART	69.49	77.44	146.9	56.72		83.63	74.39	158.0	66.56		94.27	88.66	182.9	62.79
			3					2					3	

<u>Seniors</u>														
MARK HANSON	79.66	93.71	173.3	100.0		100.5	92.55	193.1	95.22		117.0	B/O	117.0	45.23
			7	0		5		0			9		9	
JEFF HEWTON	109.4		109.4	63.15		101.7	101.0	202.8	100.0		130.1	128.7	258.8	100.0
	8	OUT	8			1	9	0	0		2	5	7	0

	<u>Double Handed Accuracy</u>										<u>Single Handed Accuracy</u>					
	<u>Target number</u>										<u>Target distance</u>					
<u>Veterans</u>	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Total	%	L	S	L	S	Total	%
Alan Jones	20	16	20	11	20	5	8	222	122	75.78	0	5	9	9	23	79.31
Bob Henderson	13	12	19	25	23	22	20	15	149	92.55	6	6	7	10	29	100.00
Peter Osborne	23	14	13	22	14	0	2	20	108	67.08	0	2	0	8	10	34.48
Ron Thomas	23	23	22	16	19	13	23	22	161	100.00	5	8	9	6	28	96.55
Mal Head	12	11	4	12	11	13	19	22	104	64.60	0	1	7	4	12	41.38
John Crompton	4	5	18	16	0	1	7	19	70	43.48	0	5	4	4	13	44.83
Dean Stewart	14	2	11	20	6	1	6	19	79	49.07	0	6	8	2	16	55.17

Seniors

Mark Hanson	3	0	17	18	0	22	17	8	85	100.00	5	8	0	3	16	88.89
Jeff Hewton	0	8	8	18	0	18	13	10	75	88.24	6	3	8	1	18	100.00

Veterans: Best Casts for the year 2016 – 2017

Longest 56 Gram	150.8M	Ron Thomas
Longest Artificial Bait	146.24M	Ron Thomas
Longest 112 Gram	173.76M	Ron Thomas
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	161	Ron Thomas
Highest Single Handed Accuracy	33	Ron Thomas

Seniors: Best Casts for the year 2016 – 2017

Longest 56 Gram	181.43M	Rob Pekaar
Longest Artificial Bait	164.06M	Peter Pekaar
Longest 112 Gram	185.39M	Peter Pekaar
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	155	Rob Pekaar
Highest Single Handed Accuracy	22	Mark Hansen

April Field Days 15/16/17 (Easter Weekend)

Away Field Day – BLUFF CREEK

Boundaries: Cheynes Beach to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek

Sign on: Wednesday 12 April at General Meeting
By 9.00pm Friday 14 April, at FDO's vehicle at the Bluff Creek camp site

Lines in: Saturday 6.00am

Lines out: Monday – prior to and in time to get to the weigh-in at 8.00am

Weigh-in: 8.00am at Bluff Creek Camping area.

SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS, SUN RISE / SUNSET TIMES & TIDES FOR BLUFF CREEK, ALBANY 14 – 18 APRIL.

Note: these calculations have been made using Bluff Creek Beach Lat.34.45. S Long 118.25 E as the reference point.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR BLUFF CREEK BEACH:

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
Fri 14/04	06:29	17:43	19:55	08:49 f
Sat 15/04	06:30	17:42	20:36	09:42 f
Sun 16/04	06:31	17:41	21:19	10:33 f
Mon 17/04	06:32	17:40	22:06	11:24 f
Tues18/04	06:32	17:38	22:56	12:11 f

PREDICTED TIDES FOR BLUFF CREEK BEACH:

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT							
Fri 14/04	04:40	0.59	11:50	1.10	19:00	0.58	23:30	0.72
Sat 15/04	04:35	0.59	12:05	1.13	19:35	0.61	23:15	0.69
Sun 16/04	04:30	0.58	12:20	1.12	20:30	0.65	22:40	0.67
Mon 17/04	04:20	0.58	12:35	1.09				
Tues18/04	04:05	0.57	12:55	1.05				

NOTE: These are the predicted tides for Reef Beach and there **will be** some variation due to wind strength and direction.

SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS - BLUFF CREEK BEACH

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
Fri 14/04	GOOD	00:01 - 02:01	12:23 - 14:23	FULL MOON + 4
Sat 15/04	POOR	00:46 - 02:46	13:09 - 15:09	LAST GIBBOUS
Sun 16/04	POOR	01:32 - 03:32	13:56 - 15:56	FULL MOON + 6
Mon 17/04	POOR	02:19 - 04:19	14:43 - 16:43	FULL MOON + 7
Tues18/04	POOR	03:07 - 05:07	15:32 - 17:32	

These are the predicted MAJOR Solunar periods for Reef Beach adjusted to local time. For minor periods add approximately 6 hours 45 minutes.

Local Field Day for April 15/16/17 (Easter Weekend)

<u>When</u>	Saturday/Sunday/Monday
<u>Lines in</u>	Saturday 6.00am
<u>Lines Out:</u>	Monday before 8.00am
<u>Weigh in</u>	Monday TBA at April meeting
<u>Boundaries</u>	Standard – Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Moles.

PERTH PREDICTIONS, SUN RISE / SUNSET TIMES & TIDES FOR 14 TO 18 APRIL.**SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR PERTH:**

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
Fri 14/04	06:36	17:57	20:05	08:59 f
Sat 15/04	06:37	17:56	20:46	09:52 f
Sun 16/04	06:38	17:55	21:29	10:43 f
Mon 17/04	06:38	17:53	22:16	11:34 f
Tues18/04	06:39	17:52	23:06	12:21 f

PREDICTED TIDES FOR FREMANTLE

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT							
Fri 14/04	00:11	0.81	03:37	0.75	10:33	1.11	18:09	0.73
Sat 15/04	00:54	0.78	03:28	0.75	10:58	1.13		
Sun 16/04	03:05	0.74	11:27	1.13				
Mon 17/04	03:05	0.74	11:27	1.13				
Tues18/04	03:06	0.74	11:55	1.12				

NOTE: These are the predicted tides for Fremantle and there may be some variation due to wind strength and direction.

SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS LOCAL

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
Fri 14/04	GOOD	00:11 - 02:11	12:33 - 14:33	FULL MOON + 4
Sat 15/04	POOR	00:56 - 02:56	13:19 - 15:19	LAST GIBBOUS
Sun 16/04	POOR	01:42 - 03:42	14:06 - 16:06	FULL MOON + 6
Mon 17/04	POOR	02:29 - 04:29	14:53 - 16:53	FULL MOON + 7
Tues18/04	POOR	03:17 - 05:17	15:42 - 17:42	

These are the predicted MAJOR Solunar periods this week, adjusted to Perth time. For minor periods add approximately 6 hours 45 minutes.

Charts supplied by John Curtis

Fishing Field Days General

<u>Local sign on</u>	At General meeting or phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.
<u>Late sign on</u>	Phone the Field Day Organiser. The club will assume you will not be fishing if you haven't signed on at the sign on place or phoned.
<u>Please SMS</u>	Peter Osborne (The Field Day Officer) on 0401 054 110 as he will not answer the phone if he is driving or if earlier, he may be out on a reef fishing.
<u>Club sign off</u>	If you have signed on then you must sign off at the nominated time at the weigh-in place at the nominated time in person or by phone/SMS no later than ½ hour before the weigh-in time. If you have no fish, have an emergency outside of the Field Day, or have personal reasons and will not attend the weigh-in contact the Field Day Officer.
<u>Club fees</u>	\$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day fees. Please bring the correct money because there may not be change. If you don't make payment at sign-on or at the preceding General Meeting or you have signed on by telephone, please make payment to the FDO or Assistant FDO at the weigh-in.
<u>FDO</u>	Local FDO to be advised at the General Meeting.
<u>Fish</u>	Fish caught between the lines in and lines out times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open fishing competition.
<u>Local boundaries</u>	Normally Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole , unless different boundaries are listed for that month.
<u>Local weigh in</u>	Location to be set at General meeting, or the Local Field Day officer may set an alternative or additional location or time by arrangement with the members who have signed on.. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8pm the next night.
<u>Fish together</u>	Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area or at the away venue. New members are encouraged to fish with experienced members for guidance and help..

Birthdays for April

Lee Zhang 13;Shane Wignell 14; Liam Wignell 16; Sri Srigandan 25

We wish you all the best for your special day

Easter Traditions



Ukrainian Pysanky Easter Eggs

Of all the Easter eggs from Eastern Europe, Ukrainian eggs are perhaps the best known. Ukrainian Easter eggs are called pysanky, which derives from the verb for “to write.” The practice of decorating eggs dates back to pagan times. In earlier times, Ukrainian Easter eggs were much more than decorative objects or crafts for the holidays. They were imbued with special powers that warded off evil, encouraged marriage and fertility, ensured good harvests and milk or honey production, and protected the household from disaster.

Eggs were given as gifts after they were created as a way of sharing the good fortune.

“The following tabulation is for the next years venue selection and associated details as discussed and agreed at the March General Meeting. To formalize same – the listing is to be voted upon at the April General Meeting (without discussion of content)”

SCAC - FIELD DAYS - 2017/18: (As voted General Meeting - 8th March 2017)

Month	Venue –	Date / times	Boundaries & misc.
May 2017 27 & 28 th May	Rottneest	Lines down 1:00 pm 27 May Lines up 7:00 pm 28 May	Most go across to Rotto on Fri late afternoon - return Mon am
	Local	di	Floreat to Preston Local Weigh-in at Floreat -
Jun 2017- (LWE 3 to 5 Jun)	Kalbarri – Incl Pt Gregory & Horricks	Lines down 6:00 am 3 Jun Lines up 9:00 am 5 Jun	Use of club house for accom, sign-on and weigh- in, Boundaries Incl north side of river mouth, to Bowes R south of Horricks
	Local -	di	Freemantle Moles to Lancelin Local Weigh-in at Floreat
Jul 2017– 15 th & 16 th Jul	Cape to Cape	Lines down 1:30 pm 15 Jul Lines up 10:00 am 16 Jul	Busselton Jetty to Augusta : Sign-on & Weigh-in at Busselton Jetty: south side Jetty Car park
	Local -	di	Floreat to Cut @ Mandurah Local Weigh-in at Floreat
Aug 2017– 12 & 13 th Jul	Rotto	Lines down 1:00 pm 12 Aug Lines up 7:00 pm 13 Aug,	Most go across to Rotto on Fri late afternoon - return Mon am
	Local -	di	Floreat to Moore River area Local Weigh-in at Floreat
Sep 017 (LWE 23 to 25 Sept)	S Bend Caravan Park	Lines down 6:00 am 23 Sept Lines up 9:00 am 25 Sept	Greenough R mouth to Dongara Marina Wall : Sign-on & Weigh-in at Caravan Park
	Local -	di	Floreat to Lancelin Local Weigh-in at Floreat
Oct 2017 14 & 15 Oct	Cervantes/Jurien	Lines down 1:30 pm 14 Oct Lines up 10:00 am 15 Oct	Green Head to south side of Cervantes Beach: Sign-on & Weigh-in at the car park access to Hill River
	Local -	di	Standard Boundaries Local Weigh-in at Floreat
Nov 2017 11 & 12 Nov	Preston to Floreat	Lines down 1:30 pm 11 Nov Lines up 10:00 am 12 Nov	Preston South beach to Floreat and all between. Sign-on/Weigh-in at Preston Beach Car Park
	Local - Incl in above		Local Weigh-in at Floreat
Dec 2017 16 & 17 Dec -	Floreat to Lancelin	Lines down 1:30 pm 9 Dec Lines up 10:00 am 10 Dec	Sign-on/Weigh-in at Moore River mouth boat launch car park. Local Weigh-in at Floreat
	Local - (incl in above)	di	
Jan 2018 13 & 14 Jan	Swan & Canning Rivers	Lines down 1:30 pm 13 Jan Lines up 10:00 am 14 Jan	All river system up E shed Sign-on/Weigh-in at Point Walter car park
Feb 2018 17 & 18 Feb	Preston to White Hills	Lines down 1:30 pm 17 Feb Lines up 10:00 am 18 Feb	Preston South beach to White Hills Sign- on/Weigh-in at Preston Beach Car Park
	Local - (Std Boundaries)	di	Local Weigh-in at Floreat
Mar 2018 (LWE 3-to 5 Mar)	Bremer Bay	Lines down 6 am Sat 3 Mar Lines up 9:00 am Mon 5 Mar	All local beaches : Sign-on/Weigh-in at Caravan Park
	Local – Floreat to Moore River	di	Local Weigh-in at Floreat
Apr 2018 – (LWE 31 Mar to 2 Apr)	Bluff Creek at Easter	Lines down 6 am 31 Ma Lines up 9:00 am 2 Apr	Boundaries able to drive north and south of creek: Sign-on/Weigh-in at Camp Site adjacent to creek
	Local	di	Floreat incl beaches up to Club Capricorn Local Weigh-in at Floreat

Evening Single Handed Drycasting



The club is holding a Nightcast single handed Drycasting event.

Where: - Garvey Park Belmont Picnic Area one

Date: - Saturday 29th April

Time: - 5 pm- 8 pm

Electric Barbeques are available.

Bring along:

Single handed fishing rod with up to 2oz weight and glow stick

Any eats you will want

non alcoholic drinks as drinking alcohol is not permitted.

Fold up chairs.

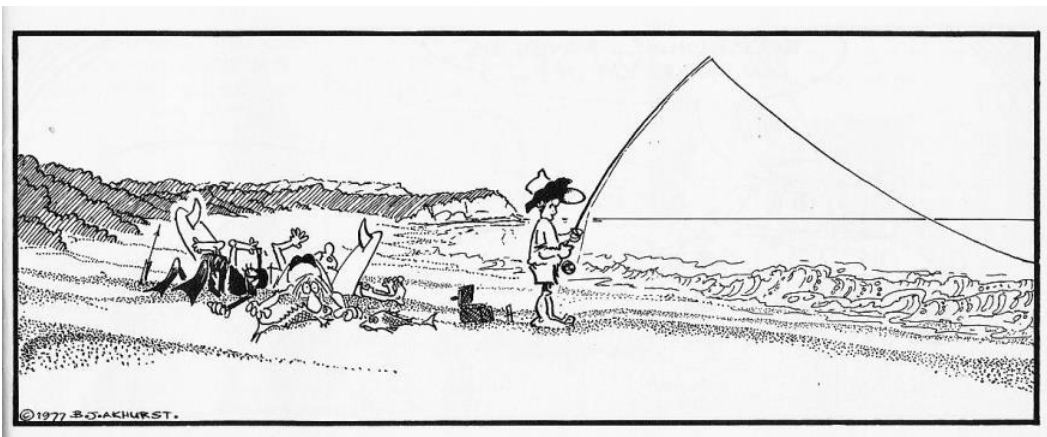
All the family including the grandchildren.

Parking is nearby.

Toilets are nearby.

Have a fun time

Social Organiser Pat McKeown



Animal rights activists blurring the science around fish welfare



By Dr Ben Diggles | 13 March 2017

THE fish welfare issue has finally hit mainstream media in this country following an emotive opinion piece by a “reformed” ex-recreational fisher in the West Australian newspaper. After Recfishwest replied with a letter to the editor attempting to set the record straight and introduce some facts into the debate, Dr Jessica Meeuwig from University of WA replied with a letter of her own published on the 30th January 2017 entitled “No myth in the science around fish and pain”.

In it, Meeuwig provides readers with her slant on fish pain science, stating “these are not cherry picked examples”, but she then went on to do exactly that with a one-sided

portrayal of the science of “fish pain”, mixed in with her own potent cocktail of “welfare meets conservation meets animal rights” assessment of catch and release fishing. Her letter ended in a quote saying “perhaps we will look back one day on our pursuit of these animals for sport and ask, “what were we thinking?”

Meeuwigs viewpoint highlights a yawning gap between the different ethical views on conservation practices such as catch and release. The fisher’s viewpoint is probably best summarised by J Claude Evans in his book “With Respect for Nature: Living as Part of the Natural World” who said:

“The practice of catch and release is based on respect for the integrity of ecosystems and populations that are subjected to the pressures of human use and exploitation. Embedded in this practice is a specific respect for the individual fish one attempts to catch and then releases...”

In contrast, we have the viewpoint of animal rights and animal liberation advocates, who can be summarised by a quote from John Webster, author of a book entitled “Animal Welfare, limping towards Eden”, who says:

“What can be more humiliating for a fish than to be caught by an angler—and worse still—to then be released. The poor thing is probably traumatized for the rest of its life and shall therefore be better off by being killed than released.”

It’s “interesting” to say the least that a scientist like Meeuwig chose (knowingly or not) to align herself with animal rights philosophy, particularly as animal rights and liberation philosophies break down wherever wild animals encounter predation in a natural food chain.

This is because, as eloquently pointed out by UK based Philosopher Professor Warwick Fox, the animal rights and liberation theories cannot adequately explain why we should, for example, stop human predation or interactions with fishes on one hand, but on the other hand, not attempt to intervene to stop the suffering (or “rights violations”) of other fishes in terms of their predation upon each other.

Indeed, a literal interpretation of animal rights philosophy is that one acceptable solution to predation is to “simply humanely eliminate all predators” because humans alone can determine what is morally right or wrong and therefore we are obliged to protect the so called rights of prey species.

Clearly then, animal rights and liberation theories are fundamentally and fatally flawed in this respect and have no place in any science based efforts to manage the natural environment because of this.

It’s important to realise that animal welfare theory accepts fishing, and fishing is an OK activity for fish welfare provided scientifically validated best practice methods are used – which is why Australia has developed and recently updated its National Code of Practice for Recreational Fishing.

In contrast, however, animal rights and animal liberation theories do not condone fishing in any form, as shown by the comparison in Table 1. The table is borrowed from a paper by Professor Robert Arlinghaus from Germany, a fisheries scientist who took an active interest in the subject once it began to impact on the ability of his department and students to do fisheries research in Germany.

	Animal Welfare	Animal Liberation	Animal Rights
Fish have intrinsic value	Unclear	No	Yes
Fish have rights	No	No	Yes
People have duties to fish	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ok to catch, kill, and eat fish	Yes	No	No
Regulatory catch and release	Yes	No	No
Voluntary catch and release	Yes	No	No
Fisheries management	Yes	No	No
Use of animals (food, work, manufacture, pleasure, science)	Yes	No	No

This table is useful as it's important to know the difference between valid welfare concerns, which are based on science, and animal rights and liberation theories, because it's the latter two which are used to form the basis of anti-fishing campaigns from the animal rights movement. These campaigns tend to be based on emotion, and dodgy "science" messages, but unfortunately, if not challenged they can be highly successful, mainly in first world, post-industrial democratic societies, with highly urbanised populations.

One such place was Germany, where activists found it was easy to project the view that humans are "no longer part of nature", especially when most people think their food comes from the supermarket. For people who are completely divorced from nature, it's an easy stretch for anti-fishing activists to extend to them the feelings-based theories that fish are human-like, "feel pain" and "suffer", and use dodgy science messages to get activities such as catch and release banned as a result.

This is not the first time we have seen such confused, mixed emotive welfare/rights/conservation messages arising from WA, and it is almost certainly not going to be the last. Why? Because the urban majority have largely lost their connection to the natural environment, attitudes to wildlife change as studies have shown urban people who have no interaction with wild animals begin to view them in more of a "mutualistic" manner, ie. as friends or pets.

In contrast, those people who fish or live traditional or rural lifestyles and actually interact with wildlife and/or farm animals on a regular basis are more likely to see themselves as part of that environment and hold different views towards animals, believing they should be managed when necessary and can be used to benefit humans (the so called utilitarian viewpoint).

But with a highly urbanized population in Australia and fewer and fewer people collecting their own food these days, more and more we are seeing valid concepts of welfare and conservation being blurred and distorted into the potent mixing pot of social media to arrive at emotive outbursts with animal rights and liberation overtones, even by so called academic experts like Meeuwig.

Indeed, its possible that this is the new normal for public debate about recreational fishing in this country going forward, which is why it is worth fishers understanding the underlying drivers behind this phenomena. It's important that people are called out when they mix up valid welfare or conservation concerns with animal rights and liberation philosophies.

The latter simply do not work when managing animals which live in the real world in real food chains in the natural environment, which is why only proper, science based management approaches will do.

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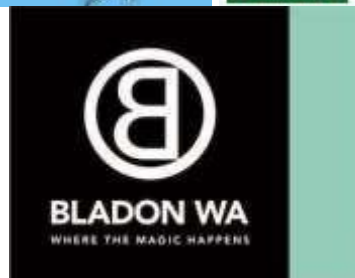
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The Mallard Street house has easy access to the river, beaches and town. There two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. The two bedrooms will sleep up to eight (max). One bedroom has a queen sized bed; the other has two commercial grade two level bunks plus an extra two level bunk in the lounge area. The bathroom and shower were rebuilt in 2012.

The house has a high definition LCD television, DVD/VCR, stove, oven, microwave, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, washing machine, food fridge/freezer and an extra chest freezer for bait and fish.

You will need to bring linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc.

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There are 20 photos on the Club website www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/KalbarriHouse.html

