

THE SURFCASTING & ANGLING CLUB OF W.A. (INC)
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CLUB COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1999/2000

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Bob Henderson

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Bob Henderson

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Ken Black

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Terry Fuller

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Matthew Sneddon

Recorder
Ian Cook

Treasurer
Robert Mitchell

Property Officer
Robert Mitchell

Reel Talk Editor
Peter & Jennie Stoeckel

A.A.A. Delegates
George Holman
Ross Kember

Immediate Past Pres.
George Holman

CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS: The monthly general meeting is usually held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm. All members should endeavor to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

DRYCASTING: Dry casting competitions are usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. instruction is given to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of the members casting.

FIELD DAYS: These normally follow each General meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign on. However, only under very exceptional circumstances will failure to attend weigh- ins not be penalised with the loss of points acquired during that field day. It is the Field day officer's duty to inform the Committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh in. It is then the Committees duty to decide what action shall be taken. disputes may be taken to the Committee. Entries for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the club Recorder within 30 days of capture, and using the approved club forms.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Please notify the Treasurer and the Reel Talk Editor of any change or incorrect listing of address or phone numbers.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE: If any member intends to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the treasurer, and become due on 1st May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31st July. All voting/Nomination rights at the A.G.M. will be withdrawn if not financial.

LIFE MEMBERS

VIC DAVIS ~D. EDWARD~L. DUNN~E. PARKER~J. STRONG~B. KLEIN~G. HOLMAN~I. COOK

THE SURFCASTING & ANGLING CLUB OF W.A. (INC)

MINUTES OF MEETING

TOPIC: General Meeting August 2000

DATE: 9 August 2000
PRESENT: 33 Members attended
DISTRIBUTION: Reel Talk
APPROLOGIES: B Marsh, G Gildersleeve, D Maxted, E D'Urva, T Willison
MEETING OPENED: 8:20

New Member Applic.

- Nil

New Member Approvals:

- Chas Riegert and Family and Lou Tugaris are to be inducted into the club at the next meeting unless any member has an objection.

Previous Meeting minutes:

- The main points of the July general meeting were read and accepted. No Business arising
- The main points of the July committee meeting were read and accepted. No Business arising

Correspondence In:

- AAA Minutes
- Letter from Don Batchelor tendering his resignation.
- Statement from BT Funds management.
- Letter explaining personal insurance benefits from Eon Insurance Services explaining the Recfish Fishing Club Insurance Policy.

Correspondence Out:

- Nil

Treasurers Report:

- As read.

Accounts for payment. Western Power – \$40.20 & Lawnmowing at Kalbarri \$28.00 This account is in dispute. Mvd Jim Strong sec Ian Cook.

Property Officer:

- Proposals have been received from two Kalbarri agents to look after the rental of the house. This matter was sent back to Committee to resolve and provide a recommendation to the members.

AAA

The notice of motion put at the last delegates meeting was lost to an amendment called by Ross Kember of SCAC. The amendment becomes the motion and reads, "That any competitor who knowingly discards whole fish immediately before or immediately following an AAA sponsored or run competition shall be brought before the disputes committee to explain their action. That the penalty for this offence shall be disqualification from competing in any further AAA sponsored or run competition for a term determined by the disputes committee" This motion will be put to the delegates meeting in August and voted on without debate.

- The members were requested to provide direction for the delegates to vote on this motion. It was moved that the delegates were instructed to vote in the affirmative. Mvd Derry Barber sec Ian Cook – Carried
- At this stage George provided some insight into the current proposals for fishing in the West Coast. He entreated the members to obtain a copy of the publication and to reply with their submissions before the closing date of 13 October 2000. He believes that the strategies outlined in the document will have a detrimental affect on recreational and club fishing long into the future.

Social Organiser:

- Flowers were presented to Edna Batchelor and Jennie Stoeckel for their service to the club.
- Thanks to all that assisted and participated during 1999/2000.

Real Talk Editor.

- Two excellent stories were received but the prize went to Terry Fuller.

DCO:

- See Reel Talk and thanks for all those who assisted during the year.

General Business:

A motion was called to Suspend Standing orders to allow the AGM to be convened. Mvd I Cook Sec T Stam Carried.

At the completion of the elections it was moved Jim Strong sec Trevor Stun that standing orders be resumed.

Ian Pilton provided experts advice on the proposed club member insurance policy and recommended that the club take up the offer. It was decided to review the issue at committee after viewing the clubs current policy.

Mal Head requested that the letter from Dennis Gilbert be read. This was done. And the matter closed.

Raffle Draw: First Prize won by Ian Cook. Second prize Tony D'Alonzo.

Meeting closed at 10:10 PM

THE SURFCASTING & ANGLING
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MINUTES OF MEETING

TOPIC: Annual General Meeting August 2000

DATE: 9 August 2000
PRESENT: 33 Members attended
DISTRIBUTION: Reel Talk
APPROLOGIES: B Marsh, G Gildersleve, D Maxted, E Duva, T Willison
MEETING OPENED: 9:30

Previous Meeting minutes: The minutes of the 1999 Annual General meeting were read and accepted.

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: Nil

Treasurers Report: As read.

General Business:

- All committee positions were declared vacant. And nominations called for the positions.
- Derry Barber and Darren Batchelor were appointed as adjudicators
- The following persons were voted into committee positions.

1.	President	Ross Kember
2.	Immediate Past President	George Holman
3.	Vice President	Bob Henderson.
4.	Treasurer	Bob Mitchell
5.	Secretary	Terry Fuller
6.	Property Officer	Bob Mitchell
7.	Field Day Officer	Andy Woodford
8.	Dry Cast Officer	Bob Henderson.
9.	Social/Fund Raising Organiser	Ken Black
10.	Real Talk Editor	Peter Stocckel
11.	Recorder	Ian Cook
12.	Committee	Matthew Sneddon
13.	Committee	Andrew Aubrey

No further items of general business relating to the AGM.

At the completion of the elections it was moved Jim Strong sec Trevor Stam that standing orders be resumed.

Meeting closed at 10:10PM

Australian Angler Association – Delegates Meeting August 2000

Tuesday 11th August saw the AAA hold its normal delegates meeting and its AGM details of which will be available at the next general meeting of SCAC. In short the delegates voted on the motion put by SCAC "That any competitor who knowingly discards whole fish caught during, immediately prior to or immediately following an AAA sponsored or run competition shall be brought before the disputes committee to explain their action. That the penalty for this offence shall be disqualification from competing in any future AAA (WA) sponsored or run competition for a term determined by the disputes committee". This motion was put to the delegates and carried unanimously but with some reservations. Where it was thought by all that the motion had merit and was in the spirit of our thoughts, it was thought by others that there was some room for error by the disputes committee.

- Captures entered for record acceptance.-
 1. Daniel Bell 0.049kg Black Spotted Wrasse caught at Esperance.

- The Rock and beach sub committee will be meeting at the Raffles Hotel on Thursday 24 August at 7:30 PM all are invited to attend.
- The September delegates meeting will be a shortened version to allow time to address the West Coast Recreational Fishing proposals.
- It was stated the August or July West Coast Fisherman a monthly publication for anglers has some extremely interesting articles directed at Fisheries and RecFish West.
- The property officer advised that he would be cleaning out the AAA Fishing trailer and that a number of scales would be discarded.
- At the close of General Business the AGM was convened, All positions declared vacant and election for the new administration held.
 1. President & Publicity Officer John Curtis
 2. Senior Vice President George Holman
 3. Junior Vice President Kevin Hughes
 4. Treasurer Paul Frzop
 5. Competition Officer Terry Bell
 6. Assistant Secretary Adam Eastman
 7. Records Officer Georgina Grimmet
 8. Trophy Officer Dorothy Griffen
 9. Property Officer John O'Brien
 10. Additional Executive Wilf Core
 11. Auditor Kit Maravantonis.

- Moved A Horwood Sec T Bell "that the amount to be charged for affiliation Fees to the AAA would be set at \$200 per club for the coming year" This motion was carried.

September General Meeting

Where: Bedford District Youth Hall 1 Catherine Street Bedford.
When: Wednesday 13 September at 2000 hrs
INSTRUCTION: Recommendations for discussion from the Committee on A Quality Future for Recreational Fishing On The West Coast.

September Field Day

Where: OPEN
When: 16 – 17 September
Sign on: At the September General Meeting or to the FDO by 1800 on Friday night.
Weigh in: 1800 hrs at the Presidents home. See front page for address.
Boundries: Constrained by times.

Next Field Day

Where: Port Gregory
When: LWE 30 September – 2 October.
Sign on: Saturday 1200 Hrs Caravan park at Port Gregory
Weigh in: Monday 1000 Hrs as above
Boundries: South -river mouth at Port Gregory
North-mouth of the Murchison River.

Local Field Day for September

When: 16 – 17 September
Sign on: At the September General Meeting or to the FDO by 1800 on Friday
Lines down: Saturday 1300hrs
Weigh in: Sunday 1800hrs at Ross Kember's house. An adult member must witness weights. FD Money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the FD book NO MONEY NO POINTS. Results to be phoned into F.D Officer by 2000hrs that night.
Boundries: South Mole to Mindarie Keys *excluding the Swan River*

Local Field Day for October

When: LWE 30 September – 2 October.
Sign on: At the September General Meeting or to the FDO by 1800 on **Thursday**
Weigh in: Monday 1000hrs G.Holmans House. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. FD Money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name.
NO MONEY NO POINTS. Results to be phoned into F.D Officer by 2000hrs that night.
Boundries: South Mole to Mindarie Keys *excluding the Swan River*.

September Dry Casting

When: 10th September 2000. 8.30am start.
Where: Yokine Reserve Cnr Alexander Drive and Wordsworth Avenue
Events: 112gram, 56gram, D/H Accuracy, S/H Accuracy

Presidents Notes

This is the first of my version of the president's note for the 2000/2001-year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing management committee for their efforts in serving the club over the term of their appointment. They have left us in a position that will enable the club to move on into the future with some confidence that we are in a financially and technically sound position.

I would like to welcome the new committee members in Terry Fuller, our secretary, Bob Mitchell our Treasurer and Property Officer, Andy Woodford our Field Day Officer and Matthew Sneddon. Matthew has accepted the position of Assistant Field Day Officer and brings the fresh uncomplicated ideas of youth to the committee. I would also welcome back the older (not necessarily in the literal sense) members of the committee. George Holman our IPM, Bob Henderson our Vice President and Dry Cast Officer, Ian Cook our Recorder, Peter Stoeckel Real Talk Editor, Ken Black our Social/Fund Raising organiser and Andrew Aubry our Assistant Dry Cast Officer. The make up of the Management Committee this year gives us a balance of youth, experience and approachability, characteristics that are a prime requirement if we are to serve the club and the members needs.

The coming year is going to be a busy one for the committee with a number of events and issues that are to be addressed. Foremost is the proposal by the West Coast Fishing Working Group for the management of recreational fishing. These proposals have been discussed at association and club levels over the last few months and it is now time that this organisation prepare its submission. A sub committee has been convened to discuss this most important matter in detail and provide you with a draft document for review at the next general meeting. This discussion will take the place of the instruction period in September. The closing date for submissions is 13 October 2000 and we will be able to meet that date.

Other issues to be addressed this year are a comprehensive review of our constitution and club by laws. I would expect that this review will be finalise and a draft ready for review by the end of December. We will also work towards creating a Code of Ethics, which will be published in all of our brochures and club literature. We hope that this code will assist in lifting the image of club activities in general and SCAC in particular.

It has been noticed that our membership numbers are becoming stagnant. We are attracting new members but unfortunately their arrival is only keeping pace with natural attrition. I would hope that with your assistance we could turn this around and increase membership numbers to 70 or 80 active members, as was the case some years ago.

Another important issue is the one of personal insurance. We are committed to providing you with protection in the form of personal insurance, to, during and from, all club activities. Ian Pilton provided you with a summary of the proposal offered by Recfish Australia and we are in the process of further investigation. We will keep you informed on developments.

Please remember, this administration is one of approachability, so please do not hesitate to call my self or any member of the committee if you need clarification or assistance on any issue, or have a new, or old idea that you would like to see implemented.

At this stage I will close and in doing so thank you for the confidence shown in electing me as your president.

Good & safe fishing
Ross Kember.

FIELD DAY RESULTS

VENUE : ROTTNESST ISLAND 13 – 14 August 2000

ATTENDANCE: SENIORS 17 JUNIORS 0 M/JUNIORS 2
VISITORS 0

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 19
TOTAL FISH WEIGHT: 62.9 KG

<u>SENIORS:</u>		No Fish	No Species	Weight	Points	Sportsman Points
Tony	D'Alonzo	30	5	13.55	236	205.5
Eddie	Druva	16	3	8.55	166	135.5
Ian	Taggart	7	5	5.68	157	126.8
Andy	Griffiths	8	1	6.65	127	96.5
Ken	Black	8	4	2.92	119	89.2
Brad	Zanich	7	4	3.58	116	85.8
Dean	Brown	9	4	3.25	113	82.5
Damien	D'Mello	7	1	4.80	108	78
Andy	Woodford	8	2	3.60	106	76
Paul	Torpkoft	6	1	3.75	98	67.5
Mark	Farnay	3	1	3.37	94	63.7
Morris	Kolman	3	3	0.65	87	56.5
Pete	Brightman	1	1	2.55	76	45.5
George	Holman	0	0	0.00	50	20
Eric	Parker	0	0	0.00	50	20
Mathew	Sneddon	0	0	0.00	50	20
Peter	Stoekel (local)	0	0	0.00	20	20
<u>Mini Juniors</u>						
Daniel	Stoekel	0	1	0.15	22	21.5
Peter	Stoekel	0	0	0.00	20	20

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH Pete Brightman 2.55 kg Dhufish
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH Tony D'Alonzo 13.55 kg mixed

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

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SENIOR TOP TEN

	Points
D'Alonzo, Tony	895
Black, Ken	316
Woodford, Andy	280
Taggart, Ian	265
Holman, George	244
Farnay, Mark	232
Bennett, John	230
Zanich, Brad	220
D'Mello, Damien	207
Kolman, Morris	202
Bob Henderson	115

Mini Juniors

	Points
Emily Woodford	71
Molly Woodford	56
Daniel Stoekel	31
Andrew Stoekel	20

FIELD DAY COMPETITION

	August 2000	
1. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)	Pete Brightman	Dhufish 2.55kg
2. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)		
3. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH		
4. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5KG MIN)		
5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1.0KG MIN)		
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0KG MIN)	Andrew Griffith	1.80 kg
7. HEAVIEST SALMON (3KG MIN)		
8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5KG MIN)		
9. HEAVIEST MACKERAL		
10. HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	Tony D'Alonzo	15.30kg
11. HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY		
12. HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	Andrew Griffith	6.55 kg
13. HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H ROD4kg h/s line(max)		
14. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 3-9,13 (2KG MIN)		

Masters Fish

		Kilogram
Andrew Griffith	Tailor	1.8
Mark Farnay	Tailor	1.2
Tony D'Alonzo	Skipjack Travelly	1.15
Brad Zanich	Skipjack Travelly	1.10
Grand Masters		
Ian Taggart	Snook	1.40

OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES 2000 -2001
Results for August

1	Most Meritorious Fish		Nil entry		
2	Heaviest Shark.	4.5 kg min	Nil entry		
3	Heaviest Mulloway	5.0 kg min	Nil entry		
4	Heaviest Salmon	3.0 kg min	Nil entry		
5	Heaviest Dhufish		Nil entry		
6	Heaviest Tailor		Nil entry		
7	Heaviest Samson		Nil entry		
8	Heaviest fish. S/H/rod		Nil entry		
	4.0 kg line class.		Nil entry		
9	Heaviest Pink Snapper		Nil entry		
10	Heaviest Tarwhine		Nil entry		
11	Heaviest Mackerel		George Holman	13.0kg	Cape Cuvier
12	Heaviest Trevally (S)	1.0 kg min	Nil entry		
13	Heaviest Trevally (N)	1.0 kg min	Nil entry		
14	Heaviest Snook/Pike		Nil entry		
15	Heaviest Scale Fish	2.0 kg min	Dave Maxted	3.50kg	Barred Longtom Cape Cuvier
	(other than sections 2 thru 14)				

(other than sections 2 thru 14)

Dave Maxted has submitted an entry for a 3.5kg Barred Long Tom. Well done Dave.

SEDUCER LURE Fishing Competition

August 2000

Chris Scobles has again been willing to support this completion and will be providing the prizes

Heaviest Tailor	Nil entry
Heaviest Salmon	Nil entry
Heaviest Scale Fish	Nil entry

A New Year for the open section has started and I would dearly like to receive some entries. For those going north shortly remember to take some entry forms and also check the Bylaws on entry requirements. I hope to see a lot of the new members entering fish into the various competitions and Species Badge section.

******* ROTTNEST FIELD DAY May 2001**

I am again starting negotiations for our Rotto trip in May 2001. We hope the costs will remain about the same and there are no new restrictions placed on us. If anyone has any ideas on improving the trip please contact me.

Australian Fish on FishBase

This from a FRDC project report 97/302 so is current

This is a comprehensive fish identification site on the Web <http://www.fishbase.org/search.cfm> Be careful of the use of common names as there are usually 2 or 3 for a particular species

Good Fishing

Cookie Monster + "Hunter"

State Drycasting Team Selections

Seniors

G. Holman
G. Gildersleeve
R. Parker
K. Black
A. Aubrey
M. Sneddon
P. Stoeckel
T. Willison
C. Riegert
G. Saueracker

Veterans

R. Killick
T. D'Alonzo
A. Jones
M. Head
D. Redwood
T. Stam
J. Strong
T. Fuller
A. Thorgerson

Mini-Juniors

R. Jones
A. Stoeckel
D. Stoeckel
C. Saueracker

Please contact DCO on 9451 6341 to confirm your representation for your club at the State Titles.

NOTICES

State/National Titles Drycasting Meeting

This meeting will be held on the 11th September at George Holman's to discuss representation by club members to assist in setting up casting courts on Saturday 28th October at 5.00pm.

Don's Books

Please return all magazines on loan from Don ASAP.

Call For Volunteers

I am asking fellow club members to donate their time on Sunday 29th October 2000 for approximately 5-5 hours to assist in the running of the State Drycasting Titles.

Any male or female helpers will be appreciated.

DCO

Change of Drycasting Date

Due to Father's Day on the first Sunday of September, the drycasting has been changed to the next weekend, the 10th September 2000.

Do not forget!!!

Don Batchelor

Due to health reasons, Don has retired from active duty and the club. As my former ADCO and club mate I'd like to say my bit to a bloke who knew that to be a club member also meant that you did your bit for the benefit of all. So "Donny Boy", thanks for...

Your diligent effort in assisting me to prepare and run the drycasting days for the past year.

Your perseverance in ensuring my figure work for the day's drycasting reports, ensuring all records were entered correctly and confirming the annual totals and awards to be true and correct.

Your organising of the club's representation at the have- a-go day at Burswood as part of Seniors Week (for the past 2 years).

Your assistance in backing me with the running of our club's participation at the Caravan and Camping Show.

Your personal efforts in bringing all your fishing magazines, unused fishing tackle and fishing pamphlets to each club meeting for the others to peruse and borrow.

Your confidence and expertise in stepping up and offering one and all your knowledge on local fishing locations and expert tackle advice.

Your friendly and professional coaching tips and advice to one and all at our casting days.

I could go on a bit more telling you more about this bloke but the most important would be that Don has always been a very friendly, helpful and sincere gentleman to all that have been in touch with him.

"Thank you Don"

and I speak for every club member
Hendo

Application for Membership

The following application for membership has been received and will come before the September committee meeting. If any member has any reason why an application should not be received they should contact a committee person and state their reasons.

Peter Brightman

Applications Accepted

The following applicants have been accepted for membership:

Lou Tangaris

Chas Riegert and Family

State Drycasting Group Report

The meeting of the above was held at 89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento on Monday, June 26 and it was noticeable that only one Club was represented – Surf Casters AC. It would be nice to see some involvement from elsewhere.

Those present were:- Peter Stoeckel, Bob Henderson, Jim strong, Matthew Snedden, Trevor Stam, Malcolm Head, Garry Gildersleeves, George Holman.

It was decided to modify existing ropes to create two quick lay-down 160m lanes and one 100m lane. Bob Henderson said he would organise this with the help of others.

Magic Nissan was to be approached to sponsor the trophies. We have appreciated their involvement over past years.

Notice to appear in August AAA Minutes notifying Clubs to organise teams etc for AAA Drycasting Championships on October 29 at Yokine Reserve. Entry forms to be sent out early September for Team and Individual.

A request also to competing Clubs to supply two workers each, to assist at the Championships.

A Sausage Sizzle and a raffle will be run by the Surfcasters AC, with proceeds to go towards the team for Kangaroo Island Nationals in 2001.

A good deal of discussion dealt with preparing a team for the Nationals, and if anyone is interested, please contact George Holman on 9447 5106 so your name may be added to the list. Malcolm Head and Ross & Julie Kember will be driving to Kangaroo Is. And the remainder – Bob Henderson, Trevor Stam, Jim Strong, Garry Gildersleeves and George Holman – will fly. The airfare to KI is around \$600 and accommodation has been booked at around \$125 for the six days. In addition it will cost around \$200 per tube rod container delivered. The group will fly out of Perth on Friday, March 16, 2001 and return on Thursday, March 22. All travel money for the Nationals will be paid to AAA and all bookings will be made through AAA to gain maximum fare benefits and for MSR National Event Funding.

We are looking for other 'casters interested in making up the Drycasting Team – six Veterans, six Open, three Ladies – so give it some thought and be involved. George Holman will also organise for any other teams from Boating, Beach & Rock or Estuary participants who may wish to take part in Nationals 2001 at KI. Call George on 9447 5106 KI is a very interesting place, and a few extra days would make a pleasant family holiday.

We are looking forward to expressions of interest – don't miss out!

George Holman
Chairman
Drycasting Sub-Committee

August Social Report

Hello! Welcome to another year of club activities, which we have to look forward to and hopefully partake.

The Civic Theatre Restaurant has now been booked and paid for and our night booked is the 9th September 2000. Vanessa has advised me that we are able to seat more people in our party of 18 people if we wish, so if you have a change of plans or a windfall, Vanessa would be happy to accommodate your bookings. Civic Theatre Restaurant's phone number is 9328 1455 and the address is 380 Beaufort Street, Perth. Doors open at 7:00pm.

I'm grateful, on behalf of myself and the club for the phone call from Jennie Stoeckel and the letter from Edna Batchelor thanking the club for their respective bunches of flowers in appreciation for their efforts in the background, for the club, over the past years.

There is to be a sausage sizzle for the State Drycasting Titles on the 29th October 2000. I'm asking for volunteers to man the barbecue for the entire day as I've been invited to cast on the day. We are going to provide all of the food, drinks and barbecue for whoever puts their hands up.

You may or may not have noticed that I stopped asking for a volunteer to organise the Caravan and Camping Show next March, as it became obvious that this was a futile exercise, so I've taken on the position myself.

In the near future, I must do a stocktake of the club's clothing so we'll be looking for feedback on your relevant shirt and windcheater sizes. It takes time to order and be supplied with these items, so please bear this in mind if you are looking ahead to club events. Do you require a club car sticker? I can supply them at \$2.50 each. Summer is on the way, club caps sell for \$5.00 each - one size fits all!

I was fortunate enough to catch a King George Whiting at Rottnest last weekend. Derry and I found it to be an excellent fighting fish, Ross. It was an easy fish to fillet Derry, weighing in at just over 500grams. And yes, Derry and Ross, it was a very nice table fish!

Those of us fishing at Ricies Beach were the victims of pilfering through our eskies, with the loss of two of George's cans of coke. The tab on my esky was left open, when I think back, but fortunately still sealed enough to preserve my fish. George had one of those weekends. So we've reached a point at Rotto where we have to watch our gear, or lock it somehow!

Welcome to our new committee members and may we resolve all issues ahead of us together!

Hope to see you all at future events
Ken Black.

State Drycasting Group Meeting

A meeting of anyone who is interested in casting and also being involved in the National Championship to be held next year at Kangaroo Island in March will be held at the rear of 89 Clontarf Street Sorrento on Monday 11th September, commencing at 8.00pm.

The aim is to tidy up preparations for the State Casting Championships to be held on Sunday 29th October at Yokine Reserve.

We will then devote the rest of the evening to preparations for sending a team (both casters and anglers) to go to South Australia as a deal of information on accommodation, transport, costs, etc has been collected and dates for a group of casters who will fly over has been set at leaving Friday 16th March and departing the island on Thursday 27th March. Others are travelling by road and there are a number who will also fish.

A firm commitment will be necessary so bring some money for your nomination form (\$45) and currently we have approximately ten starters. We welcome anyone along who may be thinking of being involved.

George Holman

DRY CASTING RESULTS

6/08/00

SENIORS	112 gram			Artificial Bait			D/H Acc.	S/H Acc.	DAY TOTAL
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
R. Henderson	129	138	27	118	109	23	118	18	186
A. Aubrey	121	118	24	0	103	10	120	32	186
C. Riegert	137	0	14	0	0	0	79	24	117
M. Sneddon	95	112	21	92	88	18	132	7	178
G. Holman	151	150	30	118	109	23	149	25	227
G. Gildersleeve	141	139	28	0	109	11	159	20	218
R. Parker	117	0	12	98	0	10	112	12	146
K. Black	0	0	0	89	87	18	124	22	164

VETERANS

D. Redwood	96	96	19	70	0	7	125	27	178
A. Jones	110	106	22	93	93	19	110	15	166
T. Stam	96	103	20	71	77	15	104	25	164
R. Killick	98	94	19	86	84	17	136	30	202
T. D'Alonzo	115	109	22	87	95	18	139	26	205
M. Head	114	109	22	0	88	9	115	14	160
J. Strong	93	0	9	0	0	0	74	11	94
T. Fuller	87	88	17	65	72	14	122	21	174

MINI JUNIORS

R. Jones	56	45	10	49	54	10	77	2	99
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112 gram Winner	G. Holman
Artificial Bait Winner	B. Henderson/G. Holman
D/H Acc. Winner	G. Gildersleeve
S/H Acc. Winner	A. Aubrey
112 gram Open Winner	G. Holman
Winner of the Day	G. Holman
Mini-Junior Winner	R. Jones

Next Casting Date: 10th September 2000. 8.30am start.
112gram; 56gram; D/H Accuracy; S/H Accuracy

August Drycasting Report

Well, my last day being the DCO was as enjoyable as my first and I've got to thank all those who join me on the oval each first Sunday of the month. Our numbers haven't increased much but the competition is as strong as ever. Thanks, fellas!

As usual, running around organising the day, I miss some things and at other times I note other events that bring many a smile to my dial. Let's say Dave Redwood's bullseye in the single-handed, the request for applause, and the hands in the air...etc, etc. Need I say any more? - OR - the steely look in Aub's eyes as he attacked the single-handed event with a gritty determination and WON THE EVENT...say no more.

Congratulations to George for some good casting to win the 112gram-distance event and then taking out the open event. Also to Gary on his usual performance of winning the double-handed event, but just coming short by 5metres to George in the open. I was very pleased to be able to give George a nudge in the Artificial Bait event.

A special mention to young Rhys Jones who (without any other competition) came within 1 point of equalling the mini-junior double-handed record.

The day ended with the usual sausage sizzle and to sit and chat with your mates makes a good ending to the day's casting. I hope I get a volunteer to continue with the sausage sizzle.

Keep it tight and straight
Hendo

PS - The club's election night has gone through and once again I'm your DCO. Glutton for punishment I guess...see you all on the oval. Start practicing for the December night cast!

YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS NOTICE TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Yearly subscriptions became due on the **1-5-00** and should be paid in full by the **31-7-00** to retain club privileges.

Yearly subscriptions are: Pensioner - \$37.50
Single - \$60.00 All include (GST)
Family - \$70.00

Failure to pay your subs by the above date will see you lose your right to stand for committee, or vote at the AGM. You will also not receive a copy of the club's magazine "Reel Talk" and receive no points for drycasting or field days.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to pay your subs by the due date, please contact the Treasurer so alternative arrangements can be made.

Never Too Young or Too Old

I do not know what present day angling clubs are looking for...

After fishing around for many years (like 40), mainly in the Swan River, Geraldton and Fremantle, I thought I would like to join an angling club to learn more about the art and places, also to go fishing in company.

I first contacted the Fremantle Angling Club. Their format was that you could go with them on (3) field days to see what it is like, and if it was what you wanted. Also to show you what you would want in the way of gear.

The only thing with Fremantle was that they limited their membership to 50 (those were the days) and at the time they had their quota plus 4 or 5 waiting to join. This was how I came to join Melville and was an active member for 10 years.

To join an angling club at 50 years and try and compete in senior ranks with the young bloods who had come up through the ranks with their fathers etc. was a bit hard when you did not know gear, bait, where you were fishing etc.

After asking a lot and going to tackle nights at the club and going on field days as well as reading all the tackle books on WA, I started to catch a few fish and to remember what I was learning. After a few months Darren wanted to join the club and take on angling as his sport and hobby as he did not like footy very much.

At the time, Melville Club was lucky to have some good minis, seniors, juniors, ladies, no vets. This was good for Darren as when he fished with young Greenways, Sattel, Baileys etc, he always had a good time and learned a lot quickly - especially at Rotto where they caught a lot of small fish and lost a lot of gear.

It was not long before state titles was talked about which was something new to us, especially as I had never heard of them. So more questions, more learning.

I could not make it into Melville Senior team as I only made it into their top 10 on about 8 or 9. Darren made it into his first estuary team in his first year as a mini.

I do not remember how the team finished up, but Darren won overall mini with 1 large cobbler. We had not caught a fish all day and the Swan was like chocolate in mid August (what a time to run it.) so I took Darren to a place I had fished about early 40's as I thought we may be lucky. He was excited with his win. Fished at 2.00am after a couple of years Lindsay Harbord and some other club members who used to fish and catch a lot of black bream and mulloway in the river, formed the Swan River Angling Club and it was mainly for families, with fish catches restricted to 3 fish of 2 different species fished each month, to fit in with what fish was around. Darren and I joined as we had never fished for black bream and we only knew the river around Claremont and Peppermint Grove.

The Swan Club members became so good at catching black bream that 16 each per night was common. When the AAA ran the black bream competition, nearly every senior member won it at least once. I was lucky to win it twice. After 5 or 7 years, the Swan River Club finished through a lack of members.

After about 5 years, in 1985, (with the help of Lindsay Harbord) I submitted a notice of motion to the AAA to have veterans at 55 years, not 60, as I thought it was too old and Fremantle had just about all the fishing vets at (3) in their club - and I still could not beat the Melville Seniors. We were successful so the vets was dropped to 55 years. About this time in 1985 there was a lot of talk about National Titles in Bunbury. Again, something new to me as I had not heard about them much. I was not good enough to make the team to Pt Lincoln in SA when it was great to be in a team and go over in convoy as teams did in 1983. I did well, too, I think.

Darren was into casting with Melville by this time as they had monthly comps and it was the best place to learn about rods, line technique, etc. Being big for a mini, he was soon breaking records and winning competitions. I was not old enough to compete as a vet at Bunbury, but Darren made the mini team. So off we went not knowing what it was all about or what to expect after all the stories you had heard.

The fathers' helped their kids in the estuary, beach and casting events and WA's mini's won every team event and they took it in turn to win or be second in every individual event. Darren again broke the mini casting 112gram record and was National Mini Champion. We were thrilled.

Over the next couple of years I was doing a bit of casting club and state against the vets from Fremantle. Could not beat them at casting as a team, but cleaned them up as individual. Fishing state in vets was

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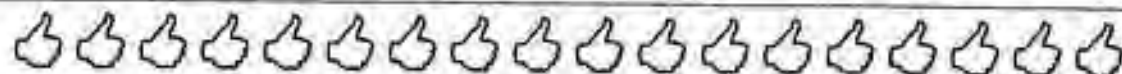
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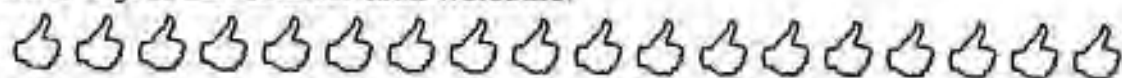
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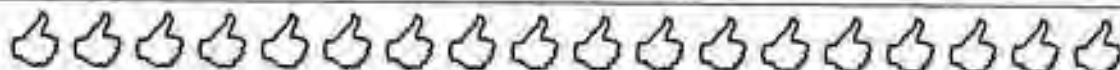
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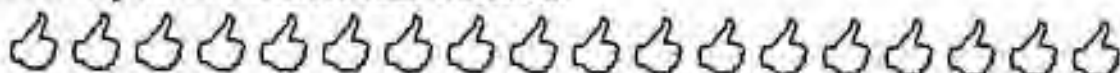
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Surf Casting and Angling Club of Western Australia
Rottneest Field Day
April 2000

Sixteen members of the Surfcasters braved the cold and headed for Rottneest last weekend. We met at the Fremantle ferry terminal at the ungodly hour of 07:00, loaded the gear into the trolleys provided and boarded the boat. Numerous warnings were given to the crew of the boat as our precious rods were handed over, many of them one-piece rods in excess of twelve feet long. These as usual went unheeded and the rods were dumped unceremoniously onto the deck. This time around, though I was prepared, and had taken a couple of two piece rods in a tube. The previous visit had seen me replacing two runners that were damaged on the return trip from Rotto. Other members actually have horror stories of rods being trodden on and broken clean in two.

We arrived at Rotto, collected and after carefully inspecting our rods, headed off to the campsite to unpack. This was just a case of throwing our bedding and dry clothes into the chalets and loading our fishing gear onto the trailer of the bus that would take us to Rotto's West End.

To my mind the West End of Rottneest is the only place to fish when on the Island. It's a bit of a hike to get there normally, but the club organizes a bus that drops off and picks up each day. I consider this something of a luxury, as I normally have to cycle to the West End, towing my gear behind on a trailer.

Gear required for a comfortable and successful trip to fish Rotto's West End Reefs are as follows. Wet suit, reef boots, to stop you getting bowled over quite as much. Two reef bags, one for bait and tackle and one for your catch. A spinning rod, threadline reel with about eight to ten kilo line (I know this seems a bit heavy, but if you are lucky enough to hook up with a yellow tailed kingfish on the reef, you'll be glad of every kilo.) A selection of poppers, some 5/0 gangs and a few mulies.

After stopping to check out several potential fishing spots including the Caves and Strickland Bay on the way up, we arrived at the west end at about 10:30 and promptly headed to our own favorite spots. Some headed straight to Wilson's Bay, some to Radar Reef and the Tailor Hole and some across the other side to Cathedral Rocks.

After studying the tides, I had decided to fish from the reef at either the Tailor Hole of Cathedral Rocks on the Saturday and then break out the big gear and try for a Samson Fish on the Sunday Morning. That way I could have a swift shandy in the Quokka Arms on Saturday night without worrying too much about not being 100% the next day.

The club rules only allow you to weigh in thirty fish each at the end of the two days. Of these thirty fish, each species cannot exceed one days bag limit. For example, you would only be allowed to weigh in eight tailor each for the weekend, even though legally you would be able to catch eight on each day.

Again with conservation in mind points are awarded as ten points per species (For fish on the clubs allowable species list) and ten points per Kilo. Therefore you would get thirty two points for a one kilo tailor and a herring, but only thirty points for two one kilo tailor. This deters people from hammering the herring for example and encourages a more skillful approach toward fishing, required when targeting specific species.

We weighed in on Sunday lunchtime with the following results: -

Our next club field day will be held over the weekend of the ? to the ? of September and will be an open field day where by members can fish any where they like as long as they complete a safety form and sign on before the start and are back at the weigh in by 18:00 on the Sunday. It has been known for people to fish as far a field as Wagoe on these open events.

I won't be able to fish the September field day as I will be in the Mackerel Islands doing a little bit of boat fishing for a change. But rest assured that I will be posting a report of the Surfcasters field day and hopefully will have a few fishy tales from the Mack's as well.

The remaining Field Trips for this Club year are as follows: -

If you would like to join the surfcasters on one of our field trips or would like to attend one of the clubs dry casting events, then please contact me at andy.woodford@ca.com.au and I will gladly give you all the information that you require.

Andy Woodford.
Field Day Officer.

Rottnest

The Rotto field days are usually a very good field day, and this one was no different. After a short ferry ride we arrived on the main jetty and found that the northerly wind was slowly getting stronger and the swell increasing. After sorting out our huts, the bus arrived and we were off to fish some of the West End reefs. George and co. fished one of the beaches, but found things a bit slow, but Ken caught a nice king George Whiting, which he was very happy with. A few of us headed to Wilson Bay, and the other two groups went off to fish Radar Reef and Fish Hook Bay. Things were a bit slow at Wilson's, so I decided to have a look at Radar. Things were slow there as well, so I then walked around to Fish Hook (a fairly long walk). Arriving there, I was quickly informed that the tailor were on at Cathedral Rocks. So off I went, and met up with Andy and his mate Pete. The first few casts confirmed the tailor was on, and Andy used bait while I decided to use lures (I really had no choice because I had left my bait back at Wilson's!). Tailor are renowned for the lure-throwing prowess and of the tailor I hooked at least half of them threw the lure. Of the tailor I ended up landing only one was leapt (for bait) and the rest released gently. The tailor bite shut down, so we tried a different area and we found a few more tailor. The fish weren't huge, with most under a kilo, but it was good fun, which is all that really matters.

After this we headed back to Fish Hook Bay where Damien was slide baiting live herring. A few minutes later Pete landed a nice dhufe of around 4kgs. Not much else was caught, so we walked back to Radar and waited for the bus. We headed back to camp, and some of the guys went to the pub, to watch the mighty Essendon Bombers humiliate the Roos.

Sunday morning came and most people decided to fish in comfort and stay dry. Not Damien, who decided to fish Cathedral Rocks. The rest of us either fished Fish Hook Bay or Riceys Beach. Unfortunately Riceys Beach was dead, and Fish Hook Bay was quiet. The only person to come across some decent fish that morning was Damien, who caught some nice tailor on lures.

We arrived back at camp and proceeded to have the weigh in. Most people had a couple of tailor, and Eddie caught a couple of small yellow tail kings. Tony had the biggest bag of fish, which was a good effort because the fishing was pretty slow. Herring are usually thick enough to walk on at Rotto, but this trip they were scarce and this could have been due to the fact that the swell was huge and the winds weren't really favourable. After the weigh in we all headed down to the bakery (a tradition at Rotto!), and proceeded to eat them out of pies. Just before we boarded the ferry, the wind died down and the weather turned good.

The fishing may have been a bit slow, but everyone had a good trip, caught a few fish and generally enjoyed themselves.

Matt Sneddon

Editor's Report

Thankyou to all the new committee members (and old) for sending all the reports in on time! It definitely makes my job a lot easier. I was sorry to hear that we are losing Don Batchelor as a club member, but I'm sure that we will see him around from time to time. Included in this months Reel Talk is a story from Don on his fishing history. It is certainly something to be proud of.

The Rottnest field day sounds like it was a bit of a flop as far as fishing goes, but the fun and time spent with your mates obviously makes up for the lack of catches. That is one of the perks of being in a club - there is always another person as mad as you are to stand out in the rotten weather in the hope of catching a fish! Peter tells me that "it's relaxing". I think that sitting in front of a fire with a good book to read (and staying dry!) is definitely more relaxing. Maybe I just haven't quite caught on to the right idea yet...

Jennie Stoeckel