



REEL TALK



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President's Report - April 2022

We had another great turn out to our March general meeting, thanks to all those that came along, everyone seems to be enjoying the meal, it is great value.

We are almost at the end of another competition year, so far COVID has not caused us to cancel any events and the members are supporting the club so a big thank you from me.

John has sent out a revamp of our competition rules, this is your chance to make any changes so have a read and let him know if you want to update anything.

Martin Wearmouth; President

Field day venues for 2021/2022

Dates	Venue	Boundaries
16 April – 18 April 2022 Easter Long weekend	Bluff Creek area and Open Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA

Local boundaries are from Lancelin in the North to Preston Beach in the South

Lines Down on Standard weekends – Saturday 9.00am

Lines up on Standard weekends – Sunday 9.00am

Lines Down for long weekends and Rottnest – Saturday 6.00am

Lines up for long weekends and Rottnest – Monday 9.00am

Sign-on / Weigh-in times, possible fish together spots and locations to be decided at the general meeting prior to the Field Day

April General Meeting

Wednesday 13th

Croatian Club in Wishart Street Gwelup

Meal at 7.00pm with meeting at 8.00pm

Final Note from the Editor

This is my final Reel Talk issue.

I have had the privilege and enjoyment of being the editor since September 2016. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to make the Reel Talk one of the best monthly club “magazines”.

Without Martin's Field Day reports, John's articles and members' feed back it would have been a difficult task.

Martin has volunteered to take over as Editor and I know that he will do an excellent job. Please continue to give him all the support that I have received.

I know the Club is in good hands and will continue to grow and prosper.

Victor Schilo

DRY CASTING – 14th March 2022

Well the weather man got it wrong again, it was meant to be west to south westerly winds in the morning so that's how I set the course up, but when the wind did come up it was from the east. Oh well everyone is in the same boat, so to speak.

The DHA was close, not good scores but close. Mal took out the honours with 135, Mark was close behind 134, then Gary and I both scored 130. Mal also took out the single-handed accuracy with 30 followed by Mark with 28.

The longest casts of the day were 56gr 122.41, art bait 114.42, 112gr 145.05.

The next casting day will be Monday the 4th of April. If there is a change you will be notified.

Ron Thomas DCO
(But not for long)

SURF CASTING & ANGLING CLUB													
Dry casting results - 14th March 2022													
	56 gram					Artificial Bait					112gram		
	Cast	Cast	Total			Cast	Cast	Total			Cast	Cast	Total
VETERANS	1	2		%		1	2		%		1	2	%
GARY GILDERSLEEVEES	105.04	118.58	223.62	89.64		OUT	102.51	102.51	45.86		127.41	B/O	127.41 44.38
RON THOMAS	122.41	127.55	249.96	100.00		109.13	114.42	223.55	100.00		142.08	145.04	287.12 100.00
KLAUS SCHONWOLF	91.66	91.87	183.53	73.57		80.91	87.2	168.11	75.20		93.87	95.60	189.47 65.99
MAL HEAD	OUT	95.69	95.69	38.36		82.90	82.10	165.00	73.81		105.50	98.59	204.09 71.08
MENS													
MARK HANSEN	105.87	111.31	217.18	100.00		89.62	94.85	184.47	100.00		124.90	110.70	235.60 100.00

SURF CASTING & ANGLING CLUB																					
Dry casting results - 14th March 2022																					
	Double Handed Accuracy										Single Handed Accuracy							Total	Attendance	Total	
	Target number										Target distance								D/Casting	Points	
VETERANS	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Total	%		1st	2nd	1st	2nd	Total	%		%		
GARY GILDERSLEEVES	19	12	19	16	15	12	22	15	130	96.30		5	3	8	6	22	95.45		371.63	10	381.63
RON THOMAS	18	20	13	15	16	4	25	19	130	96.30		7	4	7	9	27	77.78		474.08	10	484.08
KLAUS SCHONWOLF	10	10	12	13	3	0	0	21	69	53.07		9	3	4	5	21	70.00		337.83	10	347.83
MAL HEAD	8	16	18	24	17	9	23	20	135	100.00		6	8	7	9	30	100.00		383.25	10	393.25
	24	25	19	20	15	0	18	13	134	100.00		5	4	10	9	28	100.00		500.00	10	510.00

VETERANS BEST CASTS FOR THE YEAR 2021 - 2022													
LONGEST 56 GRAM										157.57			RON THOMAS
LONGEST ARTIFICIAL BAIT										137.80			RON THOMAS
LONGEST 112GRAM										166.21			RON THOMAS
HIGHEST DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY										166			GARY GILDERSLEEVEE
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY										34			BOB HENDERSON & RON THOMAS
SENIORS BEST CASTS FOR THE YEAR 2021 - 2022													
LONGEST 56 GRAM										123.68			MARK HANSEN
LONGEST ARTIFICIAL BAIT										109.01			MARK HANSEN
LONGEST 112G										129.06			MARK HANSEN
HIGHEST DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY										163			MARK HANSEN
HIGHEST SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY										29			MARK HANSEN

Surf Casters March 2022 field day report

I met up with Gary at 7.30am for our drive to Bremer Bay, being a Friday metro traffic was busy but once we got onto Albany Highway the traffic was light, we stopped in Katanning for fuel and lunch and met up with Vince, we arrived at Bremer Bay at 1.30pm and settled into the house, Peet, Sandra, Morris and Norm also arrived at about the same time.



Enjoying a drink at Bremer Bay

We relaxed for a while on the balcony taking in some country air, Gary and I headed off to check out some beaches to find that the river was flowing out to the ocean and it was not possible to cross onto the main beach at Bremer Bay, we then headed up to the lookout and out to the Back beach, then along the peninsular to a few other spots, the back beach looked the best option and we had done ok here on previous trips, we then headed back for dinner, everyone relaxed and enjoyed a good night of socialising and comradery before getting some sleep.

Saturday morning, we all decided to head out to Fosters beach for the day, I had not fished here before so was keen to check it out, we left about 6am and it took about an hour to reach the beach, a large fire earlier this year had burnt out this area and we could still smell the smoke on the track and on the beach.



Track onto the beach at Fosters

Gary, Vince and I tried a good gutter just near the track onto the beach, the drift was bad and even with a 6oz grapnel sinker we could not hold the bottom, I managed a good herring but we decided to move on, Peet, Sandra, Morris and Norm had gone further down the beach and we set up next to them, Peet had landed a nice 5.75kg salmon on his first cast and Morris a nice Skippy.



First fishing spot we tried at Fosters

We fished here the rest of the day enjoying some overcast weather but the winds where light, mostly we caught Herring but also some good Salmon and Skippy over the day, it was good to all fish together and enjoy a day on the beach, the size of the Salmon was very good, most being between 5-6kg and Skippy around 1kg.



2nd fishing spot at Fosters

Most of us left at 4pm but Peet and Sandra decided to stay overnight at Fosters, on the way back we took a look at Dillon beach to see if it was worth fishing on Sunday, I took a track down onto the beach that was a bit of a challenge, Morris slipped off and got bogged but after a little digging and some recovery boards he was out and we drove along the beach to find it quite shallow and not looking that easy to fish with deep water 100-150m out from the beach, we made our way off the beach on another easier track and headed back to the house for dinner.



Bremer back beach fishing spot

On Sunday we headed out to the Back Beach at Bremer bay about 6am, first cast I landed a double header of a 29cm Herring and a 32cm Skippy, then on the next cast a small 36cm Salmon, after this mainly Herring they seemed to be a lot at this spot and every cast a 21cm to 25cm Herring was coming in, at 8am I put out a live Herring on a slide rig, at 10.30 the rod went off and I landed a 3.38kg Salmon, after releasing it I cast out my Mulie rig and landed another 3.04kg salmon, we then packed up and headed back to the house for lunch.



Bremer back beach fishing spot

Vince left to go home for some other commitments, Shane arrived after lunch and settled into the house, As is customary on most of our trips an afternoon nap was enjoyed before heading out fishing at 4pm to the Back Beach, I only caught some herring but Shane managed a good Skippy, I put out another live herring but no luck this time, Peet and Sandra called and could not get into the locked house, we had forgot to leave the back door unlocked, I agreed to meet them at the car park so they did not need to let there tyres down, on the way back this beach has some large pipes running down the beach for the Abalone farm and the sand had been eroded from each side of the pipe so I got bogged with the middle of the car held up on the pipe, luckily I was only 100m from Gary and I walked back to get him to pull me off, once off I shovelled some sand either side of the pipe so no one else could get bogged.



Prado bogged on the pipe 😞

We left the beach about 6.30pm and returned to the house for dinner and a good rest, next morning everyone packed up and headed home, Gary Shane and I headed out to Esperance, and this will be covered in another report, Thanks to all those that came and stayed at the Bremer Bay house, this house was very comfortable and well appointed and everyone enjoyed a great long weekend.

Ron fished at Reef Beach and caught 4 species but no Salmon which is unusual for this area.

Mark fished at Bluff Creek and caught 3 species and said that not many people at this location for a long weekend.

Geoff fished at Floreat and caught a tailor.

Thanks to all those that fished, our next field day is Easter at Bluff Creek I hope to see a few going.



Peet with a great Salmon at Fosters



Sandra with a big Tailor at Fosters



Peet with a nice Skipper at Fosters



Gary with Salmon at Fosters



Martin with Salmon at Fosters



Vince with Skipper at Fosters



Morris with Herring at back beach



Norm with Herring at back beach



Shane with Herring



Martin with skippy



Martin with Salmon at back beach



Bremer river crossing in full flow no driving through this



Peet and Sandra waiting for a fish



Fishing group (Thanks Sandra for the photo)



ANGLER		Species Salmon Western Australian	Species Herring Australian	Species Trevally Silver Skippy	Species Tailor	Species Flathead (all species)	Species Wrasse Brown Spotted	Species Western Blue Devil	Species Western Rock Blackfish	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance		Total points
														Field Day	General Meeting	
Peet Wessels	Number	3	24	2						21.06	3	29	269.6	1	1	289.6
	Total weight	15.30	3.60	2.16												
	Weight of best	5.67		1.17												
Martin Weamouth	Number	5	24	3						19.84	3	32	260.4	1	1	280.4
	Total weight	14.80	3.60	1.44												
	Weight of best	4.91		0.65												
Sandra Wessels	Number	1	10		1	1				8.07	4	13	133.7	1	1	153.7
	Total weight	4.14	1.50		1.98	0.45										
	Weight of best															
Ron Thomas	Number		14			1	5	1		6.27	4	21	123.7	1	1	143.7
	Total weight		3.14			0.45	2.33	0.35								
	Weight of best		0.27													
Mark Hansen	Number	1	24						1	4.04	3	26	96.4	1	1	116.4
	Total weight	0.44	2.90						0.70							
	Weight of best															
Gary Parkinson	Number	1	12							5.54	2	13	88.4	1	1	108.4
	Total weight	3.74	1.80													
	Weight of best															
Vince Tomazin	Number		20	1						3.59	2	21	76.9	1	1	96.9
	Total weight		3.00	0.59												
	Weight of best															
Shane Wignell	Number		9	1						2.05	2	10	50.5	1	1	70.5
	Total weight		1.35	0.70												
	Weight of best															
Morris Kolman	Number		8	1						1.90	2	9	48.0	1	1	68.0
	Total weight		1.20	0.70												
	Weight of best															
Norm Vojinoski	Number		8							1.20	1	8	30.0	1	1	50.0
	Total weight		1.20													
	Weight of best															
Geoff Raftis	Number				1					0.33	1	1	14.3	1	1	34.3
	Total weight				0.33											
	Weight of best															

Top scores up to March		
Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Martin Wearmouth	1909.4
2	Ron Thomas	1782.5
3	Peet Wessels	1462.5
4	Mark Hansen	1087.9
5	Sandra Wessels	927.2
6	Vince Tomazin	831.7
7	Gary Parkinson	554.5
8	Sabby Pizzolante	361.7
9	Tino Baiardo	355.8
10	Justin Rose	349.2
11	Chris Stickells	298.7
12	Alan Green	250.7
13	Shane Wignell	240.8
14	Robert Wilding	153.2
15	Brad Zaknich (visitor)	148.0
16	George Matrakis	138.6
17	Stuart Waterman	130.1
18	Morris Kolman	117.6
19	Theo Van Niekerk	109.2
20	Norm Vojdinoski	106.6
21	David Wilding	99.0
22	Sarah Wignell	87.6
23	Geoff Raftis	83.3
24	Oliver Wessels	75.5
25	David Wessels	66.0
26	Helen Carnell	56.1
27	Ian Taggart	55.0
28	Dom (visitor)	52.3
29	Steve Harrison	35.1

Field Day Sections up to and including March				
	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	0	0	0.00
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	0	0	0.00
2	Most meritorious fish	0	0	0.00
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)	Gary Parkinson	Dirk Hartog July 2021	5.76
4	Best mullock (2kg min)	Ron Thomas	Wilbinga Sept 2021	13.23
5	Best tailor (1kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Lucky Bay Sept 2021	2.71
6	Best salmon (3kg min)	Peet Wessels	Fosters beach March 2022	5.67
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	Sabby Pizzolante	Rottneest August 2021	2.07
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)	Justin Rose	Dirk Hartog July 2021	9.54
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	0	0	0.00
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	0	0	0.00
11	Best bag of scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Yallingup June 2021	27.82
12	Best bag of mullock (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
13	Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Ron Thomas	Wilbinga Sept 2021	9.56
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	Mark Hansen	Salmon Bluff Cr Sept 2021	0.70
15	Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0	0.00
16	Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	Mark Hansen	Salmon Bluff Cr Sept 2021	0.70
17	Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00
18	Best fish caught using a drone	0	0	0.00

Field day prizes for March			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Peet Wessels	Salmon Western Australian	5.67
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels		21.06
Best shark			
Best bag including sharks			

Field day venues for 2022/2023

Dates	Venue	Boundaries
28 -30 May 2022 New moon 30th	Rottnest Island and Open Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Rottnest and Open anywhere in WA
11 - 12 June 2022 Full moon 14th	Open - Cape to Cape area Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Open anywhere in WA
16 - 18 July 2022 Long weekend due to safari Full moon 14th	Open Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA
16 - 24 July 2022 Quobba Station safari	Quobba Station safari 2 fishing days to be chosen by traveling group once at the location	Quobba Station area
27 - 29 August 2022 New moon 27th	Rottnest Island and Open Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Rottnest and Open anywhere in WA
24 - 26 September 2022 Long Weekend New moon 26th	Open – Dongara area Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA
22 - 23 October 2022 New moon 25th	Yallingup to Preston Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Yallingup to Preston and local as below at bottom of page
26 - 27 November 2022 New moon 24th	Lancelin to Jurien Bay Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Lancelin to Jurien Bay and local as below at bottom of page
10 - 11 December 2022 Full moon 8th	Lancelin to Leeman Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Lancelin to Leeman and local as below at bottom of page
21 – 22 January 2023 New moon 22nd	Open Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Open anywhere in WA
4 - 5 February 2023 Full moon 6th	Lancelin to Jurien Bay Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Lancelin to Jurien Bay and local as below at bottom of page
4 - 6 March 2023 Long Weekend Full moon 7th	Open – Reef Beach Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA
8 – 10 April 2023 Easter Long weekend Full moon 6th	Open - Bluff Creek area Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA
Local boundaries are from Lancelin in the North to Preston Beach in the South Lines Down on Standard weekends – Saturday 6.00am Lines up on Standard weekends – Sunday 9.00am Lines Down for long weekends and Rottnest – Saturday 6.00am Lines up for long weekends and Rottnest – Monday 9.00am Sign-on / Weigh-in times, possible fish together spots and locations to be decided at the general meeting prior to the Field Day.		

Open fishing competition 2021/22

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2021 and 30 April 2022, other than on Club gazetted Field days. 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	
3	Best Mulloway	4 kg	4.1kg / 73 cm. Peet Wessels, Preston Beach. 31/12/21.
4	Best Salmon	3.5kg	4.77 kg Gary Parkinson, Poison Creek Esperance 9/3/22.
5	Best Dhufish	4 kg	
6	Best Tailor	1 kg	1.38kg / 55 cm. Martin Wearmouth, Dongara South Beach. 29/1/22.
7	Best Samson fish	2 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class (Bait)	Legal size	0.34 kg Martin Wearmouth, Thomas River Esperance 12/3/22.
9	Best Pink snapper	2 kg	3.4kg George Matrakis, Dirk Hartog Island 17/7/21
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	0.56 kg Gary Parkinson, Dongara South Beach 29/1/22.
11	Best Mackerel	4 kg	22.5 kg Martin Wearmouth, Dirk Hartog Island 22/7/21
12	Best Skipjack trevally (southern)	0.5 kg	3.82 kg Martin Wearmouth, Thomas River Esperance 11/3/22.
13	Best Trevally (northern)	2 kg	3kg Vince Tomazin, Dirk Hartog Island 23/7/21
14	Best Flathead	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.5 kg	
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3-15	2 kg	3.5kg Spangled Emperor, Justin Rose, Dirk Hartog Island 22/7/21
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	0.46kg Rainbow Trout, Darcy Tomlinson, Warren River – Pemberton. 3/1/2022.
19	Best fish caught by Drone	Legal size	

Surf Casters Quobba Station safari July 2022

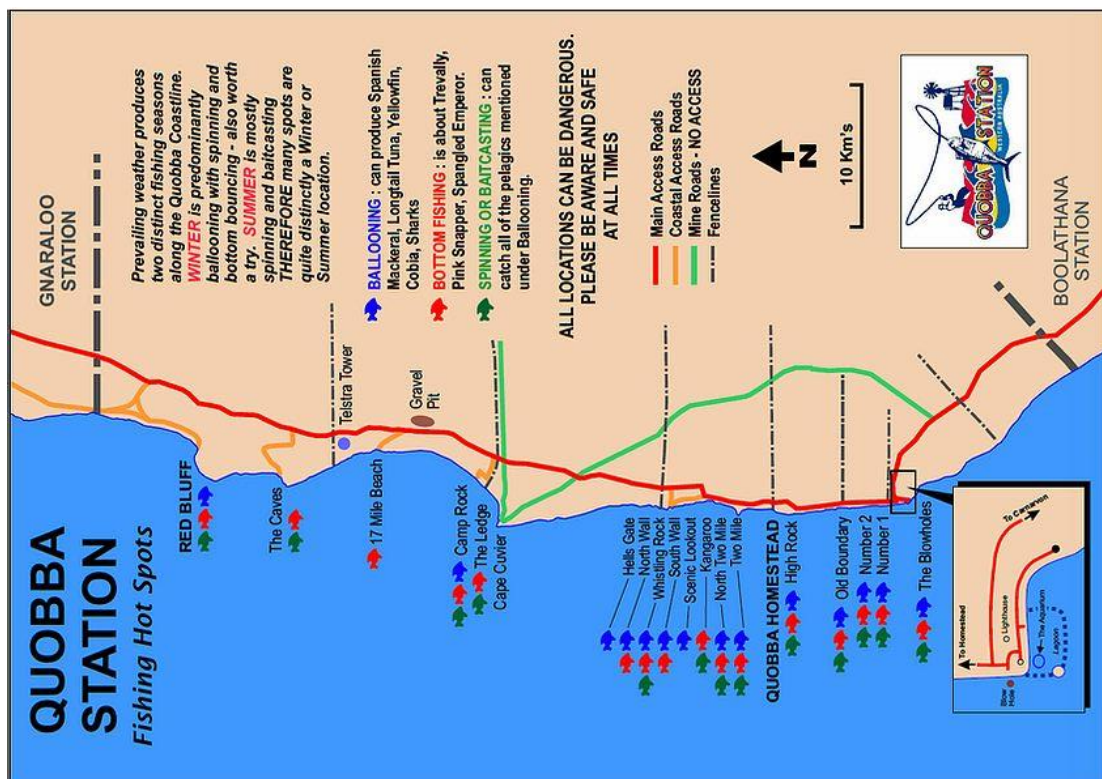
- Check In Date Saturday 16th July 2022
- Check Out Date Sunday 24th July 2022
- Number Of Nights 8

Staying at The Long Cottage – **Contact Martin if you are interested in going ASAP**

The Long Cottage sleeps 8 people, with one double bed, six singles. It consists of a self-contained kitchen covered veranda, shower and toilet facilities (donkey hot water system - you have to light a fire under 'donkey' to heat water for shower), 24-hour power to lights and fridge (10-hour power to power points and BBQ facilities. This cottage is ideal for larger groups or the budget minded family.

*Bed linen/towels/pillows **NOT** supplied.

**Fire wood collection is not allowed on the station so please bring your own supply for the Donkey hot water system, otherwise wood can be purchased at the office.



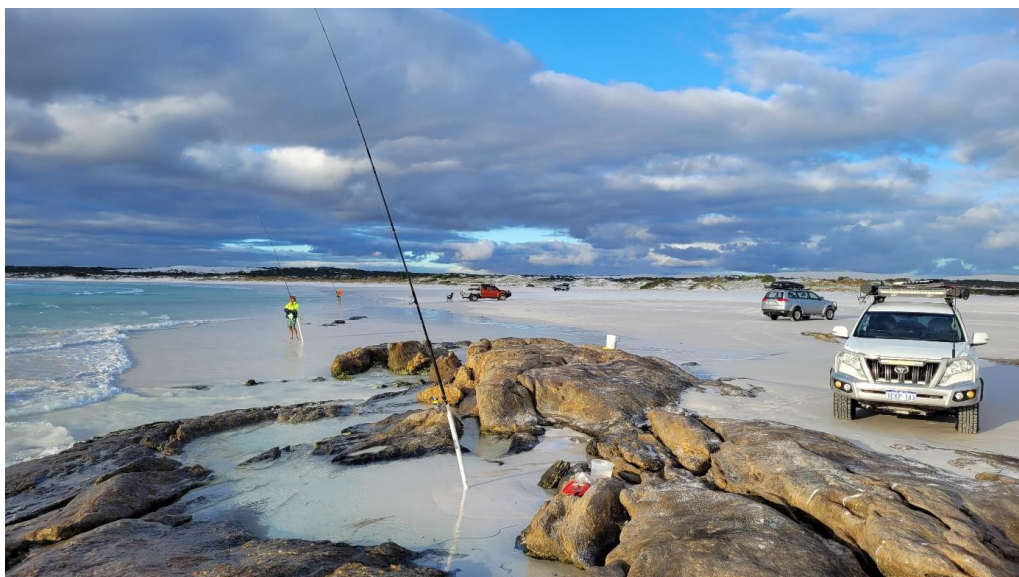
Surf Casters Esperance March 2022 fishing report

Gary, Shane and I left the Bremer Bay house on Monday 7th March heading to Esperance for another fishing adventure, traffic was very light, so we arrived at Esperance about 11.30am to get our final shop of food and fuel before heading out to Thomas River about 120km east of Esperance, fuel prices around \$1.95 a litre was not ideal but hopes were high it was all worth it.

We arrived at the Thomas River campground at 1.30pm and had a good choice of sites, not many campers but we had seen a lot of cars coming out after the long weekend so our timing was good, we picked a nice site next to the river and set up camp, the weather outlook was good with not much rain and winds up to 30km in the afternoons.



After setup we drove along the beach to check out the fishing options, we drove the 15km first beach then the small 2nd beach before going back to a spot about 12km from the river as this looked the best option, we fished for a couple of hours but mainly got Herring but on my last cast a small mulloway of 52cm came in, I quickly released it and we packed up and headed back for dinner.



Thomas river beach fishing

Tuesday morning after a good night's sleep we headed back to our spot 12km from the river, weather was great with light winds but again only Herring and small skippy from a very good looking gutter, after lunch we went to the rock island 15km from the river and tried a protected little bay that had some deep water within casting distance, it was a nice spot but again mainly Herring but Shane and I both got a small flathead about 32cm both got released, just after dark we headed back for dinner.

On Wednesday we decided to head out to Poison creek to see what that was like, we took Merivale road that started out as gravel then turned into a bush track for the last 8km, it was slow going as some parts were very overgrown and a lot of Kangaroos coming out of the farmland over the track, a few close calls so a slow speed was best, once we got onto the gravel Poison creek road it was as usual very corrugated and tried to shake the cars to pieces, speed is best about 60-70kmh to try to skim over the corrugations but some spots are so bad you need to slow right down.



Poison Creek fishing

Once at the beach we headed east and made our way onto the main beach through the rocks, it was a tight fit but with a spotter giving directions we all got through no problem, once on the beach we drove about 11km and found a few good looking spots, we fished a few and Gary and Shane both got some nice Salmon, but mostly we caught Herring and small Skippy, I managed a 2.06kg 56cm Mulloway which I decided to take for dinner, we left about 4pm to tackle the trip home before darkness set in.



Poison Creek fishing

Thursday Shane left to return home, Gary and I headed back out to Thomas River beach to the spot about 12km from the river, mornings with the low tide did not leave too many good fishing spots, most of the beach at Thomas river is shallow with only shallow gutters these look ok at high tide but not so good at low tide, again not too much action but a lot of Herring and a few small Skippy, the fishing seemed to be improving with a few more fish biting.

After lunch and an afternoon nap we headed back onto the beach and tried a spot 3km from the river, again a few Herring then at about 5.45pm I got a nice 0.90kg Skippy then 2 more at 0.83kg and 1.06kg, Gary got a 3kg Salmon and a good Skippy before the bite slowed and we headed back to camp about 6.30pm.



Thomas river beach fishing

On Friday we decided to take a ride out to Kennedy's beach about 35km west, I had seen that the Esperance Surfcasters in 1988 built a fishing shack there so was keen to see how it fished, the track in was slow going with a lot of rutted out areas from when it was wet, I can say best not to try this track in any wet conditions it turns to a swamp, as it was the end of Summer we had no problem but some parts of the track in winter had turned into a river making the track challenging in some spots due to deep ruts from the running water.



Kennedy's beach fishing

It took about 1 hour and we arrived at the shack, it is not too bad condition but the inside floor looked like a flood had left behind some mud that had dried hard like cement and was a bit uneven, and not a lot of parking around the shack, after this we headed onto the beach and found another spectacular south coast beach, the weather today was the best yet, sun was out winds very light and only a 1.1m swell so the water looked stunning, we picked a small gutter and cast out, again the herring got straight to work and found our baits, I went for a walk behind us to look at the small river, it was deep and looked like it could hold fish, when I returned to the beach Gary had seen my rod go off and pulled in a 3kg Salmon, after that we headed east and made our way over a large rock to Tagon point beach, another stunning beach we fished here for a couple of hours catching Herring and small skippy, Gary also got a small shovel nose ray before heading back to camp for lunch.



Tagon point beach fishing

That afternoon we headed out onto Thomas river beach and fished about 5km from the river, a bit slow with only Herring till 6pm when I caught a good 3.82kg Skippy and Gary landed a 3.5kg Salmon, after that the action slowed so we returned to camp for dinner.

Saturday morning we headed first to the 12km spot and found the usual Herring and small Skippy, we moved back to the 10km spot but had the same result, after lunch we headed out for our final fish to a spot 4km from the river, again mainly Herring and small Skippy till at 6.10pm my fishing rod bent over and I pulled in a 3.08kg 66cm Mulloway, I tried to release the fish but he must have been tired out by the fight and would not swim so a few more fillets went into the fridge.



Thomas river beach fishing

Sunday morning, we packed up camp and headed home, in Esperance the fuel was now \$2.15 a litre so a big jump in 1 week, the trip back was good fairly light traffic and we arrived home at 4pm with a big clean up day in store on Monday.



Shane with Salmon at Poison Creek



Gary with Salmon at Poison Creek



Gary with Salmon at Poison Creek



Shane with Salmon at Poison Creek



Martin with Mulloway at Poison Creek



Martin with Skipper at Thomas river



Martin with 3.82kg Skipper at Thomas River



Martin with 3.08kg Mulloway at Thomas River



Spectacular sunsets at Thomas river



Poison creek gutter



Another Poison creek gutter



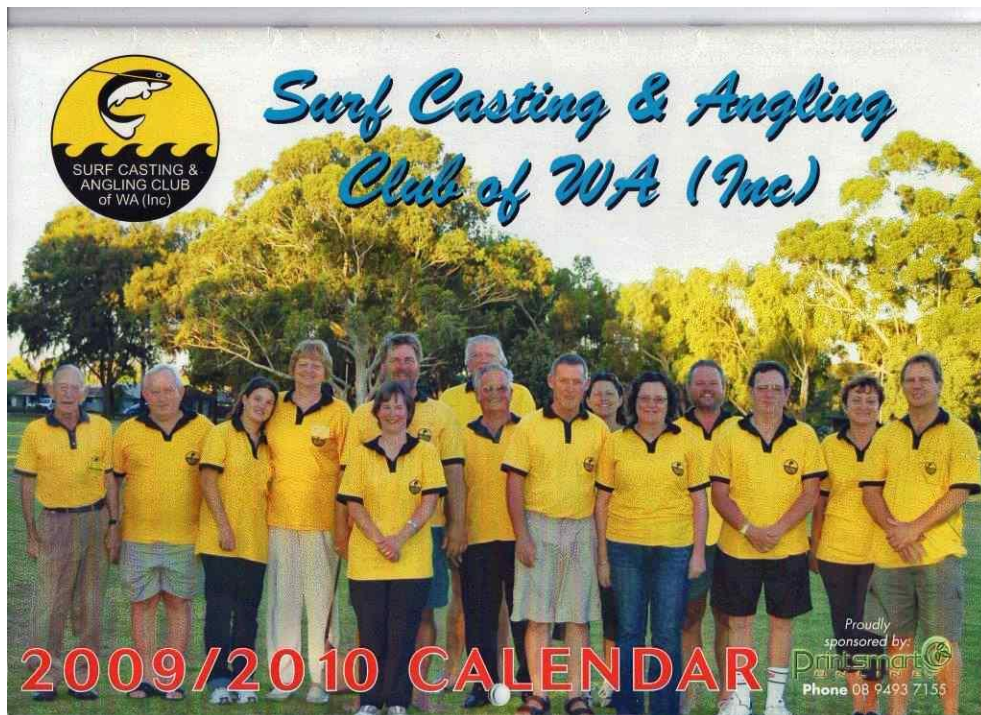
Another Poison creek fishing spot



Another Poison creek gutter



Thomas River



April Birthdays

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

