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The club gratefully acknowledges the support from the following club members and family for the donations towards our 2010 Presentation night and trophies for winners of our fishing and dry casting competitions

Peter Osborne, Geoff Raftis, Mal Head, Vince Iozzi, Pat McKeown, Marcia and Peter Pekaar, Laurel and Terry Fuller, Jim Strong, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Trevor Stam, Ric Parker, Ian Pereira, Kaye and George Holman, Morris and Elana Kolman, Wayne Shaw, Tegan and Nick Edwards, Rhys and Allan Jones, Bill Ransted, Paulette Zissis.

Thank you all.

Membership Fees were due by 31 July 2010

You should have paid your fees **by 31 July 2010**

Please update the details of your membership on the form in the July Reel Talk, attach your payment and post at the Club's Post Office Box address.

If you do not intend to renew your membership, can you please advise the Secretary or Treasurer as soon as possible using the form at the back of the July Reel Talk.

This September edition will be the last Reel Talk you will receive unless your membership fees are paid.

2011 SCAC Dinner and Presentation of Trophies.

The Glengarry Tavern has been booked for the 2011 Dinner and Presentation of Trophies night. Watch here for more details.

Date is Saturday 25 June 2011. Please put this in your diary.

Dry Casting food and drinks.

The dry casting sausage sizzle will be available AFTER the main dry casting events have been run, so please try to keep the dry casting moving along. Cool drinks will be available during the day.



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Note 1. All club correspondence posted by mail should be addressed to the Club's Post Office Box, not to the private home address of the club member.

Note 2. The Minutes Secretary, Website Editor and AAWA Delegates are Committee functions and jobs, not additional Committee positions.

Life Members of the Club

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

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Minutes of General Meeting 11 August 2010

Refer to end of minutes for a list of action points, marked by **AP#**.

Venue:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Commenced 8:10 pm. President George Holman presiding.

Present:- 33 members, 1 prospective member.

Apologies:- Melvin Wee, Terry Willison, Michelle and Holly Walker.

Visitors:- None.

New member:- None present to be inducted.

Presentation:- Lea Taylor was presented with the prizes for the Hans Wytenburg award.

Minutes of previous meeting:- **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Marcia Pekaar the minutes of the July meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

Previous Committee meeting:- Terry Fuller read out some action points from the minutes of the Committee meeting.

Secretary's report:- Secretary John Crompton reported.

Correspondence In:-

City of Stirling	Request for Yokine Reserve summer casting dates
Ray White Kalbarri	Accounts ending 30 July 2010
Westpac	Statement 30 June to 31 July 2010
BT	Annual and quarterly statements
Coolbinia Club	Front door key costs \$22.00
Various members	Membership renewals, Kalbarri and Rottneest payment

Correspondence out:-

Australian Monofil Co Pty Ltd	}
Ranger Camping Outdoors, Joe Pullella	}
The Western Australian Fishing Magazine, Ian Sewell	}
Western Angler Magazine, Scott Coghlan	}
The Tackle Shack, Bruce Lee	}
Karen Balm, City of Stirling Clubs Forever with photos attached	}
Morris and Elana Kolman, cash donation	} Sponsorship
Ozflex, Ron McPhee	} thank you letters
Recfishwest, Yvette Guy	}
Bill Ransted, donation of a trophy shield	}
Paulette Zissis, Cash donation	}
Natasha Kedgley, Nutrimeitics, Cosmetic Hamper	}
Wayne Shaw, Tegan and Nick Edwards, 20 litre bucket and fishing items	}
Steggles Baiada, poultry	}
Desmond De Villiers, Michael Gaudin, Frank Gaudin and Sumarie Hattingh	Names have been placed in Reel Talk
Bevan Dewar	Club information
Jeff Hewton	Associate membership approved
City of Stirling	Yokine Reserve summer casting dates
Secretary AAAWA	Return of AAA Champion of Champions Angling Club perpetual trophy with apology.

Emails:-

Anthony Colbourne, Canada	Enjoyed reading our website, spent two hours going through the website
Carla Stevens, City of Stirling	Yokine Reserve booking confirmation 12 September 2010 and 2 January 2011

Moved Andy Thorgersen seconded Pat McKeown that correspondence be received, carried.

Treasurer's report:- Terry Fuller reported.

Accounts for payment

To	For	Amount
City of Stirling	Key for club rooms	\$22.00
Coolbinia Club	Hire of hall from 1 Jan to 31 December	\$750.00
Peet Wessels	Rottneest bus transport for August	\$350.00

Peet Wessels	Rottnest ferry for August	\$560.28	
Terry Fuller	C4 envelopes 25	\$5.50	
	Receipt book	\$8.45	
	Carbon paper	\$1.50	
	AAA batteries for recorder	\$6.75	
	Stamps for Reel Talk	\$72.00	
	Printing of August Reel Talk	\$151.20	
	Whiteboard 1200 x 900	\$98.00	
	Staples for Reel Talk	\$8.00	
	A4 paper	\$25.95	
	Wood and fasteners for whiteboard stand	\$46.95	T Fuller total \$424.30
John Crompton	Raffle books	\$1.20	Secretary total \$13.20
	Stamps	\$12.00	
John Crompton	Sausages	\$17.92	
	Onions	\$9.15	
	Garlic	\$2.25	
	Bacon	\$11.30	
	Buns	\$24.85	
	Ice	\$4.00	Social Org total \$73.92
	Milk	\$4.45	
Total accounts for payment		\$2,193.70	

Bank account summary

Bank Balance as at 11 August 2010	\$13,396.88	
Accounts for payment	\$2,193.70	
Available balance after payment of accounts	\$12,013.46	
Cash and cheques held for banking	\$1,643.50	
Outstanding cheques	\$300.00	Coolbinia 9/9/2009
Available total	\$12,546.68	

Income / money received since July General meeting.

August dry casting fees 24 casters	\$216.00
Club car sticker	\$2.00
Dry Casting sausage sizzle 1 August	\$81.50
July Field Day fees, 10 Capes North, 7 local	\$146.00
Membership fees 2010/11	\$1,015.00
Membership fees 2009/10 pro rata	\$25.00
Nomination fees	\$20.00
Rottnest August 2010	\$118.00
T Shirt old style	\$20.00
Total income	\$1,643.50

Income received at August General meeting

Membership fees 2010/11 and pro rata 2009/10	\$195.00
August GM raffle	\$54.00
Drinks at GM	\$5.00
Total	\$254.00

Terry advised that the payments made by the 8 people attending the Rottnest August Field Day did not cover the payments made by the Club for accommodation and transport and normal Field Day fees. There was discussion about cutoff dates for refunds for accommodation booked in advance and cutoff dates for deciding to attend. People had previously been told an amount and had paid that, and people need to know in advance the amount they must pay to go on each particular Rottnest Field Day.

John Curtis moved, Andy Thorgersen seconded that the Club subsidise the August Rottnest field day, carried. The subsidy is \$344.28 for the 8 members going to Rottnest. **AP GM8/10 #1**

Moved John Curtis, seconded Peter Pekaar the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

Property Officer:- Ray Walker said some late bookings had been received. Busy bee planned in November for work to be done as listed in the August Reel Talk.

Field Days:- Peet Wessels gave some changed ferry details for the Rottnest field day. Peter Pekaar reported on the coming local field day.

Dry Casting Officer:- Allan Jones reported on the August dry casting.

AAA report:- George Holman reported on Rock and Beach and Estuary proposed changes to eligible species, Angler and Club of Year to be presented on 17 August, Dry Casting to be organised for October, AGM and elections in August, National AAA mid term meeting at South West Rocks, NSW.

Social Organiser:- John Crompton went to a City of Stirling meeting about recruiting new members from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Recorder:- Mal Head has entered a 2 kg tailor in the Open fishing competition, caught at Kalbarri on bait.

Reel Talk:- Some discussion about layout editing of Mark Hansen's 6¼ page notice of motion to fit it into the August Reel Talk.

Notice of motion:- Discussion of Mark Hansen's motion deferred because of time needed to run the Annual General Meeting and election of Committee.

General business:- None

Suspension of standing orders:- At 8:49 pm, Ian Cook moved, seconded Allan Jones the suspension of standing orders to conduct the Annual General Meeting, carried.

Resumption of standing orders:- At 10:00 pm.

Raffle:- Club prizes won by Pat McKeown, Sabby Pizzolante and Des De Villiers. Lea Taylor donated a bundle of plastic tent pegs to be raffled. Won by Des De Villiers and given to Peter Osborne.

Meeting closed:- Formal General meeting closed at 10:15 pm.

Instruction period:- None. A social get together with some food and drinks followed the Annual General Meeting.

Action points from August 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM8/10 #1	Committee to decide and publish arrangements and deadlines for future Rottnest field days to ensure the cost for members to attend is known in advance and the Club does not lose money.	Committee	

Action points from April 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM4/10 #1	Help locate the old "Sportsperson of the Year" trophy.	All members	Ongoing

Minutes of Annual General Meeting August 2010

Venue: Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club Rooms

Time: 8:49pm

President presiding: George Holman.

President's annual report for 2009/10 was read out by outgoing President George Holman. That full report is published in a separate article in the September Reel Talk.

Members present: 33 members, 1 prospective member.

Apologies: Melvin Wee, Terry Willison, Michelle and Holly Walker.

Visitors: None.

Previous minutes: Printed copies of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 12 August 2009 were handed out by Secretary John Crompton. There was no business arising.

Moved: Trevor Stam seconded Allan Jones that the minutes be accepted as a true record carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Terry Fuller handed out printed copies of the Treasurer's report for 2009/10 with financial details up to 10 August 2009. He also circulated two printed copies of the full listing of income and expenses items and other summaries which gave more details of how the summary amounts in the report were calculated. That report is published in a separate article in the September Reel Talk. There was no business arising.

Moved: Jim Strong seconded Gary Gildersleeves that the Treasurer's Annual report be accepted, carried.

All Committee positions were declared vacant. Terry Fuller accepted the chair for the election of the President. The newly elected President took the chair for the remainder.

Three volunteers were appointed to collect and count the voting slips, David Maxted, Dean Stewart and Shane Wignell.

The paid up status of the members present and their eligibility to vote was advised. Voting was by secret ballot with all eligible members asked to vote and indicate Yes or No for each nominee even though there was only one nomination for many positions.

Elected Committee Members for 2010 / 2011

President	George Holman
Vice President	Terry Fuller
Treasurer	Terry Fuller
Secretary	John Crompton
Property Officer	Ray Walker
Social Organizer	Pat McKeown
Recorder	John Curtis
Field Day Officer	Peet Wessels
Assistant Field Day Officer	Peter Osborne
Dry Casting Officer	Allan Jones
Assistant Dry Casting Officer	Gary Gildersleeves
Reel Talk Editor	Terry Fuller
Committee members	Beverley Grigo Mal Head Vince Iozzi

Bob Henderson moved, Allan Jones seconded that George Holman and Terry Fuller be the Club's AAAWA Delegates, carried.

President Elect George Holman thanked the scrutineers for their help, thanked members for electing their Committee, and thanked all Committee members particularly the new people coming onto the Committee for volunteering to work for the Club.

Meeting Closed: 10:00 pm, followed by a social get together with some food and drinks.

Bring a friend to a Club activity

Please bring a friend, a relative, a workmate, neighbour or an acquaintance to a General meeting, to Dry Casting or to a Club fishing Field day.

Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members. Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

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Coming Club events

September Dry Casting

When:- Sunday 12 September 2010. **Note:- Not** the first Sunday, that's Fathers' Day. Competition casting starts at 8:30am.

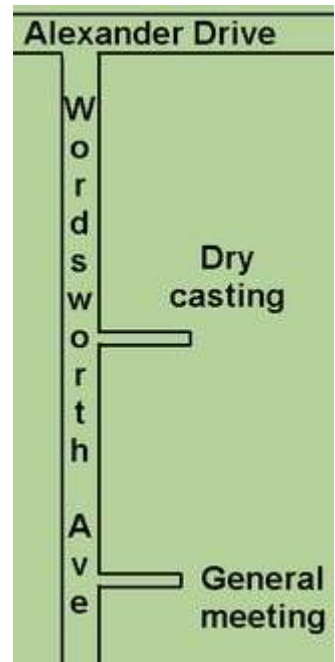
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Fees must be paid to Marcia Pekaar by 8:00am to allow Marcia to have some time for practice casts before the 8:30am start. Please let someone know if you are going to be late.

All casters please assist with the setting up of the casting courts, targets, etc at the beginning of the day after setting up your own casting gear. Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

Seniors, Ladies and Juniors will be on accuracy first, Veterans will cast distance first.



AAAWA Dry casting meeting

Monday 6 September 8pm at George Holman's house.

To discuss the arrangements for the AAWA State Dry casting to be held on 31 October 2010, and the AAA National Convention to be held at South West Rocks, NSW in July 2011.

Contact George Holman for more details.

September General meeting

When:- Wednesday 8 September, 8:00pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

Sign In:- Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet. See Jim Strong or Dean Stewart.

Instruction period:- Fishing in the S-Bend area.

September Committee meeting

When:- Wednesday 15 September 2010, 7:30pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Visitors. 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. Please contact the President or the Secretary well prior to the meeting to arrange your invitation.

September Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 25/26/27 September long weekend.

Where:- S Bend, south of Geraldton

Sign on:- Saturday 12 noon at car park at S-Bend Caravan Park.

Lines down:- Saturday 1 pm.

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

Times:- Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am at car park at S Bend Caravan Park.

Boundaries:- 7-Mile beach (from Dongara) to Tarcoola (south side of Geraldton).

<u>Tides for Geraldton</u>	Sat 25 Sep	0.54m at 11:38 am	0.40m at 2:48 pm	0.74m at 11:24 pm	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 8:06 pm at deg
	Sun 26 Sep	0.27m at 5:54 am 0.76m at 11:47 pm	0.49m at 12:10 pm	0.39m at 2:49 pm	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 7:15 am at 289 deg About 9:02 pm at 69 deg
	Mon 27 Sep	0.26m at 6:30 am	0.44m at 12:43 pm		<u>Moonset</u>	About 7:55 am at 293 deg
		<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:10 am at 91 deg	<u>Sunsets</u>	About 6:20 pm at 269 deg	

Details: The September instruction period will cover access and fishing within the S-Bend field day boundaries. Promises to be very informative. Don't miss it!

Local Field Day for September

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 25/26/27 September long weekend.

Sign on: At the General Meeting or to FDO Peet Wessels before Thursday evening.

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

Lines Down:- Saturday 1 pm

Times:- 1 pm Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday after 10 am at G Holman's house
Scales will be available on his back patio. 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 8 pm that night.

Boundaries:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole.

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat 25 Sep	0.70m at 11:26 am	0.61m at 3:25 pm	0.92m at 10:11 pm	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 8:05 pm at 73 deg
	Sun 26 Sep	0.53m at 5:20 am 0.95m at 10:35 pm	0.65m at 11:17 am	0.61m at 3:27 pm	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 7:05 am at 290 deg About 9:05 pm at 68 deg
	Mon 27 Sep	0.53m at 6:03 am	0.60m at 1:12 pm		<u>Moonset</u>	About 7:45 am at 294 deg
		<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:05 am at 91 deg	<u>Sunsets</u>	About 6:15 pm at 268 deg	

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 locally in the metropolitan area.

October Dry Casting

These details are here in case the October Reel Talk is not delivered to members before the October Dry casting day. See the separate article listing the deadlines for Reel Talk.

When:- Sunday 3 October 2010. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance, **plus 112 gram Open.**

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Fees must be paid to Marcia Pekaar by 8:00am to allow Marcia to have some time for practice casts before the 8:30am start. Please let someone know if you are going to be late.

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10 pin bowling night

5pm, Saturday 9 October 2010. At the August General Meeting, a show of hands was called for to get an idea of the number of people interested in attending a 10 pin bowling night. There seemed to be quite a bit of interest so the Committee has made enquiries at Morley AMF and has come up with this offer:

\$30 per head Spring Special

2 games including shoe hire

Variety of snacks plus one drink either beer, wine or soft drink.

Address: AMF Bowling Morley
176 Walter Road, Morley
Ph: 9275 1777 (Karen or Brendan)

This package requires a booking for a minimum of 15 people and a deposit must be paid when making the booking. If you are interested, please bring **payment in full of \$30 per head** to the September General Meeting. We can then go ahead and make a definite booking with Morley AMF Bowling.

Pat McKeown and Marcia Pekaar

October Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 October 2010

Where:- Capes South.

Sign on:- Saturday 11 am corner of Caves Road and Wallcliffe Rd. (Prevelly turn off)

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon

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

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 12 noon Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 12 noon, corner of Caves Road and Wallcliffe Rd. (Prevelly turn off)

Boundaries:- Mouth of Margaret River to mouth of Blackwood River at Augusta.

<u>Tides for Margaret River</u>	Sat	0.94m at 12:30 am	0.53m at 3:12 pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 1:45 am at 249 deg
	16 Oct			<u>Moonrise</u>	About 12:35 pm at 110 deg
	Sun	0.88m at 12:45 am	0.58m at 3:00 pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 2:20 am at 253 deg
	17 Oct			<u>Moonrise</u>	About 1:30 pm at 104 deg
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About 5:35 am at 101 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 6:35 pm at 259 deg

Local Field Day for October

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 October.

Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to FDO before Thursday evening.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 12 noon Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 12 noon at G Holman's house.
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<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat	0.82m at 12:38 am	0.52m at 2:13 pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 1:40 am at 252 deg
	16 Oct			<u>Moonrise</u>	About 12:35 pm at 109 deg
	Sun	0.76m at 2:54 am	0.55m at 2:07 pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 2:15 am at 253 deg
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Calendar for next three months

Here's a calendar showing the dates we will use for Dry Casting, Annual General Meeting, General and Committee meetings, Field Days and other Club events in the next three months.

31	AAA Event	9	October Bowling night																	
3	Dry Casting	8	General Meeting	15	16	Field Day	15	Committee Meeting												
September 2010							October 2010							November 2010						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26		
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2010/2011

Bookings have picked up for this year and next, but still bookings available for this year at end of November and beginning of December.

The Committee has decided that the deposit / bond should be increased to \$100, and cleaning to \$60, which is what the Club has been charged for some time. Payment of the full rental amount should be made no later than one month before the booking. The bond is refunded afterwards if there is no damage or losses.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings in 2010/2011 for the following dates. All other dates not listed are currently available. This list is at late August and does not include any bookings which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

2010

September 26 Sep to 30 Sep
November 1 Nov to 6 Nov
Busy bee 15 Nov to 22 Nov

2010

October 1 Oct to 2 Oct, 9 Oct to 31 Oct.
December 23 Dec to 31 Dec

2011

January 2 Jan to 9 Jan
October 1 Oct to 8 Oct, 15 Oct to 31 Oct

2011

April 21 Apr to 30 Apr
November 1 Nov to 5 Nov

Property Officer, Ray Walker

Kalbarri house maintenance and busy bee

The busy bee for 12 to 22 November is starting to take shape with volunteers to paint, lay vinyl and electrical work.

Still require some tiling skills for repairs to kitchen tiles and installing deadlocks to doors and locks to windows. Edging to bench tops also need replacing.

I am currently pricing the vinyl, paint, locks and dining table setting.

Please contact me by e-mail if you can help.

Property Officer, Ray Walker

New member acceptances

The following applications for membership have been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

Des De Villiers

Frank Gaudin and Sumarie Hattingh

Michael Gaudin

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

New member applications

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.

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

President's annual report for 2009/10

Whilst getting my thoughts together to write this report of the last 12 months of the club's activities, it is hard to decide how to do this. I have come to the conclusion that as your Presiding Officer I must be factual as to what has transpired. I have never experienced a year such as this in my 45 years on Committee of which I have chaired 11 or 12 of them.

The Committee you elected at the August 2009 AGM was destined for destruction as there was too much dissension and a positive course was not taken. The personal stress put on the executive saw them resign because they could not do their work properly, and could not work with some of the remainder of the Committee.

At the December General meeting a motion of no confidence in the remainder of the Committee was carried and a new election was held. A document prepared by Ian Cook and others in November 2008 consisting of 11 pages and titled "*Required Outcomes*" was the major cause of dissension and involved me in seeking legal action requesting an apology at the next General meeting, which hasn't been received.

A club needs a positive course and the Committee you elected in December has shown a positive and harmonious attitude. I say thank you to the club members for your support and the quality of the people you elected to be the drivers of your club. At first the Committee was three positions short but were later helped by Ray Walker and Pat McKeown coming forward.

Meetings. It has been a pleasure to chair your Committee meetings as the course is always forward and positive.

The General meetings are getting back on track and I hope are a lot more enjoyable for those attending. We have endeavoured to keep them as light as possible, deal with requirements, acknowledge our activities and those doing the work and finish with a constructive instruction period of interest. I must thank John Curtis and Terry Fuller and others for helping out in this regard.

Field days. We have operated without a Field Day Officer or assistant, but with the help of Peet Wessels and Peter and Marcia Pekaar and others we have managed.

The course for our field days has been to try and get as much interest in the away venues and to get club members together more where possible, and emphasise enjoyment and achievement and learning.

Committee has placed more commitment on the local fishing outings than before. For those who cannot travel all the time, a three or four hours fishing session with other club members keeps numbers involved in a minor way with the competitive side of the club activity. Even though the fish catches are not as great, we can enjoy each other's company and teach new members at the same time. Sometimes they finish with pizzas and a social get together. Thanks to all who have participated and helped organise both groups.

Dry casting. Allan Jones, Dry Casting Officer and Gary Gildersleeves as Assistant DCO have been responsible for the continuance of our club dry casting with assistance from Marcia Pekaar and husband Peter. Terry Fuller has completed the computer scores and published them in our club magazine "Reel Talk" of which he is editor. Terry has also helped with the sausage sizzle. Allan and Gary can take a bow on the efficient and enjoyable days they provide and the efficiency with which it is done.

John Compton has been responsible for providing and organising a sausage sizzle at the conclusion of casting and he has been assisted by his wife Chrystyne and Allan's wife Val. The main comment from those in joining the finale to the day, other than how good the repast is, is that the girls are better looking than John.

I am impressed with how most members hop in and help put the lanes down and the flags out and at the conclusion help put the equipment away. Casting has been very enjoyable of late and we have placed the emphasis on teaching new members whenever possible.

Social. Our Social Organiser John Compton has really got things on track and with the help of people like Mal Head and other members he has made the coffees and drinks and nibbles at the conclusion of our meetings enjoyable for all.

John's efforts in organising our Presentation Night in June with the help of Terry Fuller and John Curtis was rewarded by you, the members, patronising the event in numbers way in

excess of past events and proved to be faultless in detail. All those who attended were full of praise and said they enjoyed the night immensely. Take a bow, John and crew.

John has been a "right-hand man" to me all year with his efficiency and commitment as secretary, ably assisted by Terry Fuller who has been our minutes secretary. They have worked well together which has been a major benefit to our club. John has also been new member coordinator and initially helped Mal Head with managing our property at Kalbarri. A tireless worker. Thanks John.

Property. Mal Head took on the property portfolio and with the help of John Crompton on the communication side did a sterling job. Later when Ray Walker joined the committee we found out he was working in real estate and he offered to take over the reins and has already shown how efficient he is. He has enabled Mal to help John out on the social side as well as property. We welcome your expertise and direction with our property and a recent report Ray tabled gives us direction for our property management. Ray will need some help later this year with a working bee.

Recorder. Vince Iozzi took on the job of club Recorder even though he was a new member, and with the help of Terry Fuller has managed well and the information coming forward from them both has been of benefit to all members.

Committee. Marcia and Peter Pekaar came on board as Committee members and have helped out in a lot of our club activities, particularly with dry casting and collecting monies, preparing score sheets, and helping Allan and Gary run the day. Also they have had a major role in our field days, running an away venue and most of our local events and have been responsible for good attendances and have also tutored some of our newer members. Marcia was rewarded with the Basil Marsh Award at our Presentation Night and she, along with Peter and Mal Head received certificates of appreciation for their efforts.

Pat McKeown and John Curtis joined our Committee a little later and both have been solid contributors and have proved their worth with positive help and input. John has been responsible for some good instruction periods and has a lot more topics he can assist us with. Thank you to you both.

I have deliberately left Terry Fuller last on my list of Committee persons to thank. Terry is a workaholic, as he is Vice President, Treasurer, Minutes secretary and Reel Talk editor. As Vice President he has had a lot to do with the smooth running of our club and his expert guidance has had a major role in the position our club finds itself in now. He gives Committee a positive direction to follow which benefits us all and displays a good common sense approach.

As Treasurer, taking over from Bev Grigo who was doing a sterling job and set our club finances on track, Terry has been faultless in his management of our finances. As Minutes Secretary, he has helped John Crompton to manage a plethora of things and the manner and accuracy of these minutes has proved priceless. As Reel Talk editor he produces a very informative and accurate publication which you, the members, have made a lot of favourable comments about. All Terry needs from you all is articles and reports of interest for inclusion.

It would be fair for me to say I could not function as your Presiding Officer without the efficiency of both Terry and John Crompton.

I was really pleased in May when you, the members, awarded life membership to Terry Fuller, something really deserved. I know Terry was more than pleased by the gesture. Thanks.

Help for some Committee people. I think we need to look at trying to find some members to relieve both Terry and John of some of their workload. As President I would like to say a very sincere thank you to all the members of committee for their harmonious and positive approach of managing our club and the way they have helped me.

To you, the members, I would like to say thank you for your support and direction you gave us during the year and I look forward to it continuing. May our club prosper with more good members, and that we may share our activities, but more importantly enjoy each other's company and **FRIENDSHIP.**

President 2009/10, George Holman

President's report for August

This month saw our Annual General Meeting come and go, and of course the most important item was our election of officers. I was personally pleased with the quality of the committee you all elected to guide our club over the next 12 months.

We filled our Field Day Officer and assistant positions this time with Peet Wessels and Peter Osborne coming forward and have already shown a positive sense of direction which will benefit us all.

Bev Grigo made herself available for committee as well, and all other committee members are there for the next year although a small reshuffle with the social has happened. Pat McKeown has put his hand up and I look forward to you all supporting him throughout the year. Marcia and Peter Pekaar have stepped down but have offered to help at all times. Thank you. The committee list is in the front of the Reel Talk.

At our August local field day a group of us witnessed Allan Jones land a Pink Snapper of 7.68 kg whole weight at Floreat Beach. Anyone looking on would have thought we had all caught it as we were all so pleased to see Allan catch such a great fish in weedy, very ordinary conditions, so you can all imagine the joy Allan showed.

The fish went everywhere that night for weighing and photos and next morning Allan called on Terry Fuller's expertise to fillet it for him to get the most out of such a great fish. A great catch Allan and just shows what can happen when you fish locally even for a couple of hours. As Allan said "you have to have a line in the water!!"

Congratulations must go to John Curtis on his election as the State President of the AAA of WA. John has had a long association with the WA Division and has a lot to offer in guiding the Anglers Association on a positive path.

Club casters please note there will be a meeting at 89 Clontarf Street Sorrento on Monday 6 September at 8pm. This will set up arrangements for the next State Casting Championships to be held at the Yokine Reserve on Sunday 31 October and start to look at planning for South West Rocks in NSW next year in July/August.

Last committee meeting saw a lot of projects dealt with and these will be covered by reports in this issue by our new committee members. I look forward to a positive and enjoyable year with a lot of support from you, the members, for all the activities of our club and more importantly - comradery and friendship and learning.

Best wishes for 2010/11.

President 2010/11, George Holman

Members' stories, photos, tips, etc wanted

Do you have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, comments on Club events, etc, etc, to share with other club members? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor.

An old fashioned tape recorder is available for use by people who don't have computers. They can just talk into it, and Terry Fuller will type it up for the Reel Talk if required.

Thanks to Committee members for the reports about their events.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Heavy duty sewing

Contact Terry Fuller if you need some heavy duty strong sewing. The sewing machine can handle reinforcing or repairing tarpaulins, rope edging, plastic, canvas, leather, shade cloth, webbing, straps, buckles, etc, for tent flies, windbreaks, bags, fish bags, covers, etc.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

The Reel Talk is published and posted so that it gets to the members some days before the first event held in the coming calendar month. Some months this gets very tight due to the timing of club events in the current month and early in the next month.

The editor would really appreciate getting items a long time before the deadline, particularly if they have to be typed in, scanned, reformatted, etc. Items received electronically can be put into the magazine in a short time, but are subject to space.

Timing is very tight for the October Reel Talk due to the Field Day on the long weekend and dry casting the next weekend. I will be away from Perth Friday to Tuesday inclusive. I may not be able to get the Reel Talk out to members before the 3 October Dry Casting.

Can I please have general articles and reports no later than 5 pm Thursday 23 September. That's before the long weekend.

I will accept and use field day details and reports received up to 5 pm Wednesday 29 September. Anything received after that may need to wait until the November Reel Talk.

Please note:- These dates/times are deadlines and closing and cut off times, not targets for you to aim to just meet. If you don't understand the difference, please contact me.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Happy birthday to

Sharon Osborne, 5 September, Barry Hayes, 6 September, Peet Wessels 20 September, Brooke Reilly 22 September, Rhys Jones 23 September, Simon Ryan 24 September, Sabby Pizzolante, 27 September, Tino Baiardo 27 September.

Please contact the Secretary if you wish or will allow for your birthday (the day and month only, not the year) to be listed. Only people who have advised the Secretary will be listed.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Buy, sell or swap

Members who want to buy, sell or swap something fishing related can advertise in the Reel Talk free of charge. Contact me with the details.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Vehicle safety flags and vehicle stickers

The Club's Code of Ethics says "*Vehicles using beaches or accessing beaches shall be encouraged to use a pole carrying a flag or bunting which shall be a minimum of three (3) metres from ground level on all field trips whilst off road.*"

Vehicle orange safety flags are available for \$10 each, and club stickers for \$2 each

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

Club shirts, polo jackets and badges

Please contact the Membership Coordinator, John Crompton on 9209 2117 to purchase any of the following old design Club shirts and jackets, \$20.00 each.

Size	Short sleeve	Size	Long sleeve	Polo jackets
14	2	24	1	1 x 3XL, thick material
16	1	26	2	2 x SM, thick material
18	1			
20	1			2 x SM, thin material.

New design T Shirts cost \$30 for short sleeved, \$35 for long sleeved. Plenty of stock and sizes.

New design Club Badges are available for purchase at \$4.50 each

Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

Field Day dates, venues and boundaries for 2010/11

This list was approved by the members at the April General Meeting.

Month	Venue	Dates	Boundaries
Sep 2010	S-Bend	Sep 25/26/27 LWE	7-Mile to Tarcoola.
Oct 2010	Capes South	Oct 16/17	Margaret River to Augusta.
Nov 2010	Cervantes	Nov 13/14	Cervantes to as far as you can walk north of Hill River.
Dec 2010	Seabird	Dec 11/12	As far as you can walk south of Moore River to Beacons north end of Lancelin.
Jan 2011	Local	Jan 15/16	North Mole to Mindarie Marina plus Swan and Canning Rivers.
Feb 2011	White Hills/Myalup	Feb 12/13	White Hills to Myalup.
Mar 2011	Bluff Creek	March 5/6/7 LWE	Same as AAWA State Rock and Beach Championships, Bremer River mouth to Albany Harbour jetty.
Apr 2011	Reef Beach	Apr 22 to 26 Easter / ANZAC	Point Charles (east of Bremer Bay) to Reef Beach.

Minutes Secretary Terry Fuller

General Meeting dates for 2010/11

These are all on the standard second Wednesday of the month.

8 September 2010	13 October 2010	
10 November 2010	8 December 2010	12 January 2011
9 February 2011	9 March 2011	13 April 2011

Drycasting dates for 2010/11

These are mostly the first Sunday of the month, except Fathers' Day, or when the Field Day is on then due to a long weekend, or when the Yokine Reserve cannot be booked.

12 September 2010 (Notes 1, 2)		3 October 2010
7 November 2010	5 December 2010	2 January 2011
6 February 2011	13 March 2011 (Note 1)	3 April 2011

Note 1. Field Day is on the long weekend.

Note 2. September avoids Fathers' Day.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Calendar for 2010/11

See the full year's calendar plus school and public holidays in the May Reel Talk. Add the 2011 Presentation night on Saturday 25 June 2011.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

AAWA State Championships during 2010/11

State Dry Casting Championships, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 31 October 2010.

State Estuary Championships, 27/28 November 2010 Swan and Canning rivers and Cockburn Sound.

State Rock and Beach Fishing Championships Sat/Sun/Mon 5, 6, 7 March 2011, Cheynes Beach Caravan Park. Boundaries Bremer River mouth to Albany Harbour jetty.

State Boating Championships, Saturday 26 March 2011, Marmion Angling Club.

AAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

Dry Casting report 1 August 2010

It was a cold morning around 5 degrees getting to about 15 degrees at noon. There were 21 casters in all.

The vets started with double handed accuracy followed by distance. We had a strong north to north easterly wind blowing. By the results of the Seniors looks as though they had trouble with the wind in double handed accuracy.

There were 4 bullseyes in single handed accuracy, Eric Parker in the Seniors with 2 and Allan Jones and George Holman 1 each in the Veterans.

It was good to see Shane and Sarah Wignell back at casting.

Thanks to all who helped in putting out the flags and banners and setting up the courts and to those who brought in all the equipment.

Pat McKeown did very well in double handed accuracy with his first 100 and a 24 as well.

Sarah Wignell and Owen Williams looked as they both had a good day, well done.

Next month drycasting is on the 12th September due to Fathers' Day on the first Sunday in the month.

The best casts of the day were:-

Peter Pekaar	Seniors	155m	112 gram
Bob Henderson	Vets	133m	112 gram
Wendy Hansen	Ladies	95m	112 gram
Owen Williams	Mini Juniors	40m	112 gram

Winners for August:-

Seniors	Peter Pekaar	220 points
Vets	Bob Henderson	252 points
Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	142 points
Mini Juniors	Sarah Wignell	82 points

Dry Casting Officer, Allan Jones

Dry Casting report Seniors, Ladies, Mini Juniors

Our casting group numbers seem to be steadily increasing month by month, quite often with our newer members showing interest in this sport.

Having helped Marcia put out the flags, Owen was thrilled to see another Mini-Junior in attendance as he returned to the casting area and saw that Sarah and Shane Wignell had arrived.

With a head wind blowing all morning, it did have a negative effect on distances but it was the accuracy events which really suffered.

Eric's two bullseyes in single handed accuracy were impressive and earned him the Men's highest score in that event. Unfortunately, Terry Willison had to leave early and was unable to cast in the accuracy events.

In the Ladies' division, Wendy and Marcia shared wins in the various events, and at the end of the day, only six points separated their scores.

Sarah Wignell was the overall winner in the Mini Junior section, which was helped by her good accuracy scores. However, Owen made up some ground with his distance casts.

At this point in the year, it is time to give serious consideration toward nominating for a team in the State Dry Casting Championships to be held on 31 October 2010. This is first and foremost a team event and the efforts of all individuals contribute to the total team score.

Peter Pekaar

Dry Casting results, 1 August 2010

These results have been prepared from the original hand written distances and scores recorded on the day. Marcia and Peter Pekaar copied the scores from the score sheets into an electronic format, adjusted the distance scores for the 20 metre measurement setback, and cross checked all final figures against the original score sheets.

Terry Fuller used his computer drycasting scoring program to process the results to calculate the points, add all together, sort into final score order, extract the section winners and year's best as shown on the second page, and progressive scores for use at the end of the competition year.

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	Attendance		Total Points	
	Cast	Cast	Points	Cast	Cast	Points	Cast	Cast	Points	Target number								Target distance						Total	DC		GM
	1 (m)	2 (m)		1 (m)	2 (m)		1 (m)	2 (m)		3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S					
Peter Pekaar	126	130	26	127	121	25	155	148	30	23	12	19	19	16	1	12	17	119	1	2	6	3	12	212	10		222
Eric Parker	93	96	19	90	86	18	111	113	22	16	0	23	22	0	0	18	0	79	3	10	2	10	25	163	10		173
Rhys Jones	108	113	22	117	121	24	152	145	30	0	17	19	0	0	7	7	20	70	0	2	6	5	13	159	10		169
Jeff Hewton	128	0	13	103	117	22	129	126	26	0	0	16	22	0	0	0	15	53	0	8	0	5	13	127	10		137
Mark Hansen	87	0	9	83	0	8	105	0	11	0	0	0	23	2	4	0	0	29	2	2	0	3	7	64	10		74
Shane Wignell	0	72	7	0	65	7	0	85	9	0	0	10	0	0	0	2	18	30	7	0	0	0	7	60	10		70
Terry Willison	120	112	23	99	97	20	0	0	0	< ----- Did not cast ----- >												43	10		53		
Danny Fimeri	14	60	7	0	71	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	29	10		39

Veterans

Bob Henderson	103	103	21	99	104	20	121	133	25	16	16	22	23	16	17	20	16	146	7	8	9	6	30	242	10		252
Gary Gildersleeves	110	116	23	102	103	21	124	119	24	0	18	24	21	18	21	13	21	136	9	6	3	8	26	230	10		240
Allan Jones	112	113	23	98	100	20	124	121	25	23	10	14	5	20	14	18	16	120	2	10	7	6	25	213	10		223
George Holman	102	0	10	99	110	21	127	124	25	12	18	8	23	20	2	24	18	125	9	7	4	10	30	211	10		221
Terry Fuller	91	93	18	81	85	17	99	108	21	14	13	17	21	14	13	6	22	120	7	0	1	5	13	189	10		199
Peter Osborne	84	94	18	90	90	18	120	107	23	1	15	20	20	2	12	21	22	113	0	5	4	3	12	184	10		194
Malcolm Head	73	96	17	83	91	17	103	110	21	6	15	16	17	0	21	16	18	109	5	1	6	2	14	178	10		188
Geoff Raftis	96	90	19	99	85	18	115	114	23	0	12	1	10	20	22	14	12	91	0	0	0	6	6	157	10		167
Pat McKeown	69	32	10	74	75	15	86	87	17	18	15	14	24	0	5	11	19	106	0	0	0	1	1	149	10		159
John Crompton	63	70	13	83	72	16	93	83	18	17	0	19	13	0	11	6	21	87	2	0	0	0	2	136	10		146
Trevor Stam	0	12	1	63	71	13	82	81	16	15	8	12	0	0	16	24	0	75	0	2	0	0	2	107	10		117
Jim Strong	66	0	7	61	53	11	69	70	14	8	6	4	10	0	3	10	19	60	4	0	6	4	14	106	10		116
Ray Walker	0	61	6	82	7	9	0	0	0	19	12	0	0	0	0	16	0	47	0	0	7	4	11	73	10		83

Ladies

Marcia Pekaar	85	90	18	78	75	15	87	91	18	6	22	0	10	15	0	15	0	68	6	3	4	0	13	132	10		142
Wendy Hansen	62	62	12	59	79	14	87	93	18	0	11	19	15	0	0	16	11	72	3	7	0	0	10	126	10		136

Mini Juniors

Sarah Wignell	29	24	5	24	21	5	22	26	5	16	20	2	0					38	7	0	3	9	19	72	10		82
Owen Williams	38	40	8	31	33	6	40	40	8	0	3	2	11					16	5	0	1	8	14	52	10		62

These scores were compiled on the day of casting and do not include points for attendance at August General Meeting.

Dry Casting winners for 1 August 2010

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	26	Peter Pekaar	23	Gary Gildersleeves, Allan Jones
56 gram Distance	130	Peter Pekaar	116	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Score	25	Peter Pekaar	21	Gary Gildersleeves, George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	127	Peter Pekaar	110	George Holman
112 gram Score	30	Peter Pekaar, Rhys Jones	25	Bob Henderson, Allan Jones, George Holman
112 gram Distance	155	Peter Pekaar	133	Bob Henderson
Double Handed Acc.	119	Peter Pekaar	146	Bob Henderson
Single Handed Acc.	25	Eric Parker	30	Bob Henderson, George Holman
Section Highest Points	222	Peter Pekaar	252	Bob Henderson

Event	Ladies winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	18	Marcia Pekaar	8	Owen Williams
56 gram Distance	90	Marcia Pekaar	40	Owen Williams
Artificial Bait Score	15	Marcia Pekaar	6	Owen Williams
Artificial Bait Distance	79	Wendy Hansen	33	Owen Williams
112 gram Score	18	Marcia Pekaar, Wendy Hansen	8	Owen Williams
112 gram Distance	93	Wendy Hansen	40	Owen Williams
Double Handed Acc.	72	Wendy Hansen	38	Sarah Wignell
Single Handed Acc.	13	Marcia Pekaar	19	Sarah Wignell
Section Highest Points	142	Marcia Pekaar	82	Sarah Wignell

Event	Overall winner for August		Year's best up to August	
56 gram Score	26	Peter Pekaar	26	Ian Cook, Peter Pekaar
56 gram Distance	130	Peter Pekaar	138	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	25	Peter Pekaar	28	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	127	Peter Pekaar	141	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	30	Peter Pekaar, Rhys Jones	32	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Distance	155	Peter Pekaar	170	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	146	Bob Henderson	165	Bob Henderson
Single Handed Acc.	30	Bob Henderson, George Holman	30	Bob Henderson, George Holman
Section Highest Points	252	Bob Henderson	268	Bob Henderson

These scores were compiled on the day of casting and do not include points for attendance at August General Meeting

Dry Casting top scores for 2010/11

Total scores up to and including August casting, but excluding points for attendance at the August General Meeting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. These will be announced at and published after the Presentation of Trophies.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	957	1	Eric Parker	616	11	Wendy Hansen	259	21
Bob Henderson	945	2	John Crompton	596	12	Jim Strong	250	22
Peter Pekaar	930	3	Trevor Stam	547	13	Mark Hansen	228	23
Allan Jones	907	4	Dean Stewart	486	14	Owen Williams	208	24
Peter Osborne	873	5	Geoff Raftis	449	15	Ian Cook	155	25
Terry Fuller	797	6	Pat McKeown	413	16	Simon Ryan	105	26
Marcia Pekaar	743	7	Terry Willison	371	17	Danny Fimeri	92	27
Gary Gildersleeves	724	8	Rhys Jones	370	18	Sarah Wignell	82	28
Jeff Hewton	687	9	Andrew Pekaar	352	19	Shane Wignell	70	29
Malcolm Head	634	10	Ray Walker	289	20			

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Field Day Report for Rottnest, August 2010

Having a last look at the weather and swell predictions for the weekend ahead we left home a bit early to make sure we got to Rous Head with plenty of time to spare. Arriving at the Ferry terminal Sandra and I were greeted by the happy and smiling faces of Ian Cook, Mark and Wendy Hansen, Ian Taggart, Greg Keet and Peter Osborne.

Spirits were high and all were very helpful and in no time all our gear was securely stowed away in the crates for the journey across to Rottnest Island. While waiting for our departure we had a cuppa and quickly caught up with everybody's news. However, the main discussion was the fairly high swells that were predicted for the weekend. The trip across felt very short and with only a few heavy bumps we arrived safely at Thompson's Bay in a very light rain. Soon we were all settled into our Bungalows.



Surfcasters at the August 2010 weigh in.



Sandra Wessels with 1.18kg Skippy caught at Radar Reef.

Saturday morning our transport to West End was spot on time and after a quick stop at the bakery we left in anticipation to see what was waiting for us at West End.

On the way the bus driver stopped and showed us some of the cliff faces that had collapsed over the last few days. From there the swell also looked quite big and threatening.

After off loading all the gear we all disappeared to Wilsons, Tennis Court and Radar Reef. Although the swell came in high at a few times the relatively light winds made the reef very fishable from early in the afternoon.

The fishing started off slowly and most of us were harassed by Wrasse and Big Buffalo Bream. One person in particular had an ongoing battle with the Buffies and very soon Sandra was labeled the "Buffy Slayer".

As the sun was dipping in the west everybody was battle ready for the anticipated Yellowtail run. It however never happened and not one legal size Kingie was landed. The Skippy however saved the day and it was not long before there were steady streams of these silver fighters coming to rest in a waiting reef bag.

Sunday was basically an exact repeat of Saturday with another perfect day ending in a wonderful sunset. At the weigh-in some

reasonable bags appeared with some Master and Grand Masters fish. Sandra Wessels took the prize for the biggest scale fish with a Skippy of 1.18 kg which she caught at Radar Reef. The biggest bag of scale fish goes to Peet Wessels with a total weight of 9.96 kg.

Monday morning saw some weary Surfcasters ready for the trip back to the main land. Too soon another fantastic Rotto experience came to an end. This is truly one of our best field day venues, always leaving one with golden memories as so many of our older members can witness.

Now is the time for the younger generation of our members to stand up and join in to preserve and secure what is truly a unique fishing venue for the generations to come.

Hope the next time I see you is with a bent rod in the hand.

Tight lines

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

You have to have your line in the water

Local Field Day report 14 and 15 August 2010

As our club was having its field day at Rottneest, some of us who couldn't attend this venue decided to fish locally. Unfortunately, as I had rolled my ankle the day before, any long walking or rock fishing was out of the question for me.

So, we (Marcia and I) met Allan Jones at one of our local fishing beaches on Saturday at 3pm for an afternoon/evening fish. Not long after we set up, John Curtis also joined us. The conditions looked quite good; a mild south-westerly blowing already. With a couple of rips working out to a gutter and a low tide on dusk, all we needed were some fish.

First cast - WEED. Second cast - MORE weed. By now it was obvious that it was going to be one of those fishing sessions plagued by weed, which in turn promotes general discussion. George rolled up and the optimistic look on his face soon disappeared as he watched us all dragging in the salad. The only glimmer of hope was watching AJ pick out a just size tarwhine from his weed monster.

The back-breaking work meant that after a few casts, there was a good excuse to put the rod in the rod holder and have another chat. It was during one of these chat sessions when most of us were standing around that Allan, as he was the only one in the water, locked onto a solid fish. At first he said to Marcia that he thought he had a ray on his line, but since nearly every ray finds its way onto my line, I was sure that Allan had something better.

Playing the fish proved difficult with the drift in the gutter being right to left and the surface weed drifting from left to right. Allan's skill and patience as a fisherman proved to be the undoing of the 7.68kg pink snapper in prime condition. This sparked renewed enthusiasm, with all of us immediately baiting up and getting into the water, hoping for the same. No more snapper were to be had, but George Holman landed the last fish of the evening with a nice tailor, weighing 1.1kg, gilled and gutted.

Even though the fish were scarce, it was a great night spent with friends. I am sure that we all enjoyed the excitement that comes with watching a fellow angler land the once-in-a-lifetime fish under trying conditions. I hope that the Committee considers this capture in the Most Meritorious Section of our 2010/2011 SCAC Field Day competition.

Peter Pekaar

The Snapper

I headed off to the Floreat drain with usual anticipation of catching the usual small fry. I met up with Peter and Marcia Pekaar in the car park.

Walking off to the beach we stopped to check out where we were going to fish and decided that straight down was as good as anywhere. John Curtis arrived after a while. The water was not good with a lot of weed but we fished on regardless. George Holman arrived and after a quick chat set up to fish. I caught a Silver Bream (260 mm) along with a heap of weed. Around 6.30pm my line was jerking with weed sliding down the line, so I started to pull the weed in then without warning the weed came to life and started to peel the line from the reel.

A short time later the fish was in the wash. Peter Pekaar went down to pick it up for me, thinking it was mulloway with weed, then he gasped!!!! Golly gosh, it is a Snapper. It weighed in at 7.68kg at the time of capture. All there were happy for my catch.

Allan Jones



*Allan Jones with 7.68 kg Pink Snapper
6.75 kg gilled and gutted at weigh in.*

Oversight.

In our field day report last month, we omitted the fact that Peter Osborne won the field day. Peter brought 13 fish to the weigh in, including four species, with a total weight of 6.33kg.

Peter's win deserves recognition and we apologise for not including it in our field day report last month.

Marcia and Peter Pekaar

Sportsperson of the Year winners for August 2010

Best scale fish	Allan Jones	Pink Snapper	6.75 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	9.96 kg

Field day section winners for August 2010

Best scale fish	Allan Jones	Pink Snapper	6.75 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	9.96 kg

Species weighed in at the August Field Day from Rottneest were:- Skippy, Herring, Wrasse, Blackfish, Tarwhine and Breaksea Cod. Species weighed in from the local Field Day were Pink Snapper, Tailor and Tarwhine.

Catch results and points for the August 2010 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Field Day points	General meeting Points
Peet Wessels	9.96 kg	5	26	200	10
Peter Osborne	9.61 kg	5	28	196	10
Sandra Wessels	9.61 kg	5	29	196	10
Ian Cook	7.33 kg	6	13	183	10
Greg Keet	8.05 kg	4	15	161	
Mark Hansen	7.39 kg	3	30	154	10
Allan Jones	6.95 kg	2	2	110	10
Ian Taggart	1.77 kg	2	6	88	10
Wendy Hansen	0.99 kg	2	8	80	10
George Holman	1.10 kg	1	1	41	10
John Curtis	0 kg	0	0	20	10
Marcia Pekaar	0 kg	0	0	20	10
Peter Pekaar	0 kg	0	0	20	10
Danny Fimeri	0 kg	0	0	20	10
John Crompton	0 kg	0	0	20	10

Field Day top scores for 2010/11

Total scores up to and including August Field Day and August General meeting.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peet Wessels	631.7	1	Peter Pekaar	165.8	11	Greg Walker	50	21
Peter Osborne	582.8	2	Wendy Hansen	164.6	12	Holly Walker	50	22
Sandra Wessels	527.1	3	Greg Keet	160.5	13	Michelle Walker	50	23
Ian Cook	423	4	Marcia Pekaar	150.4	14	John Crompton	40	24
Mark Hansen	317.9	5	Charles Faure	115	15	Rhys Jones	10	25
Theo Van Niekerk	289.7	6	Danny Fimeri	91.4	16			
Ian Taggart	246.3	7	John Curtis	91	17			
George Holman	203.8	8	Ray Walker	61.4	18			
Allan Jones	198.6	9	Michael Gaudin	52.2	19			
Sabby Pizzolante	188.9	10	Frank Gaudin	52.1	20			

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Field Day sections 2010/11

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Allan Jones	Snapper Pink	6.75 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritorious Fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)			
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	1.1 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Ian Taggart	Salmon	3.23 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.18 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.08 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	15.55 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Charles Faure	Tailor	2.64 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)			
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Frank Gaudin	Herring	0.13 kg

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

Open fishing competition 2010/11

The Open Competition is for fish caught 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.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Mal Head, 2 kg, caught at Kalbarri
7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman, 2.15kg Spangled Emperor at Quobba, 22 May 2010
17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	

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Barron Lure competition 2010/2011

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

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	No entry yet
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	No entry yet
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	No entry yet

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches at the August Field Day. See the previous full list of members' catches in the May and update in the July Reel Talk.

Name	Black Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Allan Jones		1			1				1			1						4

Recorder, John Curtis

August Field Day length competition

5 entrants handed in forms, all at Rottneest. 222 fish comprising of 8 species made a total of 70.81 metres. 29.91 of those metres were 71 skippy caught by 4 competitors.

Congratulations go to Sandra Wessels who put in an award winning effort wrestling with 15 Buff Bream on Radar reef which helped her with 24.96 metres totalled. As a consequence Sandra is the August length competition winner and gets a prize of a jar of delicious home grown honey.

Mark Hansen

Wanted - aluminium cans

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Malcolm Head

2011 SCAC Dinner and Presentation of Trophies

The Glengarry Tavern has been booked for the 2011 Dinner and Presentation of Trophies night. Watch the Reel Talk for more details.

The date is Saturday 25 June 2011. Please put this in your diary.

Social Organiser, John Crompton

Win free Club membership for a year

The Committee has decided to extend the offer of one year's free Club membership to the 2010/11 year as an added incentive for new members to join the Club.

In the second draw to be held at our Presentation night on 25 June 2011, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2010 and June 2011 will be in a draw to receive 1 year's free membership. The free membership will be for them and be the same type as they held in 2010/11, that is, single or family, etc.

Please let your fishing friends, relatives, workmates, neighbours or acquaintances know about this "**win free club membership for a year**" offer, what the Club does, and the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members. Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

In the first draw held at our 2010 Presentation night, all members who had been accepted into the club between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 were in a draw drawn by mini junior Owen Williams. The 2010 winner was Andrew Vanzyl winning one year's Family membership valued at \$120.

Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

Club Dry Casting records

These details have been copied from the club website which was last updated on 13 June 2010 using information provided by Peter Pekaar who was previously Dry Casting Officer. See <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/DryCastingRecords.html>

112 gram Level line distance			56 gram Level line distance	
Mens	192 m	Keith Heaney	163.06 m	Peter Pekaar, 14 September 2008
Ladies	132 m	Sharon Osborne	130 m	Sharon Osborne
Veterans	178.9 m	George Holman, October 2006	154.85 m	George Holman, 14 September 2008
Juniors	153.4 m	Andrew Pekaar, 6 April 2008	133 m	Andrew Pekaar, 5 August 2007
Mini Juniors	100.25 m	Rhys Jones	97.45 m	Rhys Jones

Artificial bait level line distance		
Mens	159.5 m	Keith Heaney
Ladies	106 m	Filomena D'Alonzo
Veterans	147.12 m	George Holman, 14 September 2008
Juniors	131.56 m	Andrew Pekaar, December 2007
Mini Juniors	103 m	Heath Holman

Double handed accuracy. Points out of 200 (100 for Mini Juniors)			Single handed accuracy. Points out of 40	
Mens	171 points	Gary Gildersleeves	38 points	Andrew Aubrey
Ladies	158 points	Sharon Osborne	36 points	Vix Alexander, 31 August 2003
Veterans	176 points	Gary Gildersleeves, 26 October 2008	37 points	George Holman, 7 March 2010
Juniors	163 points	Heath Holman	33 points	Andrew Pekaar, December 2007
Mini Juniors	78 points	S. Saueraker	29 points	Rhys Jones

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Australian Anglers Association mid-term meeting report

The mid-term meeting of the Australian Anglers Association was held on 26 July 2010 at South West Rocks Country Club in NSW.

Our two representatives attending were George Holman and Peter Pekaar. Peter's wife, Marcia, also attended as an observer. All five States had two delegates present, and Graeme Dawber, Delegate for New Zealand, attended along with his wife, Anne.

The NSW Division had just completed its bi-annual State Convention at this location over the previous week in all four divisions - boat, beach, estuary, and casting. Good fish were caught for example tailor 5.02kg, bream 1.32kg, mulloway 12.12kg, and a bar cod of 20.41kg. The casting was well attended at the local private airstrip and nine State Records were bettered. Sub-Junior 172 DH Accuracy; 114.24m Art Bait, and 119.78m 112g distance; Ladies 131.47m 112g distance, and 108.18m Art Bait; Super Vet 136.68m 112g Art Bait; and 153.2m 112g Distance; and Veterans 182.34m 112g distance. Ian Cameron cast 208.48m 112g distance, which will be submitted for a National record. This was also used as a trial run for next year's National Convention.

The future for Conventions. Robert Smith (Federal President) chaired proceedings and tabled his report which concluded with:

- Where does our future head?
- Is our fishing as "AAA or State Divisions" a sport?
- Do you want it to continue?

- Do we need to change our outlook or expectations?
- Should we become an NSO – National Sporting Organisation, which has many benefits but no independence and plenty of down sides?

A lot of debate was had and it was pointed out that only three States, NSW, Queensland, and possibly SA, were able to conduct National Conventions which meant they were now expected to run a convention every six years instead of ten because WA and Victoria were not in a position to run them. Queensland pointed out they worked on a budget of \$100,000 which included their State Liability insurance of \$23,000. Sponsors were becoming very hard to find as firms like Alvey were under pressure and Schneider Glass rods have just shut their doors.

All Delegates present are aware of the need for efficient fisheries management due to dwindling fish stocks. However, there is a general fear amongst fishers that the actions of over zealous conservationists could influence an upward trend in the number of marine parks which in turn will lower the opportunity for recreational fishing in the future.

The decision will be made at the convention meeting at the convention next year, but in the meantime the States and New Zealand are to look at what they want, where they want to go, and if there are alternatives.

For the convention competition next year, NSW pointed out they can cover people from WA for a fee of around \$11 under their policy.

We received a receipt for our \$50 affiliation fee for the last 12 months and I paid for the next 12 months whilst at the meeting.

National Records. WA Division (Richard Siudak) was given the job of National Records Authority even though there was a member from Queensland wishing to take the job over.

It was pointed out that record applications must be accompanied by the appropriate fee or they will not be processed. They must also be tabled through their State Division and then passed on so the relevant State knows and authorises the processing of records through their State Records to be kept up-to-date on the WA web site. A further \$200 was granted to the records authority to help meet their costs. It was also confirmed that fish may be caught anywhere in Australian Territorial Waters.

Changes. The Notice of Motion from SA saw the number of conventions to qualify under “Criteria for Certificates” an applicant has to have participated in at least five (5) Conventions. The need to have contributed to the hosting of a Convention was dropped as it was pointed out that there are now two States and New Zealand which would not be able to qualify. The need to have provided service in their own State Division stands. This is for the achievement of a Certificate of Honour or a Certificate of Appreciation or the like. The wording of each certificate will be decided at the meeting granting the award.

The Notice of Motion to qualify for a National Casting record that WA put was lost. A caster can only receive a national casting record by competing in a State or National Casting Championship. It was pointed out that a fish record can be caught anywhere any time!!

The motion “To be eligible to compete as a Junior participant shall be under the age of seventeen (17) years on the first day scheduled for competition” was carried.

The motion to standardise the casting weights “56gram light blue, 84gram white, and 112gram black” was carried.

The wording was altered for the sending of minutes to each State to read: Two (2) copies of all minutes, at least one (1) to be hard copy on A4 paper, shall be forwarded to each State Division.

WA Division delegates to be reimbursed part of their air fares which are worked out on the lowest air fares available at the time of the convention.

2011 Convention. NSW presented the proposed 2011 Championship Program and Venue which will be held at South West Rocks from 26 July to 11 August 2011. The boat launching for both ocean and estuary is close to the main centre and I know Peter and Marcia couldn't believe the size and quality of their estuaries, not to mention the beaches which were

available to be fished presenting both good beach and rock areas. Their coastline is completely different to ours with great estuaries everywhere and foliage nearly to the water on some of their beaches.

The headquarters venue at the Country Club at South West Rocks is first class. The problem we have for our casters is they haven't decided on the casting location as yet, as it could be at Port Macquarie near the airport or a private air strip near Smokey Cape (where the NSW State event was cast), several kilometres from South West Rocks, or at the Kempsey air strip, about 35 kilometres from South West Rocks.

The other hurdle is that the casting is on the Monday and Tuesday before the Thursday night Presentation Dinner and convention meeting earlier that day. This will require a good deal of organising and co-operation in the lead up to this event.

Robert Hawes made available Edition 3 of the AAA Archives on disc to each State. His wife, Rosemary, is not enjoying good health at the moment and best wishes were sent by the Delegates to her because both have been major contributors to AAA Nationals for many years.

I would like to thank Peter and Marcia Pekaar for their involvement, attendance and company for this convention representing our State, and I hope they enjoyed the experience as I did their company.

George Holman, Senior Vice-President AAAWA

AAAWA report for August

August 18 was a very hectic night commencing with the presentation of the awards for the previous year's activities for champion individuals and clubs. Pat Shinnick (President) did most of the organising and did a very good job. As I forgot to pick up Jim Strong (Patron) and bring him to the meeting, Laurie Birchall (Patron) did most of the early presentations.

Thanks to Bob Henderson who rushed out and picked up Jim and brought him to the meeting, getting me off the hook (a little). Jim was able to do the major presentation from the Association to Pat Shinnick which was our way of saying thank you for quite a number of years of service from Pat. Pat has been tireless in his endeavours to keep the Association moving forward and looking after the interests of club and recreational anglers.

Congratulations were expressed to all the winners, and a light supper was then enjoyed for a short while.

The formal meeting was then commenced and business and reports tabled. George Holman then gave a summary report on the results of the mid-term meeting that he and Peter Pekaar (along with Peter's wife Marcia who came along as an observer) had attended at South West Rocks in New South Wales where next year's Convention is to be held. The full report is published elsewhere in the Reel Talk. There are a lot of heavy decisions to be made in the near future.

A meeting of the dry casting section and those interested is to be held at the rear of 89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento on Monday, 6 September commencing at 8pm. This is to set up the next State Casting Championships on 31 October and start planning for the Nationals next year at South West Rocks. Please attend.

Then the AAAWA Annual General Meeting was conducted. Pat read out his report and the usual formalities were done. Elections were by secret ballot even for a single nominee. Two people nominated for President, John Curtis and Chas Riegert, with John being elected comfortably. George Holman was Senior Vice President, Peter Pekaar Junior Vice President, Marcia Pekaar Assistant Secretary, (as we have a paid Secretary Treasurer in Diane McDonough), Paul Frzop Competitions Officer, Terry Fuller website and also Recfishwest delegate. There were 15 delegates voting and several visitors.

We wish John Curtis well for the coming year and I am sure you will help whenever and wherever possible. Attending State events would be a positive course to take.

AAAWA Delegate George Holman.

Treasurer's report 2009/10

Note. *I handed out a printed report at the Annual General Meeting. The preamble to this report has been edited and updated. The changes have been to clarify (I hope) some of my comments. The financial totals reported on 11 August have not been changed.*

I present the draft Treasurer's report for the financial year 2009/10 as prepared up to 11 August.

Background. Firstly, I would like to remind the members how I came to be the Club's Treasurer for 2009/10, because that explains some of my comments and the issues in the financial accounts.

Sandra Wessels was the Club's Treasurer from August 2006 until she resigned in November 2008, with Beverley Grigo taking over from January 2009. Beverley resigned in November 2009 and declined re-nomination at the elections for the new Committee in December 2009. I was elected as Treasurer and to other important and very busy Committee positions in December 2009.

I had done the Club Treasurer's job a few times before, but as an emergency replacement Treasurer taking over part way through the year when the previous Treasurer elected for that year was no longer available. I am a technical, not an accounting person. I have previously successfully used Microsoft Excel spreadsheet programs developed by me to record the Club's finances and also the AAAWA's finances when I was the elected AAAWA Treasurer.

MYOB. Sandra and Beverley had both used the specialized accounting software "Mind Your Own Business" for recording the Club's financial information. The use of MYOB made very good sense for Beverley and Sandra with their accounting backgrounds. However MYOB is not generally known or used by or readily available to people other than accounting or trained business people. Handing over to other people not so equipped could potentially cause problems for the new person, particularly any handover part way through a financial year as I had.

MYOB is complex to use. Unless they already have it, for example in their own business, a licence costing about \$360 would be needed for each person to access and continue to use, add to and modify the 2009 records up to November and from previous years.

For me as a technical person, using MYOB would have involved considerable learning of a very complex software package. While I am quite capable of doing that, I was Treasurer ONLY because no one else volunteered to do the job. I believed MYOB would still leave difficulties for people taking over the Treasurer's job in future unless they had accounting experience.

Excel. I already had the Excel financial programs complete with extensive "how to use them" documentation. My choice boiled down to 1. Learn MYOB, or 2. Re-enter five months' records into Excel. Both were a considerable but unavoidable extra work load on top of my already high volunteer work load for the Club. Anyway, that's all done, and I believe it will be simpler from now on for whoever is the Treasurer.

Handover. On handover I was given both extensive paper records plus a computer disc copy of all of the MYOB transactions in both MYOB format and a listing in a format usable by other computer programs. Thank you Bev for all the detail. The listing needed considerable manipulation and interpretation to fit into the format I had previously chosen (rightly or wrongly) for the Excel program, since the listing did not include the specific analysis capabilities built in to MYOB.

The Treasurer's job is vital for the Club and cannot remain vacant. The Club was fortunate to have me volunteer to take over and do the data conversion and entry with my skills, programs and equipment to allow records up to December 2009 and the later records for the year to be kept in just one format and layout.

The future. I don't want anyone to be put off from doing the Treasurer's job by any of the above. As an example, the same Excel spreadsheet system was used by the AAAWA when I was Treasurer up until mid 2006. The current AAAWA Treasurer has used that system for four years without any difficulty using the comprehensive "how to use it" documentation I

supplied and a few support emails. Just as MYOB does, when used progressively through the year the Excel system allows the financial records, the annual report and the balance sheet to be available as soon as the final records are entered for the financial year.

Notes regarding the 2009/10 accounts

Please be aware that I, unlike other Treasurers, have more than one job on Committee to use up my volunteer time. This means I am sometimes not able to spend time following up some things I notice to the extent that I would like to do on your behalf.

This report includes financial reports for:-

1. Receipts. A summary of receipts for all money actually received during 2009/10. This is not all really Club income, since it includes some payments received to be transferred to others, some refunds, etc. This list is complete and reconciled.

2. Payments. A summary of all payments actually made by the Club during 2009/10. This is not all really Club expenses, since it includes some payments which were later refunded. This list is complete and reconciled.

3. Reconciliation and bank account summary. Showing that all money collected or direct deposited and cheques presented or direct debits have been accounted for, and un-presented cheques have been identified.

4. Kalbarri house income and expenses summary for 2009/10. Ray White Kalbarri is the Club's agent in Kalbarri, collects some rental, pays some bills, charges some fees, withholds some funds as a contingency against future expenses, and pays some residuals by direct deposit into the Club's bank account. Since these rental payments and expenses were not made directly through the Club's accounts, they are not included in 1. and 2. above, but have been listed in the detailed printout for Kalbarri house.

A detailed printout of what has been recorded as listed above involves a considerable amount of paper, so only limited details will be printed in Reel Talk. Copies can be emailed on request. When time permits, the full details may be posted on the secure area of the Club's website (to be confirmed.)

Profit and Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet has been commenced but has not been completed as at the time of writing this report on 10 August, since this must include some property items, depreciation, income from the BT investment, etc. and these need to be collected and summarised into an electronic version from paper records. Won't take long, it's just not done yet.

Interpreting the figures. As with many financial reports, some of the figures need additional information to be interpreted correctly. A more detailed summary can be prepared for any particular item or group, but please be aware that this uses up more of my time and may need to be prioritised.

A major problem is always the financial year cutoff dates of 1 July and 30 June, which do not allow a true comparison of income and expenditure for exactly the same period. Some payments are made in advance and are not balanced by income, for example, Rottnest, Club shirts. Some membership payments for 2009/10 were recorded in the previous financial year. Some income from grants was received in the previous year and spent in this year. Some cheques issued are not presented until the following year. This has been a regular problem with cheques for Presentation night costs, and will need special attention in future years, but that in itself will introduce a bump in the figures in one year.

The monthly Treasurer's reports have (mostly) given lots of details of each month's financials. There are many different ways the annual totals can be presented for further analysis, given time, however it is always easier if this is known as the details are being recorded during the year. Yes, these reports may be expected to be part of the normal Treasurer's output, however I remind members of my takeover of this job part way through the year and my high workload from other jobs.

I am happy to answer any questions on the year's overall figures.

Terry Fuller, 2009/10 Treasurer

Receipts for money received during 2009/10.	Year Total	Payments made during 2009/10	Year Total
Calendars.....	\$180.00	Bank account fees	\$21.80
Dry casting	\$1,887.00	Rottnest August 2009	\$1,359.90
Field day.....	\$1,550.00	Rottnest October 2009.....	\$900.30
Kalbarri.....	\$5,096.66	Rottnest May 2010.....	\$1,859.00
Rottnest October 2009.....	\$1,046.00	Kalbarri.....	\$4,335.09
Rottnest August 2009	\$156.00	Reel Talk.....	\$3,030.94
Rottnest May 2010.....	\$1,639.00	Tax and accountant	\$997.00
Rottnest August 2010	\$50.00	Club assets.....	\$1,809.87
Car stickers, flags, reef bags.....	\$183.00	Meeting hall hire	\$600.00
Refund of float.....	\$386.00	Dry casting	\$736.00
# Dry casting sausage sizzle.....	\$461.60	Presentation night.....	\$3,486.80
# Meeting social, drinks, raffle.	\$1,197.70	Club flags, clothing, badges, bags.	\$2,893.34
Club clothing.....	\$220.00	Public liability insurance.....	\$824.00
Refunds.....	\$915.00	Secretarial costs	\$1,084.02
Nomination, membership fees.	\$4,582.60	Social costs	\$1,085.29
Presentation night.....	\$2,531.00	Advertising.....	\$302.50
Donation.....	\$587.90	Field day.....	\$16.05
Jim Strong benefit.....	\$810.00	PO box, telephone	\$199.50
.....		Generator costs	\$113.72
.....		Refunds.....	\$74.00
.....		Jim Strong benefit.....	\$1,220.00
.....		Affiliations.....	\$200.00
Total receipts issued	\$23,479.46	Total payments made.....	\$27,149.12
Difference.....	-\$3,669.66		

Dry casting sausage sizzle and Meeting social, drinks, raffle are combined before the change of Social Organiser in December 2009.

Kalbarri house income and expenses summary 2009/10

Total rental income 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.....	\$9,075.00	
Includes rent collected by Ray White	\$5,475.00	
Total expenses	\$8,249.62	made up of:-
Water and water rates	\$830.95	}
Power.....	\$1,220.85	}
Shire rates.....	\$733.29	} Payments made by Club
Insurance	\$1,395.00	}
Club advertising.....	\$80.00	}
Refund of bond etc	\$155.00	}
Advertising	\$105.60	}
Bank charges	\$44.45	} Ray White charges
Management fees.....	\$903.38	}
Postage and petties.....	\$66.00	}
Cleaning.....	\$1,440.00	}
Rubbish removal.....	\$35.00	}
Tree pruning.....	\$230.00	}
Mowing.....	\$50.00	} Payments made by Ray White
Laundry.....	\$73.92	}
Replacement items	\$51.18	}
RCD and Smoke alarms	\$725.00	}
LP Gas cylinder	\$110.00	}
Total of expenses paid to/by Ray White Kalbarri	\$3,834.53	
Actual payment Ray White to SCAC.....	\$1,244.37	via direct credits to bank account.
Withheld by Ray White at 30 June 2010	\$500.00	
Extra withheld by Ray White	\$158.10	(was only \$341.90 at 1 July 2009)

Reconciliation and bank account summary

Account opening balance 1 July 2009	\$16,328.42
Outstanding cheques from 2008/9 at 1 July 2009	\$2,151.20
Available funds at 1 Jul 2009	\$14,177.22
Income received / banked during 2009/10	\$23,479.46
Sub total	\$37,656.68
Expenditure cheques etc during 2009/10.....	\$27,149.12
Outstanding cheques at 1 July 2010	\$2,234.00
Outstanding receipts not deposited by 30 June 2010.....	\$2.10
Calculated closing balance	\$12,739.46
Actual closing balance 30 June 2010	\$12,739.46
Available funds at 30 June 2010	\$10,505.46

Terry Fuller, Treasurer

Information for the Rottnest Field Days in 2011

Dear members,

The dates for the 2 Rottnest field days in 2011 had to be booked early due to the popularity for the accommodation at this prestigious location. For May I could not get any vacancies at the very comfortable Bungalows, I did however book 3 Caroline Thompson cabins for the 13 May to 15 May 2011.

For August we managed to get a booking for 3 Bungalows from the 12 Aug to 14 Aug 2011. I still need to confirm bus transport and prices but a good estimate for cost would be round about \$180 for each of these events. This cost will cover your accommodation for 3 nights, two bus trips to West End and back, your return Ferry ticket from Northport and also your Field day money.

To secure a place you need to pay a deposit of \$100 for each person for each of the field days you want to attend. You are encouraged to pay these deposits as soon as possible, but not later than 4 months before the start of the Field day.

The outstanding amount needs to be paid not later than 1 month before the start of the field day. This will also be the cut-off date when a decision has to be made if we will cancel part or all of the accommodation should we run low in numbers. The standard Rottnest cancellation fee of \$33 per booked unit will apply for cancellations earlier than 14 days before the arrival date.

Any cancellation will have an impact on cost as the accommodation and bus transport costs will need to be split between the remainder of the members.

Should we get an early interest and we receive more than 12 deposits we will do our best to get more accommodation booked. We will however allocate accommodation in the order of how deposits were paid, first come first served. Priority will be given to Club members over visitors if needed.

Deposits paid by members will not be refunded after the cut off date unless someone else takes their place and pays in full.

Please contact your Field Day Officer should you need any more information on these events.

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

AAAWA Dry casting meeting 6 September

A meeting of the dry casting section and those interested is to be held at the rear of 89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento on Monday, 6 September commencing at 8pm. This is to set up the next State Dry Casting Championships on 31 October and start planning for the AAA National Convention next year at South West Rocks. Please attend.

AAAWA Delegate, George Holman

The fishing trip 5 August 2010

It was decided at the Wednesday morning dry casting practice that we should put all of this practice to the test.

The sharpshooters, John, Danny and Pat should meet at John's house and load all our gear into Danny's vehicle for a drive to a beach with fish waiting to be caught with deadly accurate casting right to the tip of their nose so they didn't have far to swim to eat the feed supplied to them.

It was decided to head for Yanchep Lagoon for a look, then onto a place called The Spot followed by a look at Wreck Point, finally onto Two Rocks for a look there.

We left John's place at 3pm ready to catch fish. Good luck waves Chrystyne as we back out of the drive.

We arrive at Yanchep Lagoon about 4:30pm, look around and decide to check other spots. We head along Two Rocks Road and turn off to The Spot. Not a bad road in, arrived at the car park, looked down onto beach all weeded up, not worth fishing, so onto the next spot Wreck Point.

Turn off road onto track, sandy and rocky. Good road to try out Danny's vehicle and skill. We go over the hill down to the bottom, look across at a very sandy track and decide not for Danny's vehicle, turn around to come out and of course if you go down hills you have climb out of them. Danny boots it and frightens the #\$\$%\$% out of the passengers but we make it to the top and it flattens out.

Then the next thing we are met with is another vehicle coming along the same narrow track, a Commodore, normal drive. We swing to the left, say good day to the other guys then drive out onto the road and head to Two Rocks for a look there.

The North wall is blocked so we cannot access the North wall. We then decide to head back to the Lagoon.

We arrive there, unpack our gear and set off along the beach to the magic spot. This is it we decide, set up the gear and in goes the bait.

The evening is beautiful wonderful sunset, very little breeze. What a life fishing is!

Well after some time the rod bends and the reel is losing line. After much heaving and panting whatever it is it's not budging. Gain some line, lose more.

"Hey John", I call out, "give us a hand" I call. John takes over and tries to move it, gains some line then loses some. Took the rod back and tried some more. By now we had decided it must be a sting ray. This went on for another 10 minutes or so, then it decided it did not want to play anymore and busted me off.

John encountered the same beast but that is his story to tell.

After 3 hours or so and no fish, it was decided to pack up and head for the car. After much huffing and puffing we finally made it back to the vehicle.

Getting our breath back we loaded up for the trip home when a vehicle came past and turned into the car park stopping facing us with headlights on us. Now that is just what you need this time of night.

Two guys step out and walk towards us and identify themselves as Fisheries Officers wanting to measure and check our catch. WELL after much laughter and saying we wished we had fish to measure, a quick search of the vehicle didn't turn up any stowaways. After a few laughs and a chat they went on their way laughing into the night.

WELL THAT'S FISHING. WE WILL CATCH FISH.

KEEP WATCHING, WE COULD TURN UP ON A BEACH NEAR YOU.

Pat McKeown

Have you seen the Club's Icom radios?

The Club's two Icom brand IC-41S handheld CB radios were borrowed or mislaid or stolen at the May Drycasting and have not been located or returned. They are in a box with the charger clearly marked with the Club's name, and the radios are engraved.

Please contact the Dry Casting Officer Allan Jones if you have any information about these radios.

These Icom radios were bought with grant money from the 2008 Commonwealth Volunteer Grants Program at a cost of \$836.80 for 2 radios and 2 x 12 volt chargers plus bonus airtube headsets. Rechargeable batteries at \$78.40 plus a carry case at \$270.60 increased the total cost to over \$1,180.

The Committee decided at the August meeting that the loss of these radios will be reported to the Police and eventually the radios may be written off.

In the meantime, the club needs radios to run the distance events at the monthly dry casting.

Two Uniden UH038SX handheld radios costing \$119 for the pair including rechargeable batteries and 240 volt charger have been bought for use at Dry Casting.

These feature:-

- Range up to 4km.
- 40 UHF channels.
- 0.7 watt output power.
- Digital coded squelch.
- 38 Continuous Tone-Coded Squelch System codes to block out unwanted conversations.
- Backlit LCD display.
- Auto battery save.
- Busy channel lockout function.
- Keypad lock.
- Built-in headset jack.
- NiMH rechargeable battery packs and charger.



The new Uniden radios.

Reel Talk Editor and Treasurer, Terry Fuller

Really enjoy your website

Hi. I've just been reading through your website and enjoying all the stories and photos of fishing in Australia.

Fun to see the varieties of fish you catch and the amazing scenery to boot.

The terms are all odd though, and I'd be curious to see some photos of the lures people are talking about. I haven't gotten into the movies yet.

This all started because I bought a rod that was made in Australia and I wanted to know more about the Alvey reels! Thanks for all the info!

Anthony Colbourne, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

From an email received on the Club's email address by Secretary John Crompton

Social Organiser's Report

Hello fellow club members.

This is my first report since taking on the role of Social Organiser from John Crompton who I can't thank enough for the job that he did. I have big shoes to fill.

I am sure I can do this with co-operation from fellow members who enjoy meeting and mingling with other members with similar interests.

I would like to thank all members for voting me into this role.

At the moment with the assistance of Marcia we are organising a bowling night. All details will be in the magazine, upfront costs etc. We need all members to get behind this and support your club.

Another role I have is to supply a sausage sizzle, etc at Dry casting. We need numbers on the day when you register for casting. Please order your sausage in a bun. The current cost is \$2.50 each. Cold drinks are available or bottled water if required at \$1.50.

As all profits go back to members we ask for your support and co-operation. I will be looking at some support for these occasions as I feel this is a club benefit and should be shared by other members. Please come forward and offer.

It would be nice to see all members in polo shirt with name badge on for the benefit of new and potential members.

Any special needs or ideas please let me know

Happy fishing and good casting.

Pat McKeown, Social Organiser

Safari for 2011, Steep Point or Esperance

Dear members,

One of my tasks as Field Day Officer is to arrange an away Safari. After a few requests and discussions with a couple of our members there seems to be a reasonable interest to arrange a fishing Safari to either Steep Point or to Esperance.

The dates we are looking at are for the 10 nights from Friday 30 September 2011 to Sunday 9 October 2011.

Esperance:- Esperance is reached by good bitumen highways. The town has all amenities and services and a wide range of accommodation from camping to Caravan parks to houses.

Fishing around Esperance is mainly beach and rock with some reef. There are good roads and tracks or beach access to many fishing spots and areas. Boat launching ramps are at Bandy Creek Boat Harbour 10 km east of town which also provides some inlet type fishing.

Estuary fishing for Black Bream is available at Stokes Inlet, west of town, mainly from small boats which give access to the fishing spots. Charter boat fishing, diving and tours leave from Bandy Creek.

Use of a conventional vehicle to access the local Jetty can yield squid, herring, garfish, small skippy, and occasionally bonito. Conventional vehicle access to local beaches may yield salmon. For those with a 4WD, various beaches and headlands up to 100 km east of Esperance can yield quality salmon, tailor, and very large skippy, with possibility of sharks and mulloway.

Steep Point:- The National Park fees are: Entry fee per vehicle \$11 and camping fees \$7 per person per night.

Campers at Steep Point need to take everything they will need. We usually tow a few boats and trailers loaded with fridges, generators, fuel and food to last us for the 10 days.

The fishing you can plan on doing at Steep Point is from Ballooning, Cliff, Shore and Boat. This is truly one of the best fishing spots Australia has to offer.

Access to the point is by 4WD, with the almost certainty of large spanish mackerel (can be 30kg +), shark mackerel, snapper, tuna, sharks, potential of mulloway, cobia and even a slight possibility of a sailfish. Great spot for ballooning and spinning/lure fishing from the cliffs right at the point.

A trip like this takes a lot of planning and preparation and if we are going to do it, we need to start with the planning as early as possible.

Please give this Safari a serious thought and show your interest and preference for either Steep Point or Esperance by letting me know as soon as possible.

Field Day Officer, Peet Wessels

Length competition participation in 2010

For the information of members thinking about the proposal for the length competition, the following data about members' participation in and support for the length competition so far in calendar year 2010 has been extracted from reports provided and published in the Reel Talks during 2010.

Field Day 2010	Members who attended Field Day	Members who weighed in fish	Members who entered length competition	Percentage who attended who entered length competition	Percentage with weighed fish who entered length competition	Notes and references.
January	23	8	#	?	?	February Reel Talk page 27. # = not reported
February	18	14	4	22.2%	28.6%	March Reel Talk pages 27, 30
March	22	14	9	40.9%	64.3%	April Reel Talk pages 20, 27
April	23	15	11	47.8%	73.3%	May Reel Talk page 34 June Reel Talk page 21
May	16	13	6	37.5%	46.2%	June Reel Talk pages 20, 21
June	20	12	7	35.0%	58.3%	July Reel Talk page 18
July	17	12	3	17.6%	25.0%	August Reel Talk pages 18, 20
August	15	10	5	33.3%	50.0%	September Reel Talk pages 22, 24
Year's overall totals	154	98	45	29.2%	45.9%	Totals January to August
Year's overall totals excl. Jan	131	90	45	34.4%	50.0%	Totals February to August

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

S-Bend Field Day in September

Have you ever driven that 70 odd kilometre stretch from Dongara to Geraldton, seen the coastal dunes on the western side of the road, and wondered what's over them and what the coast and the fishing is like? Well your chance to find out is coming up.

The September Field Day Saturday/Sunday/Monday 25/26/27 September long weekend will be held at S-Bend, with boundaries from the 7-Mile to Tarcoola on the south side of Geraldton.

The S-Bend area is another one of those fantastic fishing areas with lots of options for fishing from beaches, from reefs in low swell, some with deep water close in, using bait or lures. This area is one of the few places there is a chance of catching a WA Dhufish from the shore.

See the article on page 33 of the August Reel Talk and don't miss the September General meeting instruction period on the S-Bend area. George Holman and Peter Osborne will pass on some of their extensive knowledge of the area.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Getting the best from your fish. Part 1

Recreational fishermen are incredibly lucky to have access to fish which are as fresh as possible and give absolutely sensational taste and eating experiences when the fish are looked after properly.

I love eating fish. I love the varying tastes of different species of fish, and the different tastes of different parts of the same fish. Many people want boneless, skinless fillets of white fish, but by demanding that they are missing out on both the quality and quantity of eating experiences.

They will never know what they are missing because they will never try anything different, or will not try species which don't have a good reputation because they have not been handled properly.

Firstly a disclosure of one strongly held personal belief. I believe that once a fish has been killed, there is an obligation on the person who made that choice to kill and keep it rather than release it. **The obligation is to get the most out of that fish and not waste any of what can reasonably be used.** This is particularly important for all the species that are under intense fishing pressure and tight management restrictions, and to ensure that people in future can enjoy recreational fishing as good as we have in our fishing time, or even better.

But even if some species are not at imminent risk, they are almost all at potential risk if not harvested responsibly. Be wary of saying that management of fish is the responsibility of the Department of Fisheries and individually **you** are **not** part of the problem since you are staying within the bag and size limits they set. That's EXACTLY the reason for the closed season and the very tight restrictions on demersal fishing from boats at present, changes which have been extended to further restrict shore based fishing for the species Club members can catch.

Anyway, back to the subject. Getting the best amount, taste and eating from your fish has parts which start at the instant the fish comes out of the water and continues with everything you do in between until you put a cooked piece of fish on the dinner plate.

In this and coming months' editions of Reel Talk I will cover:-

- Looking after your fish as soon as it is caught.

- Scaling, cleaning, filleting and skinning fish and sharks.

- Storing fish while fishing, in iceboxes, refrigerators and freezers.

- Getting the most out of a fish.

- The best tasting parts of a fish, sensational tastes from the parts many people bin.

- Preparing frozen fish.

- Cooking fish.

All of these will be simple things which are all easy to do and which work well. The articles will mention things to avoid which affect or reduce the quality or quantity of the flesh. There are good reasons for everything which will become apparent when all parts of the articles are read.

Some people may say that some of the things I suggest aren't necessary and some may take too much time and are fiddly, and some such as gilling and gutting are controversial.

But I say:- ***“Do a simple visual and taste test comparison. Try one fish the way I suggest, and one fish the other way. If you don't believe the difference is worth it, then don't do it, that's your choice. But remember your obligation to those fish you have killed.”***

Look after the fish as soon as it is caught.

Humanely kill the fish. WA law and society's opinions require you to treat all animals with respect and avoid or minimise any suffering. Stressed animals have physical changes which can affect the quality of their flesh, so there are good practical reasons for the following.

Kill the fish quickly by snapping the neck of smaller fish, or by inserting a spike “Iki Jimi” style quickly and directly into the brain of larger fish. This causes immediate brain death. A fish brain is usually located slightly behind and above the eye. When spiked correctly, the fish's fins flare, sometimes it changes colour, and it relaxes and stops moving. The blood contained in the flesh goes back to the gut cavity. For sharks spike or cut with a knife across the rear and top of the head.

Bleed the fish. Cut the connecting piece under the gill covers at the place where the narrow part of the belly connects under the mouth, as shown. If the neck has been broken then this part may already be broken. Cut right through the contents of the gut cavity to the backbone to cut all the channels where blood flows or collects.

Scale the fish. Some species are much harder to scale than others and some are almost impossible to scale unless fresh out of the water.

Scaling a whole fish soon after it comes out of the water is so much easier than doing it later when the scales seem to become more firmly attached or after it has been gutted and the belly pieces flop around.

Scaling fish and wiping the skin removes nearly all the natural mucous and slime. It is possible to leave the scales on and skin the fish fillet so you don't need to scale the whole fish, but see the later sections on getting the most, and the taste of different parts of a fish.

Gill and gut the fish. Hold the tail, point the knife away from you with the sharp edge cutting from inside to outside the fish. Cut the belly from the anus to the throat, cutting through the centre of the pelvic fins to leave equal amounts on each side.

Use a stiff bladed knife or garden secateurs to cut through the fins or throat and gills of larger fish.

Remove all the guts and the gills. A small piece of wet toweling gives a very good grip on all the gills, contents and membranes and helps you remove all these.

Cut the membranes over the backbone, loosen the contents of this blood channel by a few swipes of the knife point held sideways, and scrape all the blood off the backbone. A piece of wet toweling or a small brush with reasonably stiff bristles does a good job. I use a short handled kitchen brush which has been cut down in width. A toothbrush can be used for small fish but some bristles are too soft. Getting rid of all the blood from the backbone makes filleting so much cleaner and easier, avoids any need to wash the fillets, and gives a better result if the fish are to be cooked whole or headed.

Wash the fish well to get rid of all the loose scales, mucous, blood and sand. Holding the fish in a bucket of sea water and using a piece of toweling to wipe all over the fish makes this easy. Change the water regularly or give the fish a final wash in a clean batch of sea water. It is possible to wash fish at the edge of the water but the stirred up water often leaves sand in and on the fish.

Cleaning small fish. A quick alternative to gilling and gutting for small fish like herring is to cut down behind the head and through the backbone and flesh on each side in a line towards the tail side of the pectoral and pelvic fins.

Hold the head and pull downwards. The head, gills, fins and most of the guts will separate from the rest of the body. Slit the belly and clean inside and outside as above.

Result. You will now have very clean, scaled, gilled and gutted fish ready for weigh in for the club Field Day competitions, for short term storage, for filleting (which can be done later), or for cooking whole or headed.



First cut here.



Locations of fins.



Alternative for small fish.

Short term storage while fishing. Some of us walk some distance from the vehicle in which we may have an icebox or portable fridge. Summer time on the beach in WA can be hot. Even when we are rugged up and do not feel warm or hot due to the sea “breeze,” the air temperature can be well above 20 degrees with lots of air movement to warm everything up. Even the water temperature can be around 20 degrees or more which is well above the recommended temperature for storing fish.

Under these conditions, tailor deteriorate rapidly and can go soft and mushy within an hour. If someone has been using fish oil in their berley, the strong fishy taste will spread from the stomach contents into the flesh of fish which have eaten the burley. Even the ordinary stomach contents of fish such as herring and skippy start to affect the flesh, staining some of it yellow. Hence one reason for gilling and gutting fish as soon as possible.

Keep the fish in a clean, damp bag made of natural fibre such as cotton, out of the sun and wind. Try to insulate the fish by wrapping the bag around as many times as possible in layers, and put it inside other bags. When it's really hot, the temperature of the sand can be lower some distance below the surface, and fish can be wrapped and buried in a well marked spot. Many fish have been buried and lost when a wave comes up and removes all the marks, so take care, you have been warned!

Avoid direct contact of fish with plastic bags including reef bags. Plastic seems to make the fish sweat and increase the amount of mucous secreted. Scaled and cleaned and well wiped fish in natural fibre bags don't seem to have this problem, so take a fibre bag or two with your reef bag.

Keep all bags very clean and fresh. After use, soak in one or two batches of Nappisan in hot water to remove all the fishy smell, blood and mucous, rinse well and dry in the sun. Have a few bags so that you always have some clean ones to use. If Nappisan can't fix a bag, and I doubt that, then the next solution is to bury it in a deep hole, or put it in the green wheelie bin and hold your nose until it gets collected.

Storing fish in an icebox. You may have heard the stories about submerging whole uncleaned fish into ice and seawater slurries, how well this keeps fish and the justification for doing this because *“that's the way the commercial fishermen do it, so it must be the best.”*

But it's not that simple. See the *“Handbook for onboard handling of demersal catch”* <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/HandlingDemersalGillnet/DemersalGillnetHandbook.pdf> which recommends *“Dead scale fish should be processed (gilled, gutted and rinsed) and placed into an ice slurry or refrigerated seawater immediately”* and *“Dead and live sharks must be processed immediately”* It also has requirements for a series of separate containers and for changing water and ice and checking the temperatures of refrigerated water.

This gets very controversial for beach fishing and some fishermen are convinced an ice slurry is the best way, that gilling and gutting fish leaves them open to contamination, etc.

Well I disagree. Sure if you are alongside your vehicle, it is easy to put fish into an ice slurry and deal with them later. One reason commercial fishermen store and market most fish this way is the completely prohibitive labour and other costs required to do anything else, even though alternatives would produce a much higher quality and a higher valued product for the species shore based fishermen catch most often.

Again, I suggest you do a simple visual and taste test comparison. I have done that. I don't often see commercially available fish of these species that I would consider buying and eating, and have photos of some comparisons. I know, I must have been spoiled by access to these fish in absolutely top condition, but **that's the whole point of these articles.**

If you've followed the suggestions so far you will now have fish that don't need to be submerged in icy water in an esky to keep well. Well prepared fish will still keep at top quality provided they are sitting on top of ice on a plate or in a container where the cold air can circulate around them.

In fact, water is now an unnecessary and avoidable risk to quality, and fish should be kept dry and out of water. The danger comes from dirty water and from water logging if the fish are in water for any extended time, which also applies to whole fish submerged in water.

To be continued in coming Reel Talks.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri House for rent

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:

Public:-	Off season	\$250 per week	On season	\$390 per week	} all plus \$100
Club Members:-	Off season	\$160 per week	On Season	\$210 per week	} deposit/bond
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night	\$40 per night for two or more nights		} plus \$60 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday, leaving by 10am. Outside of school holidays it does not matter. Cleaning must be paid for and is \$60 extra on the rates above.

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196 Mobile 0422 455 119 for more details and for bookings. Check in time is 1pm. Check out time is 10am. Keys can be picked up from Ray White, Shop 1, Kalbarri Arcade. If people arrive after hours, they leave a note on the door of their office with a map of how to get to the house and telling them where the key will be. If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval.

Regulations do not allow caravans to be occupied (lived in) on the Kalbarri site.

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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