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Thank you all.

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### **Presentation Night 2016**

Presentation Night Details:  
Buffet Dinner including Sweets  
Cost \$30.00 per Head  
Saturday 23rd July 2016  
6:30pm-10:30pm  
Croatian Club  
18 Wishart Street  
Gwelup

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## **Club Committee for 2015/16 (Updated for April)**

### **Life Members of the Club**

George Holman, Ric Parker, Ian Cook, Bob Henderson, Terry Fuller.

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

## **May Dry Casting**

**When** Sunday 1 May 2016. Competition casting starts at 8:30am  
**Where** Mirrabooka Regional Open Space.  
**Fees** \$10 per person, \$12 per family.  
**Events** Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.

<b><u>Casting order</u></b>	<b>Seniors, Ladies and Juniors</b>	<b>Veterans</b>
1 May 2016	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance

## **May General Meeting**

**When** Wednesday 11 May 2016  
**Where** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

## **Fishing Field Days General**

**Local sign on** At General meeting or phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.

**Late sign on** 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.

**Please SMS** the Field Day Organiser at 0401 054 110 as he will not answer the phone if he is driving or if earlier, he may be out on a reef fishing.

**Club sign off** If you have signed on then you must sign off in person at the weigh-in place at the nominated time or by phone (or if not contactable by phone use 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.

**Club fees** \$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.

**FDO** Local FDO to be advised at the General meeting.

**Fish** 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.

**Local boundaries** 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.

**Local weigh in** Location to be set at General meeting, or the Local Field Day officer may set an alternative or additional location or time by arrangement with the members who have signed on. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8pm the next night.

**Fish together** 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.

## **May Committee Meeting**

<b><u>When</u></b>	Wednesday 18 April 2016, 7:30pm.
<b><u>Where</u></b>	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
<b><u>Visitors</u></b>	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.

## **May Field Day**

<b><u>When</u></b>	Saturday/Sunday 21/22 May 2016.
<b><u>Where</u></b>	Rottnest Island/Preston Beach (Split Field Day)
<b><u>Boundaries</u></b>	Rottnest Coast Line/White Hills to Meelup
<b><u>Sign on</u></b>	Sign on Saturday 12 noon at Rottnest Chalets/Preston Car Park
<b><u>Lines in</u></b>	Saturday 1pm
<b><u>Lines out</u></b>	Sunday 8pm
<b><u>Weigh in</u></b>	Weigh in Sunday 9pm at Rottnest chalets/Preston Car Park

## **Local Field Day For May**

<b><u>When</u></b>	Saturday/Sunday 21/22 May 2016
<b><u>Lines in</u></b>	Saturday 1pm
<b><u>Lines out</u></b>	Sunday 8pm
<b><u>Weigh in</u></b>	Sunday 9pm
<b><u>Boundaries</u></b>	To be decided

## **June Field Day – South Preston**

<b><u>When</u></b>	Saturday/Sunday 11/12 June 2016.
<b><u>Where</u></b>	South Preston
<b><u>Boundaries</u></b>	South of Preston Car Park Entrance to Meelup
<b><u>Sign on</u></b>	Sign on Saturday 11am at Miami Bake House.
<b><u>Lines in</u></b>	Saturday 1pm
<b><u>Lines out</u></b>	Sunday 10am
<b><u>Weigh in</u></b>	Weigh in Sunday 11am at Miami Bake House.

## **Local Field Day for June**

<b><u>When</u></b>	Saturday/Sunday 11/12 June 2016.
<b><u>Lines in</u></b>	Saturday 1pm
<b><u>Lines out</u></b>	Sunday 10am
<b><u>Weigh in</u></b>	Sunday 11am
<b><u>Boundaries</u></b>	To be decided

## **Member Applications And Acceptances**

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the next Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any of the applications should not be accepted please contact a Committee member and state the reason.

Vincent Tomazin, 65a Guildford Road, Mt Lawley, WA, 6050

Alistair McDonald, 64 Moira Ave, Forrestfield, WA, 6058

Membership Coordinator, Pat McKeown

## **Club Shirts, Jackets, Hats, Badges and Stickers**

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

Available from Committee member Shane Wignell.

## **Bookings for Kalbarri House**

See the article on the inside back cover of Reel Talk for rates and more information.

Pets may be allowed by prior arrangement but must stay outside the house.

Please contact Property Officer Eric Parker by phone or email for bookings or more information. Collect keys in Perth before leaving for Kalbarri. Please arrange key pickup in advance. Please return keys within 2 days.

Property Officer 2015/16, Eric Parker

## **Wanted - Scrap Lead**

Any members who would like to donate scrap lead to the club to make sinkers for sale to Club members, please contact Eric Parker.

Please no car batteries, these have too much smell and waste.

Proceeds from the sale of sinkers is donated to the Club.

## **Dry Casting Report – 3 April 2016**

A very disappointing rollup for the last drycasting day of the year with 6 vets and 1 senior but I am sure it will get better. One thing that I must mention is that according to the club rules we have to have an open single handed event but no one put their hand up so it was cancelled. I think that in the future some serious thought has to be given regarding the event. If anyone has any thoughts let me hear about them. Regardless of the poor attendance I'm sure we all enjoyed ourselves.

Hendo almost had a perfect day in the accuracy event with a 30 in the single and a 168 in the double handed accuracy which included 2 bulls eyes, I believe 168 is only 6 short of the national Record, well done Bob. Mark had a very consistent day with good scores all the way through the distance events along with 123 in the double handed accuracy. Klaus continued to cast well with 127m in the 56gr and 136m in the 112gr. In the double handed accuracy I feel a little bit more tuition is needed on the longer targets. For example his scores on one of the shorter targets was 22 and a bulls eye, the longer targets were zeros.

The next drycasting day I will not be casting but I will have the trailer there early and will need assistance on the course. A big thanks to all who participated and helped throughout the 2015/16 season and especially a big thanks to Hendo for the use of the shelter and the laser and also to Geoff Raftis for his assistance in marking the distance events.

I hope to see you all in May for the first cast of the year.

Ron Thomas, Dry Casting Officer 2015/16

	56 gram		Artificial Bait		112 gram		Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy				Attendance				
Caster's name	Cast 1	Cast 2	Cast 1	Cast 2	Cast 1	Cast 2	Cast to distance number								Cast to distance				Dry	General			
or section heading	(metres)	(metres)	(metres)	(metres)	(metres)	(metres)	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	L	S	L	S	Casting	Meeting			
Veterans																							
Klaus Schönwolf	127	127	109	102	136	117	0	7	22	25	0	0	15	12	1	8	0	8	1	1		189	189
Dean Stewart	98	0	81	86	106	100	8	22	22	8	11	18	18	21	6	8	8	4	1	1		222	222
Mark Hansen	115	106	104	98	130	137	10	18	20	19	5	16	19	16	5	0	0	2	1	1		219	219
Ron Thomas	139	145	120	125	159	148	23	20	15	22	9	19	21	21	8	7	7	4	1	1		280	280
Bob Henderson	98	0	105	99	121	126	20	22	25	23	18	18	17	25	9	7	5	9	1	1		273	273
Peter Osborne	102	109	80	74	100	99	0	6	17	22	14	9	9	5	9	7	0	6	1	1		180	180
Allan Jones	67	112	101	101	116	108	20	19	7	18	20	9	22	22	4	0	3	0	1	1		224	224



## ***Field Day Competition Year: May 2016 to April 2017***

The following is the compilation of the venues for the 2016-2017 Field Days

*The Committee expectation is that is you will attend the field days you selected..*

An agreement was also made to undertake a trial early start at one venue during the year.

I.e. A 6:00 am start on the Saturday for one field day. The selection is to be reviewed and agreed at the prior General Meeting

Month	Dates	VENUE	Boundaries
<b>May 2016</b>	21/22 May	<b>Rottnest</b>	Coastline
	(Split Field day)	<b>Preston</b>	Whitehills to Meelup
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>June</b>	11/12 June	<b>South Preston</b>	Preston Beach S' to Meelup
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>July</b>	16/17 July	<b>North Preston</b>	Preston Beach to White Hills
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>Aug</b>	13/14 Aug	<b>Rottnest</b>	Coastline
	(Split Field day)	<b>Preston</b>	Whitehills to Meelup
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>Sept</b>	24/25/26 Sep	<b>S-Bend</b>	Dongara to G'ton
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>Oct</b>	15/16 Oct	<b>Cervantes</b>	Cervantes to Green Head
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>Nov</b>	12/13 Nov	<b>Cervantes</b>	Black Rock to Hill River
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>Dec</b>	10/11	<b>Preston</b>	Preston to White Hills
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>Jan 2017</b>	14/15 Jan	<b>Preston</b>	Preston to White Hills
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>Feb</b>	11/12 Feb	<b>Moore River/Wedge</b>	River Mouth to 1 km north of Wedge Island
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>March</b>	4/5/6/ Mar	<b>Reef Beach</b>	Beach area to rocks at east end
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	
<b>April</b>	15/16 Apr (Easter)-	<b>Bluff Creek</b>	Beach area to rocks at east end
		<b>Local - Standard</b>	

## **Reel Talk Editor – Mark, My Words**

Once again thank you to all those who gave me such positive feedback on the change in the cover of the Reel Talk.

As you can see being the Reel Talk Editor has its benefits, I'm now a serious hero to my little guy. He gets to take a copy to school for show and tell, my words to him were, show them you are on the cover and tell them they are not, very much like Gary has been doing for a month. Now if you think this is self gratification, nepotism or any other corporate word for manipulation and corruption you are probably correct, if you think I care well then you have made this months deliberate mistake.

As far as content goes, I have reprinted Peet Wessels Rotto report for obvious reasons this month as it is imperative Rotto reading and I have given the Wongster the space that his Tuna catch deserves.

As always the Newbie Report author has been watching, and missed nothing.

This month sees a new article starting called, field day essentials. The stuff that you just can't live without on the beach will be discussed by our newest member.

Please feel free to submit articles, stories, pictures and any other items you feel need space in the Reel Talk.

That's all for now to much typing keeps me from the Salmon that are running rampant along our coast.

Mark Nurse, Reel Talk Editor 2015/16

## **Recorder's Report**

With the 2015/16 competition year coming to an end from a Recorders perspective I look back at a year that provided 3 new club records and some very impressive fish entered into the open competition.

Some excellent catches in and outside of field days got some members Masters and Grand Masters Entries, no one claimed the necessary number of catches this season for their badges but some are getting close

To wrap things up Sri Srigandan put in a big effort to get his species badge in a relatively short time, Well done Sri!

To top off what was already a great year, Glen Wong was fishing the Preston Beach area and landed a magnificent 22.28Kg Long Tail Tuna which I am sure gave him a great fight on conventional surf gear. This fish has become the new club record of what was previously known as "Northern Bluefin Tuna" is now recognised as the same species and called "Long Tail tuna". Glen has achieved his Gamefish Badge, Section 16 of the Open fishing competition and possibly a line class badge with this capture. We will be testing the line he used as per the competition rules in the coming days while this Reel Talk is put together so I will provide an update for the General meeting and next month's Reel Talk.

Game Fish Badge & Line Ratio Badge

In August/September last year Terry Fuller put a notice in Reel Talk for anyone who had achieved the Gamefish Badge and published a list of names in the September Reel Talk on page 13.

<http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/ReelTalk/September2015ReelTalk.pdf>

I am putting the hardcopy records from years gone by and new records into an electronic format so if any members are not listed in the 2015 September Reel Talk or don't have access to one please contact me via my contact details on the inside cover of the Reel Talk

I am also in the process of doing the same for Line Ratio Badges, once again if anyone who has achieved one of these please contact me to confirm details and I will create an electronic register

Justin Rose, Recorder 2015/16

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### Club fishing records April 2016

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
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
Dark Tailed Sea Perch	1.4 kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	24 June 2014
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	0.73kg	Wayne Shaw	Swan River	13 January 2011
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
Grinner, 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
Seaperch, 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, 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
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, Seven Banded	0.68 kg	Peter Osborne	Wagoe	29 July 2011
Wrasse, Western King	0.36 kg	Peter Osborne	Rottnest	15 May 2011

## 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>

## **Property Officers Report**

No future bookings have been received for the Kalbarri house.

Eric Parker, Property Officer 2015/16

## **Social Organisers Report**

Hi Everyone,

Did you all enjoy the new look magazine?

Can't get the smile of Gary's face, that guy is really camera shy.

The social gathering after the meeting was really something, with all enjoying a delightful supper provided by members.

It was really satisfying to see smiling faces and everybody enjoying themselves.

After closing the doors some remarked I can't go home yet my wife won't believe I have been to a meeting.

Most seemed to break into groups and waffle the night away no doubt some bragging about that special catch.

The meetings are a delight to attend the raffle has had record money raised well done to all.

The upcoming Presentation night is well under way and being organised so that all will enjoy the night.

The Trophy presentations will be short and to the point no waffling on.

We have scaled back the amount of goods given with each trophy concentrating on the non trophy awards so as not to leave them out in the cold.

At the moment we have 40 persons attending it would be great to have 50 as that is the minimum number that we can book any short of that will have to be paid for by the club.

The menu and all details are:

Buffet Dinner including Sweets

Cost \$30.00 per Head

Saturday 23rd July 2016

6:30pm-10:30pm

Croatian Club

18 Wishart Street

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I must thank those that have donated prizes for the night.

Sandra a big thank you for volunteering to take the happy snaps.

I have had several members coming forward to lend a hand for the night or whenever I need it thank you very much.

Keep smiling

Pat McKeown, Social Organiser 2015/16

## **Membership Coordinators Report**

We welcome Alistair and Vincent into the club both have been away fishing with members and looked to enjoy themselves.

Remember just ask and we are all there to help where we can. If we don't have the answer somebody will sort it for you. That goes for all members.

The best way to learn casting is to attend the Drycasting sessions all details in magazine.

Don't be shy just turn up and be welcomed.

Ken Howells has offered to take new members under his wing.

Remember that nothing is more disheartening to a member than to see everybody taking off to their location leaving them high and dry. Look around and gather them up before you leave.

A list of club members who can assist with rod repairs etc will be put together in the next edition so members that can help please let me know.

Don't forget if carrying more than your personal catch in the vehicle they must be tagged with full details. This information is in the Fisheries Recreational Guide 2015 page 37 labeling stored fish. The penalties are severe

Tight lines

Pat McKeown, Membership Coordinator 2015/16

## **President's Report For April**

I will commence my report by congratulating Glen Wong on a recent magnificent capture of a 22.3 kg Longtail Tuna at Preston Beach. Those at the general meeting would have heard the story and it also got a mention in John Curtis's ABC Fishing Report on 16/4/16. The club also got a mention and it was particularly pleasing to see Glen wearing his Surfcasters cap.

I am sure Glen will confirm that the hat had a lot to do with his success and to that end I have crates full of them in my shed-all waiting for members to purchase. Things get better, because Glen, now full of confidence, has decided to join the crew going to Rottnest. I hope he is up to tackling the monster Goatfish of Radar Reef.

Whilst on the topic of Rottnest we now have 15 confirmed starters. At this time last year we were struggling to get enough numbers to make it viable and were close to bailing out. History shows 8 of us got there and subsequently enjoyed one of the best Rottnest field days for years. What a difference a year makes and it must be particularly pleasing to the loyal Rottnest veterans who have been continually promoting the virtues of a trip to Rottnest for years.

Meeting attendances remain solid and we are seeing record purchases of raffle tickets. Sure this helps the finances of the club but the most important thing it signifies is the overall mood and optimism of the members. It was also pleasing to see so many members stay for the eats after the last general meeting.

Further good news is that Pat McKeown has worked his magic and we now have about 40 confirmed for the presentation night. Whilst this is a great effort we would like to get to around 50 so I would ask that those who have not committed yet, to seriously think about it. It promises to be an enjoyable night with Pat emphasising that presentations will be short. This apparently includes President's speech. Time will tell on that one.

Whilst the above is all good news I am concerned about the direction of Drycasting. Our numbers have been down for many months. There are probably several reasons for this but the one I think is most significant is the lack of interest shown by the more recent members of the club. I am not sure why this is the case and perhaps it is something we should spend some time discussing at the next few meetings. Whilst the club has a proud history of competition success in Drycasting, to me what is really important is it's contribution to the social activities of the club. I alluded to this in my last report when I spoke of it's value to new members. I fully understand that other commitments eg children's sport, home duties, family duties etc can prevent always attending, but even sporadic attendances can make a real difference and ensure drycasting's future. There are several older members of the club who for various reasons including health, are unable to attend the type of fishing field days we tend to favour. For these members drycasting is the most important part of our calendar. Perhaps the rest of us, including myself, need to make more of an effort to attend so that this aspect of the club can prosper. Finally, at the last committee meeting it was decided that with the membership renewal notices a questionnaire will be attached. It will ask for members to comment on the direction of the club, ideas for changes and improvements etc. I urge members to start thinking now about what they like or don't like about the club and have their say.

Shane Wignell, President 2015/16

## **Bob Henderson Charity Request**

To Keep himself busy Bob Henderson has been collection fishing Tackle to donate to communities and individuals less fortunate than others.

Presently he is in great need of fishing reels to connect to the many rods he has been donated.

Bob has also made a request for donations of hand spools with or without line.

Contact Bob on 9561 5490 or 0439 978 832 to make arrangements for a collection or delivery of any items you may have for him.

Let's all have a dig around our sheds, I'm sure that we all have something we can add to Bob's haul.

A very worthy cause and initiative indeed.

# **April 2016 Field Day Report**

## **SCAC Field Day Report: Cape to Cape, Preston, & Local 16 /17 April 2016**

### **Overview**

The April 2016 away field day was split with Cape to Cape (Busselton Jetty to the mouth of the River at Augusta) as the nominated venue and at the April General meeting was split to include Preston. The local was maintained as the standard

For the local event 3 persons fished Perth local (George Holman) , and local northern beaches Pat McKeon and Dean Stewart), seven people fished Preston ( Martin Wearmouth, Gary Parkinson, Glen Wong, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Mark Nurse and Sri Srigandan) with four persons fished Cape to Cape. (Victor and Slavka Schilo, George Berlin & Peter Osborne)

All venues suffered to varying degrees of swell, minor weed; a strong wind on Saturday afternoon with cool but not cold evenings and mornings

Some quality fish were caught with a total of 9 different species landed at the various venues. Salmon were the prized catch at both away locations. For the various local venues a limited number of small fish were caught

### **The Trip.**

#### **Cape to Cape**

For the away trip, Peter had a cabin booked at the Yallingup Caravan and Victor & Slavka Schilo and George Belin had accommodation at Augusta. For the Cape to Cape area weather condition included medium to strong and gusty wind on Saturday afternoon and some rain evening and following morning with a pretty good swell at both venues locations. Cool but not cold conditions for evening and early morning.

Slavka, Victor and George came away empty handed. This would have been the result of professional fishermen taking literally truckloads of salmon from this location. No doubt headed for the Cray industry as bait: very disappointing.

Peter had more success at the Yallingup and Wyderup areas. His favourite spot on the reef on the south side of Yallingup did not work well only a couple of small species – just size Tarwhine and Skippy and reef fish. However on fishing Yallingup beach, he found the Salmon. On first cast he put his rod in his rod spike turned away and immediately heard his reel go. A good Salmon, it weighed 4.11 kg cleaned. As a rough guide I use 10% add on to arrive at the true as landed weight. However this fish was absolutely stuffed full of blue sardines hence the uncleaned weight would have been closer to 5.0 kg. Peter caught 2 more salmon, but could not get his 4<sup>th</sup>. All locations he fished he was plagued with herring that immediately stripping the mulie.

#### **Preston**

While some wind and rain was encountered, conditions were not as severe as the Capes. The team of, Mark Nurse, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Glen Wong, Martin Wearmouth and Sri Srigandan went down to Preston. Peet and Sandra Wessels left the group and fished a couple of km further North at a different reef location nearer White Hills.

Unfortunately their favourite spot had already been taken by others so they moved to another spot where they found some Tailor, smaller misc. species; Whiting, Tarwhine Pike and Herring. Sandra managed to get 1 Salmon. Peet tried hard for a Mulloway with set rods and big baits but to no avail. When returning, they found that the group that had taken their favourite spot had managed to get into Salmon.

Of course Glen worked hard and hoped to repeat his previous week's capture of an outsize fish, i.e. - the 22 kg Tuna. No luck with this but Glen managed 3 solid Salmon and some Herring and Whiting.

Sri fished hard and got 3 Salmon over the weekend, with 2 during the competition period, plus some Herring - one happy fisho.

Martin did a catch and release on his first Salmon, then switched to a single handed rod, and with patience and determination he landed a 2.9 kg Salmon on this outfit. A great effort – the best capture on a single handed rod for a long time.

While Gary has had some terrific success in the past with some Mulloway and Snapper at Preston, he could not duplicate this for this Field Day. He was in the wrong place for the Salmon and only managed a bag of herring

For this weekend at Preston, the success story goes to Mark. He found a couple of schools of Salmon and using live bait he got Salmon after Salmon for a release for all the 13 fish landed. He also



caught Herring and Whiting. Of interest, we decided to upgrade the catch and release weight for fish caught and returning starting the competitive year in May. However for the current year competition the release weight is 3.5 kg, so Mark had 14.0 kg of Salmon. Using the spreadsheet, the average for those Salmon that went across the scales this weekend was close to this 3.5 kg.



Sri with one of the Salmon that came out at Preston



## Local Beaches

For the local venue, George Holman, concentrated on and fished the beaches from Cottesloe to Sorrento. He encountered flat calm conditions on Saturday afternoon and early evening, hence no Tailor. He did manage to put in his bag a Tarwhine and a Pike.

Pat McKeon and Dean Stewart went north to fish the Capricorn beach adjacent to the groin. Conditions included a northerly wind and a big swell. While they did not sign on for the field day they were joined by Bob Henderson and Geoff Raftis. Fishing was slow and for most unsuccessful, however Pat landed two Tailor with the heaviest of 0.77 kg. He was happy to take home a feed of fresh fish for him and his wife.

As have said many times before, as with Salmon fishing anywhere – the key is being at the right place at the right time. With Salmon being caught from Esperance right around to the metro area we had hoped to see more of this species at all of the venues fished. Review of the field day results gives there was mixed results. i.e. Some with good bags of Salmon, others missing out.

Fish capture results, points scored and the top ten fisherpersons, based on the current SCAC scoring system, are listed elsewhere in Reel Talk.

Hope to see you at Rottneest.

Tight lines

Peter Osborne, Field Day Officer, 2015/16

Sportsperson of the year sections for April			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Salmon Australian	4.11
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	14.46
Best shark			
Best bag including sharks			

Field day prizes for April			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Salmon Australian	4.11
Best bag of scale fish	Mark Nurse	Mixed bag	14.22
Best shark			
Best bag including sharks			

Field Day Sections up to and including April				
Section		Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Gary Parkinson	Snapper Pink	7.64
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon Australian	4.49
2	Most meritorious fish	0	0	0.00
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)	0	0	0.00
4	Best mullock (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
5	Best tailor (1kg min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	1.55
6	Best salmon (3kg min)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon Australian	4.49
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.67
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)	George Holman	Spanish Mackerel	3.10
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.41
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	Peet Wessels	Baldchin Groper	1.84
11	Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	19.08
12	Best bag of mullock (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
13	Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Sandra Wessels	Tailor	5.38
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon Australian	2.95
15	Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0	0.00
16	Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	Mark Hansen	Wrasse (all species) 1 only	0.25
17	Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00

ANGLER		Species Tailor	Species Salmon Australian	Species Herring, Australian	Species Whiting (other than listed)	Species Tarwhine	Species Pike	Species Skipjack Trevally	Species Western Rock Blacksfish	Species Wrasse (all species) 1 only	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance			Total points
															Field Day	Local	General Meeting	
Peter Osborne	Number		3	12		1		1	3	1								
	Total weight		10.53	2.23		0.25		0.21	0.60	0.64	14.46	6	21	204.6	1		1	224.6
	Weight of best		4.11															
Mark Nurse	Number		4	12	1													
	Total weight		14.00	0.12	0.10						14.22	3	17	172.2	1		1	192.2
	Weight of best		3.50															
Glen Wong	Number		3	3	1													
	Total weight		11.06	0.56	0.10						11.72	3	7	147.2	1		1	167.2
	Weight of best		4.04															
Sandra Wessels	Number	3	1	1	1	3												
	Total weight	1.30	3.90	0.10	0.10	0.90					6.30	5	9	113.0	1		1	133.0
	Weight of best																	
Martin Wearmouth	Number		2	6														
	Total weight		6.40	0.70							7.10	2	8	91.0	1		1	101.0
	Weight of best		2.90															
Peet Wessels	Number	3		3	4		1											
	Total weight	1.60		0.30	0.10		0.12				2.12	4	11	61.2	1		1	81.2
	Weight of best																	
Gri Srigandan	Number		2	3														
	Total weight		3.40	0.50							3.90	2	5	59.0	1		1	79.0
	Weight of best		2.88															
Gary Parkinson	Number		8															
	Total weight		1.26								1.26	1	8	22.6	1		1	42.6
	Weight of best																	
Pat McKeown	Number	2																
	Total weight	1.11									1.11	1	2	21.1		1	1	41.1
	Weight of best	0.77																
George Holman	Number					1	1											
	Total weight					0.26	0.18				0.44	2	2	24.4		1		34.4
	Weight of best																	
Victor Schilo	Number	0													1		1	20.0
	Total weight																	
	Weight of best																	
Slavka Schilo	Number	0													1		1	20.0
	Total weight																	
	Weight of best																	
George Bein	Number	0													1		1	20.0
	Total weight																	
	Weight of best																	
Dean Stewart	Number	0														1	1	20.0
	Total weight																	
	Weight of best																	



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### Open fishing competition 2015/16

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2015 and 30 April 2016, 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	Mark Nurse, 6.49kg Whaler shark, Preston Beach 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2015
3	Best mulloway	5 kg	Mark Nurse, 11.61kg, Preston Beach, 12th September 2015
4	Best salmon	3.5kg	Peet Wessels, 7.17kg, Bluff Creek, 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
5	Best flathead	0.5 kg	Justin Rose, 0.93kg, Swan River 19 <sup>th</sup> November
6	Best tailor	1.5 kg	Eddie Korin, 3.5kg, Kalbarri 11 <sup>th</sup> October
7	Best samson fish	5 kg	No Entry
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Martin Wearmouth, 3.99kg Salmon, North Cottesloe, 23 May 2015
9	Best pink snapper	2 kg	Mark Nurse, 11.25kg, Preston Beach, 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
10	Best tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
11	Best mackerel	4 kg	No entry
12	Best skipjack trevally (southern)	1 kg	No entry
13	Best trevally (northern)	2 kg	No entry
14	Best snook or pike	0.5 kg	No entry
15	Best black or yellow finned bream	0.6 kg	Sri Srigandan, 1kg Swan River, 23/10/2015
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3-15	2 kg	Glen Wong, 22.28 Long Tail Tuna, Preston Beach April
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	No Entry
18	Best fish caught using a soft plastic or hard body lure on a single handed rod (4kg line max.)	Legal size	Martin Wearmouth, 4kg (catch and release weight estimated) salmon, North Cottesloe, 24 may 2015.

### Barron Lure Competition 2015/2016

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

Justin Rose, Recorder 2015/16



## **Fishing for Yellowtail Kingfish on Radar Reef**

As a keen and fanatic fisho, one of my ultimate fishing goals was to land a decent Yellowtail Kingfish from shore. The question was where and how to go about it. The most important step in the process is ultimately to pick the right location. The answer was simple. Join a fishing club.

Now the Surfcasters have been around for many years and they knew where to find these mighty fish.

The place they took me too was on a little Island called Rottnest, more specifically to the most western side of this island is a place called Radar Reef, named after a radar station that was set up there during the Second World War.

The thing I love most about Yellowtail Kingfish fishing is the initial strike, it happens so fast and furious that it gives me a quick fright every time it happens.

Afterwards it keeps me lying awake in bed replaying the excitement over and over and then I can't wait to get back there again.



*Rottnest's Radar Reef*

I have decided to write this article not because I see myself as a Yellowtail Kingfish expert, but because I have had so many failures and witnessed even more failures of people trying to land a trophy King. This article is specifically written for fishing at Radar Reef for Kings and it should reveal what I personally think works the best. Some of these failures were all preventable and they mainly are due to old line with little nicks in them, poor rigging and poor dragging systems. Believe me if there are ANY faults with your gear or rigging the King will find it quickly and 9 out of 10 times you will lose.

**Let's look at safety first** You need to be reasonably fit and be able to walk down and up a reasonably steep goat track. This becomes rather hard work and takes a lot out of you. So plan and prepare to take only the bare necessities. Always try and buddy up with somebody and fish shoulder to shoulder with each other. It's amazing how many times a little help can be the difference between success and failure. Sometimes just a little encouragement or advice can turn the wheel in your favour. Always fish the reef on low and safe tides. Wearing of a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is a must. Always use proper reef boots with steel spikes. A wet suit is also an important part of your armour against the elements. A proper hat and a good pair of sunglasses that covers the side of the eyes are also important equipment. Don't forget to apply sun block throughout the day, especially a good lip balm for your lips.

**What gear should I use?** Any 12 to 14 feet rod with a solid bottom section and a medium top section will do the job. The main thing is it should be able to lift a good fish from the top of the surf onto the ledge of the reef. There are many affordable lightweight and strong rods on the market these days. Pick a light one for the reef and always carry a spare rod close by. I have seen rods broken on every visit to the reef and it is truly a sad case if you are stranded with no backup. A wise fisho will also carry a few rod tip runners and a glue stick, this have personally saved me on a couple of occasions.

Reels are a personal choice and a much debatable subject. Personally, my reel must be robust with a smooth drag and easy to use. Remember the main method is bait casting, so you will be casting and retrieving the whole time. I use the Penn 850 SS most of the time. However it did not last the previous King encounters and I had to call in my trusty old Daiwa GS-9.



The next item is the fishing line, even more debatable. All I can say is what I have found worked the best for me. On the reef I use 15kg mono. I have grown up with Maxima and it has never disappointed me. It has all the features that I want in a fishing line and is especially robust on unforgiving reef ledges. I try and buy the Maxima Fibre Glow line whenever I can find it. It works a treat and at night it makes it so much easier to see.

I have found that the 15 kg line class certainly has enough stopping power when targeting the Kings on Radar Reef.

Be careful however not to try and overpower the King too quickly. When they fight hard for deeper water it is better to let them go for 30 or 50 meters.

Not only does it keep them higher in the water, it also takes them to friendlier water and you have much better control at 50 m than at 5 or 10m.

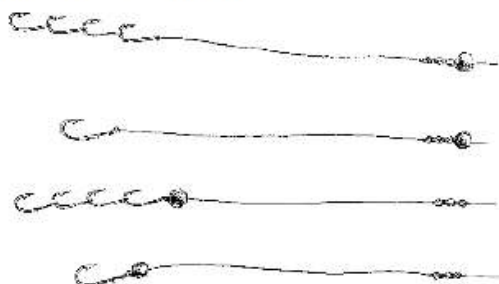
If they however want to play dirty and make for the huge caves under the ledge you have no choice but to be dirty and fight back hard.



Peet Wessels with a Rottneest Yellowtail Kingfish

Fish bigger than 5kg or so usually wins the first round and gets under and into the cave. Now if you have a line that is thick and robust enough, you might have a second chance. If this happens put your reel in free spool and take all the pressure off the line. Wait for a couple of minutes while keeping a close eye on the line. Don't be surprised to see the line starting to move to deeper water. Let the fish go until it is well and truly clear and you are on for the second round.

**What rig and bait to use?** You can use a floating or bait casting rig with the Mulie and Pencil Squid as my preferred baits. Bottom fishing usually ends up with a snagged up rig and can be hard to break off especially if you are fishing with heavy tackle. Spinning rigs with shiny metal lures are also very productive. It is handy to have a few available when you run out of Mulies. My biggest Yellowtail Kingfish was caught on the last cast of the day with a golden 55 gram Halco Twisty.



My rig of choice is a gang of 3 x 4/0 tarpons tied with an 80lb x 30cm leader to a rolling swivel. On top of the swivel I tie another 80lb x 80cm leader with a bean sinker (size 5 to 7) sitting on top of the swivel. I tie the end of the leader to another rolling swivel and then to my main line.

When venturing out onto the reef I always carry a good supply of these pre-made rigs in little plastic coin bags.

It is important to make sure your rig is longer than the fish you are hunting, this helps when a tail wrap occurs and is also very handy when landing the fish.

**Other essentials to carry with you** You will need a good self drainable reef bag to carry fish and bait. A bait box with a good knife fitted to a waist belt is mandatory. Long nose pliers, little scissors and some ghost cotton should always be at the ready. A good headlamp is a must. A small gaff or lip grips are also worth its weight in gold. A measuring tape to make sure you return undersized fish. A water tight camera to capture golden memories.

**Bag/possession limits and size limits (June 2015)** In WA the total daily bag limit for pelagic finfish is 3. Taking your Yellowtail home after the weekend of fishing you are allowed to have 2 days' bag limit of whole fish or fish trunks. The minimum length for Yellowtail Kingfish is 600 mm. If you want to gaff a fish to keep it, simply gaff it in the upper shoulder area or lip hook it if you want to photograph and quickly release it afterwards.

**Warning** This type of fishing is addictive!!

Peet Wessels, updated April 2016

## **Recipes – Pickled Fish**

### **Thanks to John Curtis**

No cooking required.

#### **Ingredients:**

White vinegar

½ kg scaled fish fillets (fillets of herring can be used but whiting fillets are recommended)

1 dessertspoon lemon juice

1 dessertspoon olive or peanut oil

½ teaspoon Tabasco sauce

1 small clove of garlic - crushed. You can use more or less to suit personal taste.

**Optional Ingredients:** To be used as desired / required.

¼ teaspoon chili powder

¼ teaspoon lemon pepper

¼ tea spoon dill

#### **Method:**

Add all the ingredients to the vinegar and stir. Place the fillets in a suitable glass container and cover with the vinegar mix. Leave to stand for approximately ½ an hour.

Pickled fillets are ready to eat after ½ an hour, but taste better if refrigerated and left for about 12 hours.

The fillets can be stored in the bottom of the refrigerator for up to 10 days. Always make sure that there is some liquid covering them when stored.

They can be used as an entree, or a quick snack on a hot day - taste great.

NOTE: Quantities of herbs and spices can be varied to suit individual taste.



**1 X Pickled Fish**





## **The Newbie Report**

Hi All

Welcome again to the Newbie Report. Well I must say I was disappointed with our last trip to Preston. From a writing point of view, there was no Scuttle Butt to write about, well not much anyway. You know I will always find something to write about, also to help me report on the Scuttle Butt don't forget to let me know if you see an incident worthy of mention in my report that I may miss. (This way I have eyes and ears everywhere.)

Incidentally how many of you that did not know (especially one senior member) found out what Scuttle Butt means. If you don't know look it up, I cannot do all the work for you.

Anyway back to the Newbie Report. This month so far we have had one new person come along to have a look at the club. I know this as I invited him. He is one of my Military mates. His name is Clancy, as with everyone please make him feel welcome in the club. So therefore with Vince, Alistair and Clancy oh and I forgot to mention Ken I'm sure there will be a lot more scuttle butt action to come.

It was great to see all the Preston Beach Fishing Club boys fishing together. When you stood up on the dune and looked back all the rods looked like a little forest with all the thin saplings sticking up.

There were about six vehicles lined up along the beach, looked great. I ventured down To Preston on the Thursday and parked up in the cut out in the Dunes in our usual spot. Once again I slept in my Penthouse. I have found a problem in my camping set up. I guess we all look at how other people are setting up there camp sites and gleam various bits of information to improve our own set ups.

The weather was wet on this trip as you can expect this time of the year so on the Sunday afternoon I had to pack the Penthouse away wet. Then when I arrived home I had to open it all up and allow it to dry to avoid mildew etc, I think in future during inclement weather I will set up to sleep in my vehicle. Dry weather will obviously be in the Penthouse.

I must say those Roof Top Tents are a great idea and very comfortable. My shoulder was still sore so once again I did not participate in the comp. I did fish though, really just testing out my shoulder. I think the way things are going I may need a new shoulder joint, the surgeon did warn me of this due to the damage I had, we will see as time goes by.

It appeared that everyone had a great time with the Salmon. There were groups of people chasing the Salmon schools up and down the beach. We noticed a lot of people taking more then there bag limit. Where are the Fishery Inspectors or the Rangers when you need them Grrrrrr.

After saying that I am not talking about club members, we all respect the rules and fish to the future. I lost count of the amount of Salmon Mark Nurse Caught. Mark strongly believes in the catch and release policy. Well done Mark.

On the Saturday Glen had an almighty bite putting a huge bend in his rod. I think he might have struck too early as the monster let go and all was lost. Not to be out done Mark Nurse had a huge bend in his rod as well and he played his monster in quite gently. He must have played this thing for what seemed like ages. At first everyone was quite excited for him and pulled lines out of the water to avoid tangle ups as he played it in. We were also on standby to be the gaff crew for him anyway about 20 minutes later another run of salmon started coming up the beach. All of a sudden there was a mass exodus as people started running for their rods and started chasing the salmon. Even Mark put the rod that had the monster on it back in the rod holder and raced off to chase the salmon with his other rod.

Meanwhile I remained watching Mark's rod and it started running again. I was not going to test my shoulder on that one so therefore I just watched it and watched everyone being very excited and chasing the salmon. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves. Anyway after much fun had by all Mark finally returned to his fishing spot and the monster. He started playing it again after about ten minutes of this everyone lost interest and returned to their own spots. Sometime later Mark was starting to make some head way with his monster and then we saw it. The sign we were

expecting at this stage the big flap waved up out of the water. Yes you guessed it a big Ray. As you can imagine Marks heart sank. He retrieved his rig with some help and released the monster back to the depths of the Ocean. I believe Mark is now still suffering from this ordeal after a few trips to the Chiropractor. He may be quiet for a while.

I have often said what I love about this is the camping, comradeship the fishing the tranquility and the opportunity of taking home a fresh feed.

Something else I have learned for your interest, I was reading an article on storing freezing and keeping flavor in your catch. The Author said it is best to wash your fillets in salt water at the beach and then vacuum seal your catch. I have started doing that now. \*Editor\* See page 28

No 1 It saves dealing with all the mess when you get home.

No 2 It really does improve the taste and storage of you fillets

If you're not sure what I'm talking about catch up with me on the beach and I will show you what I am doing. It works for me.

Once again my Solar Panel was working great in the inclement weather which is the best weather for the Panels to work at their optimum performance.

Oh and before I go how about this pearler. Ask Ken about the star Picket that suddenly appeared under his vehicle somewhere down south. If Ken dose not tell you Gary will lol.

So comes to an end the April Field Trip for 2016.

I have decided to leave the safety tips on my report for a while and add to them so when Newbies join can read them and to jog our own memories. – **Read it in the Reel Talk.**

Regards

The Newbie



## **Field Day Essentials**

I have been doing a lot of work on a list of essential items for a new club member, thinks like what food to take with, the best cooker, what tackle and bait work, a list I like to call Field Day Essentials.

Something that my time on the beach can help someone else learn valuable lessons without spending any money or time on.

I plan on writing a series of articles that will hopefully help new members as well as long time beach campers.

I will start with the humble tent, I can highly recommend a humble and easy to erect setup like mine!

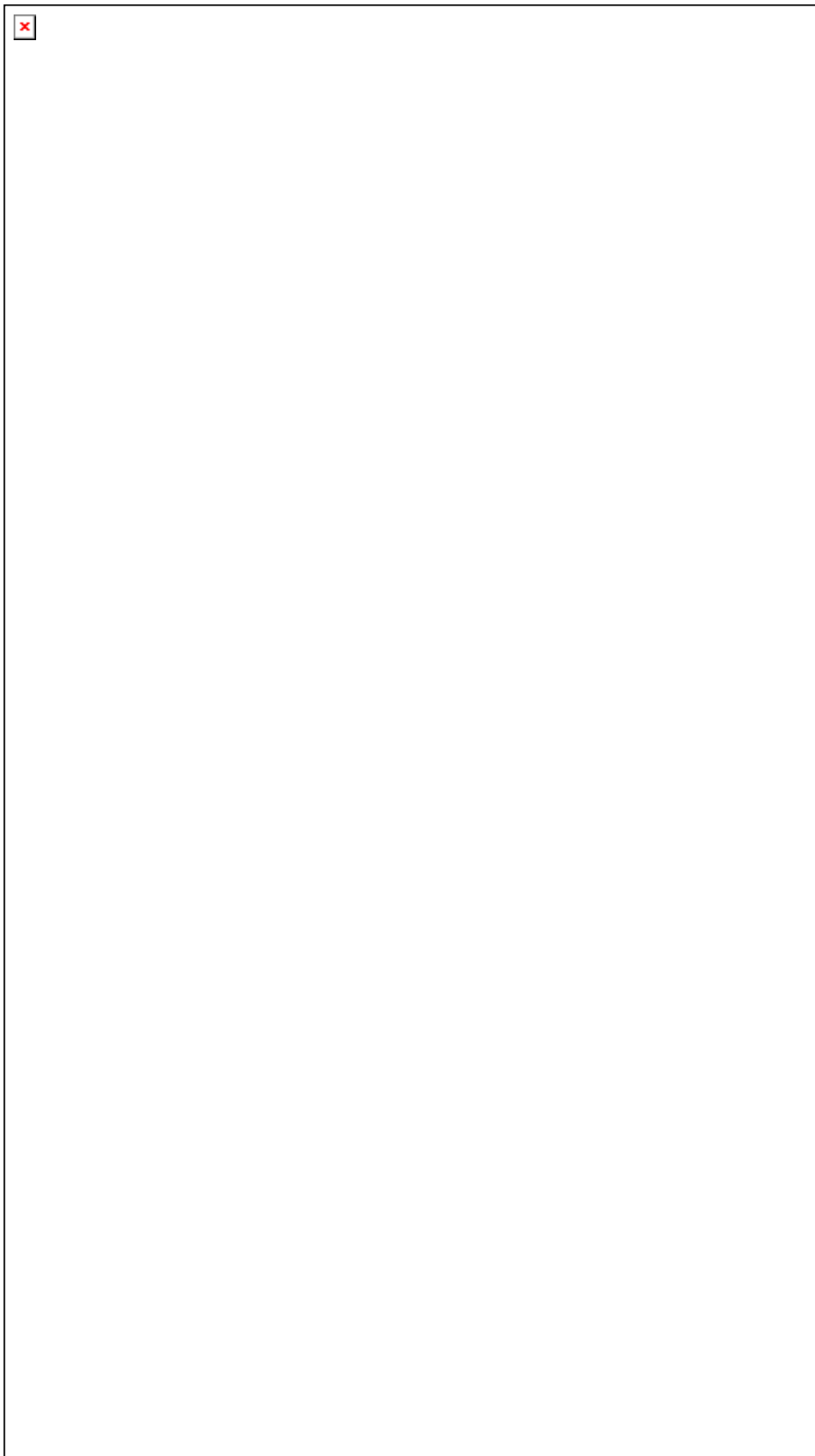


Next month I will cover more essential items

Rod Bent, SCAC Member 2015/16

## **Catch Of The Day**

Glen with his huge Preston Beach Long Tail Tuna, pulling the scale to a whopping 22.28kg



## **Kalbarri House For Rent**

The Club owns a house in Kalbarri which is ideal for a fishing holiday in the area. 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. It has two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 commercial grade 2 level bunks. The bathroom and shower were rebuilt in 2012.

Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It 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.

Outside has a built in gas barbecue, a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Pets may be allowed by prior arrangement but must stay outside the house. Rates are:

Off season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$100 per night	\$100 bond
On season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$120 per night	\$100 bond
	Weekly rates	6 times daily rate as above	

### **Surf Casting and Angling Club members**

Off season	\$300 per week	On season	\$400 per week	} \$100 deposit/bond plus \$80 cleaning (updated December)
Short term	\$80 one night	\$70 per night (two or more nights)		

**Winter/early spring discount special.** A discount of 20% on the rates applies for all public bookings for stays during the months of July, August and September.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division, **and friends of members** of the Surf Casting and Angling Club receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

See inside the latest Reel Talk for dates already booked. Contact Eric Parker for more details and for bookings, or email the Club [surfcaster@inet.net.au](mailto:surfcaster@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](http://www.surfcasters.inet.net.au/KalbarriHouse.html)

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Club for approval.

***Eric Parker, Property Officer***







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