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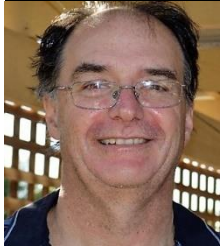
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President's Report – December



As you would have probably noted by now this edition of Reel Talk includes some very generous offers on accommodation at the Kalbarri property. As I am sure everyone will agree the property has been underutilised for several years.

In an attempt to generate some interest the committee is hopeful that several members who have not previously stayed at the house will take advantage of these offers and give it a go.

At the committee meeting it was particularly pleasing to hear of the encouraging appearance of tailor at the recent Cervantes weigh in. They have been conspicuous by their absence for many months and hopefully this is the start of things to come. I will also be looking forward to hearing the story of another outstanding catch by a certain angler who has put himself in a prime position to repeat his feat last season of winning a most meritorious catch.

The Bunning's fundraiser is fast approaching and again I would like to thank Ron Thomas and Pat McKeown for all their work in organising this. The response from members for donations of time, supplies and cash is greatly appreciated and augers well for the success of what has become a major source of funds for the club.

At the recent AAAWA State Dry Casting Championships there were several excellent performances by SCAC representatives. Most notably Ron Thomas was Veteran's Champion as well as overall State Dry Casting champion. On behalf of all members congratulations Ron on another outstanding performance. Together with Allan Jones, Klaus Schonwolf and Peter Osborne, Ron was also a member of the victorious SCAC Veteran men's team. There were several other notable SCAC performances including podium finished for Peter Pekaar and Rhys Jones in the men's division.

At the recent Club dry casting day, Bob Henderson asked me to pass on to the members his best wishes for the festive season. Bob and wife Leonie are heading off in the caravan to the eastern states catching up with several friends on the way. I am sure all members wish them both all the best for the journey and we look forward to seeing them when they return in late January.

Finally the next general meeting will be the final for this year with the club providing pizza for the member's social gathering after the meeting.

I take this opportunity to wish all members and their families the best for this festive season and look forward to another year in the long and proud history of this club.

Shane Wignell President

Thought for the month



“How Liars create the “illusion of truth”

Repetition makes a fact seem more true, regardless of whether it is or not. Understanding this effect can help you avoid falling for propaganda, says psychologist Tom Stafford

“Repeat a lie often enough and it becomes the truth”, is a law of propaganda.

Among psychologists something like this known as the "illusion of truth" effect.

And if you look around yourself, you may start to think that everyone from advertisers, politicians and even someone you may know, are taking advantage of this foible of human psychology.

Even if a lie sounds plausible, why would you set what you know aside just because you heard the lie repeatedly?

This shows something fundamental about how we update our beliefs – repetition has a power to make things sound more true.

But part of guarding against the illusion is the obligation it puts on us to stop repeating falsehoods.

We live in a world where the facts matter, and should matter.

If you repeat things without bothering to check if they are true, you are helping to make a world where lies and truth are easier to confuse.

So, please, think before you repeat something that you have heard.

Extract from BBC article by Tom Stafford

Social Organisers Report December 2016

This is a good news article just smiles and happiness.



Firstly the lady that can shout the loudest when anybody catches a fish near her has become a grandmother again and Peet (the grandfather) is as proud as punch. Congratulations to Peet and Sandra Wessels it is their third grandchild so I am sure they know the drill by now.

Baby Boy Logan Wessels 11/11/2016 6.59pm 2.39kg that's a decent catch Peet, have to be a keeper.

The Presentation night has been booked for Saturday the 19th July 2017 at the Croatian club.

Same menu as last year \$32.00 per adult and children \$16.00

Plenty of notice this time so I will be chasing you to book no excuses this time.

The Christmas Season is upon us once more (Boy they are coming around quicker or is it just me?)

You are requested to bring a present to the value of \$5.00 non fishing item.

The club will provide eats and some soft drinks with coffee and tea.

So bring a smile and have a good time.

The annual night casting event is coming up soon.

Does anybody know of a venue we can use for this?

We need a BBQ area it can be an afternoon or evening event you as members can call this as it would be nice to get together with family members.

The Progressive fishing event will be held in the School holidays so families with children or even grandchildren can take part. Age is no barrier.

Suggestions are welcome or I will organise the locations for you.

Several members are away on trips or Holidays.

Ray Walker in the Esperance area now known as Ranger Ray

Eddie Korin and Debbie complete with dog are still travelling and having a wonderful time. Eddie you will really have to watch those cream doughnuts Yummy.

Dean and Marion Stewart are wandering all over the place Esperance way enjoying the freedom of bush camping and hopefully some fishing.

Bob and Leonie Henderson are due to leave on a trip over the desert ending up in Queensland with family. Have a safe and happy trip

The sick list is down this month the only patient in the club I know of is Ron Thomas to have a couple of moles removed from his shoulder. I am sure he will lift a glass for Christmas get well soon Ron. Dee will take great care of you.

Ask Martin about that special smile and what caused it.

Merry Christmas all stay safe and use a lifejacket on the rocks..

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Membership Coordinators Report December 2016

Not a lot to report things are quite on the new membership front but I am sure will pick up with the warmer weather on its way.

At the moment we (the committee) is revamping the clubs info pamphlet. Instead of a folding sheet it will be an A4 pamphlet style which we can produce ourselves.

New car stickers have been ordered. If you require any please let me know.

These will be ready for the upcoming Bunning's sausage sizzle fund raiser

We do ask that the membership look after prospective members when they turn up at meetings etc Just a smile and welcome gesture makes them feel welcome.

Dry casting has gone a little quiet let's all get behind Ron and put that smile back on his face.

Just to be a little different the next Dry casting meeting is the Christmas one so you never know what you could receive.

Sausage in a bun with onion of course \$2.00 bargain and a drink for \$1.50 what more could you ask for?

Happy Christmas and New Year

Membership Co-ordinator Pat McKeown

KALBARRI SPECIAL OFFER



Kalbarri House

SPECIAL OFFER for Club Members

**If you have not stayed at the Kalbarri House in the last 2 years
here is your chance.**

STAY for 7 DAYS

And only pay

\$200 plus \$80 Cleaning

**The property was purchased for use by Club members
USE IT OR LOSE IT
the
CHOICE IS YOURS**

Please contact Treasurer, Victor Schilo by phone or email for bookings or more information. Collect keys in Perth before leaving for Kalbarri. Please arrange key pickup in advance. Please return keys within 2 days.

Current Bookings are:

27 Dec 2016 to 3 January 2017

It's your house – please use the facility.

Online Medical Record Designed To Save Your Life

A new report funded by the government is urging retired travelers to make sure they don't get caught without a healthcare record, particularly when heading out into the bush.

Travelers, particularly those of retirement age, are being urged to complete an online healthcare record before heading out on travels, as medical provision is increasingly handed over to nurse practitioners. Nurse practitioners will from now on be providing the "grey nomads", or retired travelers as we prefer to say at RV Daily, with complex health assessments, repeat prescriptions and referrals to other health professionals, as well as ordering diagnostic investigations, as required.

According to research funded by the Federal government and conducted by the University of Canberra, "grey nomads" are facing being caught out by the level of health facilities available to them. As the report states, "In remote areas, even if they are popular tourist destinations, health care facilities may be limited."

The unfortunate truth is that not every town, or remote location in Australia, has a medical practitioner in residence 24/7, 365 days a year. "The reality is that this is not financially viable," says the report. Authors also stress that retired travelers need to be mindful of the difference between health services delivered in the cities and the country, meaning that there shouldn't be an expectation that the same level of care can be delivered easily.

There are many remote locations that are served intermittently only by the Flying Doctor Service. There is need, then, for travelers to prepare for all their health needs, current and potential, prior to leaving on their journey.

One way to help nurse practitioners deliver the level of care required is for people to complete the Commonwealth-funded My Healthcare Record, prior to leaving on their journey. This ensures that all health professionals, across the entire country, are aware of the person's health history. It is important to note that health records of individuals are held by GPs and can't be accessed by other health professionals, unless formally released with full consent of the individual. If the individual has a car accident or becomes unwell on the other side of the continent, accessing those records presents a range of problems. Likewise, it is important to realise that the health records held in state-run facilities, such as Emergency Departments of hospitals, cannot be accessed by health professionals located in other states unless formally released with full consent of the individual.

Source: RVDaily

State Dry Casting Report – 30th october 2016

Being Dry Casting Officer of the Club I have noticed over the past few years, especially at State competition events, how some of the competitors try their utmost to get that extra few yards, but in doing so come unstuck, and this happened quite often at the recent state event.

This happened to people like Joe Pullella, Chas Riegert, Rob and Peter Pekaar along with a few others, and that opened the door for individuals and also teams that were not quite so strong. I am not suggesting that our Vets team was weak by any means, but it was not as strong as I had hoped for, but at the end of the day we had achieved what I knew we could.

I must congratulate Peter, Alan and Klaus. Well done.

The Men's team, with only 5 members, could only manage 2nd place behind Fremantle, but considering the circumstances it was a great effort.

Fremantle Ladies team took out the honours with Filomena D'alonzo winning the individuals event. The junior winner was Cody Laphorne from Fremantle. Mini juniors winner was Christian Pullella from Fremantle, and the runner up was Joshua Hansen from Beachcombers.

Congratulations to my old mate Nick Allsworth, who not only took out the Men's individual event but also the longest cast of the day at 175.45m. Peter Pekaar was runner up just 8% behind Nick, with Rys Jones in 3rd place.

In the women's accuracy, Caroline Benniman from Fremantle took out the honours with 113 followed by Filomena with 89.

Cody Laphorne took out the Juniors section with 101. The Mini Juniors went to Joshua Hansen from Beachcombers with 39, just in front of Christian Pullella from Fremantle with 35.

Top score in the Vets accuracy went to myself with 156, with Bob Henderson representing Beachcombers close behind with 146.

In the Men's division Nick Allsworth took out the honours with 113. Peter Pekaar, Surfcasters was runner up with 94 followed by Ian Hoskin from Fremantle with 91.

My main concern on the day was the team event, so winning the Vets individual was a great bonus along with overall State Champion. Bob Henderson was runner up in the Vets individual with Chas Riegert in third place.

Congratulations to all winners.

One more thing before I sign off, thank you to all the helpers over the entire weekend, with a special thanks to Mark and Wendy Hansen along with everyone else who turned up on Saturday to clean up the ground which was in a complete mess. Without these helpers, especially on Saturday, this event would not have happened.

One other person who we seem to forget about is John Curtis, along with his daughter, who did all the scoring for the day. Many thanks.

Hope to see you all next year.

Ps. If anyone is interested in Dry Casting with the SCAC, our comps are usually on the 1st Sunday of each month. You can contact me on 0407 630 053 for any info.

*Ron Thomas
SCAC Dry Casting Officer*



Congratulations: Ron Thomas Overall State Casting Champion

Activity Calendar for the next 3 months.

Dry Casting: (First Sunday of the month) **4 December** **4 January 2017** **5 February 2017**

General Meeting: (Second Wednesday) **14 December** **11 January 2017** **8 February 2017**

Committee Meeting: (Third Wednesday) **21 December** **18 January 2017** **15 February 2017**

Field Days: **10 & 11 December** **14 & 15 January 2017** **11 & 12 February 2017**

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle: 27th December 2016 Malaga

December Dry Casting

When **Sunday 4 December 2016. Competition casting starts at 8:30am**

Where Mirrabooka Regional Open Space.

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family.

Events Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, 112 gram distance.

<u>Casting order</u>	Seniors, Ladies Juniors	Veterans
	4 December 2016	Distance first, Accuracy first, then distance



Accuracy Casting at AAAWA State Championships

December General Meeting

When Wednesday 14 December 2016 Commencing at 7.30pm

Where Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room

December Committee Meeting

When Wednesday 21 December 2016, Commencing at new time of 7.00pm

Where 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.

Club Shirts, Jackets, Hats, Badges and Stickers

Legionnaires cap yellow	\$15		
Bomber jacket waterproof	\$50	Lightweight jacket waterproof	\$45
Polo shirt long sleeved	\$35	Polo shirt short sleeved	\$30
Cloth Club badges	\$4.50	Vehicle stickers Club logo	\$2

Available from Club President Shane Wignell

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>	The Field Day Organiser at 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. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to 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..

Local Field Day for December

When Saturday/Sunday 10/11 December 2016

Lines in Saturday 1pm

Lines Out: Sunday 10am

Weigh in Sunday TBA

Boundaries Standard – Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Moles.

FREMANTLE SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
Sat 10/12	FAIR	18:54	06:27	FIRST GIBBOUS
Sun 11/12	FAIR	19:50	07:32	

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR PERTH:

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
Sat 10/12	05:04	19:16	15:00	02:04 f
Sun 11/12	05:04	19:16	16:08	02:46 f

Please Note: Where a rise time is noted with a 'p', it means that the time listed is for the previous day. Where a set time is noted with an 'f', it means that the time listed is for the following day.

PREDICTED TIDES FOR FREMANTLE

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT							
Sat 10/12	03:43	0.83	08:41	0.68	12:05	0.68	19:20	1.00
Sun 11/12	04:12	0.54	19:46	1.06				

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

December Away Field Day

<u>When</u>	Saturday/Sunday 10/11 December 2016
<u>Where</u>	Preston
<u>Boundaries</u>	Preston to White Hills
<u>Sign on</u>	Sign on Saturday 11.30am Preston Car Park
<u>Lines in</u>	Saturday 1pm
<u>Lines out</u>	Sunday 10 am
<u>Weigh in</u>	Weigh in Monday 11 am at Preston Car Park

If you are not attending the weigh-in please SMS the FDO of non-attendance within an hour of lines up or earlier"

SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS PRESTON BEACH / WHITE HILLS

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
Sat 10/12	FAIR	19:34	07:07	FIRST GIBBOUS
Sun 11/12	FAIR	20:30	08:02	

These are the predicted MAJOR Solunar periods this weekend adjusted to Preston Beach.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR PRESTON BEACH / WHITE HILLS:

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
Sat 10/12	05:04	19:16	15:00	02:04 f
Sun 11/12	05:04	19:16	16:08	02:46 f

Please Note: Where a rise time is noted with a 'p', it means that the time listed is for the previous day. Where a set time is noted with an 'f', it means that the time listed is for the following day.

PREDICTED TIDES FOR PRESTON BEACH / WHITE HILLS

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT							
Sat 10/12	03:30	0.45	11:04	0.54	19:24	0.87		
Sun 11/12	03:16	0.35	20:02	0.92				

NOTE: These are the predicted tides for Preston Beach / White Hills and there may be some variation due to wind strength and direction

From the fishing diary the weather will be windy with a strong sea breeze early to mid morning, and plenty of weed in the water.

Charts supplied by John Curtis

January Away Field Day

<u>When</u>	Saturday/Sunday 14/15 January 2017
<u>Where</u>	Preston
<u>Boundaries</u>	Preston to White Hills
<u>Sign on</u>	Preston Beach Car Park 11.30am
<u>Lines in</u>	Saturday 1pm
<u>Lines out</u>	Sunday 10am
<u>Weigh in</u>	Preston Beach Car Park

January Local Field Day

<u>When</u>	Saturday/Sunday 14/15 January 2017
<u>Lines in</u>	Saturday 1pm
<u>Lines out</u>	Sunday 10am
<u>Weigh in</u>	Sunday 11am
<u>Boundaries</u>	Standard Local

SCAC Field Day Report: Cervantes: Black Rock/Hill River 11th & 12th November 2016

Synopsis

The November 2016 field day initially was spread from Black Rock to the Hill River, due to high winds (30 + k) and weed the boundaries were opened up to Cervantes to Jurien Marina. Six persons ended up fishing along this section of coastline with mixed success. Weather conditions at this venue were poor on Saturday afternoon with strong winds abating only after dark but ideal conditions were encountered for Sunday morning. The result for fished weighed in ranged from some bagging out on Tailor; a good bag of large garfish (3 x 2's) some small numbers of misc. species; plus one extremely large fish; to zero captures.

Two members fished local beaches but were beaten by high wind and weed and stopped fishing within an hour.

The Trip.

The sign on at the Cervantes Service Station was at 11:30 am Saturday 11th November with lines down at 1:00 pm with fishing through until Sunday 12th November with the usual lines up at 10:00 am with the weigh-in conducted at 11:00 am at the sign-on location.

A total of 7 SCAC Anglers signed-on at the Service Station, i.e. Gary Parkinson, Peter Osborne, Jeff Hewson, John Crompton, and Martin Wearmouth and his two sons. (Given the extreme conditions the two boys did not fish) Mark and Wendy Hansen had signed on at the previous General Meeting as they went to BlackRock the night before the sign-on. Wendy had decided not to go to the field day so Mark fished alone. Just prior to sign-on time at the Service Station, via sms Mark advised that he was fishing alone at Black Rock, As there was plenty of room he tried to encourage some of us to join him, given his weigh-in bag contents this would have been a good decision.

Most came up on Saturday morning and after weigh-in spread out from Black rock and the Hill River mouth to the South Point at Jurien.

John and Jeff had picked up on local information that Tailor were running at Jurien South Point. They tried there but without success, low water, weed, current and the wind was all against them for successful fishing. They fished through until about 9:30 pm, but not even one bite. They had access to accommodation in Jurien so retired for a shower, hot meal and a good comfortable sleep and being so disgusted at the afternoon fish they did not fish on Sunday morning hence they both had an empty bag for the weigh-in on Sunday morning.



As above Mark fished from a rock shelf at Black Rock. Despite the weather conditions, a minor amount of weed, he was successful in getting Tailor on Saturday afternoon. Bait casting he had great activity with one Tailor after another between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. Come Sunday morning, using small soft plastic lures, he concentrated on smaller species and after putting an oil slick in the water in front of him he successful in landing ten very large Garfish; this species are excellent eating – i.e. fine white sweet flesh. In this session, he also landed seven Herring and one Wrasse.

Mark fished with his dog Doug.

Whenever he released an undersize fish, Doug would jump in retrieve and take possession – don't try and take it off him. Mark had the most species and the second heaviest bag.



Gary, Martin, and Peter decided to go to the mouth of the Hill River. The track in was very corrugated. (People not letting down tires on their 4WD's) Gary and Martin initially unsuccessfully tried to catch some bream in the Hill River. On arriving it was noted that while not much weed showing in the water the wind conditions were extreme – about the top end of wind speed that was fishable. Peter had rigged up with a set of ganged hooks for mulies with an upper small hook for small bait – prawns or squid.

Second cast he then he pulled in he had a size whiting. With wind and weed, he could not tell a fish was on until the terminal gear was pulled up on the sand. Despite using this rig for most of the weekend – no success with any more Whiting or Herring on the small hook.

However, Peter and Martin managed to get their bag of eight Tailor between 2:00 & 5:00 pm. This included some catch and release. The Tailor were in front of us most of the afternoon, but due to the very high wind, bites were very hard to feel so lots of missed fish. Gary managed four that afternoon, and caught a fifth on Sunday morning. Gary also managed a Herring and a Pike.

Despite lots of burley, no Herring appeared on Sunday morning with the only result for Peter was a Flounder – (also very good eating)

Martin left the Hill River on dusk and with his two boys returned to their room at Cervantes for a comfortable night's sleep. Martin rose early (his two boys wanted to sleep in) and went to the local beach at Cervantes before 6:00 am. He set up and started to work on getting some Herring. He only managed to get three to take his bait but while doing this he decided to put out a heavy rod. – Good decision: While chasing Herring and some 15 minutes after casting out large bait his big Rod went off. What the heck as he initially thought a large Ray or a Shark.



As he settled into the fight, fish still heading for South Africa, he concluded it was not a large Mulloway and did not fight like a Shark or Ray. After about 30 minutes of a see-saw battle a fish slid up the sand – beauty! a large Samson Fish. Martin nearly lost this catch as early in on the fight, fish heading towards the horizon, an old fellow came putting around the corner in his little tinnie only about 60 metre from the shoreline. Phew, the fish was deep enough that the boats propeller passed over his fishing line. Back at the weigh-in when Martin pulled the fish out of his bag, gasps from onlookers and the biggest smile you can imagine from Martin. After weighing in at some 13.9 kg, gilled and gutted, he cut the fish in two just to fit in his esky The fish would have been about 15 kg uncleaned.

Detail results are summarized as below; Martin landed the largest fish and had the heaviest bag, with Mark having the second heaviest bag.

Local fishing



Two Surfcasters signed on for fishing the local beaches. Pat and Vince went up to the Club Capricorn beach. On arriving they encountered very shallow water, wave break far out, very strong winds, swell and very dirty water.

Conditions were so bad that after less than an hour of battling these conditions and of course no fish, they both decided to pack it in and returned home. Pat did stop by a local tackle shop and had a photo taken of a fish he would maybe have liked to have caught instead of the zero. See the photo

Hope to see you at our December field day at the Preston/White Hills venue) – high expectations that this time there will be no high winds, i.e. Moderate sea breeze, no weed and that school of quality Tailor will show up with opportunities to catch other miscellaneous species, plus, we still have to get that 10+ kg Mulloway.

It is noted that there is an insert elsewhere in the Reel Talk on the subject of “WA fish Size Limit Review Survey”, which refers to a survey /questionnaire. It is recommended we each individually (as keen fisho’s) have our say.

See <http://recfishwest.org.au/wa-fish-size-limit-review-survey/>

This document is thick and pretty heavy going to review in detail. I suggest you thumb through and review/comment on those species, on addressing size, & bag limits that you have an interest in.

A major thrust of this document is to balance professional and recreational fishing noting that professional fishermen capture undersized fish that when returned these fish are either dead or eaten. Response to the Survey must be returned by the 16th December.

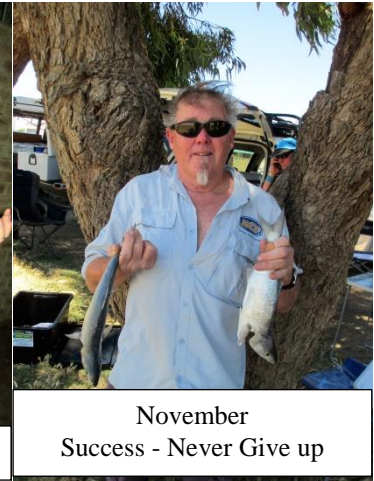
*Tight lines, Peter Osborne
Field Day officer*



September -Nothing



October a Bigger Nothing



November
Success - Never Give up

Field Day Sections up to and including November

	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
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			
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)			
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)			0.00
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

Sportsperson of the year sections for November

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Samson fish	13.89
Best bag of scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Mixed bag	17.57

Field day prizes for November			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Samson fish	13.89
Best bag of scale fish	Mark Hansen	Mixed bag	7.28

Top scores up to November		
Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Peter Osborne	678.7
2	Martin Wearmouth	581.7
3	Mark Nurse	577.3
4	Mark Hansen	542.8
5	Peet Wessels	449.3
6	Sandra Wessels	436.1
7	Theo Van Niekerk	387.5
8	Shane Wignell	353.0
9	Vince Tomazin	266.6
10	Sri Srigandan	261.8
11	Justin Rose	195.2
12	Gary Parkinson	192.4
13	George Holman	188.0
14	Lee Yongli	126.9
15	Pat KcKeon	71.2
16	Morgan Keet	67.0
17	Scot Williamson	60.0
18	Glen Wong	50.8
19	Brad Zilnich	48.1
20	Greg Keet	43.5
21	Ian Taggart	42.3
22	Sarah Wignell	36.2
23	Dean Stewart	40.0
24	Simmo	33.4
25	Michael Pisano	20.0
26	Ken Howels	20.0
27	Peter Butland	20.0
28	Jeff Hewson	20.0
29	John Crompton	20.0
30	Wendy Hansen	20.0
31	Christian Wearmouth	20.0
32	Thomas Wearmouth	10.0

Iki Jime:

An important part of fishing today is releasing fish and only taking home what you need for a feed. Australians harvest more than 60 million finfish each year, and today's society expects anglers to dispatch their fish humanely.

Anglers can improve the welfare of fish in many ways, not only by observing best practice fishing methods, but by protecting and restoring fish habitat and water quality by obeying fisheries regulations, and of course by dispatching their fish humanely.

For more details and interactive learning tools that reveal the brain location for a wide range of fish species in Australia and around the world – go to the iki jime web site at www.ikijime.com. Enter your region (Australia, New Zealand, North America, South America, Europe, Asia or Africa), and state or province first, then select the water type (freshwater, estuary or offshore) and then select the appropriate fish group. Select the fish you want from the dropdown list and hit “Go Fish”.

Alternatively, you can use the “Advanced Search” function to search for fish by taxonomic group. There are diagrams of many of the most popular recreationally caught species throughout Australia. The web site is divided into three sections covering estuary, offshore and freshwater. The diagrams listed in each section pinpoint the exact location of the brain (shown by the white markers) of most of the popular species of fish targeted by anglers in Australia.

Whether you're out on the water or before you go out, take the time to learn the following four tips for humane dispatch of finfish and improve not only your fishing skills, but the eating qualities of your catch.

Tip 1 – Time

Time is of the essence. Allowing a fish to thrash around and die slowly in air or a bucket of water is unacceptable. It causes unnecessary stress to the fish, reduces the eating quality and shortens the storage life of the flesh. If you choose to kill a legal sized fish, it should be done quickly – preferably within a minute of it being caught.

Either a firm knock on the head or spiking of the brain (called iki jime or ike jime – pronounced “iki jimi”) will kill fish immediately. These are the two preferred killing methods endorsed by Australia's National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sport Fishing.

Tip 2 – Tools

Some basic tools are required to kill fish humanely.

To knock a fish on the head, use a wooden club or ‘priest’ with sufficient weight to render the fish immediately unconscious.

The iki jime procedure can be done using either a sharp knife, a sharpened screwdriver, or by using specially designed iki jime tools that are becoming available at all good tackle shops.

Tip 3 – Technique

Knocking fish on the head with one or more sharp blows is the easiest method of humane killing. The iki jime process requires more precision, but results in the lowest levels of stress to the fish and improves eating quality.

Method:

Quickly and firmly insert the spiking tool into the areas indicated, and wiggle the tool around to destroy the brain. When performed correctly, the fish will be killed immediately and its body will go limp.

Diagrams on this website pinpoint the exact location of the fishbrain (shown by the white markers) of over 140 of the most popular freshwater, estuary and offshore fish species targeted by anglers in Australia, New Zealand, SE Asia, the Americas, Europe and Asia.

Tip 4- Temperature

Once your fish has been appropriately killed by a knock on the head or iki jime, maximise the eating qualities of your catch by placing it on ice or preferably in an ice slurry (minimum two parts ice to one part water).

Placing a fish in an ice slurry without stunning or killing it first is not necessarily stressful to many species, particularly smaller fish from warm waters. However, this method may not be effective or suitable for large fish and/or cold-adapted species (e.g. trout).

Other considerations

Bleeding your fish immediately after stunning or iki jime will improve flesh quality and storage life, particularly if the fish is bled then immediately placed in an ice slurry.

In some species of fish (e.g. whiting) decapitation or breaking the neck can result in immediate death (and therefore minimal stress), however for other fish species death may not be immediate using this method.

Extract from John Curtis's Fishing Report

Drycasting results - 6th November, 2016

	56 gram					Artificial Bait					112gram			
	Cast	Cast	Total	%		Cast	Cast	Total	%		Cast	Cast	Total	%
<u>Veterans</u>	1	2				1	2				1	2		
BOB HENDERSON	O/B	110.5 7	110.5 7	37.42		108.7 3	108.4 0	217.1 3	100.0 0		131.7 4	125.4 2	257.1 6	100.0 0
RON THOMAS	148.4 6	146.9 9	295.4 5	100.0 0		136.8 0	B/O	136.8 0	63.00		161.0 6	B/O	161.0 6	62.63
PETER OSBORNE	91.51	91.97	183.4 8	62.10		87.01	91.83	178.8 4	82.37		119.1 0	99.63	218.7 3	85.06

<u>Seniors</u>														
MARK HANSON	117.7 2	118.2 4	235.9 6	71.51		102.6 4	103.0 3	205.6 7	63.70		B/O	113.4 8	113.4 8	30.80
PETER PEKAAR	165.5 3	164.4 2	329.9 5	100.0 0		158.7 9	164.0 6	322.8 5	100.0 0		184.7 5	183.7 3	368.4 8	100.0 0
SHANE	O/B	125.6 6	125.6 6	38.08		O/B	125.6 6	125.6 6	38.92		DNC	DNC	0.00	0.00
JEFF HEWTON	119.5 9	120.7 2	240.3 1	72.83		105.2 8	102.7 3	208.0 1	64.43		124.9 6	118.3 5	243.3 1	66.03

Drycasting results - 6th November, 2016

	Double Handed Accuracy											Single Handed Accuracy					
	Target number											Target distance					
<u>Veterans</u>	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Total	%		L	S	L	S	Total	%
BOB HENDERSON	8	18	22	12	23	11	6	20	120	100.00		5	9	7	4	25	80.65
RON THOMAS	16	4	19	16	12	12	16	22	117	97.50		7	7	9	8	31	100.00
PETER OSBORNE	17	19	23	9	0	7	15	15	105	87.50		7	2	5	6	20	64.52

Seniors

MARK HANSON	14	16	16	17	12	17	16	12	120	95.24		7	5	2	8	22	100.00	
PETER PEKAAR	8	22	15	13	13	2	24	18	115	91.27		DNC						
SHANE	5	0	16	10	0	0	10	7	48	38.10		2						
JEFF HEWTON	15	12	23	22	22	13	7	12	126	100.00		DNC						

Veterans: Best Casts for the year 2016 – 2017

Longest 56 Gram	148.52M	Ron Thomas
Longest Artificial Bait	146.24M	Ron Thomas
Longest 112 Gram	166.80M	Ron Thomas
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	156	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

Steep Point Safari – 15 – 28 July 2017

A number of members have indicated that they would like to arrange a Club Safari to Steep Point. You may be aware that Peet Wessels, our Assistant Field Day Officer, makes an annual sojourn to Steep Point. He has booked a camping site for the suggested dates.

From all reports the fishing is amazing and it would be great if a few Club members were able to join Peet in July 2017.

Please contact Peet if you are interested.

Birthdays for December

Mal Head 1 December; George Holman 12 December; Justin Rose 14 December;
Christian Wearmouth 14 December; Sandra Wessels 20 December;
Ron Thomas 27 December

We wish you all the best for your special day

A Review Of Size Limits For Finfish In Western Australia

Before you go away or start partying, take time to read the recently released Fisheries Department Discussion Paper *A Review Of Size Limits For Finfish In Western Australia*.

It is an important document and requires your input. Details of how to make a submission during the six-week consultation period, which will close on 23 December 2016, are available on the [Public comment](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au) page at www.fish.wa.gov.au. Given the public consultation period, related to the discussion paper, as well as required regulatory processes when decisions are finalised, formal arrangements to implement size limit changes are not expected to be in place before early to mid-2017.

Recreational anglers can have their say and respond to the survey on the Finfish Review at the following Recfishwest link. It is recommended that all anglers read the Finfish review report prior to completing the survey. It is also recommended that when reading the report you note the details in the yellow section at the end of each species report. Responses received will be collated into a final report submitted to the Fisheries Department by Recfishwest. The link is <http://recfishwest.org.au/wa-fish-size-limit-review-survey/>

FISHING REEL CLEANING TIPS

Most of us clean our fishing tackle and equipment after every fishing trip, but many times we neglect our fishing reels. Failure to clean your fishing reels can lead to a short life span. But it doesn't have to be this way. Reel cleaning is easy and everyone can do it given a small amount of time and some basic tools.

You can visit the manufacturer's web site and download a parts diagram of your fishing reel if you don't have one. This will help in disassembly and re-assembling your reel.

HERE ARE A FEW QUICK AND EASY TIPS FOR CLEANING YOUR FISHING REELS.

Prepare a work area.

If you have a work bench great. If you don't, not a problem. A table top makes a great place to clean fishing reels. You'll need an old rag or cloth to put the parts on while you clean them. I suggest that you spread out several layers of newspaper to protect the work surface prior to commencing as it can get a bit messy. Also an old egg carton provides a handy storage for parts as you pull a reel apart as you are able to keep the parts in sequence.

Remove reel from rod.

Never try and clean a fishing reel when it's still attached to a rod. Always take the fishing reel off and put a rubber band around the spool or tie a simple overhand knot in the line to hold it on the spool. This will prevent it from springing off and tangling.

Rinse reels off with some warm water with a little liquid soap added.

Cleaning fishing tackle, especially [saltwater fishing tackle](#), is very important to get all the corrosion causing salt from your reels and rods. Never leave your saltwater fishing tackle lying around after coming back from a fishing trip!

Wash and rinse immediately or risk permanent damage from salt corrosion. Use a spray bottle with plain water to rinse down and then dry the reel off using a piece of toweling. Tighten the drag system to prevent water from getting in and remember to back it off before storing the reel away.

Avoid using pressurized water like that from a garden hose to clean reels. I once saw someone at a car wash cleaning his boat and then he laid his rod and reels against the wall and used the high pressure wand to clean them. A sure way to ensure that water gets inside of the reel and emulsifies the lubricant and wets the drag washers and damages the reel.

For an annual clean up where you are going to strip and re-assemble a reel, use a container of warm water with some soap like dishwashing liquid to clean the outside of your fishing reels as well as the inside parts. Then dry them before lubricating and re-assembling them.

Use reel oil, not spray lubricants.

Spray lubricants can leave an oily residue which attracts dirt. Use a high quality reel oil and grease. My recommendation is to use a light coating of outboard engine grease as this is designed to operate in a hostile saltwater environment, is generally waterproof and is also viscous. This means it sticks and stays stuck to the surfaces it is put onto.

Some proprietary oils and greases are not good for use on reels as they readily emulsify and lose any lubricating properties that they had.

More is not better!

I once opened a reel that was literally packed with regular grease! The previous owner had used a huge wad of bearing grease on the inside. It's no wonder why it wouldn't work. It's been said before but deserves saying again. You just need a tiny bit of reel oil and reel grease to get the job done. This is one time when "More Is Not Better!"

To do this I use an artist bristle paint brush and dip it into the grease and then smear a fine covering of grease across all surfaces. This provides a protective coating and lubricates working surfaces.

Beware of anti-reverse pawls particularly in spinning reels, as often they won't work if you use a good quality grease and put a thin layer of grease on the A/R pawl. The hair spring that operates it often is not strong enough to overcome the grease and they don't work.

Don't be a Drag.

Make sure you clean and thoroughly dry all of the drag washers (metal and other) in the drag system. Then apply a tiny amount of P T F E (polytetra flouroethylene) or 'Teflon' grease to them. This is available from most good tackle shops.

Once re-assembled, tighten them down and then release them. Tightening them down will help spread the grease evenly and then releasing them will not cause them to stick together and lock up when you next come to use the reel.

Use proper sized tools for the job.

Pliers and one-size-fits-all screwdrivers are a sure way to mess up your fishing reel! You can find a small set of screwdrivers at most tool outlets or hardware stores. If you can't find the tool that came with your reel, order another.

Pliers are not spanners and are not a substitute for them. If you use them to loosen nuts you risk damaging them by burring the edges and then it will require more work to remove them. They will also have to be replaced and this could be expensive.

Not for the mechanically challenged.

If you're not the mechanical type, that's all right. You can send your reels off and have them professionally cleaned. Many tackle stores also offer reel cleaning and repair. The small amount of money you pay now will help your reel last a lifetime.

Regular maintenance of your fishing reels is essential for a long, trouble free life. (both for the reel and you!)

Article supplied by John Curtis

A few extras to include in your First-aid Kit

- 10- 15 Saline Waters (70ml)
- At least 3 wide elastic Snake bite bandages
- Various sized dressings – including water proof ones
- Steri Strips – can be used as substitutes for stitches on small cuts
- Cream for rashes and bites
- Tick remover and splinter probes
- Electrolyte replacement powder

Do a FIRST – Aid course ----- it could save your own or someone else's life

The magic of good leaders

The two following articles were published in the Western Angler Magazine

Take a moment to think about what makes up any of your fishing outfits – there is usually a rod, reel, mainline and a leader (in these days of braided lines). You might also have a sinker or float and a swivel or clip. There will be a hook (be it attached to a lure or not), add in a few knots, and that's all there is to it.

Any system is only as strong as the weakest link, the part which is more prone to failure and maybe more susceptible to wear. Think about that complete fishing outfit, aside from knots, which are the biggest variable. What other part of the system stands out as being likely to be at most risk?

Rods and reels break sometimes, but not very often and usually only because of user error. We either overload them with line which is far too heavy or expose them to stresses which are way outside their realistic design tolerance. When it comes to mainlines, my very unscientific observation is most fishos choose to load their reels up with line which is heavier than necessary for the task or than the gear is rated for, so our mainline doesn't let us down all that often.

Swivels and clips do fail but very rarely, and when it happens most of us accept it was likely a one-off event. Perhaps we might look for a better quality swivel or clip as a result.

Hooks, made of steel and the various composite materials that fall under the same banner, will rarely fail. When they do we can usually admit we simply got mixed up with a fish that was outside the scope of the hook or we were using one which wasn't really suited to the task. Good hooks used correctly break very, very rarely.

All this brings us down to the final culprit – our leader, which is the final link in the chain before the hook, or the lure. Our choice of leader (I've stopped calling it nylon trace because they're one and the same and colloquially we like to call wire ones traces and nylon ones leaders) is so critical in landing the fish. For the purposes of this column, I've separated shock leader from hook leader as for 95 per cent of fishos there is just one leader in our outfit and that is the leader attached to our hook/clip/lure.

There are some things to keep in mind in making that all-important decision on your hook leader. All the decisions that exist in the chain are important, but none are more important than our choice of leader.

Clear or white leader material is the dominant class leader in terms of choice and range, and there are far more leaders of this shade than any other. Purely and simply it's because for some reason it catches more fish than other coloured leader will. Then you have to think about what sort of punishment your hook leader will cop. It will suffer more abrasion from rocks, weed and structure, not to mention teeth of fish, than any other part of your tackle. Being right down near the hook this leader always gets scuffed and chewed up in the process of fish mouthing the bait.

Your leader nylon has to be hard wearing, tough, and able to resist tangling on itself too. Main lines and casting leaders on the other hand are best if they're a bit soft and supple, and by their very nature will not be as tough down at the business end as a stiffer, tougher, more abrasion-resistant leader will be.

Good leader line is very cheap insurance, because the next time you hook into that fish you've been waiting all day for you will want to be very sure you did everything you could to eliminate as many weak links as possible. This starts at the bit right near the fish's teeth – your leader line. There's no point worrying about it after you hook up, it's all too late by then.

Reading the beach.

The first skill required is to work out what are likely fish-holding areas and which aren't. This is called reading the beach, and with practice can become as simple as reading a book. Likely fishy areas on sandy beaches include holes, gutters, rips and sandbanks.

All features are easy to spot with the benefit of height, so try to find a vantage point with elevated views of your beach. Holes and gutters appear as patches of darker coloured water, usually a deeper blue versus the paler blue of surrounding shallow areas.

Gutters, just like the roadside variety, are typically long and thin and can run parallel with the beach or at right angles to it. Often a current will flow along the gutter, and fish will take this easy ride to move between forage areas. Gutters fish well for tailor, herring and salmon at dawn and dusk, and bigger stuff like mullet and sharks after dark.

Holes are deep areas entirely surrounded by shallower water and can turn on some excellent fishing at times, as they offer respite from rough water and can sometimes house whole schools of fish.

Sandbanks are the shallow areas that form the inside and outside edge of gutters. The "outer banks" actually break the waves, which then run across the gutter as whitewater before hitting the "inner banks" and the beach.

The constant wave action dislodges all manner of minute sea creatures which small grazing fish like whiting and tarwhine like to eat.

Fish will move between inner and outer banks depending on the tide and water clarity, and at times you can pull nice whiting from ankle-deep water only a rod's length from the shore. When the seas are heavy, expect the fish to seek refuge in deeper water.

Rips are lousy to swim in but great for fishing as they suck sand and food from a wide area and funnel it out to sea. They can appear as an area of smooth, murky water where no waves are breaking, but the giveaway is the large plume of sandy coloured water at the seaward end (the tail) where the power of the rip dissipates.

Predatory fish like herring, tailor and mullet patrol this area, picking off little fish and other food scraps that are sucked seaward. If you can land a bait or lure in this area you're in with a real show.

Reefs are normally pretty obvious, and can be real fish magnets if they're close enough to cast to. Aim to land your bait as near as possible and try to make use of any obvious currents to sweep your bait along the border between reef and sand.

Good fish like school mullet, skipper, flathead and big tarwhine tend to lie up under the edge of nearshore reefs and dart out to grab passing prey. Tailor often hunt in the aerated water over the top of the reef, so think unweighted mullets or poppers for them, to avoid snagging up.



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