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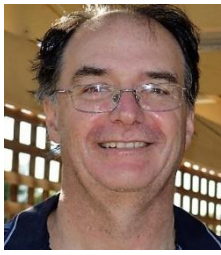
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President's Report – March 2017



As all members will know by now, the March General Meeting will be a particularly important one. Prior to the meeting proper there will be the special meeting during which the members will vote for the formal acceptance of the proposed new constitution. The fact that we are in the position to offer this to the membership is testament to the skill and hard work of our Vice President Vic Schilo. Vic's considerable past experience in this area has been invaluable to the committee and I know all members are very grateful for his efforts. I would also like to thank the members for their interest and involvement in the process. Everyone has been given the opportunity to provide comment on the draft

document allowing some changes to be made to reflect membership opinion.

Please note that only those present and voting at the meeting will figure in the final calculation of the result which does require a 75% majority in order to pass. I would urge as many members as possible to make the effort to attend and register their vote.

This is also the time of the year where we move towards finalising our field day allocations for the next season starting in May. The committee considered the wishes of those who lodged their preferences on the voting sheets provided by Peter Osborne and have come up with a list of suggestions for the members to discuss during the instruction period time at the next meeting.

The committee has listened to member's comments on previous years' selections and tried to come up with a program that has something in it for everyone. Again I would urge all those with an interest in the field day choices to attend the meeting and have their say.

At the last general meeting Life Member Ric Parker raised an interesting point when discussing the Kalbarri property. Ric is one of a few current members who was present when the property was purchased back in the late seventies. He has also served as Property Officer for the club as well as had private property interests in Kalbarri over the years. As such he is well placed to comment on the performance of the Mallard St house. Ric made the point that the club has always been dependant on the public's patronage of the house in order for it to be financially viable.

This is perhaps a little surprising to those of us who are newer to the club, who presumed that the property was purchased and developed with members' usage in mind.

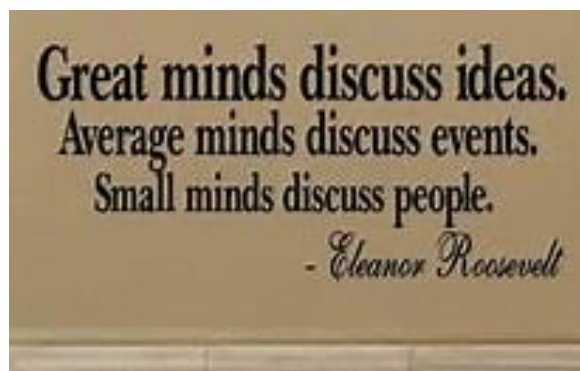
As revealed by the current financial reports, presently we are very reliant on bookings obtained by the realtor managing the property rather than member interest, which remains modest despite the very generous tariffs on offer.

It is good to see Bob Henderson is back and casting. Likewise Mal Head is back and dancing around on the new chassis. Geoff Raftis was obviously impressed because he tells me he may be in for an upgrade as well. Pleasing to see Gary Gildersleeves attended the last dry casting and hopefully we will continue to see this 'Master Caster' in action. I also note John Crompton filled in a preference form for field days for next season. He must be serious because in 1 month he selected both the away and local event. John obviously feels the overall club fishing performances have dropped and he fancies his chances.

All in all I feel there is much to be optimistic about this club's future. We do however need to have a strong constitution supported by as many members as possible. Please show your interest by making a special effort to attend the next meeting and voting.

Shane Wignell President

Thought for the month:



NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION

In accordance with Section 11 of the current Constitution the Surf Casting and Angling Club WA Incorporated Co will be convening a Special General Meeting at which the following resolution will be proposed as a special resolution. to alter the constitution of the association.

The meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 8th March 2017

Special Resolution:

I move that the current Surf Casting and Angling Club WA Inc. Rules (Constitution) be rescinded and Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA Inc Rules as Tabled and distributed to members be adopted.

Victor Schilo; Vice President

1. INFORMATION for Club Members

As from 1 July 2016 all incorporated associations are required to comply with the Associations Incorporation Act 2015. The new Act had many new requirements which were not covered in the Club's current Rules (Constitution).

Your Committee agreed that new Rules had to be prepared so as to fully address each section of the Act.

Every Club member has been forwarded a copy of the "Draft Rules" and had an opportunity to comment.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to this valuable document.

This is an important Special Resolution and will require a vote of 75% of members present and voting to pass so please make every effort to attend.

Shane Wignell, President.

Social Organisers Report March 2017.

Where did that month go the editor is on my back for a report already.
Well here goes do we have a topic?

The top of the list must be the new club constitution most important that you all turn up for the March meeting to have your vote cast.

The second very important item is the fishing locations as requested by all that submitted the form on where you would like to fish for the upcoming year.

Peter Osborne has done a good job trying to satisfy all that submitted forms

Those that didn't don't moan about the locations you had your chance and didn't bother to submit the completed form.

The raffles are going very well thanks to all that support the club by purchasing tickets.

At the March meeting I will ask for a show of hands for those interested in going to the Croatian club for a Friday feed at \$20.00 per head for a good hearty meal.

At the same meeting we need to decide on a date for the night cast as we have fill in a form notifying Belmont City that we are requesting to use their facilities at Garvey Park.

Rumour has it that Ron and Dee are enjoying themselves somewhere north.

Enjoy yourselves and Dee, I hope you had a special birthday.

Have heard from our very own nomad Ray Walker he is back in the big smoke.

Welcome home Ray.

That's about all for this month those going to Reef Beach have a safe and enjoyable trip.

Bluff is the clubs next favourite trip all members enjoy this location see you on beach.

Tight Lines and a great year Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Membership Coordinators Report

This month you will note that we have a membership application from:

Mark Nurse. 99A Abbett Street Scarborough 6019

All members past and present are welcome to attend our monthly meetings, field days and outings.

This especially applies to life members as we look to you for your fishing expertise.

Has anybody heard anything from Andy Thorgerson?

Remember that rumours are like snow balls that get bigger as they go around.

Don't listen to them do something about them.

Enjoy Life Membership Coordinator Pat McKeown

Activity Calendar for the next 2 months.

Dry Casting: Sunday 12 March 2 April

General Meeting: (Second Wednesday) 8 March 12 April

Committee Meeting: (Third Wednesday) 15 March 19 April

Field Days: 4/5/6 March 15/16 April

March Dry Casting

When **SUNDAY 12 MARCH:** **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.

March General Meeting

When Wednesday 8 March commencing at 7.30pm

Where Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room

March Committee Meeting

When Wednesday 15 March, 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.

SCAC Field Day Report: Moore River /Wedge Island 14th and 15th January 2017



Moore River Mouth

Synopsis

The February 2017 field day was spread from Moore River mouth to the north side of Wedge Island. With only a small group, all persons fished the 3 mile reef north of the Moore River. Medium to light SE to SW winds persisted through the fishing period with very moderate temperatures. This gave very comfortable fishing conditions except at about 8:30/9:00 pm weed moved in with some very big clumps. So we all stopped fishing shortly thereafter. Sunday morning gave only minor weed. Plenty of quality Herring was caught with small runs of Tailor sun-down and sun-up, and with one exception, bags weighed in were on the small size but all had a feed.

The Trip.

The sign on was by SMS or at the prior Wed General Meeting.

While the weather forecast was rain and storms, (which did not eventuate) the following enthusiastic members confirmed they wanted to go. However this forecast resulted in some persons deciding not to go and some others for family or health reasons decided at the last moment not to participate.

A total of 4 SCAC Anglers came to the away sign-on where we all met at the carpark above the mouth of the Moore River:- Gary Parkinson, Martin Wearmouth, Ron Thomas and Peter Osborne formed a convoy to proceed north in anticipation of getting a good bag of fish.

The trip north was in soft sand necessitating low tire pressure and 4WD selection. One section of beach was narrow with a very narrow upper track and a soft lower track, the latter wide enough due to a low tide. We all managed to get through this section with no issues.

However Ron's friend, who fished near us decided to leave late evening. The tide was nearly topped out so he tried the upper track at this section – result was to slide off and get badly bogged. Ron and Martin recognized from a km south they were not moving so they went down to give assistance. They managed to pull him back out and after over an hour, all returned to our fishing location. Despite some place being cut up by so many vehicles going up and down the beach, Ron's friends drove out ok early the following morning and all Surfcasters again had no problem getting out mid-morning,

On starting to fish, we all recognized there were some herring about and a few started to come in most were of a good size. Ron Thomas had climbed up on a sand dune behind us as he thought he saw some fish further out. He immediately spotted a 3 to 4 metre shark (probably a bronzy) cruising up the channel. He recognized this animal was patrolling up and down this area. Hence he rigged up a heavy rod with a wire trace and good mullet bait. He was able to cast out and put his bait right in front of the shark. Did the shark pick up on this morsel – NO

Peter had his tailor rod out with a mulie on ganged hooks. Yep, the shark decided this was to be his afternoon snack. Ron saw Peter's rod go off. When Peter picked up his rod and leant on this fish he knew he had a big one. He had an eggbeater loaded with nearly 300 metres of 25 lb line. The shark went northwest but after a 200 yard run under heavy drag turned south. Aha thought Peter I'm winning. Running down the beach as the shark swam south again with heavy drag Peter recovered more than 100 metres of line. Again the fish then turned north and Peter considered he was winning. Getting back to where he first hooked up, the shark said to himself, "I've had enough fun playing with this fisherman and I'm off". Heading due west with reel drag screaming, Peter watched the line on his spool fast disappearing, and with drag tightened up to maximum for this outfit, he now knew that he was no match for this animal and was completely outgunned. When just a few turns left on the spool, he pointed the rod at the shark; hand locked the spool: resulting in a bust-off, fortunately at the leader swivel

Continuing the afternoon shark session, Martin had a short lived similar session – he put a live herring out. Again a reel screaming on a big animal while not seen, considered to again be a pretty good shark. This animal did not stay connected for long as the Shark executed a bite-off and swam freely away.



Martin tried a live herring the following morning and hooked up on about a 1.5 metre shark played it well and had it under control. However while it was close he was unsuccessful, as he tried to lift it up over the edge reef onto the beach, it bit him off. Similarly Peter had a good fish on that morning shortly thereafter and as it jumped and splashed he wasn't sure whether a shark or a large tailor. Same as Martin, as he attempted to lift over the reef edge and onto the beach it bit him off. Whether a Shark or Tailor it would have been a great fish to put in the bag. Hence this stretch of coastline appears to hold a few sharks in the summer.

Martin, Ron and Peter managed to bag out on Herring, where the average weight, gilled and gutted, was a couple of grams short of 0.20 kg. Unfortunately Gary only managed two. The Tailor were fairly sparse and would be generally considered as choppers. Martin managed four Tailor on the evening run and two more in the morning. Peter managed one in the evening and then four in the morning; Ron managed one for each of evening and, morning runs with one of his Tailor, at 0.82kg, being the biggest fish for the weekend. Gary managed to land only one Tailor. Ron managed to land a Pike that evening, however: -

Martin had an extra bit of success with other species - landing some Tarwhine, a Flathead and a Pike in addition to his Herring and Tailor. He had the heaviest bag at 6.15 kg, Peter at 4.28 kg and Ron with 3.91 kg. Gary had 0.85 kg in weight.

We reviewed Gary's gear and while fishing with same bait and rigs same as Martins and only 3 metres away he did not get the bites and hence fish captures as Martin. Can only assume that where Martin was casting there was

a small reef or structure that was attracting fish. Martin has moved up the pecking order to second place in the top ten when compared with his efforts last year of being in number eight position when compared with other competitors. Despite only a small bag, Gary can take bragging right over Vince as he swapped position and moved to position nine in the top ten through February.

As with the others Peter and his wife enjoyed some Tailor and Herring meals through the following week. Peter enjoys a herring fillet (with skin) cooked in a beer batter on an avocado spread (in lieu of butter) with a dash of mayo or tartar sauce on a slice fresh bread – a great sandwich for lunch.



Martin's Tailor and bag



Setting up

Local

No one fished local

The March Field Day is a distant venue that we have not fished for years, (Reef Beach) so hopefully a better fishing experience than we have had over the past few months. Hope to see you there.

Tight lines, Peter Osborne; Field Day officer

Feb 2017 – Moore River to Wedge

ANGLER		Tailor	Herring, Aust'	Flathead -all species	Pike	Tarwhine	Total weight bkg	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance			Total points
											Field Day	Local	Get Meeting	
Gary Parkinson	Number	1	2				0.85	2	3	28.5	1		1	48.5
	Total weight	0.47	0.38											
	Weight of best													
Martin Wearmouth	Number	6	12	1	1	13	6.15	5	33	111.5	1		1	131.5
	Total weight	2.54	2.16	0.30	0.16	0.99								
	Weight of best													
Ron Thomas	Number	2	12		1		3.91	3	15	69.1	1		1	89.1
	Total weight	1.38	2.30		0.23									
	Weight of best	0.82												
Peter Osborne	Number	5	12				4.28	2	17	62.8	1		1	82.8
	Total weight	1.98	2.30											
	Weight of best	0.53												

Field Day Sections up to and including February 2017

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	0		
3 Best shark (4.5kg min)	0		
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		
9 Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.64
10 Best scale fish (Other than above)	Shane Wignell	Cod (other than listed)	1.62
11 Best bag of scale fish	Mark Nurse	Mixed bag	21.93
12 Best bag of mulloway (2 fish min)	Justin Rose	Mulloway	8.10
13 Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	6.20
14 Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	0		
15 Best fish caught on fly rod	0		
16 Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	0		
17 Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0		

Sportsperson of the year sections for February

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Ron Thomas	Tailor	0.82
Best bag of scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Mixed bag	6.13
Best shark			

Best bag including sharks			
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Field day prizes for February			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Ron Thomas	Tarwhine	0.82
Best bag of scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Mixed bag	6.13
Best shark			
Best bag including sharks			

Recorder's Report

Ron Thomas added a Pike to his species badge this month but apart from that it has been very quiet on the recorder front, but I am sure people have been doing some fishing maybe with the recent weather usual species we would target have moved on or gone quiet due to large rainfall taking effect.

I just reviewed the open competition and there are still some sections with no entry, maybe there is an opportunity for someone to pick up some glory at the presentation night later in the year. Hopefully we get some better weather through the next few months and there are some angling opportunities not typical to this time of year with many rivers pushing large volumes of water into the sea and some that rarely break pushing through also.

I have made some observations from my fishing this year I would like to share, usually Australia Day marks the peak crabbing period in the middle swan area and I am usually out there frequently, Unfortunately the large rainfall and resulting fresh water surge has dropped the water temperature and forced the crabs to head into deeper sections of the River where the salt water sits under the fresh, so many crabbers have struggled since. Those still chasing them are targeting the deeper spots around Point Walter and Mosman Bay. The extra sediment and tannins have had a detrimental effect on lure fishing for flathead, Tailor and Yellowfin Whiting, hopefully this clears up soon and the fishing recovers.

I would expect upper river bream and Mulloway fishing would be a little quiet too. This rainfall pouring out through the harbor provides larger predators an ambush opportunity around North and South Moles and a nice Spanish Mackerel was landed at North Mole this week on lure Spanish, Shark and school Mackerel have been caught in the metro area mainly from boats but also from shore based fisher-people along with large numbers of sharks, plenty of shark action at the recent field day!

I have been doing a fair bit of shore based scuba diving over summer chasing Western Rock Lobster and noticed at the main spot I dive the numbers of Lobster drop off through January but by mid February the "whites" have returned close to shore which means various predators that eat crayfish also come closer in. I have seen Dhufish, Break-Sea Cod, large Tarwhine and Fox Fish all within casting distance from shore along with the typical nearshore species

Last year we had a great metro Salmon season and I would expect this year to be similar to keep your eyes peeled as they should start to turn up through the later part of March

2016/17 Recorder, Justin Rose

Barron Lure Competition 2016/2017

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

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

Heaviest Tailor on lure

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

Heaviest Salmon on Lure

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

Open fishing competition 2016/17

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

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

Dry Casting Report 5 February 2017

The conditions were not what you would call favourable, but the 10 members that did turn up enjoyed a good day at casting, and a get together after for the Bbq.

It was good to see Hendo back, who incidentally scored the only bullseye in the double handed accuracy, but apart from that did not have the best of days with 2 outs in the distance events.

Gary Guildersleeves made a return on the day, which was a surprise, considering we haven't seen him for over 8 months. Welcome back Gary, hope to see more of you in the future. Even though Gary has been absent for quite a while, he still managed to take out the double handed accuracy with 143.

Mark Hansen won the men's double handed accuracy with 111.

Mal Head and Jeff Hewton both scored bullseyes in the single handed accuracy.

The longest cast for the day was 163.29 by myself.

Klaus has been absent for the past 2 months with shoulder problems. Hope you get that sorted out Klaus and get back into it again.

Over the past couple of months i have received a few complaints regarding where we stand after we have cast in the distance, which is not allowing the next person to cast. In future can you please walk

to one side and well back from the casting line so that the next person can cast without interference, but more importantly, cast safely.

Just a reminder that on all casting days in future there will be 2 distance rods with reel and 1 accuracy rod and reel available for anyone who needs them.

Thank you to all the helpers on the day for packing up the gear which allows me time to cook the sausage sizzle.

Drycasting officer Ron Thomas

Drycasting results - 5th February 2017

Double Handed Accuracy

		Target number								
Veterans	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Total	%
JOHN CROMPTON	19	3	7	21	18	0	B/O	21	89	62.24
BOB HENDERON	8	15	25	7	B/O	19	21	13	108	75.52
PETER OSBORNE	20	10	12	15	0	20	B/O	12	89	62.24
RON THOMAS	18	17	14	20	21	12	16	24	142	99.30
ALAN JONES	18	15	17	20	0	11	23	17	121	84.62
GARY GUILDERSLEEVES	17	23	17	18	16	16	22	14	143	100.00
MAL HEAD	12	18	15	17	2	0	13	7	84	58.74
GEOF RAFTIS	10	20	18	B/O	13	14	23	9	107	74.83

Seniors										
MARK HANSON	6	11	12	20	12	22	16	12	111	100.00
JEFF HEWTON	0	6	16	15	0	18	18	24	97	87.39

Double Handed Accuracy

Target number

Single Handed Accuracy

Target distance

Veterans	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Total	%	L	S	L	S	Total	%
JOHN CROMPTON	19	3	7	21	18	0	B/O	21	89	62.24	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
BOB HENDERON	8	15	25	7	B/O	19	21	13	108	75.52	0	3	5	8	16	51.61
PETER OSBORNE	20	10	12	15	0	20	B/O	12	89	62.24	2	8	6	6	22	70.97
RON THOMAS	18	17	14	20	21	12	16	24	142	99.30	8	6	8	9	31	100.00
ALAN JONES	18	15	17	20	0	11	23	17	121	84.62	2	5	0	9	16	51.61
GARY GUILDERSLEEVES	17	23	17	18	16	16	22	14	143	100.00	7	4	2	4	17	54.84
MAL HEAD	12	18	15	17	2	0	13	7	84	58.74	0	10	9	0	19	61.29
GEOF RAFTIS	10	20	18	B/O	13	14	23	9	107	74.83	0	5	0	0	5	16.13

Seniors

MARK HANSON	6	11	12	20	12	22	16	12	111	100.00	0	4	4	0	8	57.14
JEFF HEWTON	0	6	16	15	0	18	18	24	97	87.39	0	10	2	2	14	100.00

Veterans: Best Casts for the year 2016 – 2017

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

Fishing Field Days General

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

Local Field Day for March

<u>When</u>	Saturday/Sunday/Monday
<u>Lines in</u>	Saturday 1pm
<u>Lines Out:</u>	Monday 10am
<u>Weigh in</u>	Sunday TBA
<u>Boundaries</u>	Standard – Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Moles.

SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS, SUN RISE / SUNSET TIMES & TIDES FOR 4, 5 & 6 MARCH.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR PERTH:

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
Sat 04/03	06:08	18:48	11:46	22:53
Sun 05/03	06:09	18:47	12:50	23:43
Mon 06/03	06:10	18:45	13:51	00:37 f

PREDICTED TIDES FOR FREMANTLE

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT							
Sat 04/03	04:45	0.65	14:33	0.98				
Sun 05/03	01:56	0.59	15:19	1.01				
Mon 06/03	02:31	0.54	16:16	1.02				

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

SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS LOCAL

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
Sat 04/03	FAIR	15:20 – 17:20	02:52 – 04:52	
Sun 05/03	POOR	16:16 – 18:16	03:48 – 05:48	FIRST QUARTER
Mon 06/03	POOR	17:13 – 19:12	04:44 – 06:44	

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

March Away Field Day

When Saturday/Sunday/Monday
Where Reef Beach
Boundaries Beach area to rocks at east end
Sign on TBA
Lines in Saturday 1pm
Lines out Monday 10 am
Weigh in Weigh in TBA

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, SUN RISE / SUNSET TIMES & TIDES

FOR REEF BEACH 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 MARCH.

Please note that these calculations have been made using Reef Beach (Long 119.09’36”) as the reference point.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR REEF BEACH:

DAY / DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
Fri 03/03	05:57	18:43	10:36	21:54
Sat 04/03	05:58	18:41	11:42	22:39
Sun 05/03	05:59	18:40	12:47	23:29
Mon 06/03	06:00	18:39	13:49	00:23 f
Tues 07/03	06:01	18:38	14:40	01:15 f

PREDICTED TIDES FOR REEF BEACH:

DAY / DATE	TIME AND PREDICTED HEIGHT							
Fri 03/03	00:26	0.71	06:24	0.53	13:35	0.88		
Sat 04/03	058:09	0.50	13:57	0.87				
Sun 05/03	04:29	0.43	13:40	0.87				
Mon 06/03	04:26	0.35	19:44	0.93				
Tues 07/03	04:41	0.30	20:32	0.99				

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

SOLUNAR PREDICTIONS - REEF BEACH

DAY / DATE	PREDICTION	PREDICTED PRIME TIMES		MOON PHASE
Fri 03/03	GOOD	14:15 – 16:15	02:48 – 04:48	FIRST CRESCENT +1
Sat 04/03	FAIR	15:10 – 17:10	02:42 – 04:42	
Sun 05/03	POOR	16:06 – 18:06	03:38 – 05:38	FIRST QUARTER
Mon 06/03	POOR	17:03 – 19:03	04:34 – 06:34	
Tues 07/03	POOR	18:00 – 20:00	05:32 – 07:32	

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

Charts supplied by John Curtis

April Away Field Day

When Saturday/Sunday 15/16/17 April
Where Bluff Creek
Boundaries Beach area to rocks at east end
Sign on TBA
Lines in Saturday 1pm
Lines out Monday 10am
Weigh in Bluff Creek

April Local Field Day

When Saturday/Sunday/Monday 15/16/17
Lines in Saturday 1pm
Lines out Monday 10am
Weigh in TBA
Boundaries Standard Local

Birthdays for March

**Klaus Schonwolf 21; Maureen Wignell 22; Charles Faure 23,
Rita Pizzalante 25; Jason Zerella 30; George Belin 31**

We wish you all the best for your special day

This article appeared on page 1 of the Post Newspaper



TIGER SHARK HOOKED NEXT TO SWIMMERS

More Cottesloe residents have complained about sharks being attracted to popular swimming beaches.

A 1.5m tiger shark was hauled in at Grant Street beach last Thursday evening while there were swimmers in the water nearby.

On Monday night, local couple witnessed more fishers, apparently the same men, using a fishing kayak to help them catch sharks.

The couple said another beach user had shown them a photo he had taken of the tiger shark.

“They were paddling out repeatedly with sacks full of something and also taking the hooks and baits offshore while men with fishing rods were on the beach. “It was a hot and balmy evening and people were still swimming.”

We as responsible club members and recreational fishers need to always be aware of illegal fishing activity around us.

Report any infringements immediately.

SCAC - FIELD DAYS - 2017/18

The following selection of field days is the recommendation from the Committee based on an analysis from the submissions provided by various club members and as compiled by the FDO at the February Committee Meeting.

Please use this information for discussion at the March General Meeting whereby an informal agreement is to be reached club members and then formally voted on at the April General Meeting.

Month	Venue –	Date / times Propose Date Or Alternative	Boundaries & Other issues to be addressed
May 2017	Rottnest	Lines down 1:00 pm 27 May Lines up 7:00 pm 28 May	Most go across to Rotto on Fri late afternoon - return Mon am
	Local Floreat to Preston	di	-
Jun 2017- (LWE)	Kalbarri – Incl Pt Gregory & Horricks	Lines down 1:30 pm 3 Jun Lines up 9:00 am 5 Jun	Use of club house for accom, sign-on and weigh- in, Boundaries Incl north side of river mouth, to Horricks
	Local - Floreat to Lancelin	di	
Jul 2017–	Cape to Cape	Lines down 1:30 pm 15 Jul Lines up 10:00 am 16 Jul	Busselton Jetty to Augusta : Weigh-in & Sign-on & Weigh-in at Busselton south side of Jetty Car park
	Local - Floreat to Cut @ Mandurah	di	
Aug 2017–	Rotto	Lines down 1:00 pm 12 Aug Lines up 10:00 pm 13 Aug,	Most go across to Rotto on Fri late afternoon - return Mon am
	Local - Floreat to Preston	di	
Sep 017 (LWE)	S Bend Caravan Park	Lines down 1:30 pm 23 Sept Lines up 9:00 am 25 Sept	Greenough R mouth to drive south of Flat Rock : Weigh-in & Sign-on & Weigh-in at Caravan Park
	Local - Floreat to Lancelin	di	
Oct 2017	Cervantes/Jurien	Lines down 1:30 pm 14 Oct Lines up 10:00 am 15 Oct	Green Head to south side of Cervantes Beach: Sign-on & Weigh-in at Car park access to Hill R
	Local - Standard Boundaries	di	
Nov 2017	Walpole	Lines down 1:30 pm 11 Nov Lines up 10:00 am 12 Nov	Estuary and local beaches - Sign-on/Weigh-in at Caravan Park
	Local - (Floreat to Cut @ Mandurah)		
Dec 2017 -	Moore River to Seabird	Lines down 1:30 pm 9 Dec Lines up 10:00 am 10 Dec	Early weekend, as week before Christmas many have family socials Sign-on/Weigh-in at river mouth boat launch car park
	Local - (Floreat to Lancelin)	di	
Jan 2018	Swan & Canning Rivers	Lines down 1:30 pm 13 Jan Lines up 10:00 am 14 Jan	All river system up E shed Sign-on/Weigh-in at Point Walter
Feb 2018	Preston to White Hills	Lines down 1:30 pm 17 Feb Lines up 10:00 am 18 Feb	Preston South beach to White Hills Sign- on/Weigh-in at Preston Beach Car Park
	Local - (Std Boundaries)	di	
Mar 2018 (LWE)	Bremer Bay	Lines down 1:30 pm Sat 3 Mar Lines up 9:00 am Mon 5 Mar	All local beaches : Sign-on/Weigh-in at Caravan Park
	Local – Floreat to Moore River	di	
Apr 2018 – (LWE)	Bluff Creek at Easter	Lines down 1:30 pm 31 Ma Lines up 10:00 am 2 Apr	Boundaries able to drive north and south of creek: Sign-on/Weigh-in at Camp Site adjacent to creekk
	Local Floreat to beaches up to Club Capricorn	di	

5 WAYS TO KEEP ICE LONGER

By Scott Thomas | 30 January 2017

From Fishing World e-News 2 February 2017

Whether it's keeping fish chilled or your drinks icy cold, follow these tips and keep your cool.

- 1) No peeking!
Opening and closing your ice box too often is a sure fire way of melting what's inside. Keep it closed and keep your ice.
 - 2) Pre-chill the ice box
Starting with a cold ice box makes all the difference. The night before packing your ice box, pre pack it with ice or freezer blocks. When it comes time to pack your drinks and food, discard those original freezer blocks or ice and add fresh ones to the already chilled ice box.
 - 3) Pre-chill or freeze food
Just like point 2, if you're adding room temperature drinks and food you'll soon melt your ice. Chill it all beforehand in the fridge and freeze food whenever possible.
 - 4) Drain water
If using loose ice, drain the melted water for longer ice retention. Some ice boxes have drainage plugs to make it easier.
 - 5) Make a slurry
If you're keeping fish in your ice box, add sea water to your loose ice and make a "slurry", a type of slushy for holding fresh fish. The salt in the sea water lowers the temperature and keeps it cool for longer.
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A write up on targeting Mulloway for land based anglers by [Warren Cain](#).

Copied from Fishing Western Australia Facebook page

With Mulloway, I have been extremely lucky and have caught many Mulloway; however I still come across the occasional passionate angler who has never had the pleasure. So here is what I have learnt and I hope you may pick up some tip/tips in excess of what you already know.

When reading in fishing magazines, blogs or watching fishing shows they often discuss rigs and techniques, however often forget one of the most important facts with mulloway, they are an ambush predator and they spook very easily. It is possible to catch a mulloway on the flats or in some random area, but this is the exception, not the rule. To increase your chance of landing one of these beauties, fish an area where there are opportunities for an ambush. These areas include deep gutters when surf fishing, bridges, jetties, wharfs, drop offs, shallow reefs etc.

A mulloway will sit in a protected area and often wait until some unfortunate victim (hopefully your bait or lure) to pass by and attack, then returning to its safe spot waiting for its next victim. If you are surf fishing for mulloway and trying to identify a deep gutter. A lot of anglers make the same mistake, they show up at the beach ready for a fish to find the sun in your eyes and the old Freo doctor has hit and it is near impossible to identify a prime area.

A tip, go down to your beach early in the morning when the wind is low and the sun behind you and from the sand hills, identify the best area, mark the spot and return 1 hour before sunset to fish and this leads me to the best time to fish. As Mulloway are primarily nocturnal, then fish for them at night. My experience is 1 hour before sunset until 3 hours after and vice versa for dawn is the best time.

For bait, Mulloway aren't really all that fussy, taking mullies, squid, occy, herring etc. my tip is the fresher the bait the better. Also, as they spook easily but are very active on a full moon, fillets such as tailor, one side is being reflective can spook a mulloway. The tip is to fold the fillet in half (long ways) so the scales are covered and the flesh out and then rig your line.

Last tip for mulloway is they can often tentatively hold your bait in the corner of their mouths so if you strike as soon as you feel something, you are often just pulling the bait from their lips and missing your opportunity.

If you are fishing with spinning set up then free spooling or setting your drag lightly can help, but I prefer to fish with either a bait caster or an overhead and have the ratchet on so you can hear when the fish strikes.

This is also a very pleasant way to fish a night away as you can relax, enjoy a beverage or two! If you are lucky enough to hear your line running, when the line starts increasing in speed or screaming, then is the time to set your hook and enjoy the fight. If you are fishing with circle hooks, forget this, just start winding.



What Impacts Safety When Towing A Caravan?

When it comes to towing, there is no disputing it takes practice and experience to become comfortable behind the wheel of your rig – no matter the situation and conditions. Experience will come with time, however there are several factors that should be considered that can impact the “towability” of any trailer, whether it be a caravan, box trailer, boat trailer or horse float.

The Tow Vehicle

Your tow vehicle is obviously one of the most important parts of your towing set up. Let’s face it, you won’t get very far without it, so make sure you choose wisely. All aspects of the tow vehicle must be adequately rated to tow your trailer. You must also consider the effects of loading your tow vehicle up with gear as this may reduce the physical towing capacity of your vehicle.

Load Distribution and Capacity

Loading your caravan correctly is crucial to ensuring a safe and hassle free journey. All items inside your caravan should be adequately stowed and restrained because lateral movement of items during transit can contribute to trailer sway and instability. Distribute the loads evenly, remembering that heavier items should be stored as low as possible and in the centre of the caravan as close to the axle group as possible. Only light items should be placed in the overhead compartments.

Consider the consequences of any DIY additions or modifications you may carry out on your caravan. While it might seem handy to simply fit an additional toolbox or jerrycan holder to the rear bumper or A-Frame of your caravan, these types of additional loads can have a substantial impact on the towability of the product. These kinds of additions and modifications should be carried out by an authorised and adequately trained person, and ideally fitted by the manufacturer at the time of original production. This will allow the manufacturer to consider these loads and their effects on the product during the design stage of manufacture.

Servicing and Maintenance

Just like your tow vehicle, you must get your caravan regularly serviced. Further to this, you should also conduct frequent maintenance checks on your caravan prior to heading off on any trip. Incorrect tyre pressures can contribute substantially to vehicle instability, so make sure you check your tyre pressures regularly and ensure the tyres are inflated to the recommended pressure. It is also advised to regularly check the wheel nuts or studs to ensure they are tightened to the correct torque as specified by the manufacturer.

Towing Aids

Towing aids such as anti-sway bars or hitches and electronic sway control units may reduce the effects of trailer instability – but do not necessarily eliminate or rectify the actual cause of the issue. While all of these towing aids may assist in keeping your rig inline if things get a little out of hand, considering other factors such as load distribution and capacity in conjunction with these components to get to the bottom of the issue is more effective.

This article was originally posted by [Lets Go Caravan and Camping](#).



Driving On Sand Dunes: Tips and Tricks

There's nothing quite as thrilling as conquering a sand dune, but there are some deadly consequences to approaching the hills without proper preparation.

If you want to tackle the dunes, heed these golden rules to stay safe.

TYRES

Not as dangerous as it is inconvenient, sinking into the soft sand and bogging is one of the biggest thrill-killers of beach and desert driving. To avoid this you'll want to lower the pressure in your tyres. This disperses the immense weight of the 4WD across a larger area and prevents your tyres from sinking into the fine sand. The recommended tyre pressure to go by is 16-18 psi.

MOMENTUM

Important for flat sand driving and dune driving, keeping momentum up and stopping only when safe is the key to a great time. While maintaining tyre pressure is important, it is not the cure-all for your sandy problems. Finding opportune times and places to stop are just as important for staying above the sand. Not stopping on inclines and stopping on declines are a good start, and a nice run up to a dune is a great way to climb that goliath you've always had trouble with.

AWARENESS

A certain amount of speed and momentum is important for a successful climb, but awareness is just as important to help keep life and limb. Slowing down is recommended towards the apex of a dune for a number of reasons. First and foremost, flooring it at the apex will most likely result in a few seconds of hang time followed by a short and potentially fatal fall. On top of this, caution is needed at the top of a dune as the few seconds of looking skyward creates a huge blind spot and makes approaching vehicles and pitfalls that much more dangerous. Sand flags attached to the car are highly recommended as they'll alert other cars to your position.

THE GOLDEN RULE

The golden rule for dune driving is to always go straight up and straight down. If you're ever thinking of hitting the dunes, always remember to only ever drive straight on the dunes. The unstable sand coupled with the top-heavy nature of 4x4s will lead to turns on a dune becoming deadly. If you want to keep your car in one piece, never cross a side slope or turn when on a dune.

So now you're ready to hit the beach or track through the desert. This guide may sound scary, but with some precautions sand dune driving really is a blast!

This article was originally posted by 4X4 Australia

Five tips to improve your surf fishing

Like all things there is never any substitute for experience, but there are a few simple things you can look into to improve your surf fishing. The five points below provide some simple advice for improving different aspects of your surf fishing.

1. Harden Up Baits

When soaking soft baits such as pilchards / mulies for larger fish like tailor, mulloway, salmon or gummy sharks sometimes it doesn't take long for baits to be stripped to the bone by small picking fish such as whiting or herring. Also sometimes you might find that baits are only lasting a few casts as once they've been in the briny for a little while they become water-logged and too soft to hold up through the action of the cast or the impact of the water.

Using salted baits is one way to get around these problems. Pilchards can be salted by yourself or many places sell them pre-salted. The salting process involves putting layer upon layer of salt on the fish until most of its moisture has been removed. This results in a tougher bait that is more resistant to the wear-and-tear of surf fishing.

Another option is to try using *ghost cotton*; a thin, white cotton that should be available at your local tackle store. Ghost cotton can be wrapped around the bait a few times to hold it together and to keep it tighter on the hook. This will strengthen the bait against the water's impact when it's cast and will also make it more difficult for any of those frustrating pickers to get away with your bait.

Slidebaiting is one method for increasing the distance you can cast

2. Pick Your Spots

Undertaking some reconnaissance of the beach you're going to fish from can greatly increase the likelihood of finding fish when you put a line in the water. Some beaches change shape on a regular basis. While the sand you're standing on might look the same as it did earlier on in the year, it's highly likely that under the water things are different. Wave, tide and rip action causes gutters and sandbars to move which then has an impact on where fish are.

Checking a beach at low tide or on a calm day can help reveal how the beach currently looks and where you should fish. If planning a night fishing session visiting the beach during the middle of the day can help identify where to park the car or how far to walk down the beach before casting out.

One of the ways to make this reconnaissance a lot easier is to:

3. Get some Polaroid glasses

There's no doubt that being able to identify any gutters or holes along the beach you're fishing will increase your chances of catching good fish. Polaroid glasses can greatly enhance your ability to do this by cutting the light's reflection off the water making it easier to clearly identify any changes in water colour - this may mean better identification of schooling fish such as salmon or baitfish, gutters, reef, weedy outcrops or if at a river mouth where the edge of the dirty water lies.

All anglers should have a pair of Polaroid glasses, even a cheap servo pair will make an amazing difference.

A tasty sized salmon sitting in the shallows - they're not always out in the deep!

4. Casting Too Far or Too Close?

It's easy to think that the further you cast your line the more likely you are to catch fish. At times, and depending on the species you're hunting, this can be correct, but sometimes it can sell you short.

As fish tend to congregate around structure and drop-offs the location of these can locations can sometimes be in quite close to the shoreline. Sometimes they can be right out the back of the location you are fishing. If you've undertaken Tip 2 of these five points you will know where to cast.

If you have trouble getting the distance you would like a number of things can help make a difference. 1) braided lines, read Tip 5 for more information; 2) **check the spool on your reel is filled with line**; 3) investigate slide-baiting, a method allowing you to cast the sinker only and send the bait out later; and 4) ask your tackle store about impact sinkers which allow the bait to be connected to the sinker thereby improving the rig's aerodynamic nature.

5. Understand Braid and Mono Line Differences

Braid and mono lines both bring advantages and disadvantages to fishing. When surf fishing it's valuable to be aware of these differences and the impact it has on what you're doing.

Braided lines have very little stretch. This can make it difficult to set a sinker when fishing in conditions with large or heavy wave actions. It may also increase the chance of being snapped off if you receive a heavy hit from a fish. Monofilament lines can circumvent these problems but in return you can lose bite sensitivity and casting distance.

Also while the flexibility of mono will allow for some give through the impact of a wave, its larger diameter, sometimes up to twice the diameter of a braided line, can create issues. Due to the larger diameter the line tends to catch more of the wave impact as well as the wash of the current under the water.

Braided lines also have a low tolerance to abrasion. This means if you're fighting a fish and it takes you to the reef or rocks, braid is likely to give way a lot quicker than mono line will. This can be easily fixed by using a mono leader which will provide that protection needed in these sorts of areas.

This article was written for Seabreeze courtesy of Ajiking Pro Game Fluoro Leader

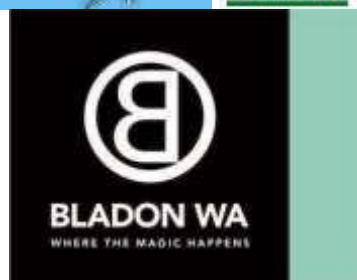
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KALBARRI HOUSE FOR RENT



The Surf Casting and Angling Club owns a house in Kalbarri which is ideal for a fishing or family holiday. Access to the famous fishing spots at Wagoe, Lucky Bay, Port Gregory, etc is just a short drive away via the main bitumen road.

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

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

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

Outside there is built-in gas barbecue, a fish cleaning facility and a full width veranda. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Pets are allowed but must stay outside the house.

Rates are:

Short term (min 2 nights) \$100 per night

Weekly rate: Stay for 7 nights and only pay for 5

Contact Victor Schilo for SPECIAL CLUB MEMBER RATES, bookings or more details (mob 0413 152 550 or email treasurerscac@inet.net.au) Collect keys in Perth before leaving for Kalbarri.

Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

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

