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Minutes of SCAC General Meeting

Venue: Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club Room.
Date: 14 March 2007
Time: 2020
Present: 20 members
Apologies: Bob Henderson, Mal Head
Visitors: Nil

Previous Minutes: As Published in February Reel Talk

Moved: Jim Strong **Seconded:** Allan Jones

Inwards Correspondence:

Some advertising from a band called Splash and Shoreline Launching
Stirling City Council

Outwards Correspondence:

Stirling City Council regarding sports ground fees.
Moved: Vix Alexander **Seconded:** Malcolm Harris

Treasurer's Report:

Balance \$11,466.98

Monies Received

General Meeting Raffle	92.00	T Baiardo - Rottnest	95.00
P & M Pekaar Kalbarri House	265.00	S Maloney - Rottnest	145.00
M Harris – Rottnest	190.00	M Hansen Rottnest	95.00
P Stoeckel Kalbarri Rent	215.00	P Wessels Bluff Creek	28.00
BBQ @ General Meeting	34.00	Dry Casting	60.00

Accounts to be Paid

Synergy 177.10
 Ray White Hot Water System TBA

Moved: George Holman **Seconded:** Jim Strong

Property Report: Vix gave her report regarding Kalbarri house.

Secretary's Report: Scott read the letter from the council regarding non-members using the reserve while we are casting re Chas Riegert.

Field Day Report: Slow conditions in the afternoon, Taylor came in on sunset. Sandra got her first 1 of 3. Couple of bags of Taylor, Flathead, Gardies. Malcolm got some rays. Best scale fish 950grms Vix; Best bag 6.2 kg Morris.

Dry Casting: Scott gave his report.

AAA Report: George gave his report and commented that the new secretary was very efficient. Talked about the rock and beach, State boating championships are very well organised with approx 200 competitors. AAA is looking for someone to organise July fishing clinics He thanked all members who went to the championships and the way they conducted themselves

Recorder: Nothing to Report explained to Ken (new member) what the recorder did.

Real Talk Editor: Marcia discussed ways to improve membership.

Social Organiser: Nil

Notice of Motion: From Recorder Ian Cook- Leave Grand Master Badges qualification level as they are, and drop Masters down.

From Peter Pekaar – Open casting court to AAA size.

From Scott Maloney - Increase fees for Dry Casting, Single from \$6.00 to \$10.00 and Family from \$8.00 to \$12.00

General Business: Morris suggested a raffle for Kalbarri house to raise money for the club. Wendy suggested chocolate raffles. Tino talked about ways of increasing membership. A lot of discussion about Reel Talk and how to fund it more efficiently. General discussion about ways to improve the club's economical situation. The committee will come back to the club at the next General Meeting with some structured ideas on which to vote.

Meeting Closed 2245

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.

29	AAA Event																					
8	Dry Casting							11	General Meeting				14	15	Field Day			18	Committee Meeting			
April 2007							May 2007							June 2007								
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun		
30						1		1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15*	16*	17*		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30			

* Proposed Rottnest Field Day in June (as mentioned in March Reel Talk).

2006/2007 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries

The following is the list of Field Day dates, venues and boundaries.

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details
14/15 April 2007	Capes (North)	Busselton jetty to Margaret River.
11, 12, 13 May 2007	Rottnest	Rottnest Island

2007 Dry Casting Dates. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting 8:30am.

Sunday, 1 April 2007	Sunday, 6 May 2007
Sunday, 3 June 2007	

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

Wednesday, 11 April 2007	Wednesday, 9 May 2007
Wednesday, 13 June 2007	

COMING CLUB EVENTS

April Dry Casting

When: Sunday, 1 April 2007

Where: Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events: Double handed accuracy, single handed accuracy, 56g distance, artificial bait distance, 112g 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Single-handed open will be held after regular casting on 1 April.

Sausage Sizzle: Sausage & Bread \$1.00; Can of Cool Drink \$1.00
Casting Sinkers also available on the day.

April General Meeting

When: Wednesday, 11 April 2007

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

Please remember to tick your name off the attendance sheet which is on the table near the door. And while you are there, what about buying some of the raffle tickets for the Unisex Post-Mullie Pack?

Field Day, Local

When: 14 & 15 April 2007

Sign On: Phone the FDO

Lines Down: Check with FDO

Boundaries: Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

Weigh In: Sunday, 15 April at George 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 8.00pm that night.

Field Day, Capes

When: 14 & 15 April 2007

Sign On: Phone the FDO

Lines Down: Check with FDO

Boundaries: Busselton Jetty to Prevelly Park

Weigh In: Sunday, 15 April Busselton Jetty 12.00

Amendment to motion as printed in March 2007 Reel Talk

(5.3) Master Weights

Currently some species weights are the same for both Masters and Grand Masters.

I wish to decrease the weights of the following species in the Masters section.

Decrease the weight of Trevally (all) from 4.0 to 3.6 kg

Decrease the weight of Mackerel from 8.0 to 7.0 kg

Decrease the weight of Pink Snapper from 3.0 to 2.6 kg

Mover: Ian Cook

Masters Fish for March 2007

Angler	Species	Weight
Tino Baiardo	Trevally, Skipjack	0.700
Josh Lucocq	Trevally, Skipjack	0.650
Peter Stoeckel	Trevally, Skipjack	0.650
Peet Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	0.750
John Crompton	Shark	7.650

Spare Berths for Rottnest Island Field Day

11 to 13 May 2007

Due to cancellations we now have two spots available for this field day. May has traditionally been a very productive month with both Tailor and Yellow Tailed Kingfish being caught on most trips. We normally also get mixed bags of Skipjack Trevally, Herring, Western Black Fish with the odd King George Whiting. Salmon can be caught depending on when the salmon run is up the West Coast. This is dependent on a number of factors such as ocean currents, temperatures & food supply. Contact Ian if you are interested in attending.

ROTTNEST TIDAL DATA FOR MAY 2007 FIELD DAY

Saturday 12 May
0.67m @ 01:13
0.93m @ 08:15
0.88m @ 12:59
0.94m @ 17:52

Sunday 13 May
0.72m @ 01:17
1.00m @ 07:58
0.79m @ 14:25

Dry Casting Winners for 11 March 2007

Event	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
56 gram Score	25	Malcolm Harris	23	George Holman
56 gram Distance	123	Malcolm Harris	115	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	22	Peter Pekaar	24	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	110	Peter Pekaar, Malcolm Harris	120	George Holman
112 gram Score	28	Peter Pekaar	28	George Holman
112 gram Distance	152	Peter Pekaar	145	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	106	Peter Pekaar	149	George Holman
Single Handed Acc.	22	Scott Maloney	28	Terry Fuller
Section Highest Points	195	Peter Pekaar	260	George Holman

Event	Ladies Winner		Juniors Winner	
56 gram Score	13	Wendy Hansen	18	Andrew Pekaar
56 gram Distance	76	Vix Alexander	89	Andrew Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	12	Vix Alexander	18	Andrew Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	62	Vix Alexander	92	Andrew Pekaar
112 gram Score	15	Vix Alexander	22	Andrew Pekaar
112 gram Distance	77	Vix Alexander	119	Andrew Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	74	Vix Alexander	114	Andrew Pekaar
Single Handed Acc.	8	Vix Alexander	12	Andrew Pekaar
Section Highest Points	127	Vix Alexander	194	Andrew Pekaar

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to March 2007	
56 gram Score	25	Malcolm Harris	29	Keith Heaney
56 gram Distance	123	Malcolm Harris	148	Keith Heaney
Artificial Bait Score	24	George Holman	27	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	120	George Holman	157	Joe Pullella
112 gram Score	28	Peter Pekaar, George Holman	32	George Holman, Malcolm Harris
112 gram Distance	152	Peter Pekaar	189	Keith Heaney
Double Handed Acc.	149	George Holman	166	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	28	Terry Fuller	34	George Holman
Day's High Points	260	George Holman	269	Bob Henderson

Dry Casting Report

Well, what a very average day that Sunday was with a gentle easterly breeze casting was none to pleasant. This was reflecting in most people's distances with almost everyone being down on their best. Peter Pekaar did manage 152 on 112 grams, a great effort on any day let alone that one. George cast 145 on 112 grams also very good distance for the day. He also had a win with 149 on double handed accuracy. The ladies are all doing very well buoyed along by their success at the Nationals, no doubt. Well done. Andrew Pekaar had an excellent cast of 119 on 112 grams and he beat everyone on the Seniors team except his dad with his overall score of 194. Look out Seniors. A few of the Men did try a new technique picked up from the Nationals so that is one reason for our shorter distances. Well that's our excuse anyway. Thanks for everyone's attendance on such a poor day. Also congratulations to the National Casting Team on their fantastic results. See all next month.

Scott Maloney

Results for March 2007 Field Day

Field Day Sections up to and Including March				
Section		Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	George Holman	Mulloway	6.915
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Geoff Raftis	Tailor	1.046
2	Most Meritorious Fish	0	0	0.000
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Malcolm Harris	Shark	8.150
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	George Holman	Mulloway	6.915
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Ian Cook	Tailor	2.900
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.150
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Trevally, Skipjack	0.834
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)	0	0	0.000
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Peter Osborne	Yellowtail Kingfish	2.490
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	12.742
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Ian Cook	Mulloway	5.000
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	8.180
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	0	0	0.000
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	0	0	0.000

Sportsperson Of The Year Sections for March			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	Peet Wessels	Trevally (Other than listed)	0.750
Best Bag of Scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	7.210
Best Shark	John Crompton	Shark	7.650
Best Bag Including Sharks	John Crompton	Mixed Bag	14.300

Field Day Prizes for March			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	Daniel Plech	Salmon	1.300
Best Bag of Scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	7.210
Best Shark	John Crompton	Shark	7.650
Best Bag Including Sharks			

Top Ten up to March		
Rank	Angler	Total Points
1	Malcolm Harris	1546.7
2	Peter Osborne	983.3
3	Vix Alexander	810.2
4	John Crompton	684.6
5	George Holman	667.5
6	Peet Wessels	576.4
7	Morris Kolman	520.4
8	Mark Hansen	497.5
9	Sandra Wessels	482.7
10	Tony D'Alonzo	453.4

Notice of Motion

Proposed by Malcolm Harris

Proposed changes to field day fees and prizes for 2007/2008 fishing year.

I propose that the field day fees for the next competition year are amended as follows:

Single Fee: \$10.00 Family Fee: \$12.00

Field day prizes for the best scale fish, best bag of scale fish, the best shark and best bag including shark to be replaced by a certificate acknowledging the relevant achievement. The certificate to be awarded to the winning fisher at the next general meeting.

After much consideration by the committee and taking in regard the absence of any fee rise over the last few years as well as the club's current financial position, the committee has recommended that the fees for field days for the 2007/2008 fishing year should increase. As the field day fees are a small but regular revenue source for the club it was felt that all monies raised should be put into general revenue to assist the club in offering its full range of services. Accordingly, the field day prizes should be replaced by certificates of merit.

Proposed New Format for Local Field Day

As the club usually has one local field day as part of its fishing calendar per year, this is an opportunity to try a new format for that may encourage more members to attend. Unfortunately, life for most of us becomes busier and busier these days and putting aside the necessary time to attend a full field day has become more and more difficult.

What are the benefits of this format?

It gives greater opportunity to fit in a field day along with the myriad other things that we need to do on the weekends. Perfect for those who have to work during the weekend or have other commitments, it involves the family for a barbeque breakfast and you get to fish exactly when your schedule allows. It doesn't involve a lot of travel so the costs would not be as much as a standard field day.

This new proposal would only be used on the local field day and as such would not affect the fishing hours of the standard field day. It came about through a group discussion while we were attending the Nationals at Phillip Island and was put forward by Joe Pullella.

The format is:

The field day would be held over a 24 hour period starting from first light on the Saturday and finishing 24 hours later on the Sunday morning. Each angler would be restricted in fishing only 6 consecutive hours during that period. Anglers would choose the six hour period that they intended to fish that suited their commitments and register it at the sign on which would be at the general meeting or over the phone on the Friday before. The boundaries would be extended to include some more fishy areas but all within an hour of the metro area. The weigh in would be on the Sunday morning say around 8.00am for a barbeque breakfast at a convenient location that had a public barbeque. This would combine the weigh in with a social get together, so the whole family could come along. So you get the things you need to get done on the Saturday, go for a fish, have a social breakfast and the rest of the Sunday is yours, what more could you want?

The committee has drawn up the list of field day locations and dates for the 2007/2008 fishing calendar based on the responses that we received, so come along to the next general meeting and cast your vote for this format as well as the next year's fishing locations.

Malcolm Harris
Field Day Officer

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 at info@circa.net.au 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.

Vix Alexander, Property Officer

PHILLIP ISLAND DIARY

By Marcia Pekaar

Sunday, 25 February 2007

3.50am taxi company having trouble getting a taxi to us. We had ordered the taxi in advance the day before and were assured that one would be available. We had a back up plan – take our car and park at the airport. Ten minutes later, taxi arrives. We then left to collect Wendy & Mark Hansen in same suburb a few blocks away. Upon reaching the Hansen house, I realise I've left a bag in the bedroom. Taxi driver agrees to return once we get Mark & Wendy on board. I rush in, grab bag and we're off to the airport. We arrived at the airport with plenty of time to spare and meet up with others from our group. We master the art of getting our own boarding passes with the assistance of airport staff and settle in for the journey. Pete and I sat together in a row with Trevor Stam. Andrew scored a window seat one row back from us. He was happy – first long flight. Being a little nervous when it comes to flying, I adopted the cocoon method of flying, which basically means I try to just disappear into my book and forget where I actually am. I need not be reminded of how high we are, nor how fast we are going. The trip took about 3½ hours. Upon arrival at Melbourne airport we were informed that (a) Vix had broken her nose in a fall at the bus hire company and (b) the bus we had hired was in need to repair and a replacement had to be organised. Cookie and George got onto the task of sorting out our transport while the rest of us sat around the airport, trying not to feel too hungry because the thought of paying \$8 for a sandwich was just a bit too steep!!

The highlight of the day was watching the green piece of string make its way onto and up the escalator. It had escaped from someone's luggage and bit by bit with the aid of unwitting fellow travellers' feet and luggage was dragged onto the escalator, up and away ... I hope it enjoyed its travels.

People watching was another pastime for us and among the crowd was Mick Malthouse.

At last the bus arrived. Cookie drove us to a shopping mall at Broadmeadows where we feasted on kebabs, chicken, burgers etc. Then we shopped at Coles in preparation for at least a meal that night and breakfast the following morning. \$92 (for our hut). Later we were back on the bus, returning to the airport to collect Scotty, Mal & Vix. My goodness Vix IS impressive with her neck brace and black eyes!! Now, off to San Remo. Each chalet made their own arrangements for dinner that night. I baked a tuna pie for our group and in the morning it was cereal and omelettes for anyone who wanted them.

Monday

We went shopping (again) on Phillip Island and looked for an Optometrist for Vix. We also needed to find a bank for those of us in need of cash. Then it was back to the cabins for a meeting with Bob. We all received a bag of goodies for the dry casting competition and were advised of events for the week. That night we had dinner at the pub – delicious. Who was that snoring in the cabin next door?

Tuesday

7am start – off to practise at the local school oval. Intrigued youngsters asked the usual questions such as "Have you caught anything yet?" In the afternoon, I offered Mal Head a coffee and asked how he took it "Black & White" was his answer!!!???

Wednesday

The school oval was occupied by students playing cricket. Oh dear, where are we going to practise? We drove all over searching for a suitable practise venue. We located several promising paddocks but no-one was home when we sought permission. Finally, we found a farm and the lovely home owner, Gwen, permitted us to cast on her land that day and the following day. She was familiar with our cause as her grandson, Dwayne was in the Victoria fishing team.

That night we all went to the Golf Club to hear a talk about the South Australia event in 2009. We all looked very smart in our club T shirts. It was a late start to the evening. Trays of nibblies arrived and the food disappeared immediately, accompanied by 'seagull squawks' from the hungry mob. Upon our return to San Remo at 8.30 we all piled into the pizza shop and ate together in the courtyard.

Thursday

Bright and early, returned to Gwen's farm to resume practise. This time we went to the other side of the house and had to share the paddock with the resident cows and accompanying "deposits". They were very curious, but Cookie kept them in line. They finished up watching us from among the trees behind the dam. Whilst practising distance casting, Cookie's rod broke mid-air. Scott Maloney managed to hit one of the cows with a stray sinker and many of us had to thoroughly wipe our feet before entering the bus!! It was a long morning and much was achieved.

Following practise we returned to the San Remo Caravan Park. Many of the group went to the Woolamai Turf Club where the competition was to be held and *assisted* with the set up. The truth be known, our people did 99.99% of the work whilst members of the other teams just watched. Trevor Stam and I remained behind and prepared lunch for the following day. We were supposed to be meeting at the pub at 6pm and our guys still were not back at 5.15pm. They finally returned and we met at the pub for dinner at 7pm.

Friday

Day one of competition has arrived. The organisation was a little lacking and confusion reigned. But eventually we all sorted out where we needed to be and got into casting. Personally I was disappointed with my effort even though I did manage to get into the top 10, but conversely the men's team won overall, with my husband faring well. Vix did well for our women and Wendy finished ninth.

Saturday

The last day of the competition. The Veterans won; the Seniors won; the Ladies came fourth and Andrew, our Junior team, came third. Wendy and my placings each improved by two, making Wendy the seventh best female caster in Australia and I came eighth. Several of us had bust-offs: Keith Heaney, Peter Pekaar, me. The full story is available in a separate publication.

On a more artistic note, the cameras of our many photographers were constantly clicking. I particularly liked the "dinosaur" ridge of pine trees on the hills.

Toward the end of the day, the Ladies, Vets & Juniors had to cast in a thunder storm. Oh great – we are all holding lightning rods!!! There wasn't too much rain but the Pekaar family was grateful for having purchased ponchos. The storm soon blew over with only a few instances of electrical "zaps" in some rods.

In the afternoon, friends of Joe Pullella, Jeremy and Lee, came to visit and give a little display of X-Casting. It is a method of casting which results in fantastic distances. Sadly for Andrew Pekaar, one of the chaps was demonstrating with his rod and it broke. Andrew was quite stoic about the situation, but I am sure seeing his rod, which he had worked hard to pay for himself, must have been painful. Joe has the situation in hand and we're hopeful to get his rod back in working order.

6pm Saturday, I went into the local township of Cowes with Vix, Wendy, Nick and Joe. We all had some shopping to do. The girls went one way and the boys the other. We bought some T shirts and other souvenirs. We popped in to the community hall and had a sneak peak at the results. Well done, Vix, FIRST!!

Upon our return to the caravan park when I saw my flat mates, I suddenly realised I had gone out without turning off the stove. Whoops – the rice!!!!

Sunday

6am alarm. 6.30 rise. Taking our time thinking we had until 1pm to leave. Panic at 8.30 – we are told we have to be packed by 10am!!! I wasn't even dressed – thinking I could take my time and stay behind while the others went to see the X-Casting with Jeremy and Lee. We piled everything into Vix's cabin and went out to the race track to watch the boys demonstrate their casting prowess.

We returned to the caravan park for 12.30. It was a mad rush to get everything onto the bus, have some lunch, throw out unwanted food and generally tidy up. We gave the residents of chalet no. 39 much of our unwanted food. They were very grateful for the rice crackers, puff pastry and pasta shells which we couldn't take on the plane.

Some vandals had attempted to break in to the bus on Saturday night. Scott Maloney gave chase and cut his foot on the sharp stone ground for his troubles. They took Cookie's briefcase, which was recovered, but we still lost some items.

All in all the holiday was a great success in so many ways. We all worked well together as a group, and developed true friendships where only acquaintances existed previously. I am looking forward to attending the competition again in 2009 in South Australia.

Marcia Pekaar

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 he price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Mal Head

PLEASE NOTE:

From March to April please do not bring cans. Malcolm will be unavailable until May when you can start bringing them again.

Recorders Report March 2007

2006 / 2007 Open Competition Results till March 2007

Section	For	Min Weight	Details
1.	Most Meritorious Capture	None	Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.
2.	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	
4.	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5.	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman 4.0 kg False Entrance
7.	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9.	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman 3.3 kg False Entrance
10.	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	Dave Maxted 0.6 kg Steep Point
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman 11.5 kg False Entrance
12.	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	
13.	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14.	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15.	Best Black or Yellow fin Bream	0.6 kg	
16.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	George Holman Bonefish 2.8 kg False Entrance
17.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	

Please let me know if there are any omissions.

Barron Lure Competition

Heaviest Tailor	2.4 kg	Mal Harris
Heaviest Salmon	3.85 kg	Mark Hansen
Heaviest Scale fish		

Species for the Species Badge are not automatically recorded from the FD results. You need to give the recorder a written list of the species and which FD you caught them on. Species caught outside of a field day need to be submitted on the standard application form.

I am sure there are a number of members who will have captured the required species for the species badge but which are not recorded.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ROTTNEST ISLAND FIELD DAY

Mal Harris has contacted the Minister in relation to the proposed sanctuary zone boundaries at West End. He has been advised in written form that the area encompassing Radar the Tailor Hole and Wilson's will be annexed out of the area. This means we can still fish from the east up to and including Radar Reef. From Fishhook Bay round to the north side of the island including Cathedral Reef will be in the sanctuary zone. We unfortunately lose the area that was utilised to fish on a southerly bluster.

I am now proposing our second Rottnest Island Field day would stay as August 2007.

Field Day Format

Ferry departs Rous Head	18:00
E T A Rottnest from Fremantle Friday 11 May	18:45
" " " Transport of gear to Caroline Thompson	18:45
" " " Caroline Thompson to West End Sat 12	06:00
" " " West End to Caroline Thompson	18:15
" " " Caroline Thompson to West End Sunday 13	06:00
" " " West End to Caroline Thompson	12:00
" " " Gear from Caroline Thompson to Ferry	14:00
E T D Rottnest from Fremantle	17:00

Times to be confirmed

Must be at the Ferry terminal no later than 17:30

- Tickets will not be purchased after 17:40
- Label your gear
- Have in proper strong containers or it will get damaged.
- Use rod tubes if you have them
- No food available from shops on return at night.
- Buses run back and forwards to west end during the day so you can move or return to the settlement from Narrow Neck
- Need wet suit and spray jacket to stay warm at this time of year especially being out all day.
- Take food and water to West End
- NO waders on reefs
- Bay Seeker does a round trip usually every hour and goes as far as Narrow Neck

If you have any queries give me "Cookie" a call

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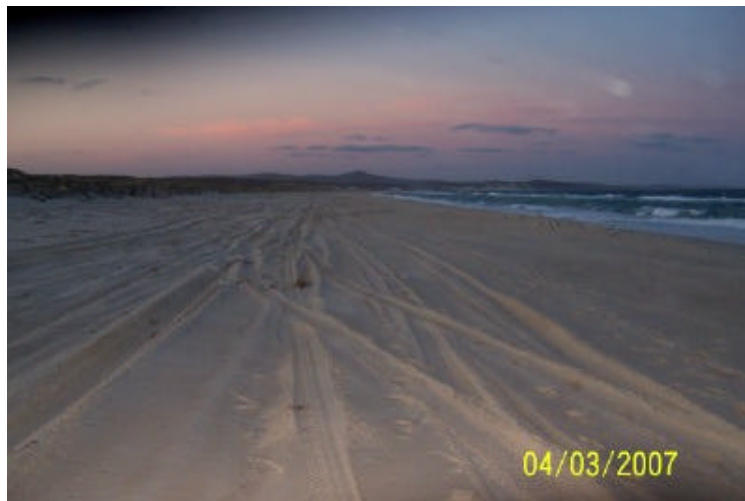
Contact: Brian Abbott

Bluff Creek Field Day Report 3-5 March 2007

At long last the weekend arrived. For months I had been waiting in anticipation to get back to my favourite fishing location. We left Perth on Friday at 9:05 and decided to take the long route via Albany. Here we filled up with diesel and headed straight for Bluff Creek.

Arriving at the farmer's gate at Bluff Creek we deflated the "Fishing Jeep's" tyres to 15 PSI. What a great sight as we came through the dunes and straight on to the beach. We stopped here to get a GPS fix in case we needed to find our way out during the night for any sort of emergency. As we drove, the distinctive squeaky noise from the tyres on the pure clean sand of the Bluff came to ear, and we knew we had arrived. It soon became clear that the beach conditions had changed dramatically since the previous year. The sea has created quite large and dangerous drop-offs in the middle of the beach and I felt relieved arrived with spare.

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of the beach and I that we had plenty of daylight to Driving conditions more difficult than time we were at the of the way in we 4x4 track at the dunes. At 5.2 km entering the beach the Creek. We the Creek and back the easy access campsite.

The happy and smiling faces of Morris Kolman, Andy Thorgersen, Dean Stewart, John Crompton and Tino Baiardo were here to meet us. Having a short conversation and a few laughs we saw them off as they left for a favourite fishing spot. Sandra and I decided we would set up camp, and then have a fried chicken for dinner, lie down for half an hour and then we would go and do a little recce.

When we got to a favourite fishing spot it was clear that the guys were having loads of fun. A small mountain of fish had already developed on the beach. Andy had a full time job gutting and gilling the fish as the guys were landing one fish after the other. It was a joy to watch and to see how much the guys were enjoying themselves. We decided to drive on and up to the end where the rocks start. Here we went for a little walk and took a couple of pictures. The fishing conditions also boked very good and with the correct rock boots it would have been reasonably safe to fish.

We decided to make our way back as the sun was busy setting. When we got back to where the guys were fishing the action had not stopped and Andy was still operating the knife. Morris handed me his rod and said, "Peet catch yourself a Skippy". With no hesitation I took the rod, baited up with two white baits and let fly. As I was busy taking in the slack of the line I could feel the tap on the line as the fish were biting with a frenzy. I made a strike and within a minute a large Bull Herring was kicking on the beach. I loaded up again and a few times more and very soon I had a beautiful Skippy grunting at me. By this time the sun had disappeared and it was high time to make for the camp.

At camp we washed up and had a few cold ones whilst enjoying the companionship and tales of everyone. John and Tino were supposedly still busy fishing, however at approximately 10 pm we luckily heard the uhf radio crackling. It was John and Tino calling for help. They were hopelessly lost. They had driven past the campsite and got lost and bogged down a few times. Morris went to the rescue and fetched them. At long last everybody was safe and sound at the camp.

Around midnight I was awakened by a vehicle entering our campsite. It was Peter Stoeckel and his son Andrew. They drove out again to make a temporary camp close by. The next morning they came back again to set up the "Hilton". Whilst having our breakfast Josh Lucocq arrived on foot. He and Daniel Plech had got lost and were also bogged down. Another rescue mission was undertaken.

Early morning was spent on a quick fishing session and were all back again at 11 am for the sign on. All disappeared fairly quickly and could be found fishing all along the beach. Most of us managed to catch a fair bag of fish on the first session. The day turned out to be a perfect day after a little rain during the previous night. The sea was clean and the fishing conditions were as good as it gets. After a quick dinner we all went out for the afternoon session. Sandra and myself decided to fish right in front of the campsite whilst the others shot off to their favourite spots. It was a good session and we caught a lot of Skippy and Herring with the odd Whiting, Wrasse and Flathead to make up the numbers.

After a very enjoyable first day we called it a day as the sun disappeared in the west. Some of the guys decided to do a little night fishing and were well rewarded with a few sharks.

During the day our friends had also joined us as visitors. They were Theo and Louise van Niekerk from Katanning. Theo also had a very good day of fishing and had his bag limit of 12 Skippy for the day with a few very nice Bull Herrings. Theo brought a hot water shower and after a good wash we all got together at the Hilton. Here we enjoyed some of our finest local wines and were chatting until late.

Very early the next morning there was activity in the camp and everybody was in a hurry to get to the beach. With only a few clouds around and a light breeze blowing the day promised to be very good for fishing.

We once again decided to fish right in front of the camp. We had to do some catching up on the fishing as the previous evening a freak wave had claimed more than half of our fish. We were not the only ones that had suffered this fate; Morris also lost most of his fish with the same wave.

The fishing was good and it was not long before we had a healthy bag of fish again.

After our barbeque at the Hilton we joined up with Theo and Louise close to the reef outcrop. Here the action was hot again and at one time I landed a double header of Skippy. The Skippy was all very good size with many of them around 0.7 kg.

Around 5pm the wind got real strong and it became a little unpleasant to fish. Having caught enough fish to fill our bags we decided to get to an early shower. Before we left for the campsite I cleaned all the fish whilst Sandra was cleaning up the gear and the Ute. By 6 pm we were back at the camp.

Having had a nice warm shower with a good meal most of us were having a good laugh at the Hilton. Around 9 pm a black silhouette approached our campsite, it was Morris. His first words were, "I need some help". He was hopelessly bogged down and had to leave Andy behind to come and fetch help. He had to walk about 4 km on the beach to reach our camp. It did not take long before a couple of guys got into Peter Stoeckel's Patrol and off they went to recover the Prado. By 23h00 everybody was back safely and a calm full moon shone down on a peaceful campsite.

Monday morning arrived and everybody was up early to break-up camp and pack up for the way home. At 9 am everybody gathered around the scale to weigh in their catch.

The following fish were weighed in.

Josh Lucocq – 2 Fish consisting of 2 Skippy.

Peter Stoeckel – 2 Fish consisting of one Herring and one Skippy.

Daniel Plech - 4 Fish consisting of 2 Skippy, one Salmon and one Shark.

John Compton – 9 Fish consisting of 7 Herring and 2 Shark.

Tino Baiardo - 19 Fish consisting of 10 Herring, 7 Skippy, one Flathead and one Whiting.

Sandra Wessels – 30 Fish consisting of 27 Herring, 2 Skippy and one Whiting.

Morris Kolman – 30 Fish consisting of 12 Skippy, 17 Herring and one Whiting.

Peet Wessels – 30 Fish consisting of 18 Herring, 11 Skippy and one Wrasse.

Best Scale Fish went to Daniel Plech with his Salmon of 1.3 kg.

Best bag of scale fish went to Peet Wessels with his mixed bag of 7.7 kg.

Best Shark went to John Compton with his shark of 7.65 kg.

By 10 am almost everybody was ready for the big trek back home. Most of the vehicles left in convoy leaving only Sandra, Theo, Louise and myself behind. When we finally got moving we almost immediately ran into some vehicle trouble with Theo's vehicle calling it a day. I had to tow him out. The "Fish Jeep" did remarkably well and I got renewed respect for the old Hilux. Everything went well until at the most uncomfortable spot on the track out when the gearbox of the towed vehicle seized up completely and the wheels no longer turned. We forced the vehicle into the bush and abandoned it there for the night. We gave Theo and Louise a lift to Katanning and managed to arrive back in Perth by 18h00.

Lots of things were thrown at us during this weekend, but as a group of friends we all managed to help each other through the difficult times and we all enjoyed the magic moments together.

All in all it was a great weekend - How good is it to be Alive.

Field Day Officer
Peet Wessels



**Wendy Hansen, Marcia Pekaar, Vix Alexander
The Ladies Team at Phillip Island**



**Scott Maloney, Mal Harris, Nick Allsworth, Joe Pullella, Peter Pekaar, Mark Hansen
The Men's Team (minus Keith Heaney)**



The Surf Casters



**Our Veterans
George Holman, Allan Jones, Trevor Stam, Bob Henderson, Mal Head, Ian Cook &
Gary Gildersleeves**

**Andrew Pekaar (WA Junior) & Fellow Competitors Andrew Curtis,
Brett Curtis (front) & Kyle Pettie**



Recfishwest Report

The Recfishwest newsletter for March 2007 covers recent and ongoing Recfishwest activities such as:

1. Outcomes of the Commercial Wetline Fishing Review
2. Geographe Bay Commercial Salmon Fishing Easter Closure
3. Rottnest Island No Fishing Zones
4. Release weights available again
5. Wilson Inlet Pink Snapper Size Limit Changes
6. Recfishwest Submissions to Marine Parks proposals
7. ACMA Proposed Submarine Cable Protection Zone
8. Extension of Cockburn Sound Pink Snapper Closure
9. Halt the Salt Campaign (Exmouth Gulf)
10. Barramundi and Threadfin Accord
11. Integrated Fisheries Management (IFM) Issues
12. Recfishwest Submission to IFM Draft Allocation Report Roe's Abalone
13. Cockburn Sound Crab Fishery Closure
14. Proposed Amendments to the Fish Resources Management Act 1994
15. Recfish Australia Marine Protected Areas Seminar Proceedings
16. What would you like to see on the Recfishwest website?
17. Recfishwest Membership

The articles headed *Geographe Bay Commercial Salmon Fishing Easter Closure*, *Rottnest Island No Fishing Zones* and *Integrated Fisheries Management Issues* show the direct benefits for west coast anglers.

Recfishwest is your public voice whenever decisions are being made which affect our fisheries, or access to areas for fishing. Fish stocks, the waters and coastal areas are owned by the whole community, not by any individual or any company who may be licensed to exploit them.

Decisions are being made now which will affect fishing opportunities for you, your children and your grandchildren in the future. Recfishwest represents the needs of both current and future generations of recreational fishers to maintain their access to their fair share of the State's fish stocks.

You need Recfishwest to look after your recreational fishing interests. Who else has the time, the knowledge, the professional approach, the realistic alternatives, the willingness and the contacts?

Recfishwest needs YOUR support. We would really like you to become a member, get involved and help us. After all, **you** are the ones who will benefit if Recfishwest succeeds, or **you will lose out** if Recfishwest is ignored.

But if you can't help, at least find out what Recfishwest does, tell Recfishwest what you need and give Recfishwest your comments. Most of all, please spread the news about what's going on and let others know who is working for recreational fishermen and getting things done - **and that is Recfishwest.**

Please let other people know when you agree with what Recfishwest is doing, because that sort of support is vital. Otherwise some people who make the decisions will question your silence. If you don't agree, please let us know why so we can discuss it with you.

Check out the Recfishwest website <http://www.recfishwest.org.au> which is kept up to date with current and previous activities like those reported in the Newsletter.

There are also lots of fishing and access changes talked about which never happen and never get in the news. That's because Recfishwest finds out what's going on and works behind the scenes to change or stop plans which are not in the best interests of recreational fishing or sustainability.

Every month I give a detailed report to the Australian Anglers Association Delegates' meeting and provide a report for the Reel Talk. Ask your Club Secretary to read out the parts which will interest or affect you or fellow members - there will be something - and to send on the Club's comments, even if it is just an extract from your minutes.

Your Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association working voluntarily on your behalf is Terry Fuller. Contact Terry on email terryfuller@inet.net.au with any questions or comments. If you don't have access to the internet, ask for a printed copy of the newsletter.

Terry Fuller

PHILLIP ISLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

1 & 2 March 2007

Team 56 Gram:

Competitor	C1	C2
W009J - Andrew Pekaar	136.47	131.62
W010VM - Gary Gildersleeves	131.46	127.01
W011VM - Malcolm Head	119.75	119.1
W012M - Nick Allsworth	125.54	122.26
W013VM - Allan Jones	126.02	118.14
W014F - Vix Alexander	103.48	101.89
W015M - Mal Harris	140.53	100.25
W016F - Marcia Pekaar	0	0
W017M - Peter Pekaar	139.43	132.47
W018M - Joe Pullella	135.82	0
W019VM - Trevor Stam	68.15	52.88
W020VM - Ian Cook	139.9	0
W021M - Mark Hansen	135.45	114.03
W022F - Wendy Hansen	73.8	81.9
W023M - Scott Maloney	131.98	114.27
W024M - Keith Heaney	156.23	0
W025VM - George Holman	151.63	145.43

Team Art Bait:

Competitor	C1	C2
W007VM - Bob Henderson	128	116.33
W009J - Andrew Pekaar	106.8	103.2
W010VM - G Gildersleeves	123.65	121.39
W011VM - Malcolm Head	97.38	96.51
W012M - Nick Allsworth	137.43	143.25
W013VM - Allan Jones	113.84	109.92
W014F - Vix Alexander	77.49	83.8
W015M - Mal Harris	130.86	133.5
W016F - Marcia Pekaar	71.5	62.51
W017M - Peter Pekaar	133.55	137.2
W018M - Joe Pullella	0	162.63
W019VM - Trevor Stam	93.1	96.84
W020VM - Ian Cook	85	116.35
W021M - Mark Hansen	104.84	111.8
W022F - Wendy Hansen	79.29	54.96
W023M - Scott Maloney	120.11	122.18
W024M - Keith Heaney	151.26	168.24
W025VM - George Holman	0	133.98

Drycasting Nationals Adventure

By Wendy Hansen

We left Perth early on Sunday 24th February. The flight went well. As we flew over South Australia going to Victoria, the drought, that is being experienced at present, was very obvious. We arrived safely into Melbourne ready for our bus journey to San Remo where we were to stay for the next week.

San Remo is the gateway to Phillip Island. Our accommodation there was comfortable, convenient and close to all amenities needed for the week. The first few days were used partly for sight seeing and shopping but most importantly casting practise. The club hired a bus for the week and this made travelling to and from the island much easier and it brought the group together. Our thanks to Ian Cook, our driver, for the "Cookie Contiki Tours".

During our travels, we managed to find a friendly farmer who allowed the team to practise our distance casting in his paddock [as the oval we were using for accuracy was too small for distance] with cows looking on. This was quite an amazing experience for me, and I couldn't resist taking a few photos while we were there. The surrounding landscape, although dry, was picturesque

The convention championships were held at the Wonthaggi Club Race Course [horse]. The day prior to the competition, as the team walked out onto the race course with the dry grass ankle high, I was amused at different conditions we were to be casting in. 18 months ago, to think that I would be standing in the middle of a race track in Victoria, about to compete in a national dry-casting championship just amazed me. This was a unique experience! By the following day the casting courts had been mowed and set up ready for the day's competition. Being my first national casting event, I was a bit nervous not knowing what to expect, I was doing my apprenticeship in casting so I just did the best that I could. The two days of casting went well and I learnt how to improve my casting ability. Many thanks to George Holman for his guidance during training.

During this week it was good to get to know the members of the club better and everyone helping and supporting each other . Congratulations to Vix Alexander for her great casting and my thanks to both Vix and Marcia Pekaar for their constant support during the week. What a GREAT ladies team!

The final day, Sunday 4th March, we all had our bags packed ready to head back to Melbourne. All aboard the bus for some sight seeing around some of Melbourne and its environs before we arrived at Tullarmarine Airport to check-in for our flight back home. While waiting, hunger set in and everyone decided on some burgers for tea; the Fremantle Dockers apparently had the same idea.

The flight home went well and it was good to see the lights of Perth again, although we did arrive back into a heat-wave, which our city is well known for.

I can thoroughly recommend the National Dry-casting Championships for having a good time with good people doing good things together and remember, you don't have to win, you just have to experience it!

Thanks for the adventure, it was great !

Wendy Hansen