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2011 SCAC Dinner and Presentation of Trophies.

6:30 pm Saturday 25 June at the Glengarry Tavern, corner of Warwick Road and Glengarry Drive, Duncraig.

Our presentation night is a function for all Members to get together and have a great time. It is also to encourage the involvement of members who are trying to improve their fishing or dry casting skills.

All members are urged to come along with friends and family, support your club, socialise with fellow club members, and cheer on the achievements of those members winning awards.

There will be raffles, spot prizes and door prizes.

Pre dinner drinks for 30 minutes:- sweet / dry sherry, red / white wine, beer, squash, cool drinks.

Two bottles of wine per table of 8. Squash and cool drinks, tea and coffee all night. Buy others from the bar.

A three course sit down meal has been arranged. Menu will be similar to last year's excellent meal. Details to be advised. Children's meals will be available.

GUARANTEED GOOD FOOD, GREAT COMPANY, ENJOYABLE EVENING

ORGANISE YOUR PARTY NOW. GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER and BOOK YOUR TICKETS.

Price:- \$45 per person, or \$10 per child having children's meal.

Contact Pat McKeown - details in front of Reel Talk.

Please support the Club and please consider donating a trophy for one of the competition sections.

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Acknowledgement of club member and family donors

The club gratefully acknowledges the support from club members and family for the donations towards our Presentation night and trophies for winners of our fishing and dry casting competitions. See the inside front cover of recent Reel Talks.

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Dry Casting food and drinks

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

Drinks are \$1.50 each. Sausage and onion in a bread roll \$2.50 each.



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Note 2

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

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

Note 3. The Immediate Past President is a consequential fact. It is not a Committee position elected by the members or filled by resolution of the Committee, as are all other Committee positions and functions.

Life Members of the Club

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

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Minutes of General Meeting 9 March 2011

Venue:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Commenced 8:05 pm. President George Holman presiding.

Present:- 20 members.

Apologies:- David Maxted, Des De Villiers, Wendy Hansen, Shane Wignell, John Curtis, Ray Walker, Ian Cook, Melvin Wee.

Visitors:- Stuart Spickett.

New members:- Wayne Collis and Kathy Sedal were welcomed into the Club and presented with their membership packs.

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

Previous Committee meeting:- George Holman read out some action points from the minutes of the Committee meeting as published in Reel Talk.

Secretary's report:- Membership packs have been prepared for the Katanning members Frank and Sumarie Gaudin and Michael Gaudin. George Holman congratulated John Crompton on all the work which he has done. Come and Try day will be held on Sat 2 April, and some helpers are needed for drycasting.

Peet Wessels moved, Mal Head seconded that the club buy 30 species badges at the quoted price of \$195 plus GST. Carried.

<u>Correspondence In:-</u>	Ray White Kalbarri Westpac City of Stirling City of Stirling Richard Field, NSW AAAWA	Cleaning account for 1 March 2011 Bank statement to 28 February 2011 Come and try day 2 April Yokine Reserve usage winter 2011 Request to manufacture a rod stand Minutes of February Delegates meeting Club information
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<u>Correspondence out:-</u>	Joseph Madaffari, Stuart & Tara Spickett, Tommy Chambers, Kris Poole Edel Roach, John Longhurst, Mark Christian City of Stirling David Maxted, Eric Parker	Dry Casting dates for the winter period Get well card
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Moved Marcia Pekaar seconded Jim Strong that correspondence be received, carried.

Treasurer's report:- Terry Fuller reported.

Accounts for payment.

To	For	Amount	
Australia Post	PO Box renewal.....	\$86.00	
Terry Fuller	Stamps for Reel Talk	\$60.00	T Fuller total
	Printing of March Reel Talk.....	\$72.45	\$132.45
John Crompton	Postage stamps.....	\$12.00	Secretary total
	Get well cards - (Eric and Dave)	\$9.00	\$21.00
Marcia Pekaar	Batteries for digital scales.....	\$15.72	
City of Stirling	Yokine Reserve Winter bookings	\$380.00	
Synergy	Power at Kalbarri to 28 Feb 2011.....	\$242.40	
Peet Wessels	Ferry fares Rottnest May 2011.....	\$1,097.72	
Pat McKeown	Home brand asst biscuits.....	\$2.89	
	Harvey fresh Milk 1 litre	\$1.79	
	Coca Cola cans 24 carton.....	\$19.98	Social Org total
	Pepsi Max cans 24 Carton.....	\$15.99	\$40.65
George Holman	Raffle prizes, 2 tackle boxes plus.....	\$25.00	
Total accounts for payment		<u>\$2,040.94</u>	

Bank account summary

Bank Balance as at 9 March	\$7,107.31
Accounts for payment	\$2,040.94
Available balance after payment of accounts.....	\$5,066.37

Cash and money order held for banking..... \$1,141.00
 Outstanding cheques \$320.00
Available total \$5,887.37

Income / money received since February General meeting

Deposit Rottnest field day May 2011 \$200.00
 Drinks at February General meeting..... \$14.00
 Field day fees February 2011..... \$128.00
 Nomination fee..... \$10.00
Total income since February General meeting \$352.00

Income / money received at March General meeting

Sales of burley cages..... \$60.00
 Nomination fee family membership \$10.00
 Field day fees March \$128 Bluff Creek, \$10 local, \$10 Feb local. \$148.00
 Raffle at March General meeting..... \$42.00
Total income at March General meeting \$260.00

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

Field Days:- Peet Wessels reported on the March Field Day and the AAA Rock and Beach event. Members spoke of their experiences. The weekend was a great success and stories were requested for the Reel Talk. The April field day will be to Bremer Bay/Reef Beach.

Dry Casting Officer:- March Dry Casting will be held on the weekend after the General Meeting.

Recorder:- John Curtis was an apology.

Property Officer:- Ray Walker was an apology.

AAA report:- The State Rock and Beach championships were held on the March 2011 long weekend with headquarters at Cheynes Beach. There were some terrific bags weighed in. Peter Osborne was the Veterans champion, and the Veterans team of Peter Osborne, Pat McKeown, George Holman and Terry Fuller came first. Peet Wessels thanked members for their involvement in the AAA event as SCAC members, and George Holman thanked Peet and Sandra Wessels for their work in organising Club involvement. A meeting of the Dry Casting group will be held on 28 March.

Social Organiser:- Pat needs feedback from members about what they want. Members indicated their interest in lawn bowls and a trip to Golden Ponds.

General business:- Mal Head presented \$60, the proceeds from the sale of burley cages.

Field days 2011/12:- The list of suggested venues and boundaries as published in the March Reel Talk were discussed and amended as listed below.

Moved Pat McKeown, seconded John Crompton that S-Bend be chosen for June. Carried 12 for S-Bend, 1 for Denmark. A show of hands 5 to 2 chose Capes over Bremer for April.

Month	Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details /
May 2011	Rottnest	14/15 May	<i>Short.</i> All areas around the perimeter of the island
Jun 2011	S Bend	4/5/6 June LWE	<i>Long.</i> 7 Mile to Tarcoola
Jul 2011	Open	16/17 July	<i>Short to long.</i> Noon to noon. All WA tidal waters, excluding private jetties, or places needing access through private property unless these are also accessible to all SCAC members on the field day. Weigh in 6pm at George Holman's.
	Safari, Steep Point	From 16-31 July	<i>Long.</i> Safari "Field Day" will be from noon 21 July to noon 22 July.

Aug 2011	Rottnest	13/14 Aug	<i>Short.</i> All areas around the perimeter of the island
	Capes the alternative if there are not enough starters for Rottnest	13/14 Aug	<i>Medium.</i> Busselton Jetty to river mouth at Augusta
Sep 2011	Cervantes	17/18 Sept	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Oct 2011	Port Gregory	LWE Fri/Sat/Sun 28/29/30 Oct	<i>Long.</i> Kalbarri to mouth of Bowes River at Horrocks
Nov 2011	Cervantes	12/13 Nov	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Dec 2011	White Hills	17/18 Dec	<i>Medium.</i> South wall of the Mandurah Cut to 2 km south of Preston Beach access
Jan 2012	Mindarie to Yanchep	14/15 Jan	<i>Short.</i> North wall of Two Rocks Marina to Mindarie Marina south/west rock wall
Feb 2012	Cervantes	Feb 11/12	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Mar 2012	Bluff Creek	3/4/5 Mar LWE	<i>Long.</i> Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.
Apr 2012	Capes	14/15 Apr	<i>Medium.</i> Busselton Jetty to river mouth at Augusta

Raffle:- Mal Head won the first prize and Stuart Spickett won the second prize.

Meeting closed:- Formal meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

Instruction period:- Was going to be photographing fish given by John Curtis, but John was called to replace an umpire who was injured. Terry Fuller stepped in to give an impromptu talk using some photos from the recent Bluff Creek Field Day.

Action points from March 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
None			

Action points from February 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM2/11 #1	More information about the locations in the suggested list of Field Day venues and the distances from Perth.	Terry Fuller	Done

Action points from December 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM12/10 #2	Suggest social activities to Social Organiser	All members	Ongoing

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

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Action points from March Committee meeting

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General Meeting, often the listed action points from the meeting. For members' information, here is the set of action points and status from the last Committee meeting as recorded in the minutes.

Action points from 16 March 2011 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM3/11 #1	Get prices for club cloth badges and stickers.	John Crompton	
CM3/11 #2	Set of keys for the Kalbarri house to be held by Terry for people from the northern suburbs	Ray Walker	
CM3/11 #3	Accept offer for advertisement for Kalbarri House in Offshore Club's "Fish Tales"	Terry Fuller	Done
CM3/11 #4	Consider preparing a booklet with basic training for new members.	John Curtis	

Future Instruction periods.

April Peter Osborne. Poisonous fish and animals, and Rottneest Field Days
 May John Curtis. Taking photos of fish.

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events

April Dry Casting

When:- Sunday 3 April 2011. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance, **PLUS 112 gram Open** to be held after the usual casting events.

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

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

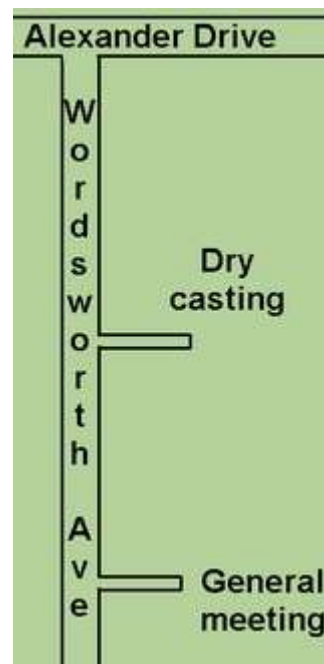
Seniors, Ladies and Juniors will be on distance first, Veterans will cast accuracy first.

Markers Please do NOT throw the casting rigs off the court or to the side after marking. This often causes the rigs to roll and tangle and that stops any swivel from working, especially with artificial bait rigs. All that is required is to make sure the rig is not stuck in the ground or tangled and just place it flat on the ground for the caster to wind in. A plea from an Alvey user who needs that swivel to work to let the twist get out of the line.

April General meeting

When:- Wednesday 13 April, 8:00pm.

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



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

Instruction period:- Peter Osborne. Poisonous fish and animals, and Rottnest Field Days.

April Committee meeting

When:- Wednesday 20 April 2011, 7:30pm.

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

Visitors. Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the discretion of the President. Please contact the President or the Secretary well prior to the meeting to arrange your invitation.

April Field Day

When:- Saturday 23 to Monday 25 April. Easter / ANZAC Day holidays extend from Friday 22 to Tuesday 26 April 2011, but Friday and Tuesday are not included in the Club Field Day competition times.

Where:- Reef Beach / Bremer Bay

Sign on:- Saturday 23 April 11 am. Two places:- at Bremer Bay Caravan Park or Reef Beach camp.

Lines Down:- Saturday 23 April 12 noon.

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

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday 25 April, 10 am. Two places:- East end of Bremer road at Bremer river mouth, or at Reef Beach camp.

Boundaries:- Point Charles (east of Bremer Bay) to Reef Beach.

Tides for Albany	Sat 23 Apr	0.39m at 2:18 am	1.08m at 12:05 pm	Moonset Moonrise	About 11:45am at 243 deg About 10:05pm at 115 deg
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Note	Sun 24 Apr	0.41m at 2:59 am	1.02m at 12:22 pm	Moonset Moonrise	About 12:25pm at 247 deg About 11:05pm at 111 deg
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Moon, etc for Bremer	Mon 25 Apr	0.46m at 3:26 am	0.96m at 12:36 pm	Moonset Moonrise	About 1:05pm at 251 deg About 0:00 Tuesday
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Sunrises	About 6:30 am at 75 deg	Sunsets	About 5:30 pm at 285 deg
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Note Tides at Bremer Bay are about 1 hour 30 minutes to 1 hour 50 minutes earlier than at Albany. <http://tides.willyweather.com.au/wa/great-southern/bremer-bay.html> has tide predictions for the Bremer area but only for about 7 days ahead. Check for the latest info before going on the Field Day.

Local Field Day for April

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 23-25 April 2011.

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

Lines Down:- Saturday 23 April 12 noon.

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8 pm that night.

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

Fish together Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish locally in the metropolitan area.

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat 23 Apr	0.55m at 12:10 am	1.11m at 11:20 am	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 11:55am at 244 deg About 10:25pm at 114 deg
	Sun 24 Apr	0.58m at 12:55 am	1.07m at 11:51 am	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 12:35pm at 248 deg About 11:25pm at 111 deg
	Mon 25 Apr	0.63m at 1:33 am	1.02m at 12:24 pm	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 1:15pm at 252 deg About 0:20am Tuesday
<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:45 am at 76 deg			<u>Sunsets</u>	About 5:45 pm at 284 deg



May Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 May. This is the first field day for the 2011/12 Competition Year.

Where:- Rottnest.

Sign On:- Saturday 10:45am at Bungalow 413.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon

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

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 9 pm Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 9 pm at Bungalow 413.

Boundaries:- All non restricted areas around Island.

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat 14 May	1.08m at 7:45 am	0.73m at 3:39 pm	0.85m at 9:22 pm	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 3 am at 264 deg About 3 pm at 100 deg
	Sun 15 May	0.83m at 12:28 am	1.16m at 8:00 am	0.65m at 4:48 pm	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 4:10 am at 257 deg About 3:35 pm at 106 deg
<u>Sunrises</u>	About 7:00 am at 68 deg			<u>Sunsets</u>	About 5:30 pm at 292 deg	



Local Field Day for May

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 May.

Sign On: Phone FDO before Thursday evening.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 9 pm Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 9 pm at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8 pm the following night.

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Tides, etc See above.

Calendar for next three months

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

25	Presentation Night																			
3	Dry Casting		13	General Meeting		14	15	Field Day		20	Committee Meeting									
April 2011							May 2011							June 2011						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3	30	31					1			1	2	3	4	5
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30			

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.

Allan Wood
Keith Teale
Ron and Lauree Lindsay
Shane Becu

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

New member applications

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

Stuart, Tara, Lachlan, Callum, Evan and Caitlin Spickett

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2011

With the upgrade of the Kalbarri house, addition of a second air conditioner, new bunk beds, table and chairs, the Committee has reviewed the rates for the Kalbarri house. See the article on the inside back cover. Bookings, keys etc will be done through Kalbarri Visitor Centre, not via Ray White Kalbarri. All club bookings and queries should go to the Property Officer, Ray Walker.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings in 2011 for the following dates, inclusive. All other dates not listed are currently available. This list is at 27 March and does not include any bookings which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

2011		2011	
April	2 Apr to 29 Apr	May	1 May to 7 May, 9 May to 20 May, 28 May to 30 May
June	1 Jun to 3 Jun, 11 Jun to 24 Jun	July	
August		September	
October	1 Oct to 7 Oct, 15 Oct to 31 Oct	November	1 Nov to 4 Nov
December	31 Dec	Jan 2012	1 Jan to 6 Jan 2012

Property Officer, Ray Walker

Dry Casting report 13 March 2011

The day was fine with a moderate easterly wind blowing and the temperature ranging from 16 to 26 degrees. We had one visitor, John Edwards, new club members Wayne Collis and Kathy Sedal and old timer Terry Willison returning to the casting scene and this time casting with the oldies (the Vets).

Thanks go to Bob Henderson for putting out the flags and banners and thank you to the people who set up the courts and accuracy targets. I would like to thank the mini juniors, Owen Williams and Shane Becu, for helping me bring in the flags and banners. Thank you guys. Thanks to Marcia Pekaar for collecting the money and doing the paper work, also to Peter Pekaar for looking after the Mini Juniors, Ladies and the Seniors.

To start the day, the Seniors along with Ladies and Mini Juniors had accuracy followed by distance. The Veterans started with distance then accuracy. April casting will see Veterans starting with accuracy then distance. The Seniors, Ladies and Mini Juniors will have distance first followed by accuracy.

Best distance casts	Seniors	Peter Pekaar	140 metres	112 grams
	Veterans	George Holman	126 metres	112 grams
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	85 metres	112 grams
	Mini Juniors	Owen Williams	55 metres	112 grams

There were 7 bullseyes in total.

Seniors	Peter Pekaar	1 in single handed accuracy and 1 in double handed accuracy
	Jeff Hewton	1 in single handed accuracy
Veterans	Terry Fuller	1 in single handed accuracy and 1 in double handed accuracy
	Peter Osborne	1 in double handed accuracy
	John Crompton	1 in double handed accuracy

Section winners	Seniors:	Peter Pekaar	220 points
	Veterans:	George Holman	246 points
		Garry Gildersleeves	246 points
	Ladies:	Marcia Pekaar	161 points
	Mini Juniors:	Owen Williams	103 points

On Sunday 3 April there will be a 112 gram Open Event after the normal Dry Casting events have finished.

May will be the first casting event for the new 2011/12 Competition Year. This will be your chance to start off the new year, so come along. Remember on the first day's casting, every cast over 120 metres, or 100 metres for Ladies, Juniors and Veterans, receives 1 point for Sportsman of the Year.

Let's hope those easterly winds will have died down by then, and we will have some of that glorious autumn weather. Meanwhile, see you at the next dry casting, Sunday 3rd April.

Dry Casting Officer, Allan Jones

Dry Casting Seniors, Ladies and Mini Juniors

For the third month in a row, we have had to contend with strong easterly head winds, making casting quite hard at times. This didn't seem to bother Alan Hale as he convincingly won the 56 gram and was equal first in the artificial bait division.

Poor Rhys Jones had a day to forget, experiencing troubles in his distances casting events with break offs, etc. After learning that Mark Hansen was recovering from a work-related shoulder and elbow injury, he did well to cast at all, managing a respectable double handed accuracy score and scoring on all casts in the single handed event to win with 20 points.

Shane Becu and Owen Williams both did well, putting down some good casts in the Mini-Junior Section. Owen was the eventual winner, but as it was only Shane's second day at dry casting, wins for Owen may not come as often in the future. It is great to see a good friendship as well as healthy rivalry developing here. Keep up the good work, boys.

Don't forget the 112 gram Open being held at the April cast. Traditionally, this has been well attended, so let's all make the effort to support Allan and Gary, our Dry Casting Officers.

Peter Pekaar

Dry Casting results, 13 March 2011

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

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

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day	Attendance		Total		
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target number								Target distance						Total	DC		GM	
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S						Points
	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points														
Seniors																												
Peter Pekaar	93	112	21	117	110	23	140	135	28	0	14	3	23	17	17	25	11	110	0	10	1	7	18	200	10	10	220	
Jeff Hewton	107	104	21	94	0	9	108	118	23	12	23	11	18	0	5	17	19	105	0	7	0	10	17	175	10		185	
Mark Hansen	69	0	7	Did not cast							9	20	6	0	0	24	11	13	83	8	7	2	3	20	110	10	10	130
Rhys Jones	0	83	8	0	0	0	118	120	24	9	0	5	20	0	1	19	21	75	0	5	1	0	6	113	10		123	
Alan Hale	115	114	23	117	110	23	130	131	26	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	21	36	Did not cast					108	10		118	
Veterans																												
George Holman	125	119	24	0	92	9	124	126	25	19	20	19	19	19	17	13	17	143	3	8	7	7	25	226	10	10	246	
Gary Gildersleeves	112	112	22	91	102	19	120	0	12	23	17	18	21	23	22	21	22	167	4	6	1	5	16	236	10		246	
Terry Fuller	89	85	17	85	80	17	103	102	21	22	18	22	16	11	0	25	17	131	0	10	5	9	24	210	10	10	230	
Peter Osborne	104	95	20	85	93	18	103	109	21	16	25	14	9	2	4	9	22	101	8	7	1	9	25	185	10	10	205	
Bob Henderson	107	110	22	100	0	10	115	116	23	13	11	20	16	2	0	17	23	102	8	9	6	4	27	184	10		194	
Malcolm Head	100	95	20	81	91	17	103	111	21	15	0	17	22	10	0	14	14	92	0	7	9	5	21	171	10	10	191	
John Crompton	89	78	17	83	88	17	93	90	18	0	20	18	14	3	14	17	25	111	0	0	0	4	4	167	10	10	187	
Allan Jones	105	87	19	83	81	16	109	117	23	8	12	12	16	14	0	11	20	93	0	9	0	6	15	166	10	10	186	
Dean Stewart	68	72	14	77	7	8	90	75	17	0	8	15	15	17	16	0	15	86	0	1	0	0	1	126	10	10	146	
Terry Willison	Did not cast										7	1	16	21	18	4	7	21	95	5	7	8	7	27	122	10		132
Pat McKeown	72	81	15	74	66	14	63	85	15	10	8	0	0	9	5	0	0	32	0	2	0	0	2	78	10	10	98	
Ken Bibby	78	0	8	70	0	7	83	90	17	0	0	10	22	10	0	0	0	42	Did not cast					74	10		84	
Ladies																												
Marcia Pekaar	82	78	16	64	71	14	0	85	9	8	5	24	19	6	7	14	3	86	8	0	0	8	16	141	10	10	161	
Mini-Juniors																												
Owen Williams	49	49	10	39	40	8	55	51	11	16	10	23	0					49	0	5	8	2	15	93	10		103	
Shane Becu	26	21	5	19	31	5	12	37	5	13	8	5	0					26	0	0	6	2	8	49	10		59	

These scores include points for attendance at March General Meeting.

Dry Casting winners for 13 March 2011

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	23	Alan Hale	24	George Holman
56 gram Distance	115	Alan Hale	125	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	23	Peter Pekaar, Alan Hale	19	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Distance	117	Peter Pekaar, Alan Hale	102	Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram Score	28	Peter Pekaar	25	George Holman
112 gram Distance	140	Peter Pekaar	126	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	110	Peter Pekaar	167	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	20	Mark Hansen	27	Bob Henderson, Terry Willison
Section Highest Points	220	Peter Pekaar	246	George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves

Event	Ladies winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	16	Marcia Pekaar	10	Owen Williams
56 gram Distance	82	Marcia Pekaar	49	Owen Williams
Artificial Bait Score	14	Marcia Pekaar	8	Owen Williams
Artificial Bait Distance	71	Marcia Pekaar	40	Owen Williams
112 gram Score	9	Marcia Pekaar	11	Owen Williams
112 gram Distance	85	Marcia Pekaar	55	Owen Williams
Double Handed Acc.	86	Marcia Pekaar	49	Owen Williams
Single Handed Acc.	16	Marcia Pekaar	15	Owen Williams
Section Highest Points	161	Marcia Pekaar	103	Owen Williams

Event	Overall winner for March		Year's best up to March	
56 gram Score	24	George Holman	30	Peter Pekaar
56 gram Distance	125	George Holman	155	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	23	Peter Pekaar, Alan Hale	32	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	117	Peter Pekaar, Alan Hale	162	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	28	Peter Pekaar	37	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Distance	140	Peter Pekaar	185	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	167	Gary Gildersleeves	167	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	27	Bob Henderson, Terry Willison	35	Dean Stewart
Section Highest Points	246	George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves	281	George Holman

Dry Casting top scores for 2010/11

Total scores up to and including March casting and March General Meeting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. These will be announced at and published after the Presentation of Trophies.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	2662	1	Dean Stewart	1176	14	Wendy Hansen	269	27
Allan Jones	2492	2	Trevor Stam	1119	15	Stephen Pekaar	239	28
Peter Pekaar	2470	3	Jim Strong	953	16	Alan Hale	220	29
Peter Osborne	2432	4	Geoff Raftis	947	17	Ian McGillivray	200	30
Bob Henderson	2301	5	Pat McKeown	918	18	Nick Allsworth	188	31
Malcolm Head	2193	6	Ray Walker	830	19	Shane Wignell	173	32
Terry Fuller	2024	7	Mark Hansen	702	20	Sarah Wignell	166	33
Marcia Pekaar	1979	8	Owen Williams	669	21	Wayne Shaw	157	34
John Crompton	1808	9	Terry Willison	664	22	Simon Ryan	105	35
Gary Gildersleeves	1668	10	Ken Bibby	363	23	Shane Becu	101	36
Jeff Hewton	1648	11	Andrew Pekaar	352	24	Nick Edwards	54	37
Rhys Jones	1393	12	Danny Fimeri	348	25	Sheryl Wilson	41	38
Eric Parker	1225	13	Ian Cook	312	26	Bev Grigo	10	39

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Field Day report March 2011, Bluff Creek

Thursday morning 3rd March finds us packing and repacking to fit everything in except the kitchen sink. But finally with everything crammed into a spot, we pointed the car in a southerly direction and set off on the long awaited Bluff Creek weekend.

Arriving at Williams we met three of our fellow club members. George, Terry and Pat were having a last sit-down meal before taking on the great outdoors. Sandra and I had planned a farm stopover for the night and had the experience and privilege to help do some farm work and even did some sheep shearing. Now that, I think, is a real job.

Early Friday morning we did some more sheep mustering and then set off to Albany where we stocked up with the last provisions and fuel. Mid-day and we were on our favourite beach. A quick stop, a stretch and a smell of fresh air got us all revived and ready for the next big job, setting up camp. A stiff easterly breeze was blowing and it was impossible to identify any good gutters and holes as we enjoyed the drive southwards towards the Creek. We noticed how wide the beach was this year. The high drop-off from the previous year was all gone and it was just one wide and beautiful beach.

Early afternoon and our campsite was in tip top condition. This year we even had a "phone booth", but no reception! With some day light left we went on a little sightseeing tour and stopped over at some of our fellow members who had arrived the previous day. Soon we were updated with all the eventful happenings of the last 24 hours.

Saturday morning we woke to a beautiful day. We went for a drive to inspect the beach and to look for possible fishing spots. To our surprise all our previous fishing spots were sanded up and there was a sand bar running close and wide for almost the entire beach. Soon it was time for the sign on with many members and a few new faces in good spirits and ready for the weekend's fishing.

We started fishing right in front of our campsite and enjoyed the Herring that were on the bite like there was no tomorrow. It did not take long before we had our bag limit of 8, which was all that was required for our AAA State competition. We decided to move on in the search of finding some more species and were especially looking for Salmon and Skippy. This proved to be a bigger task than previous years, as all our proven fishing spots were sanded up.

After a lot of driving and stopping with not much to show we only had a few options left. Either we go and try at the rocks due east, or we try the little reef at low tide, or we drive through to Bremer Bay? As it worked out the tide was nice and low and the reef was very fishable. On arrival we met up with Justin Rose. He was busy doing some drift fishing and had a few good Skippy in the bag.



Veterans in action during Rock and Beach competition.

By this time we were starving and decided to have a little feed while watching the conditions on the reef.

Soon we started fishing with our standard Skippy rigs and it was not long before we had some good success.

With a few good fish in the bag we decided to head for camp while there was still day light available and the solar shower was still nice and warm.

Sunday morning was another great day with very good fishing weather. The morning tide was low and we decided to try the reef again. This was a good decision. Soon there were a number of Surfcasters fishing in a tight line next to each other. It was not long before we all had some good fish in the bag. Peter Osborne especially had some good fortune to land a few Salmon in between all the Skippy.

At 12 noon we all got together at George Holman's campsite to hand in our fish for the AAA event and also to enjoy our barbeque.

George and Pat kindly took our fish through to Cheynes for the AAA weigh in. Thanks guys, very much appreciated.

I am very happy with the number of participants our club had in this year's AAA rock and beach championships. I am also very happy with the results and would like to thank and congratulate everybody that represented our club. We had some very good results with our Veterans A-team winning their section. Congratulations to Peter Osborne, George Holman, Terry Fuller and Pat McKeown.

We also had another winner with Peter Osborne winning the Veterans Individual section. Our ladies also performed well with Sandra Wessels and Sharon Osborne ending up in 6th and 8th place overall. Our men's section had very stiff competition but also managed some good individual performances.

Sunday afternoon some stormy clouds started to build up. It started to rain intermittently with the storm passing over to the west. Soon the wind died down and we were all fishing again. With some good catches in the afternoon we decided to head off to camp and enjoy an early night's rest.



Early morning bait casting on Bluff Reef. Who can it be?

Monday morning we woke to another beautiful day. The first ray of sunshine was met with the first fish for the day.

By 10 am we were all gathered around the scale for our club weigh in. During the weigh in it became apparent how much some of the members' fishing had improved over the last year or so.

It was good to see almost everybody weighing in some decent bags of fish.

The biggest scale fish for the weekend was caught by Pat McKeown with a Salmon of 1.91 kg. The biggest bag of scale fish went to Peter Osborne with a total of 13.3 kg.

Our next field day is over the Easter weekend in April down at Bremer Bay / Reef Beach. This should be prime time for Salmon and I am looking forward to an exciting weekend with lots of good fishing. The competition will run from 12 noon on Saturday to 10 am on Monday morning. There will be 2 weigh in points, one at the end of Bremer Bay road near the river mouth and the other one at the campsite at Reef beach.

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

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

Catch results and points for the March Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	13.3 kg	4	30	223
Sandra Wessels	9.6 kg	4	30	186
Justin Rose	10.5 kg	3	26	185
Peet Wessels	9.06 kg	4	30	180.6
Pat McKeown	5.12 kg	4	16	141.2
George Holman	5.56 kg	3	29	135.6
John Crompton	4.04 kg	3	12	120.4
Mark Hansen	4.15 kg	2	30	111.5
Ray Walker	3.02 kg	4	15	110.2
Sharon Osborne	3.89 kg	3	11	108.9
Marcia Pekaar	1.5 kg	4	7	105
Terry Fuller	2.16 kg	2	13	91.6
Peter Pekaar	2 kg	2	13	90
Dean Stewart	1.47 kg	2	6	84.7
Ron Lindsay	2.15 kg	2	11	81.5
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40
Allan Jones	0	0	0	20

Points include Field Day and General Meeting points.

Sportsperson of the Year and Field day section winners for March 2011

Best scale fish	Pat McKeown	Salmon	1.91 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	13.3 kg

Species weighed in at the March Field Day were:- Salmon, Skippy, Herring, Whiting, Flathead, Banded Sweep, Yellow-eyed Mullet and Wrasse.

Field Day top scores for 2010/11

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1603.8	1	Ian Taggart	246.3	18	Terry Fuller	91.6	35
Peet Wessels	1443.8	2	Sabby Pizzolante	188.9	19	Ron Lindsay	81.5	36
Sandra Wessels	1187.2	3	Sarah Wignell	182.6	20	Gary Gildersleeves	73.7	37
Peter Pekaar	694.3	4	Eric Parker	163.9	21	Des De Villiers	65.5	38
George Holman	691.2	5	Greg Keet	160.5	22	Trevor Stam	62.6	39
Mark Hansen	669.1	6	Sharon Osborne	148.9	23	Bob Henderson	50	40
Marcia Pekaar	580.9	7	Dean Stewart	134.7	24	Greg Walker	50	41
Allan Jones	494.7	8	John Curtis	131	25	Holly Walker	50	42
John Crompton	470.1	9	Michael Gaudin	130.9	26	Kathy Sedal	50	43
Ian Cook	423	10	Melvin Wee	130.4	27	Michelle Walker	50	44
Justin Rose	410.9	11	Lea Taylor	124.8	28	Wayne Collis	50	45
Theo Van Niekerk	365.7	12	Nick Edwards	120	29	Heather Osborne	40	46
Ray Walker	350.7	13	Charles Faure	115	30	Jeff Hewton	40	47
Wendy Hansen	324.6	14	Wayne Shaw	110	31	Louise Van Niekerk	40	48
Danny Fimeri	295.9	15	Liam Wignell	108.8	32	Ray Digivsto	40	49
Pat McKeown	291.3	16	Frank Gaudin	107.3	33	Sumarie Gaudin	40	50
Shane Wignell	260.8	17	Tino Baiardo	102.7	34	Rhys Jones	10	51

Field Day sections 2010/11

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Allan Jones	Pink Snapper	6.75 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Pat McKeown	Salmon	1.91 kg
2	Most Meritorious Fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Peet Wessels	Shark	6.50 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	1.1 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Ian Taggart	Salmon	3.23 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peter Osborne	Skipjack Trevally	1.24 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.08 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	15.55 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tino Baiardo	Tailor	4.27 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)			
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Frank Gaudin	Herring	0.13 kg

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Barron Lure competition 2010/11

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

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. Mal Head Tailor, 2.25 kg at Kalbarri
 Heaviest Salmon on Lure. No entry yet
 Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. No entry yet

Open fishing competition 2010/11

The Open Competition is for fish caught other than on Club Gazetted Field Days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates. Entries for the Open competition close 30 days after capture.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Mal Head, 2.5 kg, caught at Kalbarri
7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	Justin Rose, 25 kg at Steep Point
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman, 2.15kg Spangled Emperor at Quobba, 22 May 2010
17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches at the March Field Day. See the full list of members' catches in the previous Reel Talks.

Name	Black Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Pat McKeown		1			1			1		1			1		1		1	7
Marcia Pekaar		1			1					1			1		1	1	1	7
Justin Rose				1	1		1						1		1			5
Ray Walker		1			1										1	1		4
Dean Stewart					1										1			2
Ron Lindsay					1										1			2

Recorder, John Curtis

Bluff Creek first impressions

Bluff Creek. What can one say. For those who knew how to fish it, fished it. Those who did not, struggled. A good group of people shot off in different directions and had good fishing.

Those who were left had to find gutters and holes and fish them. I just went to the gutter in front of camp, berleyed up, and fished my little heart out, 1st day catching over 50 fish, mostly small herring and salmon, a few yellow eyed mullet and whiting.

I tried very hard to catch another 50 over the next couple of days to make up my 100 fish for the weekend, but it was not to be. I dropped short by 15 fish, bummer.

Thanks to Ray for letting me tag along, and all of you for a good weekend in Bluff Creek. Sorry about the spelling, but when everyone went to school, I WENT FISHING.

Big Al. (Allan Wood)

The catch must get through

Sunday March 5th was the day of all days. Fellow club members gathered at the campsite at Bluff Creek to have their catch checked prior to the weigh in for the AAA State Rock and Beach competition.

All was checked and ready for transport to the weigh in at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park. All catches carefully marked and put on ice for the trip.

All was good. George had arranged to follow another vehicle from a club that knew a short cut to Cheynes Caravan Park instead of going the long way around via the track and main road. Brilliant. "Let's do that." He said it was a good track and very easy to traverse.

Off we went ready for this shortcut to save time and travel along the beach. All good. Meet up with another club, who inform us that the track is very rough and be careful to make the turn left and not straight ahead as this is very troublesome. Other than that, good luck!

Off we went still ready for the short cut. We enter the track to start the shortcut. All good so far then whoops! what happened to the smooth track? It suddenly got very rocky and hard to traverse. This is not the short cut we expected, but press on. The catch must get through!!

After hanging onto anything available we made progress to suddenly come to a complete halt. Another 3 vehicles are coming at us. Now what happens? We agree to back up about 60 metres. I hopped out and directed George so that we didn't fall over the edge till we found a runoff. Only small but did the trick. Many thanks and see you later. Off we went again, coming around the corner the other vehicle is in trouble, rolled a tyre off the left hand front rim, thick bush skinny track, and many rocks. Not good, methinks.

Out comes the compressor. Let's try this first. It worked, so off we go again.

We make progress slowly but we can still see daylight ahead. Up the hill, around a corner. What's this creek? We cross, no dramas, then turn another corner. This looks deep. Through we go, water over the bonnet. Not good. Let's hope it gets shallower. It does, and out we pop onto the beach. All looks good from here, but wait, why is everybody stopped up further?

As we approach we can see rocks on the beach stopping us driving through as the tide is coming in. No choice but run around when the water subsides which we do. Salt water all over the vehicle. Not good, says George in a tone which means "I am not happy."

After that we head along the beach and onto the track looking for the caravan park. We find it without too much trouble, pull in and decide on a cool drink after that trip.

Vehicles are parked all around us. Looking around we find that the weigh in is inside the park. We drive in and park up, and wander across. Some familiar faces smile back, some don't when you have the SCAC shirt on. Only a couple though, the rest are a very happy band of people.

Well nearly 4 o'clock, time for the weigh in to commence, out come all the eskies some large and heavy.

Assistance is called for weigh in we both volunteer to help. Peter and Marcia Pekaar are next to us, with Marcia scribing for another club and Peter as Captain for Surfcasters as we can't be involved in our own weigh in.

What an experience to be involved with so many fishers at one time. Good to see. Well done all concerned with organising this event.

All done. Time to go back to camp. Blow up the tyres and go back to Bluff Creek the long way was the decision, and what a comfortable ride back.

The catch did get through. Here's to the next trip. Tight lines.

Pat McKeown, author, George Holman, driver

Bluff Creek - beach fishing paradise

One of the reasons I joined the club was to push my fishing beyond my current comfort zone and one example of this is to go fishing at locations I hadn't tried or maybe never heard of before. Bluff is somewhere I hadn't heard about before joining the club and this is probably due to me usually heading to spots north of Perth for most of my fishing adventures. Well I can safely say now that Bluff is a spot I would love to return to again and makes me wonder what other great spots I need to discover on the south coast.

I joined the convoy for the trip down there and it was an enjoyable trip down. There was a bit of difficulty on the beach with a camper trailer, as the beach seemed to be its softest on our first day. One thing I noticed on the beach was the way the sand squeaked as the car tyres went over it, being that the sand was so fine and pure.

After setting up camp I went for a look around and noticed the huge gutter that ran the length of the beach that looked like a fisher person's paradise. This was broken up with a few rocky structures that also looked pretty interesting. I decided not to fish until the competition started so I could conserve a bit of energy and bait. The next morning after a sleep in and a bit more of a look around it was soon lunchtime and time to sign on.

After the sign on I headed straight to a bit of rock I had liked the look of upon arrival. The swell was looking a bit bigger than the morning and a lightning storm was moving in from the west making for eerie conditions. I put on my reef boots and headed out but this resulted in me getting snagged several times as the swell was pushing my rig into the rocks too quickly, and I was saturated from the head down by a few rogue waves.

I walked back to the car and reassessed the situation. This time I tried a different approach and went onto a different part of the reef that had a channel pouring water back out to sea. This time I was armed with a floating rig I could keep my eye on and it worked except I had changed reels to one with 12lb mono and the fish I was hooking were pretty quick to head

under the rock ledge and bust me off. Back to the car again but the only other reel I had available was spooled with 50lb braid so it had more than enough stopping power and I started getting success with some nice herring, buff bream, a banded sweep and plenty of skippy up to 1.5kg.

The next few days I continued to fish this same reef area with the Wessels, Osbornes and on the last day George, Pat and Terry. I think everyone will agree it was a memorable time with beautiful conditions and some good fish caught and lost with all of us fishing side by side, and I guess in essence this is what club fishing is all about. I was thinking of calling that spot "Skippy rock" in tribute to the fantastic skippy fishing we experienced, but it could also be called "Osborne rock" as Peter and Sharon showed us how to do it yet again. Well done to Peter on his success in the AAA and the club competition.

So next March when we head down there again hopefully we can experience the same light winds and great beach fishing with clear water and pristine sand, and hopefully a few more salmon.

Justin Rose

President's report

Well another competition year is nearly over with only April to go, and you the members and committee have certainly put a lot of thought and effort into next year's field days. It should only be a formality at the April meeting to vote them in and as there have been no notices of motion to change any other competition rules, the same also should apply across the board. Nice to see things settling down and the positive approach that has taken place.

I welcomed Wayne Collis and Kathy Sedal into the club on your behalf at our last meeting and I'm sure they will enjoy themselves as they have attended most club events so far. We have also another group in Allan Wood, Keith Teale, Ron and Lauree Lindsay and Shane Becu accepted at our last committee meeting, and we look forward to welcoming them into our club next meeting.

Good to see Allan and Ron attend the Bluff Creek field day and thanks to Ray Walker and John Compton for taking them down there and showing them the ropes.

Stuart Spickett was present as a visitor and having a look at how our club operates and wants to involve his family as well. I hope our club offers you what you are looking for, Stuart.

Andy Thorgersen gave a positive report on his wife Kit and she is still at the crease and batting.

Dave Maxted is back in action once more and planning a trip up north in early May.

Our club presentation night and dinner has now been confirmed and details appear elsewhere in this Reel Talk magazine. Make your bookings early so we can confirm numbers attending and if the meal and the night are as good as last year everyone will be happy, as was the case before. If any member wants to make a donation towards the trophies on the night please let John Crompton or me know.

The Bluff Creek field day was well attended with the majority camping together which made for a very social atmosphere. Most entered the AAA State Rock and Beach Championships as well and Pat McKeown and I took the bags of fish to the weigh in at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park. There was a large roll up and some terrific bags of fish weighed in. Congratulations must go to Peter Osborne from our club as he was top veteran and also our veterans team (Pat McKeown, Terry Fuller, Peter Osborne and George Holman) who were team winners. Our ladies and seniors acquitted themselves very well.

The weather for the venue was quite good but the beach was a bit ordinary in comparison to other years as the sand had filled in most of the reefs so made the area a bit ordinary. However the fishing was still good and I witnessed Pat McKeown catch his first skippy and then first salmon and also John Compton catch his first salmon, and when you see those big grins it makes it all worthwhile. What's next? Peet Wessels and Peter Osborne ran a great weekend and so I say thanks to them from all who attended.

The only downside for the trip was an incident which occurred at 1 pm on the Friday before the rest of our troops arrived.



The Hilux stuck in Bluff Creek. Why would anyone drive there?

Pat and I had walked to the beach in front of the camping area and were fishing when a young person came running up and asked if we could help him because his vehicle was stuck in the creek.

I went back to the camp and got my vehicle and drove down to the creek near the beach. There was a Hilux tray back well and truly stuck in the creek water with no chance of getting out without help and no other vehicles on the beach.

The Hilux had been driven into the creek where the water was nearly waist deep, alongside acres of beach which could have been driven across without too much risk.



Safely out of the creek, undoing the tow rope and straps

It needed a couple of tries, and a change of tack from trying to pull the vehicle forward to pulling it out backwards. This needed two straps and a length of rope because the sand close by was waterlogged and the tyres were sinking in and couldn't get enough traction.



Pat wondering "how could this happen?" Arrows show where the ute's back wheels first stopped.

Eventually we managed to get the vehicle out of the creek and safely up on to firm sand. We undid the tow straps, moved my vehicle out of the way, packed the straps in, and were then rewarded with him reversing into my vehicle which was parked 50 metres away and stationary.

Pat and Terry were very lucky as they had just got into the passenger side and were putting their seat belts on when he scraped along the passenger side of my vehicle, causing \$4,500 damage.

He "thought we had left" and obviously didn't look, so I hate to think what would have happened if Terry and Pat were alongside or were just getting into my vehicle with the doors open. Makes you wonder if it is worthwhile getting some people out of trouble, doesn't it?

Some club members are now in the process of planning towards the National Championships at South West Rocks in New South Wales in July and August and we wish them well.

Tight lines and good casting.

President 2010/11, George Holman

Social Organiser Report, March

Hello fellow members.

Well here we are, March nearly gone and some cooler weather and rain we hope.

Bev Grigo has come on board to assist with social events. Thanks Bev.

It has been a busy time behind the scenes organising things to do as far as Social goes.

We have arranged a Lawn Bowling afternoon or evening event at the Yokine Bowling Club. They have BBQ facilities if required, and drinks are available from the bar. Bowls are provided, as is instruction for novices like myself. Flat shoes or socks only on the greens. The cost is \$10.00 per head. This will be a fun event there will be spot prizes. I will be calling for numbers, time and date on this at the next meeting.

Meanwhile the Club Presentation night is fast approaching – Saturday 25 June. Tickets are available now. The cost per person is \$45.00 and \$10.00 per child having a child's meal, the same as last year.

I will have tickets at all club functions, or ring and book, or email - just book.

There is a lucky ticket. All details will be in the Reel Talk. Make the effort and support your club. Plenty of awards and prizes, door and raffle. Bring your change along for the sliders. You could win a bottle of something good. Remember all funds raised go back into your club.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Recfishwest report

Commonwealth Marine Parks campaign

A decision from the Commonwealth government about bioregional marine planning in the South-West is expected by the end of March or early April. Recfishwest undertook a media campaign on Friday 18 February to add balance to the marine park debate. Some high profile sports stars and a fishing clinic at Matilda Bay were part of this targeted campaign. The media release and associated event generated considerable media attention. Media coverage on radio, television and print significantly raised the public profile of the issue.

This received coverage on:

- Channels Ten and Nine,
- Packages on WIN and GWN TV news,
- A great article in Saturday's West,
- A live interview with Paul Murray on 6PR's morning show.
- ABC radio news story in 12 noon bulletin and throughout afternoon.
- Busselton Dunsborough Times article
- Bunbury Newspaper article
- Article in The Australian Newspaper
- Article in Sunday Times a couple of weeks ago.

RFW has received some good feedback from Recfishwest members and strong support for their position on this issue.

“Simplification” of recreational fishing rules and possession limits

Delegates may have seen the report in the Sunday Times about this, which said:-

WA's Department of Fisheries chief executive Stuart Smith has admitted the state's recreational fishing rules are a tangled web and has promised sweeping changes within the year. He said bag limits and catch sizes varied wildly across WA and he planned to bring in

uniform rules, cutting red tape and the minefield of regulations....He said the overhaul would also crack down on fishermen who "fill up a freezer" and plunder fish stocks. Fisheries officers are preparing a discussion paper on cutting the red tape and it will be put out for public comment within months.

RFW has been aware of this for some time. This is potentially a very divisive issue, which could turn into a no win situation. This topic and how to interact with the Dept of Fisheries has been the cause of considerable difficulties between me and the RFW paid staff. My background includes the interactions with these same Dept of Fisheries people over the 2003 introduction of the current rules. See the "Submissions" page on the AAawa website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/SubmissionsMain.html> I have concerns that the "consultation" will not be what is expected or required.

Separately, the Department is proposing to tighten up on transporting fish from the Abrolhos Islands, saying:- *"At present a person may accumulate up to their possession limit of finfish while staying at the Abrolhos Islands. Under current legislation, they may also transport fish back to the mainland unaccompanied if consigned through a "courier business" such as a carrier boat or commercial aircraft. In such cases the person may then commence accumulating their possession limit of finfish once again. I am therefore seeking RFW's comments on a proposal to require all persons wanting to transport recreationally caught finfish (within their possession limit) from the Abrolhos Islands to personally accompany those consignments."*

RFW has agreed to this proposal for the Abrolhos and suggested that similar provisions should apply State wide.

Recfishwest website

Members may recall my report in the October Reel Talk, saying:- *"The Recfishwest website <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/> has been completely rearranged under a contract issued by Recfishwest staff to a local web developer and with content provided by RFW staff. The contract relied on and left many decisions to the web developer. There have been long delays and there are still many items which are not complete, do not work consistently or need considerable further development or rework. My several years' involvement with the development of and adding new content of the RFW website has now ended. I have resigned from the position of Chairman of the RFW Communications and Membership Committee for 2009/2010"*

Six months have now gone by since the revised website was placed online, with little real change or improvement. Having a professional website is a critical part of communications with the fishing and other public.

I have provided detailed written summaries of the major problems, including:-

- about 2/3 of hits or attempts to access material from the RFW site fails to find the file, and the number of failed hits is about 5 times the number of pages successfully displayed;
- the single search box does not work for most browsers, only works for Internet Explorer 8;
- Google and other search engines cannot "see" many of the pages, and so cannot list them when people search;
- virtually all links used in all fishing forums and documents in the past several years are now dead, due to changes in the link naming for the equivalent pages, if they exist on the new site, and most don't. The only link which has remained unchanged is the home page. Worse, when such a dead link is clicked, a very unhelpful screen was displayed, leaving it up to the user to work out what to do next. Faced with this, most users will simply abandon their attempt to access the linked material. Some time around 14 March, these dead links have been redirected to the Home page, but with problems with the site search this is still a very unacceptable outcome.
- A requirement was the ability to run comprehensive polls with multiple questions and graded responses with options of free form comments, and comprehensive presentation of the results. Instead the poll on the home page has only a single simplistic Yes/No question, does not have a link to any background information relevant to the question, the

voting results are not visible except to the computers and browser on which someone has actually voted, a person who has voted can vote again using another browser on the same computer, and/or can clear the cookie and vote again using the same browser, only one poll can run at a time, (apparently), and there is no link in the poll box to the results of earlier polls.

- The important Marine Parks page has been scrambled since early December, and has not been restored from a backup, or rewritten.

Recfishwest support for fish frame donation program

The Department of Fisheries has recently ramped up its fish frame collection program. Recfishwest has received a letter requesting support and assistance in promoting this program.

Fish frame donation is utilised in developing 'fishery independent' analysis of fish stock status. The Department of Fisheries would like Recfishwest to take up a greater role in the program and form a partnership to deliver a more united front to the fishing public.

Young Future Leaders.

Recfishwest held the "Young Future Leaders in Recreational Fishing" project in early March 2011 at the Abrolhos Islands. It was designed to give younger Western Australians a voice and opportunity to be involved in maintaining the quality of our State's recreational fishing future, and according to reports, the participants are exceptional young people and the course was a great success.

The above report was prepared for the March AAA Delegates meeting by Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association, Terry Fuller

Bring a friend to a Club activity

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

Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members.

Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

Reel Talk Editor, 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.

Malcolm Head

Buy, sell or swap

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

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Raffle of scabbard and knife

Ian Pereira has kindly donated a leather scabbard and knife to be raffled, the proceeds of which are to go to the Surf Casting and Angling Club. The scabbard is beautifully hand made by Ian in fine leather. Tickets are \$2 each and will be available from Marcia Pekaar at General Meetings and Dry Casting up until Sunday, 5 June 2011.

The raffle is to be drawn at the Surfcasters' Trophy Presentation Night on 25 June 2011. Please see Marcia to get your tickets.

AAA Rock and Beach results

All results are on the AAAWA website at <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/RockBeachMain.html>

Here are the results for Surfcasters Club members and Club teams.

Mens individual.

Rank	AAA number	Name	Weight	Species	No. Fish	Total points
8	SC455	Jeff Hewton	24.85 kg	2	7	126.4
18	SC250	Peet Wessel	5.63 kg	4	18	80.5
23	SC239	Justin Rose	6.25 kg	3	14	69.0
36	SC227	Peter Pekaar	2.15 kg	2	13	41.6

Veterans individual.

1	SC451	Peter Osborne	11.15 kg	4	19	103.6
11	SC448	George Holman	3.65 kg	2	16	50.6
12	SC203	John Crompton	2.95 kg	3	8	49.8
15	SC004	Terry Fuller	2.10 kg	2	12	40.4
16	SC232	Raymond Walker	0.95 kg	3	6	39.8
21	SC700	Ron Lindsay	0.78 kg	1	4	17.1

Ladies individual.

6	SC251	Sandra Wessels	5.70 kg	3	18	70.8
8	SC499	Sharon Osborne	4.30 kg	3	11	58.2

Mens team, Rank 8.

Name	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Pekaar	2.15 kg	2	13	41.6
Peet Wessel	5.63 kg	4	18	80.5
Justin Rose	6.25 kg	3	14	69.0
Alan Wood	0.0			
Shane Wignell	0.0			
Jeff Hewton	24.85 kg	2	7	126.4
Total team points (best 6 out of 7)				317.5

Veterans team 1, Rank 1.

Name	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
George Holman	3.65 kg	2	16	50.6
Peter Osborne	11.15 kg	4	19	103.6
Terry Fuller	2.10 kg	2	12	40.4
Pat McKeown	0.0			
Total team points (best 3 out of 4)				194.6

Veterans team 2, Rank 5.

Name	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
John Crompton	2.95 kg	3	8	49.8
Raymond Walker	0.95 kg	3	6	39.8
Ron Lindsay	0.78 kg	1	4	17.1
Total team points (best 3 out of 4)				106.7

Ladies team, Rank 5.

Name	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Sandra Wessels	5.70 kg	3	18	70.8
Sharon Osborne	4.30 kg	3	11	58.2
Total team points (best 3 out of 4)				129.0

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Presentation night 6:30pm 25 June Glengarry Tavern

This Presentation night will be the culmination of the Club's 2010/2011 competition year.

A booking has been made for Saturday 25 June 2011 at the Glengarry Tavern, corner of Warwick Road and Glengarry Drive, Duncraig for a three course sit down meal.

There will be pre dinner drinks for 30 minutes:- sweet / dry sherry, red / white wine, beer, squash, cool drinks.

Two bottles of wine per table of 8. Squash and cool drinks, tea and coffee all night. Buy others from the bar.

Menu will be similar to last year's excellent meal, details to be advised. Children's meals will be available.

Price:- \$45 per person, or \$10 per child having children's meal.

Organise your party now. Get your group together and book your tickets.

Contact Social Organiser Pat McKeown.

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown

Win free Club membership for a year

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

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

Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

Happy birthday to

Frank Gaudin, 2 April

Keith Teale, 7 April

Shane Wignell, 14 April

Andrew Pekaar, 15 April

Kaye Holman, 20 April

Jim Strong, 26 April

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Heavy duty sewing

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

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Proposed Field day venues and boundaries 2011/12

Venues and boundaries for the coming year are to be decided by the members at or before the April General Meeting. Areas exclude any no fishing zones which may be within the boundaries. Once these venues and boundaries are decided by the members, they will not be changed.

The FDO will still have the option, on the day, with the agreement of the people who have signed on, to make changes to cater for unfishable conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

See the list in the minutes of the March General Meeting which has resulted from discussions over the past few months.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Updated draft calendar for 2011/12

Now updated to show proposed field days as listed in the minutes of the March General meeting.

Spot any mistake(s), please. I need people to read and check all these dates. Please tell me if you find anything wrong or if **you think** something's wrong.

22	Safari (TBA)	25	Presentation Night	25	AAA Event	?	Night cast (TBA)	
3	Dry Casting	13	General Meeting	16	17	Field Day	20	Committee Meeting

SCAC event calendar 2011/12 - <u>Draft</u> version dated 27 March 2011.																							
All dates will be confirmed at the April General Meeting.																							
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Alvey 550 C5 reel for sale

Alvey 550 C5. In good working order. It is used with a few scratches and general wear and tear, I have just pulled it down and cleaned/serviced it. This reel has a deep spool that would be suitable for ballooning due to its large line capacity, I have used it for surf casting. Asking \$40. 0411 155 311. If I still have it I will bring it to the next general meeting.

Justin Rose

Assorted fishing gear for sale

This gear would be very useful for someone heading north on the safari to Steep Point a little later in the year. A percentage of the proceeds of the sale goes to club funds. At this point I have the following items for sale.

Custom built 8120 Alvey ballooning rod - as new. Offers over \$150

Star sinkers, in packs of five; 13 x 4oz; 8 x 5oz and 5 x 6oz \$2 per pack.

Alvey 650 bakelite spool, handle, and drag system. \$100.

2 x Alvey 651 drag washer sets; 5 x anti-reverse pawls; 650 or 651C5 ratchet assembly; 2 x springset to suit 650 / 651.

39 packs of 2 or more lures - some used, many brand new, including lures from Rapala, Cotton Cordell, Kingfisher, Nilsmaster, Elliot, Bomber, "C" Lures, Scoobs, Lively, and others. \$10-00 per pack.

Boxes of assorted Mustad hooks; 1 box Beak 92554 (suicide) size 6, 3 x boxes #7 Beak; 2 x #2 9555 bronze Baitholder; 1 x #2/0 9555 bronze Baitholder; Box (30) #10 7766 Tarpon; box 8260D Limerick 5/0; 30 x 8260D 4/0 Limerick

Eagle Claw trebles; 50 x #6 (4xs) \$5; 50 x #2 (4xs) \$5; 50 x 2/0 (2xs) \$5

300m 50lb Platypus Pretest line (suit rigs) 500m 6lb Olympic nylon; assorted baitchaser rigs.

Plano 2 tray tackle box; Fenwick 20 - 20 compartment tackle tray / storage box; 7 assorted tackle containers.

My contact details are in the front of Reel Talk.

John Curtis

Fishing for herring from the shore

Herring are a very important recreational fish on the West and South Coasts of Western Australia. With autumn and winter coming on, herring usually become more common.

Herring are great fish to catch on light gear such as a small single handed rod and 2 or 3kg line. They are speedy, acrobatic and strong, often jumping out of the water when hooked.

Australian Herring (*Arripis georgianus*) and juvenile Australian salmon (*Arripis truttaceus*) in Western Australia are similar in appearance and often confused. That's not surprising, since they are related species. Both species have rows of golden or light brown spots on their sides and back.



Australian Herring. Note the large eye.

Herring:- have a large yellow and black eye, black tips to the tail fins, clear pectoral fins, and rough scales.

Herring size limit:- none. Bag limit (current as at March 2011):- 30 per day combined in the "Low Risk" category in the West Coast Region, 40 per day combined in the "Low Risk" category in the South Coast Region.



Compare: - juvenile Australian Salmon (left) and adult Australian Herring (right).

Juvenile salmon:- are very similar and are sometimes confused with herring, but have a smaller eye, no black tips on the tail, pectoral fins tending to be yellow, and smooth scales.

Salmon minimum size limit:- 30 cm. Salmon bag limits (current as at March 2011):- 4 salmon per day within an overall 12 fish per day bag limit of "Medium Risk" category in the West Coast region. 4 salmon per day within an overall limit of 16 fish per day bag limit for "Medium

Risk" category fish in the South Coast region. Check the Fisheries Western Australian Fishing Guides for any changes.

Where:- Herring can be found everywhere on the lower west and south coasts, in estuaries, near reefs, reef holes, beaches, rock walls, and jetties. Herring are easily attracted with berley.

When:- Herring can bite well at any time of the day or night. Early morning is sometimes better, because the bites can taper off if they are fed with too much berley. But like all fish, sometimes they are just not very interested in feeding. Then you might need to tempt them with the right type and size of bait or lure.

Seasons:- Years ago, herring were a seasonal fish on the West Coast, with autumn and winter the best times and much fewer fish in late spring and summer. In recent years, herring can be caught all year round if you know how to fish for them.

Baits:- Maggots (sometimes called "wogs"), whitebait, bluebait, pieces of mulie (pilchard) or other fish, squid, octopus, prawn, red meat, shellfish, chicken, any of the artificial baits cut to a suitable size. See the article "Growing and keeping wogs" on page 11 of the May 2003 Reel Talk. <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/May2003ReelTalk.pdf>

Lures:- Herring really love small chrome or gold lures, small soft plastic lures, flashy flies, flouro green or white tubing.

Vary the speed of retrieve, because if a herring really wants your lure, you can't wind fast enough to pull it out of its mouth, and they can zip through the water at amazing speeds.

Herring are expert at throwing off weighted metal lures when they jump out of the water. If you land one in five hook ups with a weighted lure, you're doing well. The good thing is, often there's a queue of other herring after that lure.

Berley:- Pollard, fish oil, minced up fish scraps, mashed up mulies, tinned sardines, etc. Use little and often. Herring will come right to your feet in 30 cm or less of water. Cast shorter each time and bring them closer to you. Throw a little burley close in. You'll see the herring darting around and making splashes on the surface as they take the burley.

Hooks:- For whitebait or bluebait:- a gang of three Limerick or Tarpon size 6 to 2 depending on the size of bait. Make sure they are sharp. For other baits size 8 to 4 Beak, Suicide, wide gap or similar hook type. If herring are fussy, go to smaller hooks and smaller baits.

Traces:- (The line between the weight and the hook) Herring sometimes refuse to bite on short and heavy traces. Use 2 to 3 kg line, 1 to 2 metres long behind a burley cage or blob. Sure, it might wear and you might snap it, but you will get a lot more bites, and there's the bonus of garfish if they are around.

Bite:- Herring often bite hard and hook themselves, particularly when you are moving the bait. At other times they are fussier. In calm conditions, one way is to just watch the line and you'll see the bites or see the line tighten. Just tighten the line without jerking and you'll feel the weight of the fish.

Sinkers:- Use the smallest / lightest sinker you can cast or will take the bait down to the fish. Berley herring in close and try using no sinker at all. Sometimes a cast of 3 metres is enough.



"Whitebait" and "Bluebait" are excellent baits for herring and lots of other species. Size compared with a 5 cent coin

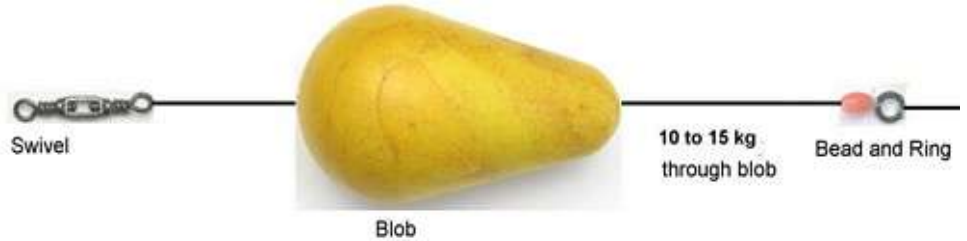
Blobs:- (Floats) Solid or with a hole for packing with burley.

Use a heavy line through the blob to avoid break offs due to wear on the line, tied to rings or swivels.

Burley blob (float) and bait or lure rig >>

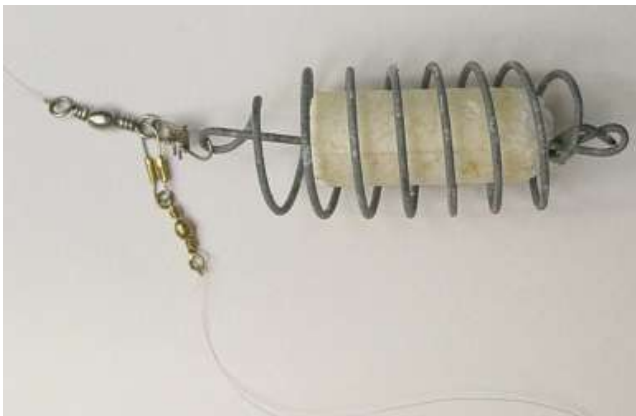
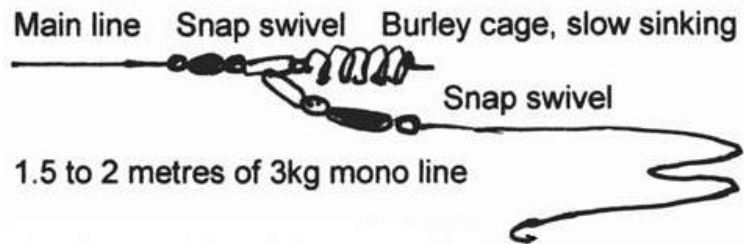


Rigging a blob (float). Main line to the left, bait to the right. The bead is to protect the knot from damage and break offs after repeated casting.



Burley Cages:- Sinking or floating, wire or plastic.

Berley cage and bait rig >>



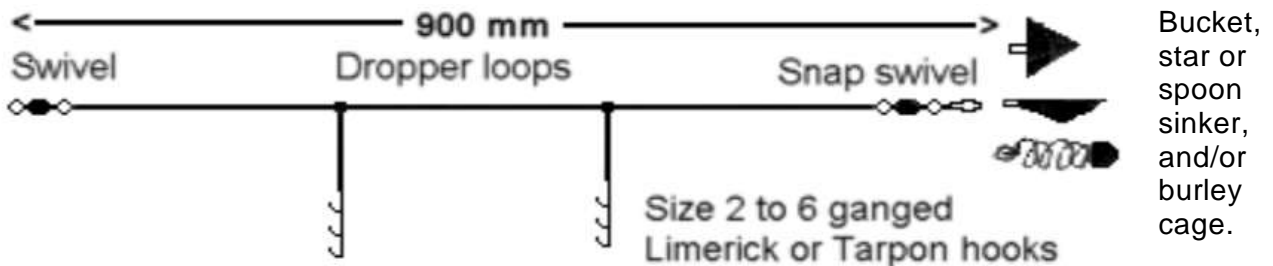
One way of rigging a burley cage. Main line to the left bait trace to the bottom.



Ganged hooks "Limerick" type on top, stronger "Tarpon" on bottom, for whitebait or bluebait, "suicide or beak" hooks for bait in centre. Size compared with a 5 cent coin

Double whitebait or bluebait rig. From page 16, March 2010 Reel Talk. This is ideal for fishing for herring or skippy. Uses the dropper loop knot in the article "How to tie a dropper loop knot", page 15 of the March 2010 Reel Talk.

This rig can be cast a country mile with a reasonable sized sinker even in windy conditions.



I suggest use about 8 to 10kg trace line for this rig if you intend to use it with larger sinkers. All the stress of casting the weight is on those two dropper loop knots, and don't forget Salmon love whitebait, so a rig made with light line may let you down if you hook a good fish.

Herring fishing "Secrets"

1. Fine, light, long traces will give many more bites compared to using shorter or heavier traces. Use clear nylon or even fluorocarbon leaders when they are really fussy.
2. Burley, little and often. Intelligent use **will** make all the difference.
3. The "secrets" of using whitebait and bluebait without them going mushy and falling off the hooks are to make sure they are fresh, and add a handful of dry pollard after they have thawed, dip in fish oil for extra smell.
4. There are many ways to catch herring, but sometimes they are fussy. If someone else is catching herring but you are not, check the rig, bait and fishing technique being used by them, and do the same. Simple.

And when you have caught your herring, make sure you look after them properly to get the best out of these delicious small fish.

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Payment and deposit for Rottneest Field Days

Details were first published in page 31 of the September 2010 Reel Talk.

May Field Day. The outstanding amount for the May Field Day needs to be paid not later than 1 month before the start of the field day. **That deadline is 14 April,** so effectively is the night of our next General meeting on 13 April.

If you have nominated for the May Rottneest Field Day, please make sure you pay the outstanding balance on time. Payments should be made to the Treasurer in person or posted to the club at PO Box 2834, Malaga WA 6944 to reach there before 13 April at the latest.

Contact Peet Wessels with any questions about the full cost or other details about the Field Day.

August Field Day. The August field day will be held on 13/14 August. To secure a place you need to pay a deposit of **\$100 for EACH person** who wants to attend. You are encouraged to pay these deposits as soon as possible, but **not later than 4 months before** the start of the Field day.

The **deadline** for deposits for the August Rottneest field day **is also 13 April.** Should we get an early interest and we receive more than 12 deposits we will do our best to get more accommodation booked.

We will however allocate accommodation in the order of how deposits were paid, first come first served. Priority will be given to Club members over visitors if needed.

Treasurer, Terry Fuller

Shire of Capel beach access review

Council has in recent years annually reviewed the matter of access to beaches within the shire with the view to trying to achieve a balance between the competing needs of various users of our beaches.

A new review has been initiated with the intention of having any changes adopted in place in time for the 2011/12 summer. Copies of the review and pre-prepared submission papers are available from the Shire and their website.

The objects of the paper are to get feedback on whether the current levels of access are sufficient, need to be relaxed, restrictions increased or any other considerations. The paper also asks whether vehicle access should be controlled by a permit system and whether speed restrictions should be imposed.

Submissions close on Friday 8 April 2011. Papers available include 2011 Beach Access Review Discussion Paper, Dalyellup Beach Access Map, Forrest Beach Access Map, Peppermint Grove Beach North Access Map, Peppermint Grove Beach South Access Map, Stratham Beach Access Map.

<http://www.capel.wa.gov.au/COUNCIL/CommunityConsultation.aspx>

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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 reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 bunks.

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, large fridge and a separate chest 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. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Rates are:

Public

Off season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$100 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
On season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$120 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
	Weekly rates	6 times daily rate as above		

Club members

Off season	\$200 per week	On season	\$300 per week	} \$100 deposit/bond
Short term	\$60 one night	\$50 per night (two or more nights)		} plus \$60 cleaning

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0422 455 119 for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc. Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

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

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

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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