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Minutes of General Meeting, 9 July 2003

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room Time 8:15 PM. President Ross Kember presiding.
- Present:-** 30 senior members. 1 Junior, 1 visitor.
- Apologies:-** Peter Mahony, Mal Head, Dave Maxted, Trevor Stam, Ian Cook, Terry Ring, Geoff Raftis.
- Visitors:-** Daniel McRorie.
- New Member:-** Tom Lund was welcomed into the club.
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. Moved Bob Henderson seconded Peter Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Ross Kember outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.
- Correspondence In**
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| Challenge Bank | Statement for June 2003 |
| Ray White | Statement for June 2003 + cheque for \$109.90 |
| EPA | Notice of termination of Lancelin Defence Training Area Assessment. |
| Marine Conservation Branch | Newsletter June 2003. |
| City of Stirling | Drycasting bookings for Summer 2003/4 |
- Correspondence Out**
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| Mark Holdsworth | Acceptance of application for membership |
| Dave Dunnett, Nannup | Thanks for use of property at Emu Springs |
- Moved Peter Stoeckel seconded Jim Strong, that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** John Hall reported.
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| Jiffy Instant Printing Pty Ltd | July Reel Talk | \$136.75 |
| Water Corporation | Kalbarri Rates 2003/4 | \$542.40 |
| Kalbarri Lawnmowing | Mowing 27 June | \$28.00 |
| iinet | Annual charge for surfcasters.iinet.net.au to 20/07/2004. | \$40.00 |
- Bob Henderson Dry Casting rope reels, AGM food \$100.00
- Moved Terry Willison, seconded Peter Stoeckel, accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- John Hall told members of plans for a garage or markets sale in October, and asked for donations of any unwanted items.
- John asked for help with a Surfcasters display at the Perth Boat Dive and Fishing Show at the WACA 13 to 17 August.
- John reported on an approach from the Craigie Leisure Centre and plans for the Fishing Clinic on 4 October.
- Property Officer:-** More bookings recently.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported on coming Cape to Cape Field Day.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson gave details of the July Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. Some records were broken.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman reported on plans for the fishing clinics in July and September. Nick Allsworth and Ross Kember to be nominated as proxy delegates for the AAA AGM on Tuesday 19 August.
- Social Organiser:-** Derry Barber thanked people for help with the Presentation night.
- Recorder:-** Not present.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Nothing to report.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** Ross Kember advised of setting of membership fees as detailed in Reel Talk, particularly the concession rate.
- Terry Willison reported on the "100 club" raffle being run at his workshop, and sold the remaining tickets. A vote of thanks was moved to Terry.
- Raffle – Bag +\$20 won by visitor Daniel McRorie.
- Chocolate wheel won by Andrew Aubrey
- Suspension of Standing Orders.** George Holman moved Suspension of Standing Orders, seconded Bob Henderson, carried. The Annual General Meeting was held.
- Resumption of Standing Orders.** George Holman moved seconded Terry Willison, carried.
- Instruction Period:-** None – sausage sizzle after the AGM.
- Meeting closed.** 9.40 pm

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 9 July 2003

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
- Present:-** 30 senior members. 1 Junior, 1 visitor.
- Apologies:-** Peter Mahony, Mal Head, Dave Maxted, Trevor Stam, Ian Cook, Terry Ring, Geoff Raftis.
- Previous Minutes:-** Were read. No business. Moved Jim Strong, seconded Terry Willison, these are a true record. Carried.
- Business arising:-** None
- President's Report:-** Ross Kember gave his report for the previous year, and thanked Terry Fuller for the work on the Treasurer situation.
- General Business:-** All Committee positions were declared vacant. Immediate Past President George Holman took over the running of the meeting. Peter Stoeckel assisted as a scrutineer.
- Nominations were called for all positions, and members voted. The successful members were:-

President	Bob Henderson
President Bob Henderson took over the running of the meeting.	
Vice President	George Holman.
Secretary	Terry Fuller.
Treasurer	John Hall.
Field Day Officer	Malcolm Harris.
Dry Casting Officer	Chas Riegert.
Social Organiser	Bob Henderson.
Reel Talk Editor	Terry Fuller.
Property Officer	Vix Alexander.
Recorder	Ian Cook.
Immediate Past President	Ross Kember.
Committee Persons	Peter Stoeckel.
	Terry Willison.
	Andrew Aubrey.

Annual General Meeting closed at 9:25 pm

Coming Club Events.

August Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 3 August, casting starts at 8:30 am.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

August General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 13 August 2003, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

Instruction Period:- Reports from the National Championships at Yamba NSW.

August Field Day – Rottnest.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 August 2003.
Boat Times:- E Shed, Victoria Quay, 7:30 am departure Saturday. **Confirm at the August General Meeting.**

Return leaving Rottnest at 4:30 pm Sunday.

Sign On:- At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.
Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon at Rottnest (or whenever the bus returns) at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.
Boundaries:- All of Rottnest Island !!

Tides for	Saturday 16 August	0.86m at 10:40 am	0.62m at 5:53 pm	Sunrise:-	About 6:55 am
Fremantle	Sunday 17 August	0.70m at 5:24 am	0.80m at 10:58 am	Sunset:-	About 5:50 pm
Moon	Saturday 16 August	Moonrise:-	About 9:50 pm		
	Sunday 17 August	Moonset:-	About 9:45 am	Full Moon:-	Tuesday 12 Aug

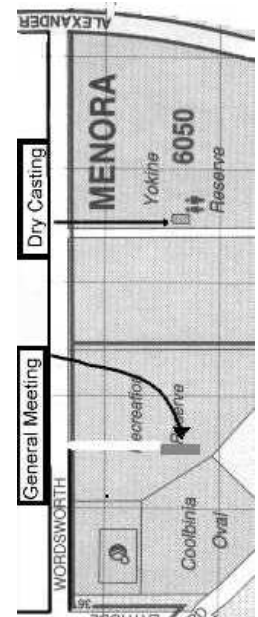
If you wanted to go, you should have paid in full by the **final closing date** of 11 June General Meeting, so it's really too late now. But if your luck's really in, someone may pull out before the day, you may be able to take their place and still be able to go. Contact Cookie for more details.

Local Field Day for August.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 August 2003.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.
Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written on the local Field Day weigh in sheets in the scale box. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- Penguin Island to Two Rocks, including the Swan River.

September Field Day - Moore River.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 13/14 September 2003.
Sign On:- Saturday 12:00 noon at Guilderton Caravan Park. Check details in September Reel Talk.
Weigh in:- Sunday 10:00 am at Guilderton Caravan Park.
Boundaries:- As far as you want to walk south of the River mouth, north boundary:- Seabird.
Tides for Saturday 13 Sept 0.76m at 10:20am 0.58m at 4:26 pm 0.80m at 10:54pm



Fremantle Sunday 14 Sept 0.58m at 5:04 am 0.70m at 10:33 am Sunrise:- About 6:20 am
Moon Saturday 13 Sept Moonset:- About 8:30 pm Sunset:- About 6:07 pm
Sunday 14 Sept Moonrise:- About 8:13 am Full Moon:- Thurs 11 Sept

Local Field Day for September.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 13/14 September 2003.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.
Weigh in:- Sunday 10:00 am, details as listed above for August.
Boundaries:- Penguin Island to Two Rocks, including the Swan River.

Calendar for Next Three Months.

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

<u>6</u>	Dry Casting	<u>9</u>	General Meeting	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	Field Day	<u>18</u>	Committee Meeting												
August 2003							September 2003							October 2003						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	<u>3</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	<u>10</u>	11	12	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	6	7	<u>8</u>	9	10	11	12
11	12	<u>13</u>	14	15	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	15	16	<u>17</u>	18	19	20	21	13	14	<u>15</u>	16	17	18	18
18	19	<u>20</u>	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	27	28	29	30	<u>31</u>	<u>29</u>	30						27	28	29	30	31		

2003/2004 Dry Casting Dates.

All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30 am.

Sunday 3 August 2003
Sunday 31 August 2003 **Changed for Fathers Day**
Sunday 2 November 2003
Sunday 4 January 2004
Sunday 7 March 2004
Sunday 5 October 2003
Sunday 7 December 2003
Sunday 1 February 2004
Sunday 4 April 2004

Change of September Casting Day.

The September casting day will be held on Sunday 31 August due to the normal Sunday being Fathers' Day.

2003-2004 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Saturday/Sunday 16/17 August 2003	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 September 2003	Moore River.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 27/28/29 September 2003 LWE	Horrocks to Kalbarri / AAA Rock and Beach Angling Championships is over 2 days, 27/28 September.
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 November 2003	Cervantes.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 December 2003	Local, Penguin Island to Two Rocks including the Swan River, plus Christmas night cast.
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 January 2004	Dawesville Cut to Binningup.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February 2004	Open – all WA tidal waters.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29 February /1 March 2004 LWE	Bluff Creek.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 24/25/26 April 2004 Anzac Day Long Weekend	Denmark to Walpole.

2003/2004 General Meetings.

All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 13 August 2003	
Wednesday 10 September 2003	Wednesday 8 October 2003
Wednesday 12 November 2003	Wednesday 10 December 2003
Wednesday 14 January 2004	Wednesday 11 February 2004
Wednesday 10 March 2004	Wednesday 14 April 2004

Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.

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

These are the same as last year.

Membership Fees are Now Over Due !

Membership fees were due on 1 July and should have been paid by 31 July. Full details were in the July Reel Talk. **Please pay them now!**

2003/4 AAA Beach and Rock Angling Championships.

The following information has been taken from the minutes of the latest AAA Rock and Beach sub committee meeting.

Date September Long Weekend (27 and 28 September 2003)

Registration and weigh-in Port Gregory Caravan Park.

Boundaries North of Bowes River and south of Murchison River.

The AAA Rock and Beach organising committee believe that there should be strong encouragement for competitors to stay overnight after the weigh-in. As such, the following times were proposed to be taken back to clubs for discussion.

Sign-on 1pm - 2pm Saturday. **Lines down** 3pm Saturday **Weigh-in** 3pm Sunday.

BBQ 4pm Sunday **Presentations** 5pm Sunday

At this stage the Port Gregory beach championships is planned to start and finish a little later than the usual times. The later start allows for extra travel time to get to Port Gregory. A barbecue is planned to be run immediately after the event and the late finish will link it into being the evening meal. The intention is for participants not to travel after the event, but stay at Port Gregory overnight and travel on Monday. The barbecue should provide the basis for a simple social function.

The caravan park has a limited number of cabins and early bookings will be necessary. The park will be able to accommodate a quantity of tents and these too should be booked in early. When making bookings, mention AAA and John Ward so that the owners can put us in the same area.

The Surfcasters have their "October" Field Day at the same location to fit in with the AAA competition, but the club competition will include the Sunday night and Monday morning, as well as during the AAA times.

Happy Birthday to:-

Alistair Jardine, ?? August

Maria Yeates, 2 August

Johnathon Willis, 6 August

Allan Jones, 8 August

Bob Henderson, 8 August

Tony D'Alonzo, 10 August

Basil Marsh, 10 August

Ron Delary-Simpson, 13 August

Ian Taggart, 24 August

Lesley Johannessen, 29 August

Reg Carle, 30 August

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

Wanted – Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting and give them to Mal Head. 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.

Mal will be away until after the Yamba Dry Casting, so please hold them until he returns. RTFRT for when that will be.

New Member Acceptances.

The following application for membership has been accepted, and will be invited to the August General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

Joe Pullella.

New Member Application.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the August 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.

Jim and Coralie Atkinson.

Member Resignations.

The following members have resigned from the club.

John Barnes and family.

Life Members of the Club.

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

Kalbarri House For Rent.

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc.

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$220 per week,	On season	\$360 per week	} all
Club Members:-	Off season	\$160 per week,	On Season	\$210 per week	} plus \$50
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights			} bond.

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. Club members need to do their own cleaning on departure, or we can arrange cleaners at around \$49 per clean, extra on the rates above.

Check in time is 1pm. Check out time is 10am. Keys can be picked up from Ray White, Shop 1, Kalbarri Arcade. If people arrive after hours, they leave a note on the door of their office with a map of how to get to the house and telling them where the key will be.

As at 24 July, the house is available in 2003 from 16 Aug to 19 Aug, 24 Aug to 4 Sept, 12 Sept to 26 Sept, 9 Oct to 17 Oct, 22 Nov to 12 Dec, in 2004 from 10 Jan to 27 Feb, 6 Mar to 9 Apr, 17 Apr to 15 Oct, and 6 Nov 2004 on. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval. Members who are staying in the house are not allowed to authorise any repairs or services on the house without authority from the Property Officer, Treasurer or President.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

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

Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor.

Club Badges Now in Stock.

We now have new supplies of Club Badges. If you are recent new member and didn't get a club badge, contact the Secretary at any club meeting and get yours now.

Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.

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

Wanted to Buy.

Old fishing reels, wooden, bakelite, metal. Pre 1965. Aluminium drum reels, overheads, sidecasts, etc. Halco, Surfmaster, Graeme, Taylor, etc. Also cane creels, rods, lures, etc.

Phone Mark Farnay on 9246 0898 or 0419 915 230.

For Sale.

18 foot powergraph Pacific Composites casting rod. Very good condition, near new, \$320

Alvey 50 A1 casting reel, half full with backing. Very good condition, \$45

Alvey 55 A5 casting reel, filled with 8lb Platyl line. Near new, \$50.

Phone Don Batchelor on 9337 9169.

EI Presidente Hendo Has Email

Our new President Hendo has joined the "in set" and has email and access to the internet..

He's just up from the bottom of that great long steep sandhill called the "*computer learning curve.*" His Rangie won't get him out of that bog!

Dive Boat and Fishing Show.

John Hall will organise a Surfcasters display at the Perth Boat Dive and Fishing Show at the WACA between 13 to 17 August. Please contact John if you can help.

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

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

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

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

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

Safari 2004.

Time to think about the next fishing safari in 2004. Warroora Station or the Esperance south coast area have been suggested so far. Anyone have suggestions for other places? Chas Riegert has found out the following:-

Warroora Station is 200 km north of Carnarvon. Probable timing, April - July 2004. Three accommodation options:-

1. Completely self contained camping on the beach area. Need to take absolutely everything you need. \$5 per person per night, \$25 per person per week, children free.
2. Shearer's quarters, twin share rooms, \$18 per person per night, community kitchen and ablutions.
3. Two houses, self contained, can sleep up to 30 people between them. Standard rate is \$30 per person per night. May be negotiable for a large group and a week long booking.

Can work out the details with some confirmed number of people going.

Details of the fishing at Warroora will get you planning and packing. More details, and description of the Esperance option to come. Contact Chas Riegert for any more information or to put your name down.

Membership Fees are Now Over Due !

Membership fees were due on 1 July and should have been paid by 31 July. Full details were in the July Reel Talk. **Please pay them now!**

Dry Casting Report, 6 July 2003.

Arriving at the oval at an early hour, I had to stand under the verandah while the rain came down for at least 20 minutes. A few curses were thrown around as I waded out to set up the casting area, I could see a shovel being handy today to retrieve the sinkers. The rain backed off and patches of blue sky appear as TerryF turned up to give assistance.

The seniors took to the double handed event and shouts of joy were heard when George and Joe hit bullseyes on the longest targets. Friendly rivalry was full on and as you can see by the score sheets some came away with good scores. Actually Gary reset the Seniors Club, State and National record with a score of 171 points for the double handed accuracy event. Well done Gary.

When it came to the vets having a go at the double handed. All the training that Don Batchelor has been organising really showed its worth. Roy the Boy produced an outstanding show of casting reset the Veterans Club, State and National record with a score of 170 points for the double handed accuracy event. Well done Roy.

AJ produced a personal best of 168 points, Trevor obtained 138 points, and our casting training officer had an off day. Well done to Martin for getting his first bullseye.

Congratulations to Joe Pullella for winning the 112 gram event with some great distance casts. George creamed them all in the single handed, Gary won the double handed accuracy, Roy the Boy got top score for the day.

PS For dragging his lovely wife down to the park 2 to 3 times a week to assist him with his casting practice, it has lead me to applying for the record in his wife's name on the application form to show due recognition.

Thanks to all for another great day. Keep it straight and long.

Hendo.

Dry Casting Results, 6 July 2003.

Results for the day	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total
	Cast	Cast	Points	Cast	Cast	Points	Cast number								Points	Cast number				Points	
	1 (m)	2 (m)		1 (m)	2 (m)		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		1	2	3	4		
Seniors.																					
Nick Allsworth	171	170	34	153	0	15	23	19	15	23	19	16	22	23	160	8	2	6	8	24	233
Gary Gildersleeves	158	0	16	147	0	15	18	20	22	21	23	21	22	24	171	0	7	0	8	15	217
George Holman	163	162	33	139	0	14	17	21	20	25	13	10	0	16	122	8	9	8	10	35	204
Joe Pullella	189	182	37	161	156	32	19	2	22	25	9	12	11	14	114	0	6	6	0	12	195
Malcolm Harris	150	145	30	126	129	26	12	6	21	13	0	19	21	6	98	7	0	7	0	14	168
Chas Riegert	182	163	35	0	149	15	23	13	23	19	1	0	0	16	95	0	0	4	3	7	152
Eric Parker	146	142	29	0	0	0	2	21	23	19	10	0	0	22	97	4	0	9	5	18	144

Veterans.

Roy Killick	124	121	25	113	0	11	21	17	22	25	15	25	22	23	170	3	8	9	8	28	234
Bob Henderson	142	136	28	133	139	27	19	21	20	19	20	12	23	18	152	4	5	5	0	14	221
Allan Jones	117	110	23	0	91	9	21	20	19	23	22	18	21	24	168	5	1	9	5	20	220
Tony D'Alonzo	135	128	26	130	126	26	7	18	15	22	21	18	16	10	127	9	0	0	2	11	190
Trevor Stam	95	65	16	51	101	15	22	22	22	23	0	14	17	18	138	7	9	2	3	21	190
Terry Fuller	114	108	22	101	0	10	21	14	16	18	17	19	2	22	129	1	2	3	3	9	170
Jim Strong	94	98	19	0	85	9	8	10	16	20	2	24	14	15	109	0	1	0	0	1	138
Geoff Raftis	108	0	11	93	75	17	0	17	15	12	0	21	10	19	94	8	6	0	2	16	138
Don Batchelor	117	0	12	0	135	14	4	7	10	11	15	0	19	23	89	6	0	3	7	16	131
Martin Johannesen	0	0	0	0	68	7	0	10	4	11	14	0	25	0	64	3	5	7	9	24	95

Ladies.

Filomena D'Alonzo	103	111	21	106	104	21	17	17	21	6	12	22	23	23	141	0	6	9	6	21	204
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Juniors

Rhys Jones	97	97	19	101	90	19	13	20	21	13	0	0	17	21	105	0	0	0	0	0	143
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Highest points on the Day	Roy Killick	234		
112 gram Seniors winner	Joe Pullella	37	112 gram Veterans winner	Bob Henderson 28
56 gram Seniors winners	Joe Pullella	32	56 gram Veterans winners	Bob Henderson 27
Double Handed Accuracy Seniors winner	Gary Gildersleeves	171	Double Handed Accuracy Veterans winner	Roy Killick 170
Single Handed Accuracy Seniors winner	George Holman	35	Single Handed Accuracy Veterans winner	Roy Killick 28
Ladies winner	Filomena D'Alonzo	204	Junior winner	Rhys Jones 143

Special Request

Would all drycasters please wear club shirts and name badge at monthly casting days.

Hendo

July 2003 Field Day, Cape to Cape.

Winter, Yamba coming up, and other excuses meant that only a few ventured out for this weekend. Vix was struck down with a really nasty virus with Ross River fever type symptoms so Mal didn't go.

John Romano volunteered to do the weigh in and recording. The weather was building up down south, places to fish were hard to find and Sunday morning was quite rough.

Tony D'Alonzo scooped the pool again (who's surprised?). Spencer King fished local for a single tailor, Terry Fuller weighed in a single garfish - the others are whole in the freezer with the aim of converting them into a mackerel in Exmouth in a few weeks.

Terry has issued a challenge to all you Field Day fishers. The gardie has been entered as the heaviest fish caught on a single handed rod. At 130 grams, it should really take some beating. Let's see that section change every field day.

Caught on this field day were:- herring, tailor, tarwhine, whiting, rock cod, garfish and skippy.

Results for the July Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	9.75 kg	6	30	207.5
John Romano	0.25 kg	1	2	62.5
Paul Thompson	0.2 kg	1	1	62
John Hall	0 kg	0	0	50
Janet Hall (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40
Spencer King	0.6 kg	1	1	36
Terry Fuller	0.13 kg	1	1	31.3

Field Day prizes for July.

Best Scale Fish	Spencer King	Tailor	0.6 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	9.75 kg

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for July.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Rock Cod	0.8 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	9.75 kg

Field Day Top Ten for 2003/2004 up to July.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	346.3	6	Vix Alexander	87.0
2	Ian Cook	140.5	7	Spencer King	86.0
3	John Romano	137.8	8	Paul Thompson	82.0
4	George Holman	121.0	9	Terry Fuller	81.3
5	Ross Kember	87.7	10	Julie Kember	64.8

Field Day Sections for 2003/2004

Field Day Sections for 2002/2003 up to July 2003.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	George Holman	Tailor	3.1 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0 kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	3.1 kg
13	Best Fish caught on a single handed rod	Terry Fuller	Garfish	0.13 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	9.75 kg

OK, beat that !

AAA Fishing Clinics.

If you want to learn how to fish better, how to catch your preferred species, what gear to use and where to use it, make sure you're at the Australian Anglers Association 2003 Fishing Clinics, South of River Series at Fremantle Sailing Club, Success Harbour, Marine Terrace, South Fremantle.

The presenters are real experts, and there's always something new and interesting, different ways of doing things and simple but effective tips which will help you get the best out of your gear and catch those fish. There's a door prize each night, and great raffle prizes.

Admission:-	Adults	All three nights	\$22.00	Per night	\$11.00
	Juniors (under 16)	All three nights	\$11.00	Per night	\$6.00

Everyone is welcome. No need to register, just come along. For more details, contact George Holman or Terry Fuller, or see the AAA web site www.aaawa.iinet.net.au

Monday 1 September, commencing at 7:30 pm.

First Session	FRANK PROKOP, lure expert and collector.	All about lures, how and why they work.
Second Session	PAUL WILLIS, well known as an expert fisher.	Bait presentation and rigging for all species,

Use of soft and hard bodied lures and equipment to target black bream.

Third Session GEORGE HOLMAN, casting expert and President AAA of WA. Rods, Reels, Line and Braid, and matching these for best angling and casting results.

Monday 8 September, commencing at 7:30 pm.

First Session DOUG CLEGG, local fishing "guru" Fishing for King George Whiting, Trevally and other species from boat or shore, and what bait to use.

Second Session PAT SHINNICK and CREW Dinghy fishing and fishing for Jewfish, Snapper, Breaksea Cod, etc. along with Squid and Herring.

Third Session GEORGE HOLMAN, casting expert and President, AAA of WA. Fishing for tailor and herring from the shore.

ADAM EASTMAN Fish Filleting Demonstration.

Monday 15 September, commencing at 7:30 pm.

First Session GARY SHUGG and JARRAD COLBIN, Black Bream Experts. How, when and where to fish the Swan River for Black Bream and other species, boat and shore.

Second Session BARRY TAYLOR, Custom Rod Builder and boat/beach fishing expert. The benefits of custom rods and what to look for when purchasing your rod. Assisted by PAUL WILLIS, well known as an expert fisher, describing their use for boat spin and deep water jigging for Samson Fish.

Third Session JOHN CURTIS, fishing expert with years of experience. Reading the Beach and when, where and what to look for to help catch that feed of fish.

Recfishwest Report.

Recfishwest had a breakfast meeting with the Fisheries Minister. One major outcome is the Minister's positive approach and invitation for AAA to write to him requesting relaxing the rules for filleting at sea and the definition of whole fish in the proposed possession limit to allow the gilling, gutting, heading and tailing of fish and cutting fish into two pieces while still allowing these to be classed as "whole fish" and not "fillets".

Changes of rules for recreational fishing has been deferred until 1 October and the Fisheries Minister said he expected some progress with commercial fishing reviews by then.

The Recfishwest Sustainability Management Measures Policy contains a statement on Boat Limits. As a result of input from AAA, this part will now read "Recfishwest believes that boat limits can be a useful management tool as they provide the capacity to limit the potential for localised depletions of fish species. Localised depletions can occur as a consequence of the fishing impact of vessels with a large number of fishers on board, whether from charter or private vessels. Noting this, it is Recfishwest's position that further consideration of the possible application of boat limits should be deferred until Recfishwest recognises that satisfactory outcomes have been achieved via the current wetfish review and integrated fisheries management."

Kalbarri Blueholes Fish Habitat Protection Area. Recfishwest have checked with locals and believe that there will be no impact on tailor fishing in the area, however inconsistencies in the draft have been sent back to Fisheries.

Recfishwest to write to WA Spearfishing Commission offering in principle support for their proposal that some areas of the Swan River should be available for spearfishing, on the basis that appropriate conditions and management arrangements were developed that addressed the community's issues of concern such as safety and sustainability of species.

An internal discussion paper to be prepared to help with consideration of the proposed Aboriginal Fishing Strategy document put out by Fisheries Department. This is a very complex document which could have significant impact.

A five member sub-committee is to be formed for the purpose of formulating a code of conduct for fishing competitions, as advised in the Fisheries Department papers on recreational fishing changes. John Webber and Terry Fuller will join this committee, which was to also have two members from the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee and a Department of Fisheries representative.

A letter be sent to the Department of Housing and Works advising that Recfishwest was withdrawing its support for the West Coast Dive Park and expressing concerns in view of conflicting information.

An explanation to be sought from the Department of Fisheries as to why Recfishwest was not consulted about a proposed abalone fishing closure for the Cottesloe FHPA in response to an apparent decline in abalone numbers.

Recfishwest to contact the Department of Fisheries about the lack of consultation and clarification about the number of rock lobster pots able to be carried on a recreational boat - followed reports of prosecutions.

It was reported that figures showed that the commercial vs recreational take of crabs in the Cockburn Sound was greater than 10:1 rather than the agreed share of 3:8. Recfishwest to send a letter to the Department of Fisheries outlining the need to revisit the Cockburn Sound Crab and the Barramundi resource sharing agreements.

Recfishwest attended a meeting suggested with representatives of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure with the aim of resolving the impasse about administration of the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme. Recfishwest was previously successful in getting over \$600,000 of recreational boaters' license fees restored to this scheme after it had been illegally diverted to other projects.

Input had been made into to the Carnarvon /Ningaloo Coast Regional Strategy - Community Stakeholders Advisory Group of which Recfishwest is a corresponding member. The group had completed a report "Future Directions: Sustainable Tourism and Land Use Scenarios for the Carnarvon-Ningaloo Coast" which is now available for public comment.

A meeting with the Conservation Council had resulted in mutual agreement on campaigning against the process and outcomes for the Jurien Bay Marine Park, which is expected to be announced soon.

Recfishwest will write to the Minister for the Environment expressing concern over the long-term ramifications to fish stocks should dredging of the Geraldton Harbour go ahead. (Recent work has caused a very large sediment plume in the area.)

Recfishwest has issued a media release calling for an environmental summit on the health of SW rivers and estuaries, aimed at ensuring that everything possible would be done. Recfishwest has the support of the Conservation Council in this matter. The Fisheries Minister advised that a conference was being planned and an announcement was expected by October.

Recfishwest will issue a media statement saying Recfishwest believed that a restocking program would be of benefit to the Swan/Canning River system and wished to undertake such an exercise, it would be of little or no benefit unless the problems of the river systems were seriously addressed and positive measures were initiated to overcome them.

The Recfishwest letter to Environment Australia regarding the major weaknesses with WA Department of Fisheries' approach to Shark Ecological Sustainable Development process will be forwarded to other state Recfish Australia members to assess whether they had experienced similar problems. The Fisheries Minister advised that he accepted that a problem existed with commercial exploitation of whiskery and dusky whalers and some changes should be announced soon.

Recfishwest to write to the Minister for Fisheries giving full support to the proposals from Murdoch University and the Department of Fisheries Marine Research Laboratories to carry out recreational catch monitoring and stock assessment of the Swan-Canning River, following the recent major fish kills by algal blooms.

For any more information, contact AAA Recfishwest Proxy Board Member Terry Fuller.

Indian Ocean Masters Games.

The Indian Ocean Masters Games will include Fishing which will be run by the Geraldton and Districts Offshore Fishing Club. Some details from the games web site www.iomg.com.au are:-

Minimum Age: Over 35

Sport Fee: \$20 per person for Individual and Team Events

Organiser: Geraldton and Districts Offshore Fishing Club

Dates: Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd May 2004

Times: 6am - 2pm each day

Contact: Elizabeth Ellis, 08 9923 2246, Peter Berryman, 08 9923 3312

GDOFC Website: www.geraldtonfishing.westnet.com.au

Beach Category Unlimited distance from Geraldton. Maximum 5 members per team event.

Non masters competition information. Contact Elizabeth Ellis for separate entry forms. Junior section 15 years and under for all categories. Entry fee \$10 no IOMG registration fee required. 16 - 34 years age group for all categories. Entry fee \$20 no IOMG registration fee required.

Planning for Carnarvon - Exmouth Coast.

Following the Government's announcement of the rejection of the development proposal for Coral Bay, they have released a paper called "Future Directions: Sustainable Tourism and Land Use Scenarios for the Carnarvon-Ningaloo Coast" for a two-month public comment period which ends on 12 September, 2003. You can find it all on the internet at http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/carnarvon_ningaloo/ or call CALM Enquiries Phone: 9334 0406 Email: planning@calm.wa.gov.au

The scenarios range from capping the current development to several scenarios which allow limited expansion of formal developments along the coast. All scenarios focus major developments in the regional centres of Carnarvon and Exmouth which form the gateways of the Carnarvon-Ningaloo Coast.

The release the paper provides the public with an important opportunity to have a say into the future use and management of the coastal area between Carnarvon and Exmouth. The Future Directions scenario is the first step in identifying a sustainable plan to manage the increasing visitor numbers, demands for services and uncontrolled access that is having a significant environmental impact on this section of coast.

The regional strategy will provide a framework for future land management, tourism and recreation development, to ensure an integrated and sustainable future for the Carnarvon - Ningaloo Coast. The regional strategy will also assist in the determination of a conservation and recreation coastal reserve for future generations.

The Government is also committed to progressing a World Heritage nomination for the Ningaloo coast and this document will assist that process.

The Future Directions: Sustainable Tourism and Land Use Scenarios for the Carnarvon-Ningaloo Coast paper outlines a series of scenarios for the future use of the coast. It asks for people to indicate their preferences to the following questions:

1. Should all large-scale and high-impact developments or infrastructure provision (either residential, commercial or tourist) be located in Carnarvon or Exmouth: ^ YES ^ NO
2. What size population do you believe Coral Bay should be planned to accommodate? ^ 2,500 ^ 3,000 ^ 4,500 ^ Other (please specify)
3. Do you believe planning for more than 2,000 people at Mauds Landing in addition to Coral Bay is appropriate? ^ YES ^ NO (This question crossed out by the words "withdrawn")
4. Which Scenario do you prefer? ^ ~~Scenario A~~ ^ Scenario B ^ Scenario C ^ Scenario D ^ Scenario E ^ None
Reason:
5. How many sites do you believe should be developed as new or expanded as either primary or secondary coastal tourist nodes (as described in the paper)? ^ None ^ One ^ Two ^ Three ^ More than Three
6. Which coastal tourist nodes from those listed below should cater for this future tourist use?
^ YES ^ NO Blowholes Settlement ^ YES ^ NO Ningaloo Homestead Precinct
^ YES ^ NO Gnaraloo Homestead Precinct ^ YES ^ NO Quobba Homestead Precinct
^ YES ^ NO Red Bluff (Quobba) ^ YES ^ NO Warroora Homestead Precinct
^ YES ^ NO 3 Mile Camp (Gnaraloo) ^ YES ^ NO Yardie Homestead Caravan Park
^ YES ^ NO Cardabia Homestead Precinct ^ YES ^ NO Lighthouse Caravan Park
7. Do you believe all camping should be in planned and formalised areas (such as those provided in Cape Range National Park)? ^ YES ^ NO
8. Do you believe that some areas of the coast (Map 1) should have limited or no vehicular access to give a "remote" visitor experience and provide environmental refuge areas? ^ YES ^ NO
9. Do you believe it would be appropriate to expand the current fish refuge areas from 6% to protect fish stocks and enable sustainable resource management? ^ YES and my suggested area would be: ^ 20% ^ 30% ^ 40% ^ 50% ^ Other ^ NO
10. Do you believe there are sufficient boat access points along the coast (formal boat ramps and identified beach launching areas)? ^ YES ^ NO Where are they required?
11. Do you support the existing management model (CCWA/MPRA) for managing marine or national parks in the study area? ^ Yes ^ No Which of the nominated alternatives do you prefer? ^ Wet Tropics WHA ^ Rottnest Island ^ Phillip Island ^ Great Barrier Reef ^ Shark Bay WHA ^ Other
12. Who would you like to see involved in the co-operative, on-the-ground management of the coast? ^ CALM ^ Fisheries ^ local government ^ Gnulli Indigenous Group ^ Pastoralists ^ Other

Northern Recreational Fishing Review

A draft recreational fishing strategy for the Pilbara and Kimberley is nearing completion and will be released for public comment in September. Fisheries Minister Kim Chance said that the strategy would address specific issues of concern such as localised stock depletion, fishing regulations, scientific research and community stewardship.

It would, overall, help safeguard the long-term future of the area's valuable recreational fisheries. It is important that recreational fishers consider the proposals and provide feedback during the three-month public consultation period.

The future of recreational fishing will lie in the hands of the recreational fishing community and what they have to say on the draft strategy will largely shape its future. A working group would consider public submissions prior to making final recommendations to him through the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee.

From Reel Talk, April 1957

The Official News Letter of The Surf Casting and Angling Association of WA

President: Noel Knight, Treasurer: Ben Elliott, Secretary: Doug Edward

The May Meeting of the Club will be held in the National Fitness Rooms, 50 James St. Perth on Wednesday, 8th May at 8 pm sharp. Instruction: A round Australia travel talk will be given

May Field Day:- Because of excellent fishing at Garden Island over the last couple of Field days, it has been arranged to give it another go. The day:- May 11th. More details at the May meeting. Put in for your "leave pass" as early as possible

Elections: The annual General Meeting will be held on June 12th. At this meeting you will be asked to elect by ballot, the Committee to manage affairs for the ensuing 12 months. I appeal to you chaps to give some thought to the people you want on the Committee. We have at the moment some excellent types in the Club, and if these people can stand for election the forthcoming year should be very interesting. Some of the "old" committee have held positions for some years, and are looking for a break. Bringing new blood into the Committee will do the Club untold good, with new ideas etc. If therefore you are prepared to stand for election, let's hear about it.

To the Lady of the House. (April 1957)

Dear 'Mrs, Madam, Miss, or what have you

It has been the practice over the years to combine the Annual General Meeting with a Social and dance it was felt however, that it was not fair on the ladies to expect them to be at the show so early, and have to wait for the "official" functions to come to an end before any "Rock-n-Roll". For your benefit we are not having any official "goings on" this year, and the night of 15 June is yours.

This "Social event of the Year" is being held in the new Claremont Hall, and is quite an informal show. No need to worry about not having anything to wear, just wear whatever you have, The cost is nothing, so don't look for the excuse that it is too expensive

Would you please make every effort to drag the "gentleman" of the house to this show

During the evening you will see a repeat performance of the "Arabian Night's which has been greatly improved.

Please come along and bring any guests you wish. The only thing asked of you is to bring along a plate of eats, please. D.O.E.

Kids' Fishing Competition (April 1957)

All over Australia, open competitions have been conducted for youngsters up to 14 years. Rod and Reel or hand lines

The committee have had one discussion on the project, and seem to be in favour of it. Robbs Jetty seems to be the best spot, and would accommodate the 500 kids who would take part. Publicity would be forthcoming from press and radio. Prizes of say £5 for the biggest fish, and £5 for the best bag of edible fish have been mentioned

The idea of course, is to promote the sport to the coming generation and at the same time give instruction to the parents in casting , and correct tackle to purchase.

AAA Convention at Tea Gardens NSW

When this goes to press for "big do" the Australian Anglers Association Convention at Tea Gardens NSW will be underway. We in Perth wish them well.

It is a pity that we are not a position to be represented at the convention but must be in future years

A Warning (April 1957)

With salmon and herring now in the southern waters, many anglers will be heading south after the thrill of the big ones. We have on many occasions given lectures on the dangers of rock and reef fishing and their importance is shown by the continued drowning accidents. Be careful, and advise others to show caution.

Ron Goodson from Harvey wrote me some time ago with the suggestion that we contact the National Safety Council regarding posting danger signs at known danger spots.

The National Safety Council had advised they are purely road safety and drownings are out of their field. Charles Court, the member for Nedlands was most helpful but the correspondence and red tape takes so much time it is hardly worth it.

The only suggestion I have is that if you know anyone in an official position on some South West Road board the matter be handed on for their action and the placing of suitable warning signs.

Ron, I hope that you have had some success with your suggestion from your end

State Fisheries Department.

Our very good friend Jim Munroe gave a very interesting talk at our last meeting

Everyone, I feel, enjoyed the talk, and it also gave us better understanding of the interesting work being done by this Department

If you are lucky enough to catch a Herring or Salmon that has a numbered tag attached to it, remember the Fisheries Dept require both the fish and the tag. Market price for the fish will be paid to you.

Field Day Report 13th April 1957

The weather, threatening rain and winds on Friday night and Saturday morning, was kind to us and perfect conditions prevailed on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Light rain and heavy cloud however came in with the southerly breeze early on Sunday morning, the rain luckily only lasting long enough to cause the boys on the beach to batten down the hatches and say a few of the nasty things they were thinking.

Eighteen made the trip, seven travelling to the island on the early boat and eleven on the afternoon run.

It was a good omen of things to come and I think augurs well for the future of our new club, that of those 18 members only two were committee men, a great and pleasant change from the days of not so long ago when majority of all outings and social events was made up of the same old bods of the committee. It must make Alf Rutland our field day organiser, a much more satisfied man to find his hard working diligence is that last bearing fruit.

Members attending this outing had, I think, the satisfaction of sharing in our best ever field day, both from the social and fish catching angle.

Surprising figures and results were recorded, although unfortunately there were still a few washouts on the score board, I think they must be Panther Payne's "Personal Pupils"

The results were as follows:

K Matthews	3 Mulloway, 3 Tailor, 3 Herring	Total Weight 7 lbs
E Barker	1 stingray	45 lbs
N Smith	2 tailor	7 lbs
M Doscas	3 Tailor, 1 mulloway, 1 herring, 1 flathead	12 lbs
J Graham	14 tailor, 2 mulloway	23½ lbs
J R Graham	5 tailor	10 lbs
? Tucker	2 tailor, 4 mulloway, 1 flathead, 1 herring	7 lbs
K Wiggins	2 tailor, 4 mulloway, 1 herring	10 lbs
A Backhouse	6 tailor, 1 gurnard	19 lbs
M Coleman	1 shark (3lbs) 1 mulloway, 1 tailor	7½ lbs
N Giles	5 tailor, 1 stingray (15lbs)	27 lbs
S Dimitrios	3 mulloway, 2 herring	5½ lbs
H Price	1 mulloway, 3 tailor	7 lbs
? Podmore	2 tailor	2½ lbs

Members not mentioned are the above named "Panthers pupils" .Sweepstake Winners:

Heaviest Shark or Ray	E Barker	45 lb Ray
Heaviest Scale Fish	A Backhouse	4 lb Tailor
Best Bag	J Graham	16 Fish

A small profit was made by the Club on the trip. A grand total of 192 lbs of fish was caught, made up of 129 lbs of scale fish, 63 lbs of shark or ray.

Tailor	48 fish	Mulloway	19 fish,	Herring	8 fish	Stingray	2 fish
Flathead	2 fish,	Gurnard	1 fish	Shark	1 fish		

The above list is the total number of each variety of fish caught, a very good effort, I would think.

Trip to Cosy Corner (April 1957)

Vic Davis, Alan Egan and myself journeyed down on a Saturday afternoon for one week. Being the last week in March, we were prepared for wet weather with oil skins and gum boots, but the weather was good to us with sunshine every day.

Fishing in general was good. Plenty of herring and skippies. Vic Davis as usual showed his superior skill in the art of catching herring on a single hander. The herring were biting very light and several people were fishing for them Vic was the only one catching them To our disgust he would call out Victor 27, Panther 1, Allan 2, and so it went on.

The first night we left it to Victor to select a spot on the beach to fish, it had already grown dark but, being supernatural, he must have smelled this possie out. On his first cast he hauled in a 3 foot 6 inch blue pointer shark. Thin Alan called in a beauty 5 foot blue pointer and Vic had another one on that was out of his class. He swears it was the Anzac cruiser on its way to Fremantle. Then I got into one and soon got bitten off, as I was a fishing with a Salmon rig.

Well, we called it a day and turned in. We had a wonderful camp layout, a 12 foot by 10 foot tent, camp beds, mattresses, table and chairs and all cooking facilities, rug on the floor and even coat hangers. So you can see, we made it home from home. It was so homely we did not want to go home.

The next evening we went down to the beach and fished in the same possie and burleyed up with 4 dozen herring chopped up and I was rubbing my hands with joy, as I was in the money - 2/6d pool for the biggest scale fish and 8 lbs buffalo bream and boys I was really rubbing this in. All of a sudden a wild shriek split the still air, it sounded like to red Indian gone berserk. It sent cold shivers down my spine. I really thought we had been attacked but it was only Vic hooking into a big fish somewhere out there and boys did he put on a song and dance. Vic yelling for the gaff and torch, and on entering the surf we caught the first glimpse of 50 pounds silver Kingfish come through the wave and the torch on him, I tell you boys it was a million dollar sight that one, we'll never forget it.

Alan went in and gaffed it and brought it up onto the beach. Vic hugged it, he saluted it and even kissed it. The first words he muttered were "if old Natt Knight could only see this, boy".

Well, after the excitement, Alan caught a nice tailor 3 ½ lbs, and I got into a stinger, and to all who witnessed this exhibition of skill, I landed this monster on a Graham reel, with 27lbs Fisherman brand line. I wanted my photo taken with it, but Vic said use it for burly as it only weighed 10 lbs. So you can imagine how I felt after having my arm pulled out, battled for half an hour to get him in.

The following days were spent watching Vic catch herring and skippies and sharks, and after offering five shillings per hour for instructions on how to do it, he would not give the secret away. What we want to know it is what does he do with his fingers before he baits up?

We had a wonderful week, the best ever. Panther Payne.

Editor's note: heard a whisper that Panther is being nominated as the next president. Never a dull moment.

One Professional's View of Rec Fishing Controls

The following Letter to the Editor has been published in the Winter 2003 Edition of Western Fisheries Magazine published by the WA Department of Fisheries.

Recreational fishing needs stronger control.

I can understand Kim Chance's decision not to proceed with a recreational saltwater fishing licence at this stage, although I do not entirely agree with the decision.

As the Minister and his department know, anglers are taking a big and growing quantity of fish with little control over their activities, apart from size restrictions and (mostly) very generous daily bag and possession limits. There is little constraint on fishing effort and efficiency is continually on the rise.

This all adds up to a situation where a strong stand has to be taken to reel in the recreational catch. The Government's move to a system of integrated fisheries management will eventually address this problem - but what of the interim period?

Mr Chance's party is committed to not introducing a recreational licence until at least after the next election, regardless of how sensible a licence system would be from both the revenue and research points of view.

So, is there something that can be done now to address the potential problem for fish stocks posed by recreational fishing? I believe there is. I suggest the Government introduce a permit system for recreational fishers.

The annual permit would be required by everyone going fishing, but it would cost nothing. The only requirement would be for permit holders to fill in a form providing basic details of fishing activities in the previous 12 months and their likely fishing activities in the coming year.

The system would give the Department of Fisheries a much clearer picture of the extent of recreational fishing, and its impact in certain areas and on certain species.

The system would also reinforce with recreational fishers the growing concern about the impact of unrestrained fishing on fish stocks, and probably develop a wider understanding that fishing is a great privilege they enjoy at virtually no cost (apart from equipment etc.) and with no payment to the owner of the fish resource - the public.

In the longer term, I would support a permit system which placed significant restraint on recreational fishers to reduce fishing effort. The permit could limit the number of fishing days allowed and the number of each species to be caught in a year.

Very strict fishing restrictions are applied overseas, while recreational fishing here is virtually unrestrained by comparison. We pride ourselves with the abundance of our fish resources, but we are allowing a situation to persist which will eventually see our fish stocks depleted and fisheries ruined.

We should be learning from the mistakes of other countries and acting before it is too late. As a professional fisherman, I accept and acknowledge the need for control on my fishing activities. I also know many recreational fishermen who would applaud much stricter control of recreational fishing.

The Government may find that restraint on recreational fishing is politically popular, not a political negative.

Kerry Littleton, Licensed fisherman, Roleystone

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Swan River Forum

The Conservation Council of WA and the Swan Catchment Council co-hosted a half day seminar on Tuesday 29 July. Details were sent to club members via email. The seminar had three objectives:-

1. Provide a briefing on the State of the health of the Swan and Canning Rivers (in particular in relation to nutrient issues)
2. Provide an up-date on the current management response to the health of the rivers.
3. Discuss if the current responses are sufficient, or whether and what additional action should be taken to ensure sustainable management of the rivers.

The Swan River is an icon of Perth. It is integral to the ecology of the catchment, and it is loved by Western Australians. The recent algal blooms and subsequent mass fish deaths have reminded us that the health of the river is under severe threat. Covered the recent algal bloom, the recent history of the river's health, and what is currently being done about it. The Conservation Council and the Swan Catchment Council lead discussions about

whether enough is being done, and what more might be done to improve and protect the health of the rivers. The program was:-

Welcome from Rachel Siewert, Coordinator, CCWA

Minister for the Environment Hon. Judy Edwards, MLA, launched 'Riverplan'. Available from Department of Environmental Protection, Level 8 Westralia Square Bldg, 141 St Georges Terrace Perth, phone: 9222 7000 or <http://www.ministers.wa.gov.au/edwards>

Ken Colbung gave an indigenous perspective on the river and its management

Jane Latchford, Swan River Trust, The State of the health of the rivers and the science of algal blooms

Assoc. Prof. Jacob John, 'Swan River Estuary; An Overview of its Ecology and Health'

James Duggie, Water Policy Officer, CCWA "Is enough being done?"

Sue Metcalf, Chair SCC, Video Presentation: 'SCC role and is enough being done'

Frank Prokop, Recfishwest 'The Recreational Fishers Perspective'

Darryl Miller, Swan River Trust to speak on: The State Governments efforts to address the health of the Swan and Canning Rivers, in particular with respect to the nutrient problems

Greg Martin, Director General, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, 'The Role of DPI in Managing the Rivers health, and how DPI fulfils that role'

Rachel Siewert, Co-ordinator, CCWA 'Recommendations for further action'

Damien Crilly, Regional Facilitator, SCC 'Recommendations for further action'

Interesting to compare those actions with the next item, which came from the Western Angler's Fishing Forum on the internet.

Starving the Blackwood River?

The Water and Rivers Commission is carrying out an assessment of the South West Yarragadee groundwater aquifer following a proposal by the Water Corporation for an allocation of 45 Gegalitres of water from the source. This proposal has been put forward as one option for securing Western Australia's water supply into the future. The comprehensive assessment being conducted by the WRC is addressing the overall management of the SW Yarragadee aquifer, including ecological, economic, social, cultural and heritage issues. The aim is to develop a water management plan that includes the needs of all users, including environmental needs, the needs of existing bore licensees, and the potential requirements of future development in the South West.

Some comparisons of water costs and volumes, from <http://www.wrc.wa.gov.au/whicher/blackwood.htm>

Desalination (at Kwinana)	30 GL/yr	\$246 million	5 kWh per KL	\$1.23/KL
Kimberley Pipeline	300 GL/yr	\$10,000 million	15 kWh per KL	\$5.50/KL
SW Yarragadee	44 GL/yr	\$340 million	0.9 kWh per KL	\$0.75/KL

The Yarragadee Aquifer lies under a geological formation called the "Bunbury trough", from Capel through to the south coast below Nannup on the Scott River Coastal plain.

The Yarragadee aquifer actually comes to the surface around Nannup in the form of the Karri springs and their consultants monitoring through this past summer drought year has already confirmed that the water arriving at Nannup in the Blackwood is salty from the farms further upstream around Bridgetown, Boyup Brook and points further east into the wheatbelt on the Beaufort, Arthur & Cobolomine rivers which rise in the wheatbelt around Wagin, Dumblebung, Katanning, Narrogin etc and join together to become the 350 kilometre long magnificent mighty (salty) Blackwood River

The fact we are losing freshwater habitat capable of supporting the freshwater marron and 9 other families of freshwater aquatic insects (e.g. mayflies, dragonflies, damsel flies, stoneflies, water beetles etc.) which are native to this area and the Blackwood River, at the incredible and increasing rate of about 1.5 kilometres a year!

Over summer and drought years, only the freshwater influx from the Yarragadee in the vicinity of Nannup, via the Nannup Brook that feeds the middle part of the Blackwood keeps all these species alive. The lower Blackwood some 40 miles inland from the Hardy Inlet at Augusta right up to Warner Glen bridge gets saltwater tidal influence from the Blackwood river mouth at Augusta so the freshwater species like marron and the freshwater insects can't live down there.

They can only survive in the middle 50 kilometres of the Blackwood from just above Nannup down to just above Warner Glen. There's a rockbar there which impedes navigable water upstream for boats and also is the furthest extent upriver of the tidal saltwater influence in summer droughts / during low flows.

The environmental consultants own monitoring over this last drought summer we've just had confirms that it's only this recharge of some 148 gegalitres of fresh Yarragadee groundwater into the Blackwood River via the Nannup Brook and springs in the bed of the deep holes in the Blackwood in Nannup which is keeping the last precious middle section of the river fresh, and all those species from becoming extinct.

The salinity levels are too high for Marron and other freshwater species above Nannup, they plummet back to almost fresh when they hit Nannup, the inflow of Karri Springs fed Nannup brook and the Yarragadee aquifer

springs in the bed of the river where it's excised it's way deep into the water table, and they go high in salt again when they hit Warner Glen bridge due to tidal salt from the ocean.

50 kilometres of freshwater river left, out of over 350 kilometres that was once fresh and being lost at 1.5 kilometres per year. 148 gigalitres or thereabouts of Yarragadee summer FRESH groundwater recharge into the Blackwood, and they want to pump out 45 gigalitres of that. How many kilometres will be lost each year in future if they do that?

Four Wheel Drive Sand Flotation Test.

The following is a summary of an article by Arthur Connor, of All Wheel Training, Warnbro. Check his web site at www.allwheeltraining.com

He covers cutting corners or taking short cuts when driving on sand, particularly if it is wet, when people might think they don't have to deflate the tyres. The way to look at it is:- a vehicle doesn't bog you, you bog it, so you should deflate your tyres regardless of the sand conditions.

He says as far as vehicle stress is concerned, sand is the most difficult of all terrains to drive on, so getting it right first time is important.

Speed and floatation are the keys, speed being achieved by engaging 4WD high ratio. Generally, the only time you use 4WD low in sand is for recovery purposes.

Flotation is achieved by deflating the tyres. Deflating tyres to about half the recommended highway pressure, as shown on vehicle's tyre and rim detail sticker, is a good starting point.

For vehicles such as Land Cruisers, Patrols or Land Rovers this means a pressure of about 18 psi. All tyres should end up with the same pressure, although when your 4WD is fully loaded, the rear tyres may need to be at a higher pressure than those at the front because there is more weight over the rear axle.

The flotation test he describes needs to be carried out on flat sand, and is:-

- 1) With 4WD high ratio engaged, select first gear and drive off as normal.
- 2) When engine revs are high enough, depress the clutch and let the vehicle roll to a stop.
- 3) The vehicle should roll forward a further 5 to 8 metres, confirming good flotation.
- 4) If it doesn't roll that far, take more air out of the tyres in 2 psi steps, carrying out the test each time until you have the correct flotation for the conditions.
- 5) If your vehicle is an automatic, drive it as a manual by selecting low or first gear and when it would normally change up to second, simply select Neutral, and note how far the vehicle rolls.

If you are towing a trailer, its tyres also need to be deflated. If difficult obstacles such as a steep sandhill are encountered, you may have to deflate the tyres even further to enable you to get through while preserving the track. (Ask the guys who went to Emu Springs about difficult sandhills and cut up tracks.)

When over these obstacles, reinflate the tyres to the sand running pressure you decided on earlier. When off the beach and back on to hard tracks or the road, don't forget to inflate them to highway running pressure. That's why you need a good pump.

Come on guys, try this out on your particular vehicle, tyre and load combination, and give us some comments - does it give you the same pressures you usually run at, or higher or lower?

Western Angler Action Group.

There's an action group been formed on the Western Angler Fishing Forum who want to DO SOMETHING. It's very early days yet and I'm not sure where it will go, but they are certainly keen.

I prepared a suggested list of some issues for the group to think about.

1. Management of professional fisheries. The big one recreational fishers are interested in. Boils down to issues such as:-

a) the total amount caught of each species, is that sustainable and a fair share (they belong to all the people of WA), particularly for important recreational species such as tailor, salmon, herring, jewfish, pink snapper, etc, etc, and not affecting the food chain too much, (bait fish, herring, etc)

b) does the community get value out of it the way the catch is used (eg for food, bait, pet food, export, wastage, quality, etc)

c) where it is caught, and the impact of that on recreational anglers and the environment, sustainability.

d) bycatch - what's killed and discarded in getting the catch which is counted and sold.

e) up to date information on commercial catches, etc. "State of Fisheries Report" info is too out of date to see any sudden changes.

f) black market in commercial catches, main reason is that is not counted in the official catch details, so these understate the professional catch.

2. Management of Recreation fisheries. Another big one which must be done, like it or not. The professional sector will argue strongly that recreational's total catches must be managed more. See for example the letter to the Editor in the latest Western Fisheries magazine "One professional's view of Rec Fishing controls" earlier.

3. Look after and fix up the environment, particularly rivers and estuaries. See the post by Morgan Gillham.
4. Research to find out more about important recreational species so that the right management approach is used.
5. Research / information gathering into restocking as one of the possible options for recovery of some fish stocks.
6. Protection of breeding fish, from both recreational anglers and professionals. Closed seasons, closed areas, catch limits. Recreational fishers have daily keep limits, professionals do not.
7. Access for vehicles to, onto and along beaches where this is OK, resist track and beach closures made for no good reason.
8. Access for people on to public wharves, jetties, groynes, breakwaters, fishing spots, etc
9. Closing an area as a means of controlling a social problems such as vandalism, "public liability" etc is taking the easy way out, but is not equitable and is not always effective, since it makes the responsible people into rule breakers or takes something away, and the irresponsible people take no notice anyway
10. Security for vehicles parked near fishing spots targeted by thieves.
11. Camping generally and overnight in particular.
12. Marine Parks and Fish Habitat Protection Areas - make sure they are for good reasons, not just ideology, will do the job claimed, etc.
13. Facilities for recreational anglers, cleaning tables, bins, parking, launching ramps protected from weather, marinas, whatever. Stop exorbitant charges.
14. Fishing platforms, jetties, groynes, moles, breakwaters, make some of them more user friendly and a lot less dangerous. Some breakwaters look like they have been built by angler haters, with few places to stand, and almost all rocks at steep angles.
15. Fishing rules and etiquette, litter, education, signs, pamphlets, warnings, inspectors, enforcement, increase the chance of getting caught doing the wrong thing, and it costing enough to make them stop doing it. Not just abalone, rock lobster and marron. Yes, those are important but what about a bit of balance.
16. Promote catch and release fishing, making sure that the fish live.
and more.....

Next, I prepared the following as a draft example of a wish list for just one species.

What do we want for Professional Salmon fishing.

Quantity which can be caught by professionals. Quota for the total professional catch in tonnes set like they do for the pilchard fishery. Based on research into expected population, sustainable catch, professional/recreational shares in each year, environmental impact, etc. Professional quota split into areas like south coast, south west coast, west coast and / or others.

Total quota is split up between professionals – but that part doesn't concern us. When an individual's quota is caught – that individual stops fishing. When the total quota is caught – everyone stops fishing. If quota is not caught then shortfall doesn't transfer to next year. Allow some flexibility if there are lots of fish, and the predictions were obviously very wrong. All data, research, allocations, catches, quotas, etc open and available to the public.

Unused catch:- All fish killed must be counted. If you can't sell it, you shouldn't catch it, without it being counted in both the total quota and the individual professional's quota. Any fish caught and dumped (over a small allowance for things which are out of their control), will be counted as twice, three times (pick a number) the amount counted towards that person's quota.

Professional Catch Can Be Used for:- No more than 5% (or pick a number) of the fish caught can be used for anything other than human consumption. Offcuts, head, backbones, offal can be used for what ever commercial purpose they like. No captures just for parts, eg fish roe, unless all the rest of the edible part of the fish is used for human consumption and make up part of the 95% (or whatever). All this applies as well to all the processors who buy the salmon. Get some responsibility here. Professionals and Fisheries Department can't say "it's out of our hands once we deliver it to the processors."

Where can professionals fish. List the beaches, areas, etc where professionals are licensed to operate. Whichever way is easier, where they are allowed or where they are not allowed. Some of that is already on the Fisheries Website and in pamphlets. (thinking ahead for other species where we might like to limit professionals in metro areas / holiday places, etc).

Areas for Recreational Anglers:- 10% (pick a reasonable number) areas set aside on all salmon fishing beaches and reserved for recreational anglers only. I don't think professionals work much near rocks, but if they do, include areas near fishable rocks. Professionals can't use those no go areas, except for say maximum of ½ hour if no recreational anglers present. Areas to be decided by agreement between professional and recreational anglers (peak bodies advised by the community/members, realistically who else could do it?) and be published and sign posted.

If that can't be agreed, then demand that any group of 5 (pick a reasonable number) recreational anglers fishing within an area of 50 metres (pick a reasonable number) before the professionals or fish arrive have first right of use to that area and the professionals have to work outside that area.

No professional fishing times:- No professional fishing on popular beaches on weekends, public holidays, school holidays, or the day before any long weekend. Maybe some exceptions on remote beaches.

Access for recreational boats:- Relax some of the rules for access by recreational boats into the "designated salmon fishing areas." Need some details and advice from boaties, here.

Closed Season:- Not applicable for salmon fishing – very seasonal anyway.

Bycatch:- Not likely to be much for salmon fishing

Impact on Environment:- Not likely to be much for salmon fishing

Impact on Marine Food Chain:- Not likely to be much for salmon fishing

Every one of those things is a simple statement, anyone can understand it, not too many people would say they are unreasonable or couldn't be justified, I think the public would support most of them, no one can accuse us of "bashing" the pros or hounding them off the beaches, if the pros object to any one of those, they are on the back foot.

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If you have any comments on these, please contact Terry Fuller.

August Reel Talk Issue Date.

If you're reading this, then you've already got it and know when it was published. Membership fees were due by 31 July. The August Reel Talk is being held and not being sent to people until they have paid their membership fees. After 31 July, I will send an account reminder.

If someone else asks you, you can tell them all the details and that their personal account for the fees was inside the front cover of their July Reel Talk. TerryF.

September Reel Talk Issue Date.

I will be away from Perth from 15 August to 31 August. I would normally print and post the Reel Talk before the September Dry casting, but dry casting has been shifted to 31 August to avoid Father's Day, so it's not possible to get the Reel Talk out in time.

The Reel Talk will come out in early September as soon as I can compile and print it after I get back to Perth.

It will be very thin unless someone else gives me some articles.

TerryF.

Where Are All the Fishing Stories?

Looking at the list of contents for the Reel Talk this month, where are all the fishing stories?

I'll print what I'm given, or I have to search for stories, and then what you see is what you get.

Change to Definitions for Possession Limits.

The AAA has written a letter to Fisheries Minister asking for changes to the rules about the definitions of "whole fish" and "fillets" in the proposed recreational possession limits, and to remove the restrictions on filleting while on islands or at sea, which would have affected people on day trips to Rottnest!. The letter asks for:-

1. Fish which have been gilled and/or gutted will still be considered as "whole" fish.
2. Fish which have the head removed and/or tail removed will still be considered as "whole" fish, and if necessary, be called by a new category called "bodies", not "fillets".
3. Fish or "bodies" which have been cut in two or three pieces will still be considered as "whole" fish, not "fillets".

These changes would allow people to choose one of the possession limit options which includes whole fish, and store them in the typical size ice boxes or freezers which are used when people are away from home.

Yamba Casting Report - WA Are The Champions.

I had a call from George Holman and Chas Riegert to say that the Senior team is the National Dry Casting Champion Team, winning by 8% on Monday at the Australian Anglers Association National Dry Casting Championships in Yamba NSW.

The Veterans won the Double handed accuracy but didn't win overall.

Junior Rhys Jones was doing very well with casts of 122 and 124 metre in the 56 gram and 103 and 102 metres in the artificial bait, and good results in the accuracy.

That was followed up by a message on Tuesday to say that Rhys Jones is the National Junior Dry Casting Champion and Joe Pullella is the National Dry Casting Champion after that day's casting.

Congratulations to all the members of the WA State Team who are all Surf Casting and Angling Club members. Makes the trip worth while, and they will have some great stories to tell when they get back.

Special congratulations to Rhys and Joe for their individual wins.

TerryF.