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April 2006 Reel Talk Contents.

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Minutes of General Meeting, 8 March 2006

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Time 8:10 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding
- Present:-** 23 members, 1 visitor.
- Apologies:-** Terry Willison, Malcolm Harris, Vix Alexander. Roy Killick, Andrew Aubrey, Paul Thompson.
- Visitors:-** Tino Baiardo.
- New Members:-** Noel Cobby, Paul Rebelo and family and Bev Grigo were welcomed into the club and given club badges, copy of the constitution and competition rules.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Morris Kolman, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Bob Henderson gave a summary from the previous Committee meeting.
- Correspondence In:**
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| CALM | Cape Range National Park extension out for comments |
| City of Stirling | Routine letter about use of reserves |
| Westpac Bank | New cheque book |
| Roy Killick | Comments on proposed change to distance casting scoring. |
| Malcolm and Vix | Comments on proposed field day venues. |
| Western Power | Kalbarri account \$200.61 due 16 March |
| Swan River Trust | RiverView magazine |
| Ric Parker | Cheque \$275 for Kalbarri booking. |
- Correspondence Out:-**
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| Paul Rebelo, Noel Cobby, Bev Grigo, Scott Maloney | Acceptance of membership applications. |
| Peet Wessels, John Crompton, Iain Kaslar | Progress of their membership applications. |
- Treasurer's Report:-** Paul Thompson is away for a few weeks.
- Property Officer** Vix Alexander is away, but has advised Bob Henderson that the house has good bookings at present. Little else to report.
- Secretary's Report.** Secretary Terry Fuller is at a Recfishwest meeting and will be late. Will be covered under other headings.
- Field Day Officer:-** Peter Stoeckel reported on the Bluff Creek Field Day as in Reel Talk. 25 people signed on, 28 or 29 people present. Club members said it was a good field day with a lot of interaction between club members. New members who had attended Bluff Creek were asked to write up their impressions of the field day as seen by a new member, for publication in the Reel Talk.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson reported the March dry casting will be run on Sunday 12 March.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman reported on the Angler of the Year and Club of the Year presentations. AAA is suffering from lack of delegates from the clubs and thus a lack of workers. Any help from club members will be appreciated. Terry Fuller has advised that he will not be doing the AAA Secretary, AAA Treasurer or AAA Web Page Editor jobs after the next AAA AGM. George Holman advised the AAA mid term convention meeting had been run on 25/26 February 2006 and attended by Bob Henderson and Kevin Hughes. Bob Henderson gave a brief report of the arrangements for the next AAA convention in March 2007. The AAA State Rock and Beach Championship event will be held at Jurien on Saturday and Sunday 25/26 March 2006. Members who are interested in competing should leave their name with a committee member. Bob Henderson will be staying at the Jurien Bay Caravan Park and fishing close by, and extends an invitation to join him there. Bob Henderson asked members if they had read the report on the proposed Rottnest closures as covered in Reel Talk. It is time for club members to take a stand.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook gave details of the May Rottnest Field Day. Names and deposits will be required, see the separate article in Reel Talk. Ian reported on the coming Emu Springs field day. Ian presented Species badges to Tony and Filomena D'Alonzo, Morris Kolman, George Holman and Dave Maxted.
- Social Organiser:-** Bob Henderson has temporarily taken on an extra job as the Social Organiser.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Terry Fuller advised - what you see is what you get – for as long as you get it.
- Notices of Motion:-** Terry Fuller **moved** that Competition Rule 1.1.3, Visitors Points be amended to read:-
"No visitor may attend more than any four (4) Club events, unless a motion is passed at a General or Committee Meeting either:-
(1) exempting an individual from the rule, or
(2) inviting an individual to attend an event, or
(3) deeming that attendance at a specific club event or class of club event will not to be counted for the purposes of this rule." **Carried**
Terry Fuller **moved** that Competition Rule 3.3.4, Leaders be amended to read:- "A heavy leader is compulsory for all events. For 56 gram, 112 gram and accuracy events the leader

must not be more than 380 mm in length. In Artificial Bait rigs, the length of the leader from the terminal knot to the weight shall not exceed 1,000 mm. Swivels or rings may also be used between the weight and the line.” **Carried.**

There was some discussion on the written proposal by Terry Fuller on Competition Rule 3.6.2, Scoring Of Level Line Distance Casts. Terry advised that the proposal as published in the March Reel Talk had omitted some vital details and would have to be re-written and re-presented in the April Reel Talk with the required extra details and voted on at the April General Meeting.

Terry Fuller **moved** that Competition Rule 3.3.7, Plastic Tube And Pompom be amended to read:- Plastic tubing must be used for all level line distance events..... **Carried**

Terry Fuller **moved** that Competition Rule 4.10 Eligibility Of Species (for the Open Fishing Competition) be amended to read:- “Only fish actually caught in natural Western Australian Territorial Waters including still or flowing freshwater streams, rivers or lakes, but excluding closed or artificial impoundments, are eligible for Club competitions,.....” **Carried.**

Terry Fuller **moved** that the boundaries for local field days (as published in Reel Talk but not part of the Competition Rules) should be amended to read:- “Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.” **Carried.**

General Business:-

Trevor Stam asked if members could wear their club shirts and name badges for the benefit of new members.

A tackle sale will be run at the April General Meeting. Members can bring items for sale.

Field Days 2006/7. Only 6 sets of suggestions had been received from members for the coming 206/7 field days. The Committee had presented and published in the March Reel Talk, a set of suggested field days based on the 6 sets of suggestions received, and also on the clear indication that extended boundaries and split field days were not acceptable to the majority of members. This was particularly important for new members in providing the comradery and social time which came from venues such as Bluff Creek and Hill River where people camped and fished together. Hill River may not be available for much longer due to development.

There was some discussion on the suggested list. It was pointed out that the call and plea for suggestions for the Field Days had been in the December, January and February Reel Talks, but only 6 sets of suggestions were received. People had an opportunity, the committee had used the suggestions and other information, and people cannot now expect major changes.

The suggested boundary for Cervantes field days had been wrongly based on info that the parking area was north of the Hill River. These have been changed to recognise that error. Malcolm Harris written comments on field days were used as his and Vix Alexander’s votes for/against the venues, in their absence.

It was noted that some people who attend field days were not present to vote, but they had received notice of the voting via the Reel Talk. If the majority vote against a suggested venue, then an alternative will need to be selected.

Any club member can write up details to go into Reel Talk for an alternative venue to be considered at the April General Meeting with reasons for and against.

There was some discussions on the south boundary for the S-Bend field day with suggestions for Dongara 9 mile.

Peter Osborne advised that the AAA Rock and Beach Championships date had been decided since the Reel Talk was published and would be the March 2007 Long Weekend at Cheynes Beach. But the AAA event has a weigh in on Sunday.

People voted as shown below.

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details
20/21 May 2006	Rottnest (already decided)	Extended weekend Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Avoids Mothers’ Day on 14 May
3/4/5 June 2006 LWE	Emu Springs (9 for, 5 against)	White Point to the real Emu Springs which is about 8 km west of the camping area.
15/16 July 2006	Capes (South) (5 for, 3 against)	Margaret River to Augusta including the west side of the Hardy Inlet up to the jetty near the north boat ramp.
12/13 August 2006	Rottnest (all votes for)	All of Rottnest.
16/17 Sept 2006	Cervantes/Jurien (6 for, 4 against)	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to Sandy Cape north of Jurien.
30 Sep/1/2 Oct LWE	S - Bend (8 for, 1 against)	1 km south of Flat Rocks to Southgates. See Notice of motion.
11/12 Nov 2006	Cervantes to Hill River (13 for, 1 against)	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to the Hill River. See Notice of motion.

16/17 December 2006	Standard Local (14 for, 7 against)	Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.
13/14 January 2007	Swan/Canning Rivers (7 for, 1 against)	Upstream of Fremantle Railway Bridge. See Notice of motion.
17/18 February 2007	Cervantes to Hill River (11 for, 0 against)	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to the Hill River. See Notice of motion.
3/4/5 March 2007 Long weekend	Bluff Creek (12 for, 1 against)	As far as you can walk past the rocks at each end of Bluff Beach Note AAA Rock and Beach Championships are also on Saturday and Sunday of this long weekend with AAA HQ and sign on Sat morning and weigh in Sunday (afternoon?) at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park, AAA boundaries Reef Beach to Betty's Beach. See Notice of motion.
14/15 April 2007 or	Guilderton walking (only 1 vote for) or	Walking distance from parking areas near the foreshore between the Moore River and the town groyne.
14/15 April 2007 or	Capes (North) (10 for, 1 against)	Busselton jetty to Margaret River.
6/7/8/9 April 2007 Easter	Emu Springs (3 for, 4 against)	White Point to the real Emu Springs which is about 8 km west of the camping area.

Instruction Period:- Was the discussion on the 2006/7 field days as above.

April Instruction Period:- Will be a tackle sale and discussion on Emu Springs.

New members are welcome to tell us what they want from Instruction periods.

There were some suggestions on covering the species which would be found at the coming field days.

Meeting closed:- 10.15 pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary T Fuller

Coming Club Events.

AAA Rock & Beach State Championships

All the details of the event are in a booklet which has been sent to all SCAC club members who fish in our competitions. The AAA website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/RockBeachMain.html> has copies and all the details.

The Surfcasters should enter teams in this event. Come to the General Meeting or contact Peter Stoeckel. Contact Terry Fuller if you need a printed copy of the booklet.

Where/When: Jurien Bay, Saturday 25th/ Sunday 26th March, 2006

Headquarters: Apex Holiday Park, Bashford St, Jurien

Boundaries: Southern jetty at Cervantes to northern point of Desperate Bay

Registration: 11am to 12 noon, Saturday 25th March at the Apex Holiday Park.

Briefing: By a written set of Rules of the Day, issued at the time of registration.

Lines Down: 2pm Saturday, 25th March, 2006.

Weigh in: Sunday morning at the Apex Holiday Park commencing 10am.

Species: Species prizes will be awarded to the heaviest whiting, shark, flathead, mulloway, tarwhine, tailor, herring, gardie. If some of these are not caught, then the reserves are:- first reserve – mackerel, second – skippy, third - snook.

Entry fees: Men and Ladies, \$12, Juniors and Veterans, \$7

AAA Secretary, Terry Fuller

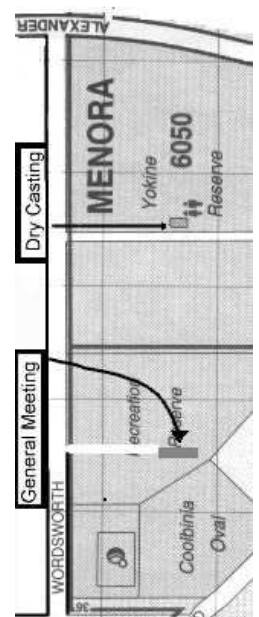
Come along and join me and fellow club members at the Caravan park for an enjoyable weekend whilst we participate in the fishing competition. Share an evening barbecue, maybe one or two cold drinks, a coffee or tea, maybe a bikky or sticky bun. Who knows what may eventuate.

We will be going in the "KOMBI" and camping at the rear of the park on the nice lawn area near the "gazebo". Our fishing expertise will be put to the test off the jetties and surrounding beaches so the ladies and little ones can join in.

How about a gathering and a discussion on rigs and baits to tackle the local waters before dark? Swap ideas on gear and bait preservation and general waffling on.

WHO KNOWS WHAT MAY EVENTUATE?

Bob Henderson



April General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 12 April 2006, 8:00 pm.

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 tick your name on the attendance sheet which is on the table near the door. And while you are there, what about buying some of the raffle tickets?

Instruction Period:- A tackle sale and discussion on Emu Springs.

April Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 2 April 2006.

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

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

All casters please assist with the setting up at the beginning of the day before setting up your own gear.

Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

April 2006 Field Day – Emu Springs and Denmark.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 15/16/17 April 2006, Easter weekend. **Note:-** Excludes Good Friday.

Sign On:- Emu Springs:- Saturday 11 am at camping area. Denmark Saturday 11 am at park alongside river, right hand side of road going west on Denmark side of the river.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon

Weigh in:- Monday at 10 am same place as the sign on.

Boundaries:- Emu Springs:- White Point to the real Emu Springs which is about 8 km west of the camping area. Denmark:- eastern end of Ocean Beach at Denmark to Clifty Head, near Mandalay Beach west of Walpole.

<u>Tides for</u>	Friday 14 Apr	1.15m at 10:18 am	0.64m at 5:53 pm	0.81m at 11:38 pm		
<u>Augusta</u>	Saturday 15 Apr	0.73m at 3:08 am	1.20m at 10:30 am	0.63m at 6:43 pm		
	Sunday 16 Apr	1.24m at 10:53 am	0.62m at 8:00 pm	<u>Sun</u>	Sunrise:-	About 6:40 am
	Monday 17 Apr	1.27m at 11:23 am	0.58m at 11:38 pm		Sunset:-	About 6:00 pm
<u>Moon</u>	Friday 14 Apr	Moonrise:-	About 6:00 pm	<u>Full Moon</u>		Friday 14 Apr
	Saturday 15 Apr	Moonset:-	About 8:00 am	Moonrise:-		About 6:40 pm
	Sunday 16 Apr	Moonset:-	About 9:05 am	Moonrise:-		About 7:20 pm
	Monday 17 Apr	Moonset:-	About 10:10 am			

How to Get to Emu Springs, Flinders Bay. There are no towns and no service stations on this route after you leave the Capel area, unless you deviate via Nannup, so make sure of your fuel, water and other supplies.

As shown on the RAC "Lower South West" road map,

(remainder of details in copies for club members only)

Please pick up a map for details of how to get there at the April General Meeting. Instructions for access through the locked gate will be also given at the April General Meeting to people who are going. I will probably be going down on the Thursday afternoon so access will be available from Friday morning onwards.

This is a really great field day to take the whole family. The camping area is native grass and is well sheltered from the wind with large peppermint trees. Those who have been there previously will remember the good fishing and great social atmosphere. There will be a get together and barbecue on Sunday between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm. Fishing will be suspended during this time.

The area allows for children to fish as easily as the senior members if there is no wind. Fish caught range from Skipjack Trevally, Herring, Bream, Whiting, through to Tailor, Mulloway and School shark. There has been good catches of large tailor, and Gummy sharks since Christmas. So we can live in hope of some rewarding results.

The property and camping area is accessible to conventional vehicles with a camper unit or trailer, but access to the beach needs 4 wheel drive. Driving on the beach is usually very difficult and is not recommended. There is a 4wd track behind the first sand hills, which gives access to the fishing spots with a short walk. You can drive about 8 km west and east of the camping site. Access to White Point is via the Scott River road. People without a 4wd should make prior arrangements to get a lift to fishing locations.

There is no drinking or washing water available at the camp site - so bring all you need. No open campfires are permitted at this time of year. Please dig yourselves a deep pit toilet some distance from the camp site.

This is a private property which the Club has been given permission to use. All members and visitors need to show extra care and observe the Club's Code of Ethics for vehicles and camping so that we will be welcomed back for future field days. If you bring a visitor, **you** must make sure that person's activities meet our Code of Ethics or you must do whatever is necessary to prevent any problems.

We must leave this property and the track in very good condition so that the club will be welcomed back in future.

Make sure that vehicles do not disturb Dave's cows and calves because we camp in the calving paddock. Remove all rubbish and dispose of it in a local dump.

Dogs are not allowed on this private property unless prior permission has been arranged. Contact Ian Cook prior to 25 March if you wish to take a dog, otherwise you and/or your dog will/may be refused entry.

Take care on all tracks as there will be 4 wheel bikes using the track and they can be obscured from view by the bush till right on top of you.

For further information contact Ian Cook. Also let Ian know no later than the 1 April if you are going on this Field Day.

Photos of the area can be viewed on the DOLA Skyview web site. Use the "Leeuwin" high resolution image, but remember these images are not current, and beach and gutter conditions do change.

http://www.landonline.com.au/skyviewwa/content/asp/skyviewwa_index.asp?product_group_id=78

Ian Cook

Warning Warning Warning.

The track on the sand hill down to the beach at Emu Springs is steep and it may be extremely difficult to get back up the hill. Let's hope there's plenty of rain to wet the sand.

You MUST lower your tyre pressures down to pressures suitable for driving on a soft beach before starting on the track, and particularly before trying to come back up the hill.

For legal liability reasons, the Club cannot specify a tyre pressure for your vehicle because we don't know the weight of your vehicle, the load and how you drive it. That's **YOUR** responsibility.

The track will get badly chewed up if people don't consider other people who have to follow them, and only let their tyres down a little bit. Please don't be one of those, because you **will** get stuck on the hill.

Bring a shovel because you may need to do some remedial work on the track before you tackle the hill.

You MUST repair any damage YOU do to the track after you have gone up the hill.

Terry Fuller

Local Field Day for April 2006.

When:- Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Monday 14/15/16/17 April 2006. Easter.

Sign On: At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 on the day before the Field Day - Friday.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon

Weigh in:- Monday at 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 Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

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

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Friday 14 Apr	0.69m @ 2:50 am	1.05m @ 9:47 am	0.63m @ 5:15 pm
	Saturday 15 Apr	0.69m @ 2:57 am	1.10m @ 10:05 am	0.61m @ 6:10 am
	Sunday 16 Apr	0.71m @ 12:30 am	1.13m @ 10:28 am	0.59m @ 8:30 am
	Monday 17 Apr	0.67m @ 1:29 am	1.15m @ 10:52 am	0.57m @ 9:25 pm

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.

Field Day Fees:- \$7 for an individual, \$9 for families. Dry Casting Fees:- \$6 for an individual, \$8 for families.

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May 2006 Field Day – Rottnest.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 20/21 May 2006. **Note:** Not the usual weekend to avoid Mothers' Day.
Boat Times:- Friday, see below.
Return Boat:- To be advised
Sign On:- At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon at Rottnest (or when the bus returns) at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.
Boundaries:- All of Rottnest Island !!

Tides for Fremantle	Saturday 20 May	0.60m at 12:49 am	1.07m at 2:30 pm		
	Sunday 21 May	0.65m at 1:15 am	0.99m at 3:44 pm	Sun	Sunrise:- About 7:00 am Sunset:- About 5:35 pm
Moon Fremantle	Saturday 20 May		Set 1:05 pm		
	Sunday 21 May	Rise 00:15 am	Set 1:40 pm	Last Quarter	Sat May 20

The format was decided by a vote at the February General Meeting. The club will utilise the weekend of 20/21 May. We will leave for Rottnest from North Port ferry terminal on Friday 19 May at 6:30 pm. Be there at least 30 minutes earlier. Tickets must be purchased 15 minutes prior to the ferry departure time. Seventeen members are booked for this trip.

The bus times on the Island are:-

Saturday Pick up at 6 am to West End, return from West end at 6:30pm
 Sunday Pick up at 6 am, return from West end at 12 noon

Full payment of \$125 is required at or before the April General Meeting.

Ian Cook

There will be no exceptions. Full payment must be made at or before the April General Meeting.

Local Field Day for May 2006.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 20/21 May 2006.
Sign On: At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.
Weigh in:- Sunday 12 noon 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 Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.

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Calendar for Next Three Months.

Here's a calendar showing the dates we will use for Dry Casting, General and Committee Meetings, and Field Days in the next three months.

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<u>30</u>	Australian Anglers Association Event																			
<u>8</u>	Dry Casting			11	General Meeting		<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	Field Day				<u>18</u>	Committee Meeting						
April 2006 – end of 2005/6 competition year.							May 2006 – start of 2006/7 competition year							June 2006						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	<u>5</u>	6	7	8	9	10	<u>11</u>
10	11	12	13	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	15	16	<u>17</u>	18	19	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	12	13	<u>14</u>	15	16	17	18
<u>17</u>	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	<u>21</u>	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

AAA State Championship Events 2006.

2005/2006 Rock and Beach Championships
2006/2007 AAA State Dry Casting Championships

Jurien, Saturday / Sunday 25/26 March, 2006
Yokine Reserve, Sunday 29 October 2006
AAA Secretary, Terry Fuller

2007 AAA National Convention in Victoria

To be held at Cowes on Phillip Island from 21 February 2007 to 12 March 2007.

A meeting will be held at George's place on 3rd April to organise accommodation, transport etc for any persons interested in participating at the convention on Phillip Island. Anyone interested can come along.

Bob Henderson and Kevin Hughes have been to the AAA mid term meeting at Cowes on 25/26 February to represent AAAWA
AAA Secretary, Terry Fuller

Reel Talk Publishing Deadline.

The Reel Talk is published so that it gets to the members early in the week before the first event held in the coming calendar month. But it also depends what else is going on and what the Editor wants to do with his personal life and valuable personal volunteer time.

The Reel Talk is produced progressively through the month, as stuff becomes available, so that the whole article is on the same page, and to avoid a few lines separated from the rest of the article. Of course Microsoft Word makes it possible to zap the articles to any page, and the list of contents is updated almost automatically. But once the front pages are set out properly, it's just extra and unnecessary work to insert stuff. So items which come in early generally ends up towards the front of the magazine, and late stuff towards the back.

Items received electronically can be put into the magazine in a very short time, subject to space. It's a juggling act, and first in generally has the best chance of getting published that month. The Reel Talk contents is always an even number of pages, and the pages usually have something on them with not too much blank space. Late items which need parts of extra pages and need a rearrangement of other stuff to keep to the "even number of full pages" might just get deferred to a later issue.

The **absolute deadline** for items for the coming Reel Talks are:-

May 2006 Reel Talk 8 am Saturday 22 April.

June 2006 Reel Talk 3 pm Wednesday 24 May . Maybe earlier, check May Reel Talk.

The editor would really appreciate getting items a long time before the deadline, particularly if they have to be typed in, scanned, reformatted, etc.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Life Members of the Club.

Doug Edward, Ric Parker, Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ian Cook.

Donations for Trophies.

We are looking for trophies for this current competition year. Please give us your suggestions for people / companies / etc to contact.

There are some things members can do:-

1. Donate a trophy yourself – particularly if you have been on the on the receiving end in past years
2. When buying your gear and getting your services from our trophy donors and advertisers, make sure you let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club, so that if or when we contact them, they will know that this Club's members support them

Secretary, Terry Fuller

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.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Safari 2006.

The next opportunity for a club safari is during calendar year 2006. Esperance has been suggested as a possible location. Suggestions for alternative places, dates, etc are wanted, please.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor. And if you want some really interesting fishing stories in the Reel Talk, please write some or get your friends to write some.

Thanks to Bob Henderson, John Crompton, Noel Cobby and Ian Cook for articles in this edition.

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 \$50

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 \$55.00 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. The club has decided that cleaning will need to be paid for and is \$55.00 extra on the rates above for future new bookings. The club is now being charged GST on the cleaning.

Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander 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. Members who are staying in the house are not allowed to authorise any repairs or services on the house without authority from the Property Officer, Treasurer or President.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

Happy Birthday to:-

A lot of members haven't told us their birth date, so there may be more birthdays. Dob them in!

If your birthday hasn't been listed in the last 12 months, then I don't know what date it is. Over to you.

Bretton Stitfold, 18 April

Vix Alexander, 19 April

Jim Atkinson, 24 April

Jim Strong, 26 April

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Sponsorship Renewal by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

The Yallingup Beach Holiday Park has provided the club with another accommodation voucher to the value of \$250 for two adults for two nights in one of their Malibu ensuite cabins for the new competition year.

The previous year's voucher was raffled at the February General Meeting and was won by Tony D'Alonzo.

The park has a waterfront location with spectacular views over Yallingup Bay. Opposite is a safe swimming lagoon and an excellent fishing beach plus the world famous Yallingup surf break.

On site accommodation includes ensuite cabins and standard cabins (for the budget conscious) plus plenty of well grassed van and tent sites.

This is an ideal base from which to visit the numerous nearby wineries, go whale watching, take scenic drives and walk trails and visit the spectacular Yallingup Ngilgi Cave, or of course, go fishing!!

Check the website at <http://www.yallingupbeach.com.au/>

This voucher was raffled at the February 2006 General Meeting and was won by Morris Kolman.

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations of old Reel Talks, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. A few copies, eg all of what we have for the early months of 1982 are not in good condition, so we would take any better copies if they were offered. See the list in the February 2002 Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

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.

John Crompton, Iain Kaslar
Peet and Sandra Wessels

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

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.

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Secretary, Terry Fuller.

Advertising in Reel Talk.

Advertising is available in the Reel Talk. 12 monthly copies are printed, currently 72 copies. Charges are:- Inside and outside back covers are printed black on Terra Yellow paper. Inside or outside back cover. Full page, \$100.00 per annum. Half page, \$70.00 per annum.

Inside pages are printed black on white paper. Inside pages. Full page, \$60.00 per annum. Half page, \$40.00 per annum. Quarter page \$30.00 per annum.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.

We now have some stocks of short and long sleeved Club Polo shirts, long sleeved Club Jackets and baseball style caps with a club logo for sale to members. These are in the club colours of Gold (Yellow) and Black, and help to identify you as a "Surfcaster" member.

Contact Andrew Aubrey.

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

We usually hold a sausage sizzle on Sunday after the dry casting. Gives everyone a chance to talk over the morning's casting, gear to use, what's coming up, fishing, the state of the world or whatever, over some lunch.

But the sausage sizzle is not free, much as we would like it to be. It has to be paid for somehow, and the prices are quite reasonable compared to what you would pay elsewhere. **Don't forget to put the money in, please.** Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

1 drink plus 1 sausage in bread for \$2.00. Extra drink for \$1.00. Extra sausage in bread for \$1.00.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

March Dry Casting Report.

What a great way to start a day. The sun just rising with a slight dew on the ground, a gentle breeze coming from the southeast and BLOODY GREAT DOLLOPS of dog doo all over the place just where we set up our casting area. With careful steps I had to clear the ground but kept the gatherings for "delivery".

The assistance from early arrivals made it so easy to set up and share some time gabbing on to others. A great roll up with an abundance of new blokes ready to have a go.

The seniors hit the distance events and by the scores and some good distances were cast. George won the 56gram, artificial bait and both accuracy events. Joe belted down some good distance casts and something to smile about with a clanger in the single handed. Even Mark had a smile on his dial too.

The Vets were given a display of quality casting by Gary in the distance events then a majestic show of how to cast in an accuracy event. It goes to show what can be achieved with dedication and training. Well done Gary, you won it ALL.

Although competing alone Filomena tried hard and gave a good account in the double handed event. Those giggles and smiles from Kaitlin are a delight.

The smile on the newcomers indicated their enjoyment and learning experience. A special thanks to those who gave advice and assistance to them.

Take a "bow" you blokes that helped clear the gear.

Dry Casting Organiser, Bob Henderson.

Dry Casting Winners for March 2006.

Event	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
56 gram Score	26	George Holman	24	Gary Gildersleeves, Bob Henderson
56 gram Distance	155m	Joe Pullella	128m	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Score	26	George Holman	23	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Distance	142m	Joe Pullella	117m	Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram Score	33	Joe Pullella	28	Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram Distance	166m	Joe Pullella	142m	Gary Gildersleeves
Double Handed Acc.	96	George Holman	158	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	28	George Holman	28	Bob Henderson
Section Highest Points	201	George Holman	257	Gary Gildersleeves

Event	Ladies Winner		Mini Junior Winner	
56 gram Score	18	Filomena D'Alonzo	3	Kaitlin Stoeckel
56 gram Distance	92m	Filomena D'Alonzo	14m	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Artificial Bait Score	17	Filomena D'Alonzo		
Artificial Bait Distance	88m	Filomena D'Alonzo		
112 gram Score	19	Filomena D'Alonzo		
112 gram Distance	97m	Filomena D'Alonzo		
Double Handed Acc.	141	Filomena D'Alonzo	8	
Single Handed Acc.	19	Filomena D'Alonzo	2	Kaitlin Stoeckel
Section Highest Points	224	Filomena D'Alonzo	23	Kaitlin Stoeckel

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to March	
56 gram Score	27	Nick Allsworth	29	Chas Riegert, Gary Gildersleeves, Malcolm Harris, Nick Allsworth
56 gram Distance	138m	Gary Gildersleeves	155m	Joe Pullella
Artificial Bait Score	27	Nick Allsworth	28	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	134m	Nick Allsworth	159m	Keith Heaney
112 gram Score	33	Nick Allsworth	38	Keith Heaney
112 gram Distance	165m	Nick Allsworth	192m	Keith Heaney
Double Handed Acc.	162	George Holman	162	George Holman
Single Handed Acc.	35	Tony D'Alonzo	35	Tony D'Alonzo
Day's High Points	248	Bob Henderson	276	Gary Gildersleeves

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

Rottnest No Fishing Zones are Coming.

Update to the article in the March Reel Talk. Recfishwest and Norman Halse have written to the Chairman of the Rottnest Island Board, Mr. O'Meara, in very strong terms pointing out the statements he had made about consultation and consensus were grossly misleading.

Copies of the letters have been sent to the Premier, Ministers and Departments involved and are understood to have resulted in considerable pressure on the Rottnest Island Board to sort this out. I understand the RIB will continue with the proposals despite the problems.

The draft plan for the closed areas was going to be released for public comment in about mid March. The latest I have heard is now mid April. See also the Recfishwest report.

So where to from here? If ever there was anything that would ever fit the saying "if it is worth having, it is worth working and fighting for it", then I suggest fishing at Rottnest, particularly the West End, clearly falls into that category for this Club and its fishing members.

We lost Garden Island, and what a massive loss that was for this club. Do you want to lose the best parts of Rottnest, too?

When the time comes, what will **YOU** do to protect your fishing at West End??

Terry Fuller.

Wanted Committee Members.

There are now vacancies for some Committee jobs. Please contact the President, Secretary or any Committee member for more details, or get yourself nominated at the next General Meeting.

Secretary, Terry Fuller

Tackle Sale April General Meeting.

Some have set prices, some are looking for the best offer.

- Basil Marsh 1 Alvey Reel, model C3/7 650 rosewood spool
1 Alvey Reel, model C3/7 600 rosewood spool
1 Alvey Reel, model C5/7 550 fibreglass spool
1 Mitchell Reel "Garcia", model 499 (suitable for some parts only)
1 old style headlamp with battery box (heavy)
1 x 3:85m Butterworth 5 wrap fibreglass rod
1 x 3m solid fibreglass (2piece) Jarvis Walker rod
1 x 3:7m fibreglass rod
1 x 3:85m fibreglass 8120 Butterworth rod
1 x 3:26m fibreglass B6144 rod
1 x 2:95m fibreglass Sportex 525 rod (repaired)
1 x 3:96m fibreglass 5 wrap rod
Most rods have wire runners, are light in weight and would suit herring and whiting fishing. All in great nick. Would be better with new lightweight runners.
3 x 2 burner Primus gas stoves, 1 x Primus gas light
- Roy Killick 1 x 2:65m alloy gaff \$15
Numerous chrome slices of various weights \$4 to \$6ea
- Bob Henderson 1 x sliding cliff gaff with rope \$25
1 new battery trickle charger \$15
1 x Primus gas burner (large single) \$20
1 x Primus gas light \$15
Large helium balloons 3 @ \$2:50, 8 @ \$5:00

Dinghy and Mowers For Sale.

3m Cleveland aluminium dinghy with 6hp Johnson outboard, ropes and anchors, paddles, seats etc. can go on top of vehicle. \$700 or with trailer \$900. Great ocean going boat, just ask Pete. Licensed and registered until March 2007.

2 x Rover lawnmowers with catchers, fully rebuilt, unleaded and easy starting \$120 each. Don't forget they come with 12/12 warranty (pst. 12 seconds after you pay and 12 revolutions of the blades).

Bob Henderson

Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available – all you have to do is **ASK** for a copy

The latest **printed** version of the Competition Rules is dated 13 April 2005, and the Constitution is dated February 2003. If you have any earlier version, throw it away and get a current version.

In April each year, we say the rules for the coming year are as printed in these versions and/or make some changes. So 'tis simple. If the rule applies or exists, it is in there. If it isn't in there, it doesn't exist or apply.

If anyone believes some rule **SHOULD** be in there, some rule **USED** to be in there, or **THINKS** a rule is in there or is worded in a different way, then that's all just muddled, confused or wishful thinking.

I will print more copies, with all the changes and updates, as soon as the rules are confirmed for 2006/7 at the April General Meeting.

Contact the Secretary for a copy or see the club's web site for the online, completely up to date versions – see <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/ClubRulesMain.html>

Please note:- the February 2006 General Meeting adopted the following additional rule, which applies from now on for **ALL** changes to the Competition Rules.

1.1.9 Amendment to These Competition Rules. The Club's "Competition Rules" are different from the "Rules of the Association" as set out in the Constitution.

All proposed amendments to the Competition Rules must be notified to members in writing before the meeting at which voting takes place.

All amendments made to the Competition Rules must be notified to all members prior to the commencement of the first affected event in any competition year.

The Competition Rules may be amended and applied part way through a competition year providing this is notified to and is endorsed by members of the Club, by a majority vote from eligible financial members present and voting at the meeting.

The Competition Rules must be confirmed or may be amended at a General Meeting held prior to the commencement of each competition year, voting as above.”

Just to be crystal clear – this is the April edition of Reel Talk. If any proposed Rule Changes are not in this edition of Reel Talk, then they can't apply for the start of the 2006/7 competition year in May. They **CAN** be changed later in the year with a detailed **written up** proposal, **ONLY** if they don't affect any previous results for the competition year **AND** the members agree.

Secretary, Terry Fuller.

Proposed 2006/2007 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries.

The following is the recommended list of Field Day dates, venues and boundaries, based on the fantastic response of six (yes 6) suggested lists we received. The dates and venues were chosen by the committee and were voted on by the members present at the March General Meeting. Voting details are shown.

The call and plea for members' suggestions for the Field Days has been in 3 recent Reel Talks, the December, January and February Reel Talks, but only 6 sets of suggestions were received by the time the Committee had to make recommendations

People had three opportunities, the committee has used the suggestions it received and other information, members have voted at the March General Meeting and people cannot now expect major changes without giving everyone else written notice of the exact details of any changes proposed – see some in the following article.

Full, written details of any proposed changes to these venues and dates needed to be advertised in this Reel Talk, as advised at the General Meeting, so that EVERYONE has a chance to know what is proposed and can come along and vote at the April General Meeting if they wish to.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details
20/21 May 2006	Rottnest (already decided)	Extended weekend Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Avoids Mothers' Day on 14 May
3/4/5 June 2006 LWE	Emu Springs (9 for, 5 against)	White Point to the real Emu Springs which is about 8 km west of the camping area.
15/16 July 2006	Capes (South) (5 for, 3 against)	Margaret River to Augusta including the west side of the Hardy Inlet up to the jetty near the north boat ramp.
12/13 August 2006	Rottnest (all votes for)	All of Rottnest.
16/17 Sept 2006	Cervantes/Jurien (6 for, 4 against)	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to Sandy Cape north of Jurien.
30 Sep/1/2 Oct LWE	S - Bend (8 for, 1 against)	1 km south of Flat Rocks to Southgates. Note. See Notice of motion.
11/12 Nov 2006	Cervantes to Hill River (13 for, 1 against)	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to the Hill River. Note. See Notice of motion.
16/17 December 2006	Standard Local (14 for, 7 against)	Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers.
13/14 January 2007	Swan/Canning Rivers (7 for, 1 against)	Upstream of Fremantle Railway Bridge. Note. See Notice of motion.
17/18 February 2007	Cervantes to Hill River (11 for, 0 against)	Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to the Hill River. Note. See Notice of motion.
3/4/5 March 2007 Long weekend	Bluff Creek (12 for, 1 against)	As far as you can walk past the rocks at each end of Bluff Beach Note AAA Rock and Beach Championships are also on Saturday and Sunday of this long weekend with AAA HQ and sign on Sat morning and weigh in Sunday (afternoon?) at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park. AAA boundaries Reef Beach to Betty's Beach. Note. See Notice of motion.
14/15 April 2007	Capes (North) (10 for, 1 against)	Busselton jetty to Margaret River.

Proposed Changes to the Field Day Venues.

October Field Day Boundaries. I give written notice that I will move that the boundaries for the October field day at S-Bend on 30 Sep/1/2 Oct be amended from "1 km south of Flat Rocks to Southgates" to "4 km south of Flat Rocks to Southgates."

Reason for the proposed change:- There are more tracks close to the beach extending at least 3½ km south west of the Flat Rocks parking area, as shown on the Bushtrex website, and as traveled and fished by many members at the last S-Bend Field Day. In writing the proposed boundaries in the March Reel Talk, I had forgotten about these, and so I made a bad choice in specifying 1km. There is no justification for excluding these areas which are readily accessible and still quite close to S-Bend and so do fit the objective of "compact boundaries."

Terry Fuller

November 2006 and February 2007 Field Day Boundaries. I give written notice that I will move that the northern boundary for the field days at Cervantes (currently November and February) be amended from "Hill River" as decided at the March General Meeting to "1 km north of Hill River." **Note.** There is a separate notice about swapping venues for November.

Reason for the proposed change:- Fine tuning only - this is a distinct recognizable landmark used in the past and takes into account the camping area on the north side of the Hill River. I believe this was the intent of the committee when setting the boundaries and allows camping and in-front beach access on the North side of the river.

Peter Osborne

Page 22 of the March Reel talk provided some additional information on AAA State championships such that is worthwhile considering the impact of the AAA venues for the selection of field days voted on at the March 2006 General meeting. To

- Align the Surfcasting field days with the AAA State championship events,
- To allow competitors to strategise on how they fish to best suit the rules
- To encourage club members to participate in AAA events and thus expand social boundaries and fishing technical skills

It is proposed that: -

November 2006 and January 2007 Field Day Venues. I give written notice that I will move that the venues for the November and January field days be exchanged to become 11/12 November Swan/Canning Rivers upstream of Fremantle Railway Bridge and 13/14 January 2007, Cervantes to Hill River, Southern boundary of Cervantes townsite to the Hill River.

Reason for the proposed change:- Allows those SCAC members who fish the AAA estuary competition to "suss" out this venue just prior to the Estuary competition held on 25/26 November 2006

Note. See separate notice of motion about the Hill River boundary.

Peter Osborne

March 2007 Field Day Venues. I give written notice that I will move that the boundaries for the March 2007 field day be changed to Reef Beach to Betty's Beach (Bluff Creek is inside these.)

Reason for the proposed change:- This to allow SCAC members to compete in the AAA Rock and Beach championships on 3/4 March 2007 at Cheynes Beach HQ - boundaries Reef Beach to Betty's Beach.

Peter Osborne

Proposed Amendment to Club's Competition Rules.

Carrying the discussion further to align Surfcasters core competitive fishing rules with those of the AAA, some fine tuning of Surfcasters rules are proposed.

Rule 2.4.3 Weigh In Points For Field Days. I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:-

"Points are awarded for the following:- 10 points per eligible species, 10 points per kilogram weighed in." to read

"Points are awarded for the following:- 1 point per fish, 4 points per kilo, 10 points per listed species "

Reason for the proposed change:- to align Surfcasters core competitive fishing rules with those of the AAA, and as listed above.

Peter Osborne.

Rule 2.3.5 Presentation Of Fish For Weigh In. I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:- "All fish presented at the weigh in must be gutted and gilled, and in a washed, clean and edible condition." etc"

To read:-

"All fish presented at the weigh in must be gutted and gilled, and in a washed, clean and edible condition. Where SCAC use the same field day venue as an AAA competition, and where AAA do not have gilled and gutted fish for weigh-in, for calculation of SCAC field day points for weight, 10% of the weight of the fish is to be deducted for calculating the points per kilo for fish not gilled and gutted, or if the timing of the events do not create overlap at weigh-ins, SCAC to present gilled and gutted fish to the SCAC weigh-in." Remainder of rule unchanged.

Reason for the proposed change:- to align Surfcasters core competitive fishing rules with those of the AAA, and as listed above.

Note – all other SCAC rules to remain including additional points for attendance, scoring for sportsman of the year, maximum of 30 fish, whereby AAA is 50 fish, and so on.

Note – for Rule 2.3.5, should AAA change any details in their rules, SCAC to incorporate the change in their next competition year accordingly.

Peter Osborne.

Rule 2.3.1 Eligible Species List. I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:- "Only fish listed in this eligible species list etc" to read:-

"Only fish listed in Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) Inc. List of Species for Rock and Beach and Estuary" etc (remainder of wording of rule to be unchanged.)

Reason for the proposed change:- to align Surfcasters core competitive fishing rules with those of the AAA, and as listed above.

Note – for Rule 2.3.1, should AAA change any details in their rules or lists, SCAC to incorporate the change in their next competition year accordingly.

For the information of members voting on this motion, the differences in the lists of eligible species and groupings, etc. are:-

1. The AAA listing has 52 categories listing specific species (plus AAA have cross reference to fish ID publications)
2. The SCAC listing has 57 categories.
3. AAA has a catchall "Other - mixed limit of 8 other fish, min size 200mm" which includes any species not specifically listed or specifically excluded. The fish excluded by AAA are Rays, Pufferfish, Toadfish, Gurnards, Boxfish, Firefish, Lionfish, Buffalo Bream, Drummer, Black Spinefoot and Sea Horses.
4. Major differences are: -
 - a. Where one of the differences is in additional numbers for SCAC for the inclusion of the more northern species, whereas AAA has some southern species not on the SCAC list.
 - b. Also AAA has put similar groups of species in the one category whereas SCAC list divides into two categories.
5. Species on SCAC list not specifically listed on AAA list:-
 - i. Barramundi
 - ii. Black Jew (northern Mulloway)
 - iii. Bone fish
 - iv. Mangrove Jack
 - v. Marlin
 - vi. Parrot Fish
 - vii. Queenfish
 - viii. Sailfish
 - ix. Sea Perch
 - x. Tusk Fish (noting that Baldchin Groper is on the AAA list)
6. Species on AAA list not on SCAC list
 - i. Goatfish (all)
 - ii. Pigfish
 - iii. Trumpeter – all
 - iv. Sweep
 - v. Yellowtail
 - vi. Foxfish
 - vii. Yellowtail Grunter

7. Grouping of species
- i. SCAC have separately listed Albacore separately from Tuna, whereas AAA include in this Tuna category (2 categories versus 1)
 - ii. For Mackerel, Same result of 2 categories but slightly different definitions
 SCAC: a – Spanish Mackerel
 b – Other
 AAA: a – Spanish & Broad Barred
 b – Spotted, school or other
 - iii. SCAC have Amberjack listed separately, whereas AAA include with their Samson category (2 categories versus 1)
 - iv. SCAC have Skipjack Trevally as a separate category to other Trevally, whereas AAA have all in the one category of Trevallies (2 categories versus 1)
 - v. SCAC have Yellowfin Whiting as a separate category to other Whiting, whereas AAA have all in the one category of Whiting (2 categories versus 1)
 - vi. SCAC have one definition of emperor as Emperor - all, whereas AAA have three definitions Emperor - Red, Emperor - Spangled, Emperor - Blue lined and others (1 category versus 3)

Peter Osborne.

Rule 2.3.4 Mutilated Fish. I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:-

“Mutilated fish are not eligible for weigh-in. A mutilated fish is defined as any fish rendered incapable of swimming e.g. bitten by a shark, or which has been beheaded or had a fillet removed. Damaged fish that would still have been capable of swimming will still be eligible for weigh-in.”

to read:-

“Mutilated fish are not eligible for weigh-in. A mutilated fish is defined as any fish rendered incapable of swimming e.g. bitten by a shark, or which has had a fillet removed. Damaged fish that would still have been capable of swimming will still be eligible for weigh-in.”

Reason for the proposed change:- To remove the definition of a “beheaded fish” as being “mutilated.” With the importance and emphasis on looking after the quality of the fish for eating, beheading fish, for example to fit it into an esky with ice, is a reasonable action and should not make the fish ineligible. If the angler is prepared to sacrifice some weight, then that should be his choice, but should not make the fish ineligible.

Terry Fuller.

2.4.5 Field Day Top Ten. I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:-

“To determine the Top Ten for each competition year, the monthly scores of each angler shall be accumulated by the addition of the member’s twelve (12) field day totals. This addition shall show each members progressive score for the competition year.”

to read:-

“To determine the Top Ten for each competition year, the monthly scores of each angler shall be accumulated by the addition of the member’s top eleven (11) field day totals. This addition shall show each member’s progressive score for the competition year.”

Reason for the proposed change:- AAA national conventions are held every second year and will be held during the SCAC 2006/7 competition year. Members who are away from WA representing their State (and the Club) in National AAA competitions should not be penalised through their inability to attend all field days. This change would also allow a member to have holidays or one trip away a year without affecting their scoring in the Field Day competition. **Note** Rule 3.8.1 Top Ten Casters specifies the top 11 out of 12 monthly scores for calculating the top ten dry casting scores, so this change to field day rules brings them into line with dry casting rules.

Terry Fuller

Rule 3.6.2, Scoring Of Level Line Distance Casts. Amended from the version printed in the March Reel Talk which had omitted an important detail.

The discussions at the March General Meeting included some objections that the penalty proposed was not enough to prevent “good” casters really going for it, not caring if they end up “in” or “out” of the narrow SCAC “V” court because they would still get a good score even though they cast out of the SCAC narrow “V” court.

I therefore offer three different options for the penalty, either 20% which equals 1/5 of the points, or 33% which equals 1/3 of the points, or 50% which equals 1/2 of the points will be lost for ending up out of the SCAC narrow “V” court.

I propose to have some discussions on which of these three percentages, or any other percentage, should be used so the concept can be accepted, and then move the motion using that agreed percentage.

Here are examples of the scoring and the penalties which show that a long “out of court” cast has a **significant scoring penalty** which should remove any tendency to cast without caring where the weight ends.

Distance cast	Score if inside SCAC “V” court	Score if between SCAC “V” court and AAA wider “V” court with 20% (1/5) penalty	Score if between SCAC “V” court and AAA wider “V” court with 33% (1/3) penalty	Score if between SCAC “V” court and AAA wider “V” court with 50% (1/2) penalty	Score if outside AAA wider “V” court
50 metres	5 points	4 points. Same as for a 40 metre cast.	3 points. Same as for a 33 metre cast.	3 points. Same as for a 25 metre cast.	0
100 metres	10 points	8 points. Same as for a 80 metre cast.	7 points. Same as for a 67 metre cast.	5 points. Same as for a 50 metre cast.	0
150 metres	15 points	12 points Same as for a 120 metre cast.	10 points Same as for a 100 metre cast.	8 points Same as for a 75 metre cast.	0
200 metres	20 points	16 points Same as for a 160 metre cast.	13 points Same as for a 133 metre cast.	10 points Same as for a 100 metre cast.	0

Rule 3.6.2, Scoring Of Level Line Distance Casts. I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:-

“To score full points, the weight cast must come to rest in the “V” court marked by ropes and/or flags. For 56 gram and 112 gram level line the weight must remain attached to the line, and for 112 gram Artificial Bait, the weight and dowel must both remain attached to the line. Any cast which comes to rest outside the “V” court receives zero score, however for Juniors and Mini Juniors a penalty loss of ten (10) metres is imposed.

The distance of the cast shall be the measurement from the base line to the point where the weight finishes. The distance is to be rounded off to the nearest whole number using 0.5 metres as the changeover, i.e. 72.5 metres is read as 73 metres, 72.4 metres is read as 72 metres.

After each cast, the distance in metres shall be shown on the scoreboard provided. Should a penalty for a Junior or Mini Junior be incurred it shall be signified by the letter "P".

to read:-

“To score full points, the weight cast must come to rest in the Club “V” court marked by ropes and/or flags. For 56 gram and 112 gram level line the weight must remain attached to the line, and for 112 gram Artificial Bait, the weight and dowel must both remain attached to the line. A penalty reduction of twenty percent (1/5) **OR** thirty three percent (1/3) **OR** fifty percent (1/2) **(one option to be chosen at the meeting)** of the points is imposed on any cast which comes to rest outside the club “V” court but is still inside the wider AAA “V” court.

The distance of the cast shall be the measurement from the base line to the point where the weight finishes. The distance is to be rounded off to the nearest whole number using 0.5 metres as the changeover, i.e. 72.5 metres is read as 73 metres, 72.4 metres is read as 72 metres.

After each cast, the distance in metres shall be shown on the scoreboard where one is used. Should a penalty be incurred it shall be signified by the letter "P".

Reason for the proposed change:- Some new members have difficulty keeping casts within the club narrow “V” court, and current rules record their casts as zero. They therefore do not have any records of their early casts and their improvements in distance over time. Casts at AAA State and National competitions use a wider AAA “V” court and it is desirable to record and give some credit for distances which would have been inside that wider AAA court. The proposed 20% (1/5) **OR** 33% (1/3) **OR** 50% (1/2) reduction (only one to be chosen) means that all casters are penalised equally and pro rata, which would not apply if one fixed distance reduction or one fixed point score deduction were applied.

This change will need amendments to the Dry Casting Scoring sheets (simple), training of markers (simple), but significant changes to the computer scoring system for the Dry Casting - quite complex and may not be ready for the first few months of the competition year because this is yet another job for Terry Fuller and may not be possible until he is no longer Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Website Editor.

And even if this proposal is not accepted, it would be possible to amend the computer scoring system for the Dry Casting so that the distances are recorded for information, but make sure the scores are only for the casts which end up inside the SCAC narrow “V” court.

Terry Fuller.

Rule 2.3.6 Catch and Release. I give written notice that I will move this rule be amended from:-

"A member may catch and release any Eligible Species. The rules as recommended by the Committee for Field Day catch and release, including requirements for a witness, the method for determining Field Day points allocated for the catch, etc., shall be ratified at the April General Meeting each year and published in Reel Talk. The rules can only be changed at the beginning of the competition year."

to read:-

"A member may catch and release any eligible species. Only species listed in this rule will be allocated points. All captures and releases must be witnessed by another club angler.

The minimum sizes must comply with Rule 2.3.1. The total numbers of fish actually presented for weigh in plus the numbers of fish caught and released whose details are presented must comply with Rule 2.3.2.

All fish must be caught and handled following known best practices to ensure they are released in the best possible condition and with every chance to survive. Weighing of fish without special equipment risks injuring the fish and increasing mortality, so weighed fish are ineligible for catch and release. Fish that are damaged or are not likely to survive are not eligible for catch and release, and should be humanely killed and kept.

Points for the following species will be awarded based on a fixed allocated weight.

Species	Allocated weight	Species	Allocated weight
Bream	0.2 kg	Salmon (juvenile)	0.5 kg
Flathead	0.2 kg	Snook	1.0 kg
Herring	0.1 kg	Tailor	0.3 kg
Mulloway	2.0 kg	Tarwhine	0.2 kg
Pike	0.15 kg	Whiting	0.1 kg
Skipjack Trevally	0.2 kg	Wrasse	0.2 kg
Salmon (adult)	3.5 kg		

A catch and release entry form will be prepared and approved by the Committee. The form must be completed and signed by both the angler and the witness and presented to the Field Day Officer at the advertised weigh in time for the Field Day.

If an angler has caught and released a large specimen of a species, he may submit a case to the Committee for consideration for receiving a greater weight than the fixed allocated weight. The submission would need to have sufficient supporting documentation supplied, such as length and/or girth and/or photograph."

Reason for the proposed change:- Catch and release was started in late 2001, but has not been documented to the extent that it is actually known to and usable by the members. There has been no real publicity in the Reel Talk about any of the details since the initial notices in December 2001 / January 2002. That has contributed to all the confusing discussions in recent years.

The proposed rule changes the very general wording of the previous Catch and Release rules to specific details as were previously published in the December 2001 Reel Talk, with the addition of two species, some adjustments to the allocated weights, and some important restrictions and exceptions which demonstrate that this Club is really committed to giving the released fish the maximum possible chance of survival.

The requirement that members must follow known best practices in catching and handling the fish they plan to release will require publicity and updates about these best practices so that members are properly informed and up to date. Minimising the number of dead fish at the weigh in may seem desirable to some people, but the really important measure is the total number of dead fish as a result of the fishing activity, and that includes dead or dying fish which may be invisible in the water as well as the number of dead fish at the weigh in.

The aim of the 2001 proposal was to allow anglers in the monthly SCAC Field Day Competition events to release some unwanted eligible fish species but still obtain points for their captures. It is also aimed at encouraging anglers to release small (but still legal sized) specimens of a species.

At the beginning we would like to start with a limited number of Catch and Release species to allow for easier administration and also to keep matters simple. If this system proves successful and there is a demand for more species to be included, these can be added at a later stage.

The system is based entirely on trust and we rely on angler and witness honesty for this to succeed.

The rule allows significantly larger released fish to be allocated more points on application by the angler to the Committee. It is expected that these will be the exceptions and that most fish will either be weighed in or released for the allocated weight.

Ian Cook/Terry Fuller

Calendar for 2006/7 Events

Spot any mistake(s) in the calendar, please. I need someone to proof read and check all these dates. Please tell me if you **find** anything wrong. And please don't wait for 9 months to tell me **you now think** something's wrong!!!

Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller

29	AAA Event						24	Annual Presentation of Trophies and Dinner.												
7	Dry Casting						10	General Meeting			13	14	Field Day		17	Committee Meeting				
Draft SCAC Event Calendar 2006/2007 - Draft Version dated 14 March 2006.																				
Dates still have to be confirmed.																				
May 2006							June 2006							July 2006						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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August 2006							September 2006							October 2006						
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November 2006							December 2006							January 2007						
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February 2007							March 2007							April 2007						
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This is still a DRAFT Version																				

Public and School Holidays 2006/2007.

Having been caught by changes to the Oct/Sept Queens Birthday holiday in 2005, I have made a copy of these web pages this year. Public Holidays are, (from http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/ir/LabourRelations/Content/Wages%20and%20Conditions/Public%20Holidays/Public_Holidays.html):-

Foundation Day	Monday 5 June 2006	Queen's Birthday	Monday 2 October 2006
Australia Day	Thursday 26 January 2007	Labor Day	Monday 5 March 2007
Anzac Day	Wednesday 25 April 2007	Easter	Friday 6 April - Mon 9 April 2007

School holidays for Primary and Secondary students in Government schools in WA are:- (from <http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/termdates/>)

Saturday 8 July - Monday 24 July 2006	Saturday 30 September - Monday 16 October 2006
Saturday 10 December 2006 – Tuesday 30 January 2007	Friday 6 April - Sunday 22 April 2007

Dates which have been avoided are May 14, Mothers' Day. September 3, Fathers' Day.

2006/2007 Possible Dry Casting Dates. These are the "normal" dates. Some dates may have to change to fit in with any Field Day changes. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30am.

Sunday 7 May 2006	Sunday 5 November 2006
Sunday 11 June 2006, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 3 December 2006
Sunday 2 July 2006	Sunday 7 January 2007
Sunday 6 August 2006	Sunday 4 February 2007
Sunday 10 September 2006, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 11 March 2007, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 8 October 2006, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 1 April 2007
Sunday 29 October 2006, AAA State Dry Casting Championships	

2006/2007 General Meeting Dates. All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, start 8:00pm.

Wednesday 10 May 2006	Wednesday 8 November 2006
Wednesday 14 June 2006	Wednesday 13 December 2006
Wednesday 12 July 2006	Wednesday 10 January 2007
Wednesday 9 August 2006	Wednesday 14 February 2007
Wednesday 13 September 2006	Wednesday 14 March 2007
Wednesday 11 October 2006	Wednesday 11 April 2007

AAA Championships During Our 2006/7 Competition Year

Rock and Beach Championships, HQ Cheynes Beach, Reef Beach to Betty's Beach, Sat/Sun 3/4 March 2007 – Note weigh in Sunday.
Dry Casting Championships, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 29 October 2006
Estuary Championships, Swan River, Saturday and Sunday 25/26 November 2006
Boat Angling Championships, date to be advised in March 2007 at Whitfords

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Open Competition 2005/6.

These are the details of the Open Competition Sections up to February 2006. Entries close 30 days after capture. Recorder Ian Cook would like some more entries even if they are for the species competition, please.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	10.5 kg Paul Thompson, Kalbarri
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	5.0 kg John Jardine, Swanborne Drain
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	2.25 kg Tony D'Alonzo, Jurien Bay
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	1.29 kg black bream, Sharon Osborne, Murray River.
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry

Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	12.5 kg John Jardine, Quobba
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	1.0 kg Malcolm Harris, Sandy Point
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Black Bream	0.6 kg	1.29 kg, Sharon Osborne, Murray River.
Section 16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	3.4kg Golden Trevally, Spencer King, Exmouth.

Recorder, Ian Cook

Barron Lure Competition.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	Paul Thompson, Tailor 1.43 kg, Seabird
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	No entry.
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	John Jardine, Spanish Mackerel, 12.5 kg, Quobba.

Recorder, Ian Cook

Integrated Fisheries Management - One Perspective.

Out of interest for the likely impact the concept of integrated fisheries management might have on recreation angling, I obtained a copy of the Integrated Fisheries Management Draft Allocation Report, Western Rock Lobster Resource - October 2005.

The more I examined that report, the more concerned I became regarding its proposals. To conclude that I have never seen a more blatant "snow job" is probably understating the case. That is not necessarily the intention of the Integrated Fisheries Allocation Advisory Committee, but, probably due more to review processes, terms of reference and (possibly) the Department of Fisheries agenda.

What the review sets out to achieve is:

- More effective management of a compromised fishery having regard to sustainability pressures from the commercial (rock lobster fishing) sector and an anticipated increase in demand from the growing recreational (angling) sector.
- To resolve the issue as to what constitutes an equitable share of a common resource by competing sectors.
- To develop mechanisms for allocation/reallocation of resource share within sustainable harvest levels in order to obviate/minimise conflict between the sectors.

All of the above with a view to optimising harvest levels for net benefit to the community as a whole, having regard for environmental, social, economic and cultural considerations.

What the draft report advocates is to:

- Allocate sectoral shares at current levels (actually 2009/10 projected levels of 95.1% commercial and 4.9% recreational) to mollify sector interest groups and/or as a sop to either or both of the sectors to adopt the proposals.
- To further canvass and develop possible mechanisms for reallocation of resource share between competing sectors, having regard for fluctuating catch rates, seasonal variations and changing sustainable harvest levels.
- Lock in 2009/10 sectoral shares if acceptable and practicable mechanisms, such as market share buy back schemes and/or quantifiable net socio/economic indicators supporting changes to those share allocations, are not developed.

And, the justification for such action? Well, there is none other than:

- Those allocations approximate existing resource utilisation levels of the commercial and recreational sectors.
- The value of the commercial catch as a whole contributes more (presumably) to the economy than does the recreational sector.
- No quantifiable and acceptable comparisons of net socio/economic benefit currently are available to warrant any changes to those sectoral shares.

What the report conveniently or intentionally fails to recognise is:

- The present sectoral shares reflect development of the industry over time and do not bestow any ownership and/or inalienable claim by the commercial sector on its present use of a common resource.

- The environmental impact of the commercial sector on sustainable harvest levels is in the order of 14 times greater (on 2003/04 figures) than that of the recreational sector, when assessed on a per unit basis (ie. catch rates of a commercial pot versus that of a recreational angler).
- There is no validity whatsoever in comparing absolutes (ie. present contribution of the commercial sector as a whole compared to that of the recreational sector) when the issue really condenses down to, does the environmental, social and economic net benefit to the community of one commercial unit (pot) add 14 times the value of one recreational angler?

If the answer is "no" or "don't know", then there is no justification to restrain resource share of a growing recreational sector, pending development of appropriate and acceptable share mechanisms.

If this report is an indication of how the concept of integrated fisheries management is to be introduced into the western rock lobster fishery and eventually other fisheries, then the recreational angler has much to be concerned about.

Noel Cobby, February 2006.

Salmon Designated Fishing Zones

The South and South West Coast salmon fishing season is well underway with reports of schools of salmon at many places.

During your fishing you may come across signs or be told about "Designated Fishing Zones", such as in the area from Castle Rock (west of Dunsborough) to the northern tip of Cape Naturaliste, Smiths Beach, Hamelin Bay and Deepdene on the South West Coast and a number of beaches on the South Coast.

These "Designated Fishing Zones" are for SALMON fishing and so SALMON fishing by either Recreational anglers or commercial fishers has priority over other uses in the area.

Commercial Salmon fishermen **DO NOT HAVE PRIORITY** over recreational salmon anglers in "Designated Fishing Zones"

This came out during a presentation by Lindsay Joll, Commercial Fisheries Manager, Department of Fisheries, to the Capes Marine Park Advisory Committee. I have confirmed the details as above with him.

Department of Fisheries website "Information for Recreational Salmon Fishers" at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/RecSalmon/index.php?0101> says " In these areas, the DFZs provide licensed commercial fishers with some protection from potential impacts of other beach users. "

and "Designated Fishing Zones are designed to allow traditional commercial fishing operations to occur in an efficient and effective way. They are not intended to give one user group an unfair advantage over others. "

and " Anyone can enter into a DFZ for any purpose, but those who do so should take care to avoid any commercial fishing or related activity (i.e. commercial fishers searching for fish) that may be occurring within it.

and " If you are in a DFZ where there are commercial fishers at work, please ensure that your fishing or aquatic activities do not interfere with any schooling salmon they are targeting."

These four statements and the heading taken together are **MISLEADING** and would lead recreational salmon anglers to believe that the regulations give priority to commercial salmon fishers. They **DON'T**.

The regulations don't give commercial salmon fishers ANY priority over recreational anglers who are fishing for salmon. So now you know.

If you have any concerns or complaints about what you see or experience, get photos, names, boat numbers, vehicle licenses, witnesses, times, etc and report the incident to the Department of Fisheries. They WILL act.

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Busselton District Office, 48a Bussell Hwy, Busselton WA 6280, or PO Box 671 Busselton WA 6280 Phone: 08 9752 2152 Fax: 08 9752 4721 Mobile Service 0408 903 546 or 0408 923 228

Fish Watch: 1800 815 507

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Recfishwest Report March 2006.

Here are some of the main points from the March 2006 Recfishwest Board Meeting, and other recent activities.

Rottnest No Fishing Areas. Recfishwest has written to the Chairman of the Rottnest Island Authority in very strong terms. The letter pointed out that his public statement he made that consultation had occurred with Recfishwest (and Dept of Fisheries) over the last two years to develop a plan to protect biodiversity and recreational fishing opportunities on Rottnest Island were not true and at best were grossly misleading.

Norman Halse, one of the three recreational fishing representative on the Rottneest Marine working group, has written separately to the Chairman pointing out the problems with the activities of the committee, the intransigence of the anti-fishing group, the rejection of a compromise which would have provided two large no fishing areas acceptable to recreational anglers, the lack of documentation of discussions and outcomes, and his personal lack of knowledge of the detail of any recommendations which may now be being portrayed as coming from that working group.

Copies of those letters have been sent to the Premier and the Ministers and Departments concerned and have generated a great deal of interest, activity and concern. The draft proposals for closure to fishing of 17 percent of the shoreline and adjacent marine reserve were originally going to be released for public comment in mid March. The current timetable is now mid April.

Metropolitan Abalone. Under the metropolitan commercial abalone management plan, an automatic increase in allocation is allowed based on catch per unit effort, where the effort is measured in hours spent catching. Catch per hour would be one indicator of the abundance of abalone, all other things being equal. Recent commercial catch returns have indicated a significant increase in catch per hour, and the industry requested the "automatic" increase in the allocation.

The Department of Fisheries were preparing to allow this automatic increase, until Recfishwest heard about it and pointed out that 1) the hours were whatever the industry wanted to report and were not validated in any way, and thus could be used to....nah, won't say it. 2) an sustainable increased abundance and catch was unlikely when other indicators showed metro abalone stocks were fully exploited at best, 3) the commercial industry itself raised concerns for sustainability, complained about excessive recreational catches during the miserly 9 hours allowed annually for recreational abalone (maximum 9 hours if the weather, seas and swell permitting safe access to the reefs) and 4) increasing the commercial quota while the Integrated Fisheries Management process for abalone was grappling with the question of catch shares was grossly inappropriate and provocative and how could the Department possibly contemplate this?. Just another "behind the scenes" activity of RFW which prevents something happening but which may not be recognised by the recreational fishing people who benefit from it, – or don't lose.

Western Rock Lobster. The first species for Integrated Fisheries Management, Western Rock Lobster is still causing headaches through the inadequacy and times 3 variation of the recreational catch "estimates" obtained by the different survey methods. The catch data is so important for sharing the catch through Integrated Fisheries Management and bag limits, etc. yet the data appears to be of limited, if any, use for the purpose of fairly allocating catch shares which will be used for some time into the future.

Cockburn Sound Crabs. Recfishwest has objected to proposed changes in the fishing times for commercial crab fishing in Cockburn Sound which could result in increased commercial catches and changes in the agreed split of 3/8 recreational and 5/8 commercial catch.

Salmon Fishing. The South and South West Coast salmon fishing season is underway. We are expecting some announcements about this in the very near future and I had hoped to be able to tell you about them in this report.

The Department of Fisheries issued a media release on 20 March headed "Salmon fishers urged to cooperate during spawning run" which I had expected to be the announcements. Instead it repeats the misinformation about the Designated Fishing Zones regulations, and implies once again/still, that the commercial fishers have priority in these Zones, which is **NOT** true.

If I were a spin doctor writing this media release to say things which were not actually false but avoided telling the truth, then these are exactly the sort of words I would use. And yes, it doesn't actually say that commercials have priority, but the words have been chosen carefully and I would bet that **MOST** people reading it would believe that the commercial people have priority.

This topic has been discussed several times with the Department, so the issue is well known, and any continued bias by the Department or failure to inform recreational anglers the truth about the Designated Fishing Zones is not acceptable. The bias in that media release has been represented by Recfishwest in **very** strong terms to the Executive Director of the Dept of Fisheries and others, and will be discussed with the Minister for Fisheries later that week.

Plans for the Rockingham/Mangles Bay/Cape Peron Marina have been received. The closing date for public submissions is Tuesday, 4 April 2006.

The Stakeholder Consultation report for the Logue Brook Dam and recreational activities on that dam has been prepared and submitted to the Department of Water.

A workshop has been held by the Marine Futures Steering Committee. The date of this conflicted with other Recfishwest activities so a separate meeting will be held between Jessica Meeuwig and RFW.

A meeting has been requested with the new Minister for Environment, Mark McGowan, to discuss a range of issues including Marine Park planning, freshwater management, Rottneest Island management, construction of dams on creeks, and pollution impacts.

Recfishwest has been satisfactorily audited by a government group looking at the representativeness, processes, governance, effectiveness and management of fishing peak and sector bodies. It will be interesting to see how some other organisations measure up.

Recfishwest policy on "Catch and Release Fishing" as circulated recently has been adopted by the Board. Draft policies have been prepared on "Taking Fish by Free Diving" and on "Artificial Reefs and Habitat Enhancements."

The "Sharing the Fish" conference was held in Fremantle over several days in late February. Many interesting papers were presented. See <http://www.fishallocation.com/papers/index.html> for these. Not enough data, conflicting data, data which can't actually be used because of some problems with it was a common theme from many of the speakers from many countries at the Conference, with reference to both sharing the fish and managing the fishing catch and effort. Terry Fuller attended two days dealing with recreational issues.

The Austag Research report for 2004/5 has been release and has heaps of information and is well worth a read. There are many answers to some people's questions about tagging and fish survival - and questions still to be answered. See <http://www.info-fish.net/files/498/Austag%20Research%20Report%202004-05.pdf>

Recfishwest has written to the Minister for Fisheries requesting a stock assessment for West Coast herring which are causing concerns.

Recfishwest has made contact with the Premier and new Ministers following the changes in these portfolios.

Recfishwest has commented on the draft paper covering the management of ornamental fish in Australia. Ornamental fish have major risks for introducing diseases and feral fish and other organisms.

A community group at Point Samson has prepared a proposal for a marine protected area for a small local foreshore reef area to prevent it being stripped of shells, crabs, octopus and similar reef dwellers. Recreational line fishing into the waters from and near the reef will not be affected.

A formal review is being conducted of the recreational fishing consultative structure, which includes the roles and interactions of Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committees (RFAC and Regional RFACs) and Recfishwest. External consultants will be used to avoid any claims of internal biases.

The proceedings of the Western Australian Dhufish workshop have been released. There is so much really good stuff in this about Dhufish and management of fishing pressures, both recreational and commercial, which should be read by all people who fish for these. This is Fisheries Occasional Publication No. 34 and will be on the Fisheries website at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/op/index.php?0001>

Commercial Wetline Review. The latest revised Commercial Wetline Management papers were released on 3/2/2006 and the Minister has called for final comments from the public. Any additional submissions should be forwarded to the Minister's office before Friday 24 March.

To all those vocal people who have said all those things and their concerns about commercial fishing for dhufish, snapper and other fish covered by the West Coast/Gascoyne Demersal Scalefish Fishery and Inshore Net Fishery as defined in the Management Papers:-

This may be your last chance to comment on the management of the West Coast/Gascoyne Wetline Fishery which IS SO IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY TO PEOPLE WHO FISH FROM BOATS.

After all, if you didn't take the opportunity during these two separate public comment periods, why would you expect your complaints to be listened to afterwards if you couldn't be bothered to make them during these periods?

If you feel daunted by all the detail, I suggest you start with FMP 206, West Coast, Section 2 and look at the summary recommendations numbers 10-15, 18-24, 26-27 first. If you can handle those, then the rest are much easier.

Please don't leave this to "someone else" to comment.

If you do leave it to other people, and you don't like the outcomes, then.....

Terry Fuller, Recfishwest Board Member.

March 2006 Field Day Bluff Creek/Bremer Bay

No write up was available at the time of publication.

12 species were caught in total, herring, skipper, salmon, flathead, yellow eye mullet, wrasse, shark, western rock blackfish, whiting (other) tarwhine, samson fish, tailor.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

Catch results for the March 2006 Field Day.

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	43.775 kg	6	30	547.75
George Holman	15.375 kg	4	20	243.75
Spencer King	12.975 kg	5	24	219.75
Peter Osborne	12.85 kg	3	30	208.5
Morris Kolman	7.475 kg	7	30	194.75
Josh Lucocq	10.65 kg	4	15	186.5
Ian Cook	8.925 kg	4	30	179.25
Mark Hansen	6.425 kg	4	13	154.25
Peet Wessels	5.55 kg	5	28	145.5
Scott Maloney	5.8 kg	3	4	128
David Maxted	5.4 kg	2	25	124
Filomena D'Alonzo	5.075 kg	2	3	120.75
John Crompton	6.3 kg	1	1	113
Melvin Wee	2.475 kg	3	13	94.75
Terry Fuller	1.975 kg	2	9	89.75
Sharon Osborne	2.35 kg	2	19	83.5
Michelle Walker	1.95 kg	2	9	79.5
Peter Stoeckel	0.75 kg	2	3	77.5
Brook Reilly	0.8 kg	2	6	68
Andrew Stoeckel	0.7 kg	1	1	57
Nova Maloney	0.425 kg	1	3	54.25
James Reilly	0.4 kg	1	4	54
Heather Osborne	0	0	0	40
Sam Reilly	0	0	0	40
Greg Walker	0	0	0	40

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for March 2006.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Samson Fish	11.9 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	24.875 kg
Best Shark	Tony D'Alonzo	Shark	12.05 kg
Best Bag including sharks	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	43.775 kg

Field Day prizes for March 2006.

Best Scale Fish	Filomena D'Alonzo	Tailor	4.575 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	12.85 kg
Best Shark	Josh Lucocq	Gummy Shark	7.2 kg
Best Bag including sharks	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	43.775 kg

Field Day Sections up to March 2006.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.75 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Samson Fish	11.9 kg
2	Most Meritous Fish	Decided by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Shark	12.05 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.75 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Filomena D'Alonzo	Tailor	4.575 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Peter Osborne	Salmon	4.95 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Trevally, Skipjack	1.175 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)		No entry	
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Samson Fish	11.9 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	27.855 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	9.0 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tony Ong	Tailor	6.350 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)		No entry	
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod		No entry	

Field Day Top Ten for 2005/2006 up to March 2006.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	2941.2	6	Mark Hansen	700.4
2	George Holman	1244.8	7	Tony Ong	654.0
3	Peter Osborne	1204.8	8	Vix Alexander	651.8
4	Malcolm Harris	974.8	9	Ian Cook	644.5
5	Filomena D'Alonzo	718.8	10	Morris Kolman	574.3

Masters Fish for March

We had a good selection of Masters fish caught at the Bluff Creek Field Day

Angler	Species	Weight
Andrew Stoeckel	Trevally, Skipjack	0.7 kg
Filomena D'Alonzo	Tailor	4.575 kg
George Holman	Salmon	4.275 kg
Ian Cook	Trevally, Skipjack	0.7 kg
Ian Cook	Tarwhine	0.675 kg
Josh Lucocq	Shark	7.2 kg
Mark Hansen	Salmon	4.3 kg
Peet Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	0.65 kg
Peter Osborne	Salmon	4.95 kg
Peter Osborne	Trevally, Skipjack	1 kg
Scott Maloney	Salmon	4.45 kg
Scott Maloney	Trevally, Skipjack	0.775 kg
Tony D'Alonzo	Shark	12.05 kg
Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	2.95 kg
Tony D'Alonzo	Samson Fish	11.9 kg
Tony D'Alonzo	Trevally, Skipjack	1.175 kg



The "mob" at Bluff Creek – plus Filomena and a couple of photographers.

Bluff Creek Adventure - 4/5/6 March 2006

I joined Peter Stoeckel's group, which included Andrew Stoeckel, Melvin Wee and I, being John Crompton. We all met at Peter's House at 3pm Friday 3rd March 2006, loaded up the Nissan Patrol and headed off via Tonkin Highway towards Albany Highway

Lo and behold and just before the Roe Highway off ramp, a rod fell off the roof which happened to be mine and in the mean time a vehicle ran over it and flattened the rod! Peter rang George Holman and asked him if he could bring down an extra rod, which was very kind of him to do so.

On the road again off to Bluff Creek, refueled at Mount Barker and to the zig zag, zig zag route we were lucky that we came with Peter and Andrew as a co-pilot! To the area where the tyres were let down and onto the beach finally to the camp site at 2300 hrs, we would have been lost and especially at night?

The camp site was in darkness all asleep. Peter managed to wake up Morris and Mark, talked for a while and they were off to sleep. We camped under the stars!

At day break Saturday it was a clear day. We were introduced to the girls and guys and the dogs at the camp, Peter commenced to set up the tent, off loading all the gear, tarpaulins for the over head cover with which was done very well, great set up!

1100 hrs, sign in time. Later on to the beach to do some fishing. Through the sand dunes and onto the beautiful beach, we were shown the meaning off Bluff Creek, how the creek changes the landscape each and every day, and it can be very dangerous if you do not know the area!

Back to camp for a bite to eat and again off to do more fishing at approx. 2200 hrs, I caught my first ever Gummy Shark - 6.3 kgs, with the great help of Spencer he saw and managed to retrieve as it came off the hook, he also gutted the shark, a photo was taken by Melvin.

Back to camp through the treacherous beach via the creek! All of us crashed for the night after a nightcap!

Early Sunday morning to the fishing, we fished to about 0900 hrs back to camp for breakfast. We stayed at the camp as the barbeque was to commence at 1200 hrs to 1400 hrs. All turned up including Tony and Filomena they had come from Bremer Bay!

We arranged to fish late, with Josh and we are to meet later in the evening! Sunday afternoon back to the fishing, we returned back to camp at approx. 1900 hrs, had a bite to eat. In the mean time Josh and Morris returned, Peter told Melvin and me to take his vehicle and Andrew went with Josh! Melvin drove and we followed Josh. Josh caught his shark 7.2 kgs and some other fish as did Andrew and so they wanted to return to camp! I said that we would return later,

Well at 0200 hrs, I suggested to Melvin that we should camp here for night as it will be daylight in about three hours, it would be dangerous to drive back and so we did stay on!

Early Monday morning, we fished again, Peter turned up with Mark, and he was a bit concerned as we had not returned to camp (very thoughtful!) We returned, back to camp and started to pack up! (Sad times)

The weigh in at 1000 hrs, there was a great number of fish caught by the members, it was the best I have ever seen in my time! After the weigh in we continued with the packing. We left in company of Greg & Michelle, Mark & Wendy and once again back onto the beach, off to the hard standing area where we pumped up all the tyres and parted company!

I thoroughly enjoyed the trip trekking in and out of the beach, the fishing off the beautiful stretch of beach, the camp site and especially the comradeship amongst the members, I will look forward to the next trip that I am able to attend!

Thanks to all! Cheers

John Crompton

Wanted Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Website Editor

As advised on page 4 of the March Reel Talk, after being on Committee for nearly 6 years in this stint, and doing nearly 5 years as Reel Talk Editor, it's time to move on, look after myself and give myself some time and energy left over to go fishing again and do more of those other ordinary things in life.

I will not be volunteering and will not accept any nomination to be a Committee Member at the next elections at the Annual General Meeting in July 2006. That means the Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Web Site Editor jobs will be vacant and will be available to anyone who wishes to nominate for any of those jobs, and to anyone the members wish to elect or co-opt.

This has given the Club four months' notice to find some person or people to take over, and for those people to see what is required and do whatever preparation they want. I will help new people as much as I can to take over the jobs, but I will not continue to do those jobs. I offer to remain as one of the Club's AAA delegates if the club wants that.

I have also advised the Australian Anglers Association at the February Delegates' meeting that, after doing the jobs for over three years, I will not be volunteering and will not accept any nomination to be the AAA Secretary / Treasurer / Web site Editor at their August AGM. That has given them 5 months notice to find replacements. My work as an AAA delegate will be limited to representing the club, and will not involve doing any of the great range and amount of extra work I have done for the Association in recent years.

I am prepared to be the Recfishwest Board Member representing AAA if the AAA Delegates want that.

Whatever decisions are made, I will continue to work actively with Recfishwest in some capacity, and I will devote more time to work being done by Recfishwest which is extremely important for the future of recreational fishing in Western Australia.

I do realise that not doing this work may present a problem for the Club and be a really major problem for AAA due to the extreme lack of volunteers prepared to do work in recent times.

However, it's time for me to move on from Club and Association work and for others to take over.

Terry Fuller.