

REEL TALK

Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA

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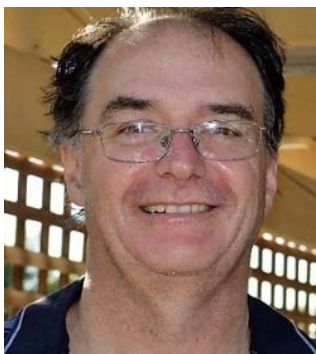
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SCAC Life Members

George Holman, Eric Parker, Ian Cook, Bob Henderson, Terry Fuller, Mal Head, Peter Osborne

Deceased life members: Vic Davis, Doug Edward, Lloyd Dunn, Dudley Brown, Noel Knight, Les Shand, Ron Kildahl, Bob Klein, Jim Strong

President's Report:



Firstly, thank you to Vic Schilo for deputising for me at the December General Meeting. I understand it was a great meeting enjoyed by all, with the pizzas eagerly devoured. I also agree with Vic's sentiments that prosperity is all good and fine but good health trumps the lot. I know there are a few members with ongoing health issues at the present and I am sure all members wish them all the best with their treatments.

January saw the inaugural combined Surfcaster and Beachcomber Drycasting day at the Guildford Polo Grounds. The day was well attended and ran smoothly. Thankyou to all those involved in organising what I am sure will turn out to be a mutually beneficial arrangement for both clubs. The fact that our Drycasting Officer (Ron Thomas) is on good speaking terms with the Beachcombers Drycasting Officer (Ron Thomas) certainly helped!

I hadn't been to an event at the Polo Grounds before, but, I must say it really looks like a good venue for Drycasting. Being a little isolated means there is minimal through traffic from pedestrians and the distance to neighbouring properties is such that anxieties about the dangers of bust-offs causing property damage is greatly reduced. Having enjoyed the day I would suggest to members that it might be time to bite the bullet and give Drycasting a go.

At the last committee and general meetings there was some discussion about suggested Field Day allocations for the next fishing season. Please take a close look at the schedules published in the Reel Talk and be prepared to offer your thoughts during the next couple of meetings. Personally, I like the idea of another day at Bluff Creek as it is a favourite of mine and many other members.

The issue of boundaries for Field Days is always a contentious one. On the one hand we all want to experience the best fishing we can. This we need to balance with the concept that we are, after all, voluntary members of a fishing club so presumably we joined with the idea of fishing as a club. At this stage the suggested itinerary includes some days with open boundaries. The suggested months tend to be those that have been traditionally not well attended. Perhaps this will change with more generous boundaries.

Whilst we could make strict rules that force members to fish together, I prefer it if we create the club environment where members want to fish together. This involves listening to such suggestions as the above and giving it a go. Nothing is set in concrete and we can always modify in the future if it doesn't prove successful.

Our Field Day Officer Peet Wessels also spoke about a proposed Safari to Esperance in early 2019. It has been a few years since the club went on a Safari, so it is well due. Early indications are that many members would be interested in attending, which augers well. Please think about attending, remain enthusiastic and give Peet all the support you can in organising this.

Quote for the month:



Fools multiply when wise men do nothing ...

Nelson Mandela

Social Organiser's Report

Hopefully you all enjoyed the festive season and didn't gain too much extra weight. As we now move into the New Year let's do it with a smile and a good attitude.

We on the committee have had to make some very tough decisions on your behalf to keep the club viable and harmonious. It does weigh heavy with some of the things we have to decide and calls for members full support to ratify our decisions on your behalf.

The major event of the year will be the Presentation night on June the 9th at the Croatian club. It will still be the same format as previous nights which you all seemed to enjoy. I will have ticket cost as soon as I can get them.

I would like to thank Ron for carrying out the raffle during my absence thank you so much Ron.

The Social fishing is back on the first Thursday if anybody wishes to change the day so that they can attend please say so. Were to fish you can select River or Ocean?

Had a trip to Preston with my son in law for an overnighter on Friday the 6th January. Hopefully staying overnight on a nice calm night with good fishing.

Arrived on the beach all looked good headed north for about 9km and decided to camp there as it looked fishable. The wind started picking up from the SW, whitecaps appeared, and the wind got stronger to just about gale force, sand whipping around gear blowing down the beach. Then some idiot said "all we need now is for it to rain which it did.

Ripper fun this fishing lark. Tried getting a line to settle into the water with a 6oz sinker casting into the wind to watch it go sideways and onto the beach. Eventually getting a line in the water we started pulling in weed, bloody ripper just what we needed.

Locked ourselves in the vehicle with a few beers at least they consoled us, decided to have some nibbles and opened a bag of assorted nuts which ended up with sand in them not a good taste.

As it was starting to head towards dusk we decided to have another go and in the end, after just about breaking your shoulder trying to cast, we gave it away and decided to try and have something to eat.

That did not work both the wind and the sand just got into everything.

That's it we are out of here.

Packed up and headed off the beach and into the local store for a pie and blow the tyres up.

The shop was out of pies. Must have seen the frustration on my face and offered to microwave a couple of pies for us.

Went back to the vehicle to inflate the tyres and the lady from the shop announced the pies are on the front seat. Great lets finish with the tyres and enjoy a hot pie.

Hopped in the vehicle picked up the pie which felt quite cool to touch.

The first bite squirted very hot meat over my face and lips, bewdy, burnt my lips and face.

Well saying good bye to Preston never to return and headed home to my bed and get out of the wind and sand.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Membership Coordinator's Report

Since the last report we have had an enquiry from a member of the public requesting information about the club and looking to join a land-based fishing club. I'm pleased to report that **Derek Smith** has submitted his application to join the Club.

We must look at ourselves and what it means to be a member of an organisation.

What is the definition of a member: -

A *member* is a person who belongs to a social group or organization.

Most have a thirst for knowledge of the group that they choose to belong to.

They want to be part of group to seek enjoyment and company.

Most have a desire to take the group/club forward into the future.

You have people from all walks of life with a common interest and the welfare of the group/club at heart.

Food for thought.

Membership Coordinator Pat McKeown

February General Meeting

When Wednesday 14th February commencing at 7.30pm
Where Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room

COMING FIELD DAY EVENTS

Members please take note of the new sign on and weigh in times

FEBRUARY 2018

FIELD DAY VENUE Preston to White Hills
WHEN 17 – 18 February 2018
SIGN ON Saturday, 09h00 Preston beach car park
LINES DOWN Saturday, 09h30
BOUNDARIES Preston south beach to White Hills beach entry
WEIGH IN Sunday, 10h00 Preston beach car park

FIELD DAY VENUE Local
WHEN 17 – 18 February 2018
SIGN ON At the General meeting or phone FDO before Thursday evening.
LINES DOWN Saturday, 09h30
BOUNDARIES Standard boundaries
WEIGH IN Sunday, 10h00 Floreat car park

MARCH 2018

FIELD DAY VENUE Bremer Bay
WHEN 3 – 5 March 2018
SIGN ON At the General meeting or phone FDO
LINES DOWN Saturday, 06h00
BOUNDARIES All local beaches
WEIGH IN Monday, 09h00 Location to be decided on at GM

FIELD DAY VENUE Local
WHEN 3 – 5 March 2018
SIGN ON At the General meeting or phone FDO
LINES DOWN Saturday, 06h00
BOUNDARIES Floreat to Moore River
WEIGH IN Monday, 09h00 Location to be decided on at GM

APRIL 2018

FIELD DAY VENUE Bluff Creek
WHEN 31 Mar – 2 Apr 2018
SIGN ON At the General meeting or phone/message FDO
LINES DOWN Saturday, 06h00
BOUNDARIES Bluff Creek as far north and south you willing to walk.
WEIGH IN Monday, 09h00 Camp site close to Creek.

FIELD DAY VENUE Local
WHEN 31 Mar – 2 Apr 2018
SIGN ON At the General meeting or phone/message FDO
LINES DOWN Saturday, 06h00
BOUNDARIES Floreat to Moore River
WEIGH IN Monday, 09h00 Location to be decided on at GM

13/14 January 2018 Field day report.

It was great to finally be able to attend a Field day again. Our last Field day was back in August of last year. It is just unbelievable how full one's calendar gets when you have very loveable grandchildren. Not that we mind! It just seems like we have less and less time for fishing.

The original boundaries for the weekend was the two river systems from Fremantle upwards. With no camping available in the boundaries, I approached the committee to extend the boundaries to include a venue that would make camping possible. It was put to all members at the GM and all opted for Preston beach.

With Cyclone Joyce tracking south from the Kimberley, we were not sure if the weather was going to have an influence on the weekend's weather. Luckily the aftermath of the cyclone only arrived in the metro early Monday morning.



Ron fishing hard with a few happy spectators around for support.

The following people signed on for the weekend – Gary Parkinson, Mark Hansen, Peter Osborne, Ron Thomas, Shane and Sarah Wignell, Sandra, Oliver and myself.

Most of us fished the reefy area north of the carpark. Weather wise the weekend turned out to be very pleasant, nice and warm with a fresh sea breeze. The beach was easily negotiated with tyre pressures well deflated. The sea was clean with no weed to worry us. It all looked like perfect fishing conditions, but then looks can be deceiving.

I helped little Oliver and his rod was in the water first. For the next half an hour his little fishing rod was on fire, he landed one little fish to the next, and managed to catch one of the biggest Herring I have seen from this area. After an hour or so he lost a bit of interest and gave us a chance to get our fishing gear in order.

Initially the fishing was good with many small species keeping us busy. In no time we had enough Herring around, but all our Whiting and Tarwhines stayed undersize. At around two o'clock a small school of Tailor passed by.

I got the first bite and landed a nice Tailor. Seconds later Sandra got a good bite and she landed her Tailor. We thought we were in for a good Tailor afternoon, but the fish just went off the bite and we never saw another Tailor again.

To the left of us Ron had setup camp and he fished hard right throughout the day. He also had similar results with lots of Herring and two Tailor for his efforts. The highlight of the day was when Ron hooked into a rather large Shovel Nose Shark. The shark gave him a hard fight and after 50 minutes and very skilful handling he had it on the beach, where we all posed with it for a memorable photo. The Shark was released and disappeared very quickly into the deep blue.

To the right of us, Peter Osborne set up his fishing spot. Peter fished extremely hard like only Peter can! He fished right into the night and was up very early the next morning. All he could show for his efforts was a bag of Herring and one little Whiting. Hopefully the Tailor will turn up next time for you Peter. Shane and Sarah arrived late and decided to fish closer to Preston. They fished only Saturday afternoon and had similar fishing results with a few Tailor and Herring between them.



Ron with his Shovel Nose, Peter the gaffer and little assistant.



Beautiful Preston Beach with great summer weather.

With us now well and truly into summer we can only hope that the next few months will see the fishing and catches improved.

Looking forward to seeing you all on a beach soon.

*Field Day Officer
Peet Wessels*

Preston Beach - Field Day Jan 2018

Peter O's story

Peet Wessels had picked up in the Swan River was not fishing well, hence he opened up the boundaries to include Preston Beach - previous years' experience at this location and time of year yielded good results

On the Friday I packed the car and headed to our holiday house at Yunderup for an overnight sleep and to allow making a comfortable start (i.e. - a sleep-in) before heading to Preston. Unfortunately, I failed to note Peet's message at the Wednesday meeting time at Preston car park of 9:00 am. Hence arrived at 9:30 am, so immediately let down tires and headed North along the beach. Driving some 17 km North parked the 4wd next to Peet and Sandra and waved to Ron Thomas who was already fishing on the south side of the Wessels.

Peet advised that Shane Wignell and his daughter, Sarah, fished just north of the carpark for the afternoon only but have not heard how they went

While fishing only 100 meters from Peet, the following account will pretty much mirror his field day report; hence the following is my perspective of how events unfolded.

As I drove north I initially noticed some clumps of weed washed up on the beach, but not much weed in the water and as I got further north, water was clear. An easterly was blowing so only small waves and clear water. Hence, I set up and immediately started fishing - i.e. my long rod with two sets of ganged hooks baited with mulies and a light rod with small hooks with squid and prawn baits.

Shortly thereafter and with a wind change to the SW, Ron got a couple of Tailor and Peet and Sandra got a Tailor each. With the wind change to the SW and while not very strong, plenty of whitecaps and this being only shortly after 1:00 pm I thought this looks good for a prolific Tailor run either side of sundown.

On seeing these Tailor come in I immediately replaced my light rod with a heavier tailor rod again loaded with two mulies.

No-go: the prime Tailor time came and went with no show of this species. I actually fished to nearly 11:00 pm figuring at least one loner should pass though and with 4 baits out their chances might be good. On the one rod, one of my ganged hooks had a trailing 2/0 hook and the other a trailing 3/0 hook. I would occasionally get a Herring hook itself, besides lots of blowies, Small Whiting were also a nuisance for bait robbing but I eventually managed to catch a size sand whiting.

Along with Ron, was up and we had lines in the water at 4:30 am. Again, water looking good, but to no avail - no Tailor came in at all for either the evening or early morning sessions, so very disappointing.

I thought that when no Tailor came in I would set up one of my bigger rods with a live bait e.g. a Herring on a large circle hook and see if I could interest any other larger fish that came through. Didn't work - small fish and or blowies eventually stripped the live bait

Just before I did this saw that Ron was hooked up to something large. We all wandered down to see what it was all about - including a few 4wd that stopped and also wanted to watch. Ron had a good long surf rod and an eggbeater loaded with 30 lb braid. I worked up a sweat just watching Ron pump and wind gain say 5 to 10 yards only to see the fish turn around head out to sea and strip 50 yards from his reel.

We all offered wise thought as to this fish being a Shark Ray or Samson-fish. After some 50 minutes that animal final came in close and with 3 dorsal fins Peet correctly called it for a Shovel Nose Shark. Peet deftly applied Ron's quality gaff and pulled it up onto the beach where we confirmed is as the Shovel Nose Shark. Ron struggled to lift it into the vertical position, head on ground, tail up for the photograph.

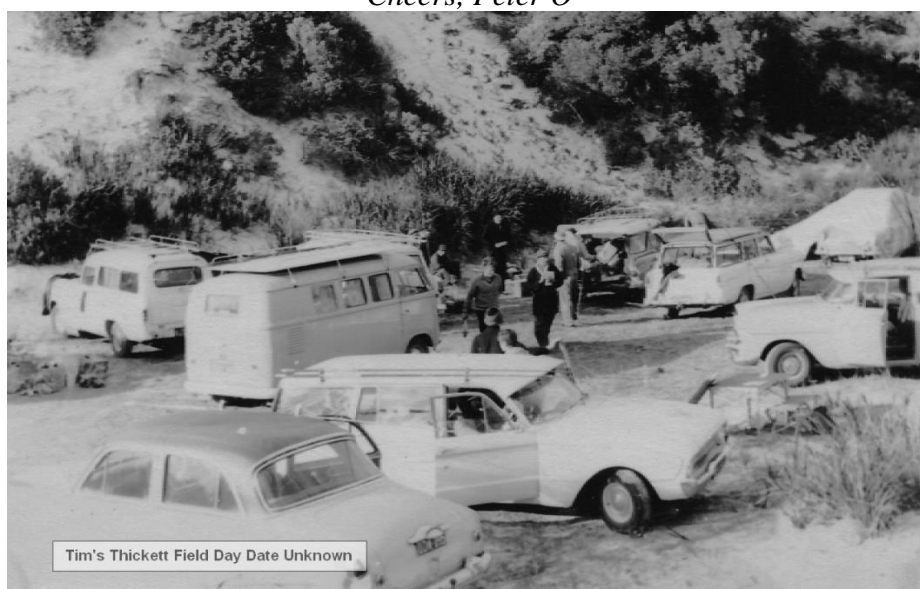
We estimated between 40 and 50 kg with it probably being closer to the 50 kg mark. Ron gave us a terrific demonstration on how to manage a very large fish on covenantal surf fishing gear. He won't have to go to a gym for a workout for another month.

While these are commonly called Shovel Nose Sharks, they are actually a member of the ray family. Barry Hutchins book on Sea fishes of Southern Australia, Plate no 42 identifies it as a White Spotted Shovel Nose Ray, where the smaller species are light brown and have the white spots and the larger species go from dark brown to black. Species can grow to 3.0 metres in length.

Hence about 9:00 am we had packed up weighed in and headed home

Hope to see you at this beach for the February field day and trust we have a few more participants and a good showing of Tailor...

Cheers, Peter O



Field day results for January 2018:

ANGLER		Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance			Total points
						Field Day	Local	General Meeting	
Mark Hansen	Number								
	Total weight						1	1	20.0
	Weight of best								
Gary Parkinson	Number						1	1	20.0
	Total weight								
	Weight of best								
Ron Thomas	Number								
	Total weight	2.74	2	14	47.4	1		1	67.4
	Weight of best								
Peet Wessels	Number								
	Total weight	2.07	2	13	40.7	1		1	60.7
	Weight of best								
Sandra Wessels	Number								
	Total weight	1.35	2	8	33.5	1		1	53.5
	Weight of best								
Oliver Wessels	Number								
	Total weight	0.33	1	2	13.3	1			23.3
	Weight of best								
Peter Osborne	Number								
	Total weight	1.61	2	13	36.1	1		1	56.1
	Weight of best								
Sarah Wignell	Number								
	Total weight	1.02	2	5	30.2	1		1	50.2
	Weight of best								
Shane Wignell	Number								
	Total weight	1.15	2	6	31.5	1		1	51.5
	Weight of best								

Top Fishing Field day points up to end January 2018:

Top scores up to January		
Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Martin Wearmouth	992.80
2	Peter Osborne	853.58
3	Peet Wessels	659.91
4	Sandra Wessels	621.75
5	Theo Van Niekerk	490.28
6	Mark Hansen	397.00
7	Gary Parkinson	346.30
8	Mark Nurse	247.64
9	Brad Zaknich	227.91
10	Vincent Tomazin	216.10
11	Sabby Pizzolante	187.92
12	Ian Taggart	181.58
13	Ron Thomas	171.90
14	Paul Terpkos	116.50
15	Shane Wignell	96.60
16	Sarah Wignell	88.70
17	Pat McKeown	60.00
18	Justin Rose	54.80
19	Oliver Wessels	23.30
20	Dean Stewart	20.00

Field day fished weighed in for January 2018:

ANGLER		Species Tailor	Species Herring, Australian	Species Whiting (other than listed)
Mark Hansen	Number			
	Total weight			
	Weight of best			
Gary Parkinson	Number			
	Total weight			
	Weight of best			
Ron Thomas	Number	2	12	
	Total weight	0.87	1.87	
	Weight of best	0.52		
Peet Wessels	Number	1	12	
	Total weight	0.60	1.47	
	Weight of best	0.60		
Sandra Wessels	Number	1	7	
	Total weight	0.52	0.83	
	Weight of best	0.52		
Oliver Wessels	Number		2	
	Total weight		0.33	
	Weight of best		0.21	
Peter Osborne	Number		12	1
	Total weight		1.55	0.06
	Weight of best			
Sarah Wignell	Number	1	4	
	Total weight	0.50	0.52	
	Weight of best			
Shane Wignell	Number	1	5	
	Total weight	0.50	0.65	
	Weight of best			

Fishing Field day competition section up to end January 2018:

Field Day Sections up to and including January			
Section		Angler	Species
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Ron Thomas	Tailor
2	Most meritorious fish	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)	Peter Osborne	Shark
4	Best mullet (2kg min)	0	0
5	Best tailor (1kg min)	Martin Wearmouth	Tailor
6	Best salmon (3kg min)	0	0
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	Theo Van Niekerk	Skipjack Trevally
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)	0	0
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	Peter Osborne	Westralian Dhufish
11	Best bag of scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Mixed bag
12	Best bag of mullet (2 fish min)	0	0
13	Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Martin Wearmouth	Tailor
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	0	0
15	Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0
16	Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	0	0
17	Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0	0

Sportsperson of the year sections for January		
Section	Angler	Species
Best scale fish	Peet Wessels	Tailor
Best bag of scale fish	Ron Thomas	Mixed bag
Best shark		
Best bag including sharks		

Monthly Recorder report

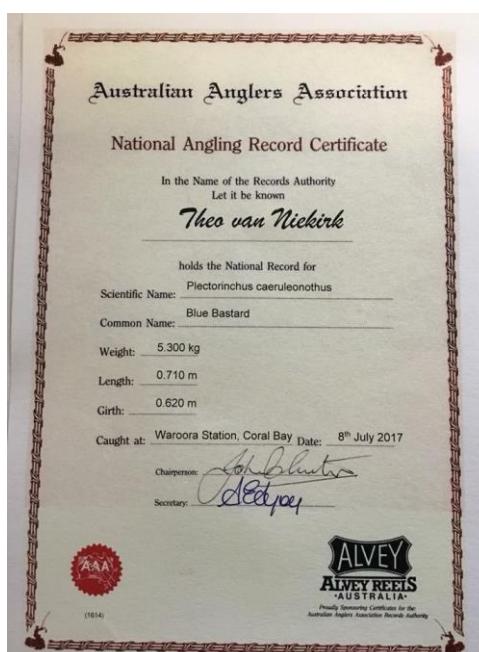
The January fishing comp saw a strong turnout and it was great to see two Juniors enter in the competition, Oliver Wessels kicked off his account with some Herring and Sarah Wignell has now achieved her Junior Masters badge with a Tailor capping off the Free Choice 2 section, well done to both of you!

For the rest of the seasoned campaigners there was no new results

Junior Masters

Species	Skipjack	Flathead	Whiting	Pilchard (yellow eyed mullet)	Herring	Tarwhine	Trevally (others)	Mackerel	Snapper	Bream (all)	Free choice 1	Free choice 2	Need total of 5 to qualify
Minimum weights	0.3 kg	0.3 kg	0.3 kg	0.2 kg	0.2 kg	0.3 kg	Lega 1	Lega 1	Lega 1	Lega 1	0.5 kg	0.5 kg	Number entered
Sarah Wignell	0.37	0.32								0.88	0.55	0.5	5
	Mar 2014	Nov 2010								Apr 2010	Sep 2011	Jan-18	
Oliver Wessels					0.21								1
					Jan-18								

Another Junior Angler Darcy Tomlinson enjoyed a trip down to the Warren river where he caught a magnificent Rainbow Trout on a soft plastic with a single handed outfit. Darcy's trout is eligible for section 18 in the open fishing competition and is also an inaugural club record.



Moving on to older members, Geoff Raftis gave his single-handed rod a workout up at Jurien with a 675g tailor, he sent me a photo with a solid bag of 8 fish. So I now have two entries into section 18 of the open competition that I cant distinguish between, so for the time being I will leave the two entries in and discuss with fellow committee members towards the end of the competition year

Those who follow the club Facebook page will have seen that Theo Van Niekerk's Blue Bastard has been recognised as a state and national record through the AAA, Well done Theo that is a fantastic achievement!

I received Tino Bairdo's Mulloway entry from November, a 19kg specimen that many of us can only dream of and no doubt will have given him a serious arm stretching. The fish takes out the open competition and is a Grandmaster entry, from what Tino uploaded to the club Facebook page in November it looks like he had a great trip beaching some slightly smaller by comparison Mulloway prior to that in the 10-15kg size range, Wow! Wago through to North Kalbarri is very consistent hotspot for large Mulloway, well done Tino I am sure your still smiling after that..... And booking into Wago chalets November next year?

I have heard some rumours that Garry Gildersleeves has caught a jumbo tailor at Kalbarri which may knock off the Leader board in the open competition.



Fish Cleaning at Garden Island

Club fishing records as at January 2018

Common name	Weight	Name	Caught at	Date
Barracouta	1.98 kg	Merv Britten	Cosy Corner	20 July 1960
Barracuda	9.5 kg	C Waddams	Steep Point	26 August 1980
Barramundi	Est 6.2Kg	Ray Walker	Home Valley Station	3 May 2016
Blue Bastard	5.3 kg	Theo Van Niekerk	Waroora Station	8 th July 2017
Blue Devil, Western	0.36 kg	Sandra Wessels	Rottnest	17 August 2014
Bonefish	2.8 kg	George Holman	Steep Point	April 2007
Bream, Black	2.27 kg	Ken Hunt	Belmont	27 September 1962
Bream, Western Yellowfin	2.5 kg	Alby Norman	Useless Loop	18 July 1980
Buffalo Bream, Western	6.7 kg	Alby Norman	Useless Loop	14 June 1977
Catfish, Blue	3.2 kg	Brian Waddams	Steep Point	3 June 1980
Catfish, White-Lipped	0.6 kg	Ian Mascarenhas	Scarborough	17 August 1996
Cobia	33 kg	Allan Carr	Steep Point	2 October 1979
Cod, Greasy (Estuary)	29.48 kg	Les Tate	Kalbarri	30 April 1967
Dart, Common	3.29 kg	E J (Lofty) Griffiths	Cape Cuvier	1 June 1975
Drummer, Silver	7.62 kg	Bob Henderson	Dongara	26 September 2010
Emperor, Grass (Blue-Lined)	4.54 kg	Ted Savage	Wagoe	9 April 1970
Emperor, Red	1.5 kg	R Flynn	Steep Point	1980
Emperor, Spangled	4.08 kg	Brian Hanks	Exmouth	12 June 1972
Flathead, Bar Tailed	0.93kg	Justin Rose	Swan River	19 November 2015
Flathead, Dusky	2.92 kg	Dave Latto	Moore River	17 December 1966
Flathead, Southern Blue-Spotted	1.56 kg	Ian Cook	Wagoe	23 September 2010
Flounder	0.65 kg	Morris Kolman	Hill River	13 April 1996
Garfish, Southern	0.19 kg	Mark Hansen	Cervantes	14 November 2010
Goatfish	1.09 kg	Shane Wignell	Rottnest	15 August 2015
Grunner, Large-Scaled	0.5 kg	Phil Brayne	False Entrance	18 July 1997
Groper, Baldchin	4.3 kg	Mal Thompson	Steep Point	1980
Groper, Western Blue	26.31 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	6 January 1955
Harlequin Fish	1.81 kg	Ken Hunt	Rottnest	11 September 1967
Herring, Australian	0.65 kg	Norrie Cross	Yallingup	27 April 1960
Jewfish, West Australian	19.96 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	14 May 1961
Kingfish, Yellowtail	24.49 kg	Les Ellis	Yanchep	17 May 1959
Leatherjacket, Horseshoe	1.0 kg	Brian Waddams	Rottnest	16 August 1980
Longtom, Slender	4.1 kg	Graham Reeley	Cape Cuvier	22 June 1977
Mackerel, Narrow-Barred Spanish	31.92 kg	Don Bibby	Exmouth	15 September 1973
Mackerel, Shark	10 kg	C Friend	Steep Point	4 October 1979
Mackerel, Spotted Australian	4.54 kg	Jim Strong	Jurien Bay	9 March 1974
Mangrove Jack	1.81 kg	Doug Savage	Kalbarri	9 April 1967
Morwong	1.13 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	7 March 1960
Moses Perch	0.7 kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	24 June 2014
Mullet, Sea	1.13 kg	Bert Payne	Trigg Island	24 May 1955
Mulloway	30.39 kg	Allan Livesy	Kalbarri	26 March 1968
Parrotfish, Blue-Barred Orange	4 kg	Dave Maxted	Steep Point	17 August 1996
Pennantfish	1.07 kg	Peet Wessels	Wagoe	3 June 2012
Queenfish	7.94 kg	Tony Howson	Coral Bay	13 September 1973
Rankin Cod	3.1 kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	17 July 2014
Ray, Eagle	56.25 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	12 May 1955
Ray, White pointer	27.22 kg	Kevin Hawker	Quinns Beach	23 November 1959
Common name	Weight	Name	Caught at	Date

Ray, White-Spotted Shovelnose	50.8 kg	George Holman	Preston	13 January 1971
Sailfish	30.2 kg	Graham Reeley	Steep Point	28 April 1985
Salmon, Western Australian	7.17 kg	Peet Wessels	Bluff Creek	5 March 2016
Samson Fish	23.13 kg	Rudy Lerch	Kalbarri	4 March 1973
Sand Bass	0.38 kg	Mark Hansen	Rottnest	17 August 2014
Sea Perch, Black Banded	0.13kg est	Mark Hansen	Reef Beach	4 March 2017
Sea Perch, Dark Tailed	2.1 kg	Justin Rose	Steep Point	16 November 2016
Sea Perch, Stripey	2.2 kg	Ian Cook	Dirk Hartog Island	15 July 1999
Shark, Blacktip	27.1 kg	George Holman	Steep Point	14 August 1996
Shark, Bronze whaler	76.66 kg	Ron Shirley	Kalbarri	26 February 1973
Shark, Grey Nurse	106.14 kg	E J (Lofty) Griffiths	Kalbarri	26 February 1973
Shark, Gummy	10.43 kg	Allan Bunnnett	Jurien Bay	9 October 1965
Shark, Hammerhead	23.25 kg	Tom Vivian	Kalbarri	2 March 1969
Shark, Lemon	48 kg	Darren Batchelor	Dirk Hartog Island	25 May 1999
Shark, Tiger	38.1 kg	John Devitt	Kalbarri	13 April 1970
Slender Suckerfish	0.35 kg	Peter Osborne	Kalbarri	29 October 2011
Snapper, Pink	16.02 kg	A J Werner	Waikiki	19 November 1953
Snapper, Queen	2.27 kg	J Graham	Cosy Corner	27 June 1955
Snook	3.37 kg	Noel Knight	Augusta	30 May 1970
Sombre Sweetlips	0.55 kg	Mark Hansen	Cervantes	1 February 2013
Surge Wrasse	1.31 kg	Peet Wessels	Rottnest	13 August 2013
Sweetlips, Gold-Spotted	1.5 kg	Bob Klein	Quobba	1 June 1979
Tailor	6.30 kg	Peet Wessels	Bremer Bay	17 September 2014
Tarwhine	1.36 kg	Bob Tucker	Garden Island	16 July 1961
Threadfin Salmon, King	Est 8 Kg	Ray Walker	Eighty Mile Beach	3 June 2015
Threadfin Salmon, Striped	1.1 kg	Rom Niciejewski	Serrurier Island	10 July 1997
Toadfish, Silver (NW Blowie)	6.8 kg	Bert Payne	Monkey Mia	17 November 1965
Trevally, Bludger	7.26 kg	Alby Norman	Wagoe	22 April 1973
Trevally, Giant (Lowly)	27.5 kg	Bob Klein	Cape Cuvier	3 May 1975
Trevally, Golden	15 kg	A Tuvik	Steep Point	12 December 1980
Trevally, Gold-Spotted (Turrum)	9.08 kg	Dennis Green	Cape Cuvier	2 June 1974
Trevally, Silver (Skipjack)	5.44 kg	W Cooper	Trigg Island	16 September 1955
Trevally, Thick Lip	0.38 kg	Mark Hansen	Rottnest	15 May 2011
Tripletail Maori Wrasse	1.1 kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	31 May 2014
Trout, Coronation	4 kg	L Clifton	Steep Point	20 April 1984
Trout, Brown	1.26 kg	J Bennett	Drakesbrook	3 November 1999
Trout, Rainbow	0.562 kg	Darcy Tomlinson	Warren River	6 th January 2018
Tuna, Mackerel	8.93 kg	T O'Hara	Cape Cuvier	3 June 1973
Tuna, Long Tail	22.28 kg	Glen Wong	Preston Beach	10 April 2016
Tuna, Yellowfin	16 kg	Tony Richardson	Steep Point	21 May 1981
Tuskfish, Blackspot	2.4 kg	Peet Wessels	Shelter Bay	9 July 2012
Tuskfish, Blue	4.25 kg	D Stigelmayer	Steep Point	26 March 1985
Western Pigfish	0.80 kg	Sandra Wessels	Rottnest	15 May 2011
Whiting, King George	1.53 kg	John Lee	Garden Island	12 May 1973
Whiting, sand	0.57 kg	George Holman	Wedge Island	28 December 1972
Wirrah	1.81 kg	Tom Smith	Kalbarri	1 September 1965
Wirrah, Leopard	1.44 kg	Peet Wessels	Rottnest	15 May 2011
Wrasse, Brown Spotted	0.92kg	Mark Hansen	Reef Beach	4 March 2017
Wrasse, Seven Banded	0.68 kg	Peter Osborne	Wagoe	29 July 2011
Wrasse, Western King	0.36 kg	Peter Osborne	Rottnest	15 May 2011
Zebra fish	0.39kg	Mark Nurse	Rottnest	21 May 2016

Notes Weights in pounds and ounces have been converted to kilograms and rounded to 2 decimal places (the nearest 10 grams).

Some common names are no longer in use. Some species are no longer eligible. See the list in the Club's Competition Rules <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/CompetitionRules.pdf>

Open fishing competition 2017/18

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2017 and 30 April 2018, 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	
3	Best mullet	5 kg	Tino Bairdo, 19kg, 20 th November 2017, Wagoe
4	Best salmon	3.5kg	Martin Wearmouth, 5.4kg, 30 th July 2017
5	Best flathead	0.5 kg	
6	Best tailor	1.5 kg	Mal Head, 3kg, Kalbarri, 8 th November 2017
7	Best 18cm fish	5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class (Bait)	Legal size	
9	Best pink snapper	2 kg	Justin Rose, 3kg, Steep Point, 26 th November 2017
10	Best tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11	Best mackerel	4 kg	Justin Rose, 12.5kg, Steep Point, 28 th November 2017
12	Best skipjack trevally (southern)	1 kg	
13	Best trevally (northern)	2 kg	Justin Rose, Gold Spot, 8.4kg, Steep Point, 29 th November 2017
14	Best snook or pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best black or yellow finned bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3-15	2 kg	Theo Van Niekerk, Blue Bastard, 5.28kg, Waroora, 8 th July 2017
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	Darcy Tomlinson, Rainbow Trout 0.562kg, Warren River 6 th January 2018 Geoff Raftis, Tailor, 0.675kg, Jurien Bay 20 th November 2017

Barron Lure Competition 2017/2018

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 No Entry

Heaviest Salmon on Lure No Entry

Heaviest Scale fish on lure No Entry

2017/18 Recorder, Justin Rose

DRY CASTING DATES FOR 2018

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW VENUE

Guildford Polo Ground

Competition casting starts at 8:00am

Held on Sunday of:

February 11: March 18: April 8: May 6: June 10

July 1: August 5: September 9: October 7: November 4: December 2:



DryCasting Report 7th January 2018

Our first Drycasting day at the Polo Ground with the Beachcombers was a real success. There were no complaints on the day, as a matter of fact, it was exactly the opposite. There were only positive comments from the members.

The ground had just been mowed and raked and was in perfect condition. The weather was perfect with a slight easterly wind behind us, which made it all the more enjoyable.

Most of us stayed on for the BBQ which was over and done by about 12.15pm.

All in all, a great day and a great venue. Things can only get better, as there were about four or five usual faces that weren't there. Hopefully with the eleven members that did turn up plus a few more, we will be getting a good rollup.

If there are any members who have not been to Drycasting before, you are invited to come out, have a look, and stay for the social side of the sport. If you want to have a cast, I have rods and reels for distance and accuracy. Tuition can also be arranged.

There were two bullseyes in the DHA, one for Alan Jones and the other for Geoff Raftis. Mark Hansen won the Men's Division with 472% and I won the Vet's Division with 466%. I also had the longest cast of 161m along with DHA of 161.

Thank you to the helpers on the day, and hope to see you all at the next casting day which is on 11th February 2018.

Ron Thomas

DryCasting Officer

SURF CASTING & ANGLING CLUB **Drycasting results - 7th January 2018**

	<u>56 gram</u>					<u>Artificial Bait</u>					<u>112gram</u>			
	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>Cast</u>	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>Cast</u>	<u>Cast</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Veterans</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>%</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>%</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>%</u>
BOB HENDERSON	110.9 6	B/O	110.9 6	42.57		108.7 6	85.34	194.1 0	100.0 0		OUT	118.2 7	118.2 7	38.07
RON THOMAS	126.3 9	134.2 7	260.6 6	100.0 0		B/O	129.2 3	129.2 3	66.58		149.0 1	161.6 9	310.7 0	100.0 0
MAL HEAD	99.31	105.1 5	204.4 6	78.44		95.56	93.24	188.8 0	97.27		111.1 6	113.8 0	224.9 6	72.40
JOHN CROMPTON	107.4 6	102.6 8	210.1 4	80.62		88.74	91.27	180.0 1	92.74		104.7 8	106.1 5	210.9 3	67.89
PETER OSBORNE	104.1 1	96.60	200.7 1	77.00		87.87	103.3 6	191.2 3	98.52		108.6 5	115.2 3	223.8 8	72.05
ALAN JONES	99.51	88.71	188.2 2	72.21		94.71	89.55	184.2 6	94.93		102.2 0	106.4 8	208.6 8	67.16
<u>Seniors</u>														
MARK HANSON	91.52	92.43	183.9 5	81.51		106.6 7	103.5 4	210.2 1	100.0 0		109.5 5	114.8 4	224.3 9	90.05
SHANE WIGNELL	110.3 8	115.2 9	225.6 7	100.0 0		95.44	101.4	196.8 7	93.65		124.7 8	124.4 0	249.1 8	100.0 0

SURF CASTING & ANGLING CLUB

Drycasting results - 7th January 2018

	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	%	L	S	L	S	Total	%	%		
BOB HENDERSON	13	20	19	24	7	15	23	21	142	88.20	9	4	7	4	24	80.00	348.84	10	358.84
RON THOMAS	17	16	22	23	22	22	22	17	161	100.00	5	9	9	7	30	100.00	466.58	10	476.58
MAL HEAD	19	17	22	24	2	1	24	17	126	78.26	7	7	3	7	24	80.00	406.37	10	416.37
JOHN CROMPTON	8	10	22	14	7	14	21	15	111	68.94	0	0	5	0	5	16.66	326.85	10	336.85
PETER OSBORNE	12	8	21	16	16	22	12	21	128	79.50	0	7	2	7	16	53.33	380.40	10	390.40
ALAN JONES	20	0	13	25	21	9	23	9	120	74.53	0	0	3	6	9	30.00	338.83	10	348.83
Seniors																			
MARK HANSON	22	24	6	16	6	12	16	18	120	100.00	2	6	9	4	21	100.00	471.56	10	481.56
SHANE WIGNELL	0	10	19	15	0	0	9	8	61	66.30	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	359.95	10	369.95

Veterans: Best Casts for the year 2017 - 2018

Longest 56 Gram	139.82M	Ron Thomas
Longest Artificial Bait	129.23M	Ron Thomas
Longest 112 Gram	162.33M	Ron Thomas
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	168	Bob Henderson
Highest Single Handed Accuracy	33	Ron Thomas

Seniors: Best Casts for the year 2017 - 2018

Longest 56 Gram	1115.29M	Shane Wignell
Longest Artificial Bait	115.43M	Jeff Hewton
Longest 112 Gram	135.14M	Jeff Hewton
Highest Double Handed Accuracy	134	Mark Hansen
Highest Single Handed Accuracy	25	Mark Hansen



Birthdays for February

Slavka Schilo 13th

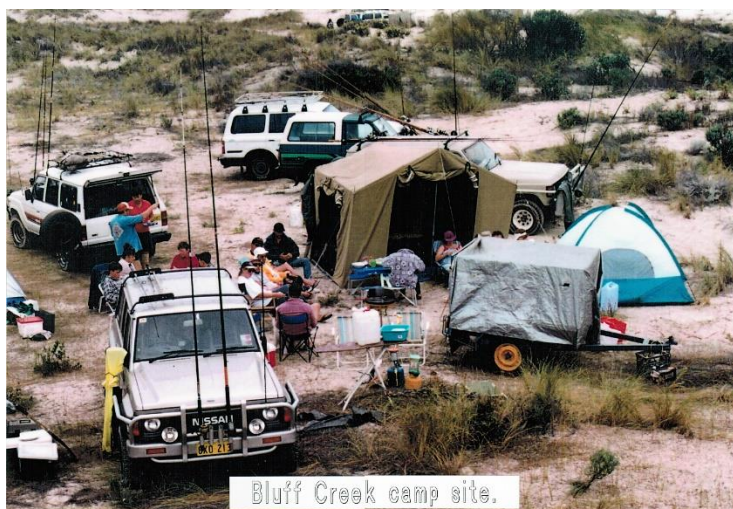
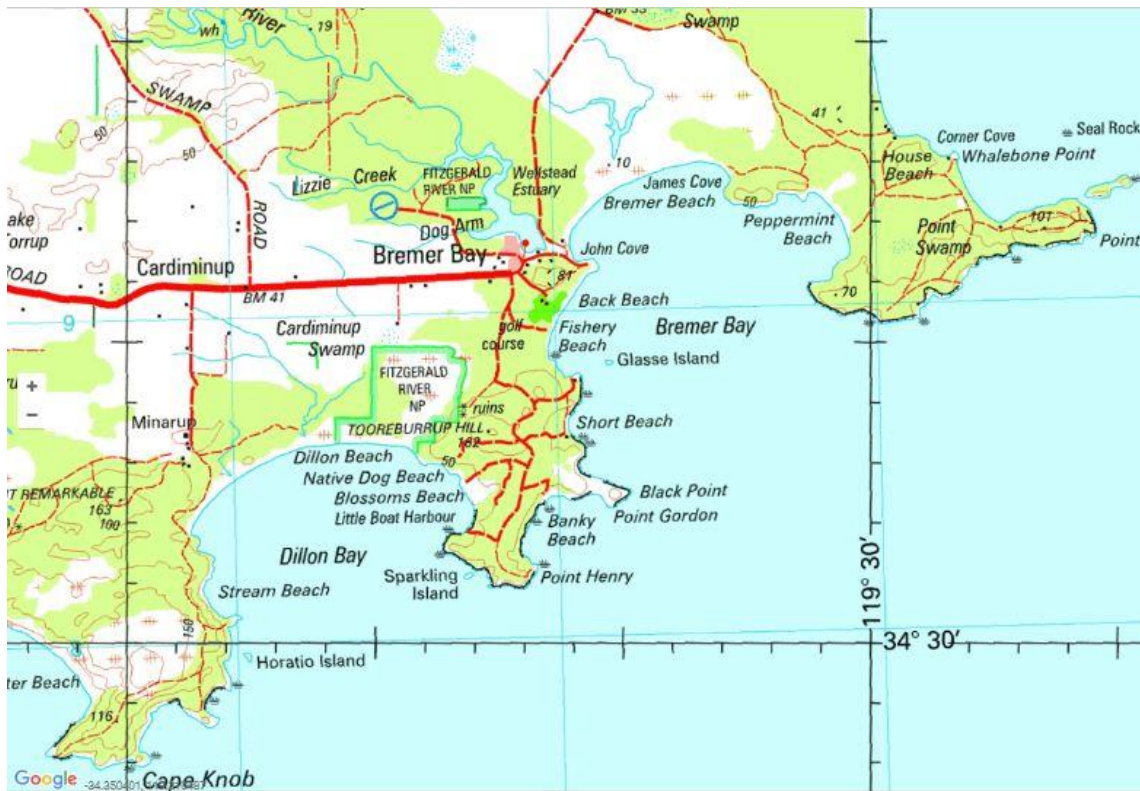
Dean Stewart 28th

We wish you all the best for your special day

Bremer Bay.

Fishing at the heart of Bremer Bay.

- Native Dog Beach. Fishing.
- Blossoms Beach. 4x4 Access and fishing.
- Little Boat Harbour. Fishing. Squidding.
- Banky Beach. Fishing. Access by steep downhill climb to beach.
- Short Beach. Fishing.
- Fishery Harbour. Sheltered harbour. Fishing.
- **Back Beach. 4x4 Access. Soft sand. Low tyre pressure required. Fishing.**
- Estuary Mouth. 4x4 Access. Fishing. Bream in river.
- Bremer Beach. Kid safe. Fishing.



Field day Venues for 2018/19.

Dates	Venues	Reasons / Details
26 -27 May 2018	Rottnest Island	Best tides in May. Sat 15h58 - 0.39 m & Sun 16h36 - 0.36 m.
16 - 17 June 2018	Open - Go anywhere WA	History shows very few people fished in June over the past years.
14 - 15 July 2018	Open - Go anywhere WA	History shows very few people fished in July over the past years.
11 - 12 August 2018	Rottnest Island	Best tides in Aug. Sat 18h08 - 0.20 m & Sun 18h44 - 0.21 m.
22 - 24 September 2018	Bluff Creek	Queens birthday LWE. Great spot for free camping on LWE.
13 - 14 October 2018	Cervantes to Sandy Cape	Weed starts to clear and generally some clear water for Tailor.
17 - 18 November 2018	Cervantes to Sandy Cape	Clear stretches of water with little weed. Good Tailor catches in past.
15 - 16 December 2018	Moore River to 3 Mile	Clear stretches of water with little weed. Good Tailor catches.
26 - 28 January 2019	Cape to Cape	Australia day LWE. Cooler weather down south with many good fishing spots.
16 - 17 February 2019	Preston / White hills	Clear stretches of water with little weed. Good Tailor catches.
1 - 8 March 2019	Esperance Safari	Poison Creek (Sandy Bight) Teeming with Salmon, good camp and free beach camp.
19 - 22 April 2019	Bluff Creek	Good Friday / Easter Monday LWE. Salmon present in large numbers.

Local boundaries from Lancelin in the North to Point Peron in the South.

Fishing time lines down at 6h00 on long weekends.

Fishing time lines up at 9h00 for long weekends.

Fishing time lines down on standard week ends - Sat 9h30.

Fishing time lines up on standard week ends - Sun 9h00.

The Good old days



George Holman - Westralian Jewfish
Date Unknown



Terry Fuller with 25lb samson fish caught on
Yallingup field day

Proposed Motions put forward by Peter Osborne (– key words in italics)

Motion No 1

This concept put forward on basis that the intent of the point scoring system is to recognize the best most “skilled” fisherperson. (Emphasis on skilled) While two measures currently used are based on weight and number of species in combination this gives a good measure of skill, where it is seen to be a fair and reasonable measure except I consider a minor tweak to the calculation to recognize in a small way the number of fish caught.

An example is if you caught 4 Tailor average weight of 0.5 kg and I caught 1 only Tailor of 2.0 kg for the weigh-in points we both receive 10 & for a species plus $10 \times 2\text{kg} = 20$ for a total of 30 points. If one point is given for each fish caught this would give recognition of a better fishing skill in catching more fish now giving you 34 points and I would receive 31 points. I.e. A small increment in recognition of this measure of catch skill.

Notice of Motion #1

Competition Rules Clause 2.4 Field Day Point Scoring

2.4.1 Trip Field Day Attendance Points - remains unaltered.

2.4.2 General Meeting Attendance Points - remains unaltered

2.4.3 Weigh In Points for Field Days Points - are awarded for the following:-

1. - 10 points per eligible species.

2. - 10 points per kilogram weighed in.

Add

3. - 1 point for each fish weighed in

2.4.4 Multiple Hook-Up Remains Unaltered

Motion No 2

There has been a lot of discussion on catch and release in recent months by various club members. It is noted we have a mechanism in the Club Competition Rules for catch and release but is seen to be vastly unfair as it nominates the weight of restricted list of species that is considered very low for any fish actual caught so the person does not release same.

While there is no good evidence of persons disposing of fish (e.g. rubbish bins) following weigh-in, we do see many instances of persons that have a bag of fish that go across the weigh-in scales that are greater than their needs, and then giving away their extra fish to others. Having other club members, friends or relatives recipients of fresh fish is very satisfying and this should be encouraged knowing that some fish may not survive upon release.

By using a system where a more realistic measure of fish weight is allowed would encourage persons who do capture fish greater than their need (both personnel consumption and give to others) who would release fish and be competitive

Notice of Motion # 2

Competition Rules Clause 2.3.6 – Catch and Release

Delete current rule and replace with:-

A member may catch and release any eligible species per the listing in Rule 2.3.1. The following weight will be allocated whereby any fish released, including nominated bag fish numbers, must comply with all obligations incorporated in Rule 2.3.1.

A released fish will be allocated a weight based on the average of the weight of “all” fish of that species weighed in for that field day.

If the number of fish of that species weighed in for that field day is less than three, then the previous month(s) total bag for that species per field day will be included in the calculation.

The objective of ensuring fish survival is for the fish release to be undertaken immediately upon capture with minimal handling, preferably with wet hands or a wet rag and in the “shortest” time possible. A witness to the capture/release is be nominated at the weigh-in, however for some venues or fishing activity this may not be possible. An honour system shall apply where a witness to the capture is not immediately available A witness to the capture/release is be nominated at the weigh-in, however for some venues or fishing activity this may not be possible. An honour system shall apply where a witness to the capture is not immediately available.

For fish released by a Competitor fishing at a “Local” venue then the honour system shall apply.

If a particularly large specimen of a particular species is released, the competitor may make a special application (via the FDO) to the next Committee Meeting.

However to allow a more informed consideration to assist in assessing the weight, the application should include a statement from a witness(s), and/or length in cm, and/or a photograph.

As a last resort as an extension of this concept if a fish that is caught and released cannot be measured using the foregoing concepts to arrive at an assessed weight, the Field Day Officer (in agreement with two other competitors) shall research and make judgement on weight, based on captures of past years or anecdotal information from other sources

Motion No 3

This concept put forward on basis that the use of actual points for Fishing and Drycasting are based on parameters that are entirely different and thus earned different ways that cannot be exactly correlated to each other. By giving the top Fisherperson (using the point scoring system a 100% - (100 percentage points) and the top Dry-caster using the applicable point scoring system 100% (100 percentage points) it puts the top person of each category on exactly the same footing. Other individual scores are calculated as a percent of the top point score for that category. The individual percentage points are added to determine the Sportsman of the year. Historically the results have given a bias towards the top Dry-caster. A check over the past 11 years in comparing the current to the proposed method gave two of the eleven top score would have reversed from the top score to the person who had a larger field day points. It will be seen that no advantage is given to either a caster or fisher and may contribute to more person's involvement of the two forms of competitive sport within the Club.

Further it is noted that not many persons are able to attend 11 events in both fishing or Drycasting monthly competitions (e.g. family, health or work issues impacting ability to attend), Hence it is recommended that for both of these competitions, the top fisherperson, the top Drycasting competitor and calculation of the Sportsman of the Year that the winning person will be based on the best nine (9) scores in each of these sections over the competitive year.

Notice of Motion # 3

Competition Rules Clause 6 Sportsman of the Year Points

The member who gains the greatest number of **percentage** points for **both Fishing and Drycasting** in any one competition year shall be known as the Club's "Sportsman of the Year".

Percentage points shall be based on the top Fishing person actual points, per Rule 6.1 then given are given 100% for the highest points total, (thus 100 percentage points for fishing) and all other percentage point calculations for applicable individuals are a % based on their points received divided by the aforementioned top point score. To this shall be added to the individual Drycasting percentage points using the same method of percentage calculation based on individual points per rule received for Drycasting per Rule 6.2. Totals for both shall be based on the best 9 months score for both Drycasting and Fishing.

Motion No 4

Recreational Fishing Guide – Department of Fisheries.

The Booklet has both guidelines and very specific rules as to what recreational fisherpersons are to observe. While the SCAC Competition rules do address some items and the imposing of specific actions or penalties at weigh-ins it does not give any guidelines or any penalties if a Dept. of Fisheries noncompliance bag is taken to the weigh-in. Further in the booklet there are further rules that must be observed while fishing. (E.g. Catch and Release, Number of Rods, or Flights of Hooks.) Hence to make it clear to competitors the following Rule addition is proposed.

Note the content of this booklet contains both rules and guidelines – the FDO will adjudicate, if persons dispute which category the item fits under.

Notice of Motion # 4

Competition Rules Clause 1.0 – General

Add 1.10 – Dept. of Fisheries Rules:-

With the exception of additional specific rules applying to SCAC as detailed hereafter, any person not complying with the rules provided in the current booklet Recreational Fishing Guide – Government of Western Australia Department of Fisheries, the FDO shall have the bag disqualified for that particular Field Day. All noncompliance items must be tabled or brought to the attention of the FDO by the time the weigh-in is completed

If the Competitor is not in agreement with the FDO decision, he may pursue a change in the decision via Rule 1.1.8 – Protests.

Motion No 5

Local Field Days.

In recognition that for weigh in of local field days a witness may not be available the following shall apply

Notice of Motion # 5

Competition Rules Clause 2.1.10 – Local Field Days

Add a further paragraph after the second paragraph: -

Should a witness not be available an honour system shall apply. Further if the Competitor has a digital camera he or she shall be use same to depict the catch and show scales weight and in particular if a special species or large fish is caught a specific photo would assist the FDO in incorporating such detail into the competition results.

Item 6

Early am start to Field Days

Over the past few months a number of Surrfcasters have put forward a request to start our field days at 6:00, 7:00 or 9:00 am on the Saturday in lieu of 1:00 or 2:00 pm. I arriving at a consensus of an early start time, the FDO shall address at the Wed General meeting prior to the field day.

Mechanics of sign-on

Safety and location of various fishers

Common start time for summer and winter

To put in place for all venues or selected only

Notice of Motion # 6

Add to Rule 2.1.5

The Field Day Officer shall announce the field day start and weigh-in times by either advice in the current monthly Reel Talk, or at the preceding General Meeting

Item 7

Field day venue Selection

Need to give a ruling as to how field selections are made

Notice of Motion # 7

Add rule 2.20

During the period Dec to January, the Field Day Officer shall provide a history of field day catch summary's against each venue by month for the past 3 years or so. From this he will put forward a selection for the forthcoming competitive year by February for discussion and review. comment by the Committee. A final listing compiled by the Field Day Officer shall be published in the April Reel Talk for field day venues for each month and voted upon in the April General Meeting.

The FDO shall take aboard any recommendations for long weekends and away field days and if applicable shall include in his final April recommendation.

Notwithstanding the formal field day selection, if hazardous conditions can be seen for the particular venue (Storms, high wind, large swells) or made non fishable due to weed, the Field day officer I conjunction with at least two other Fisherpersion advising they will be attending that venue, can make a decision to nominate a new location either at the preceding General Meeting or at the Venue field day sign-on locating.

