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Minutes of General Meeting, July 2004

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room
Time 8:10 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding.
- Present:-** 20 members, 2 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Tony D'Alonzo, Mat Henderson, Fiona Callander, George Holman, (still in hospital), Morris Kolman, Malcolm Head, Ross Kember, Rick Hirayama, Ian Cook.
- Visitors:-** Bretton Stitfold, Charlie Casini - have now applied for membership.
- New Member:-** None.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Andy Thorgersen, seconded Jim Strong, these are a true record. Carried. No business arising.
- Previous Committee:-** Bob Henderson outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising..
- Correspondence In:-**
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| Challenge Bank | Statement for June. |
| Ray White Kalbarri | June statement (\$0) and letter about July bookings. |
| Basil Marsh | Kalbarri booking and update on his health. |
| AAA | Minutes of June AAA Delegates' Meeting. |
| Derry Barber | Resignation from Club |
| Tim Tran | Will not renew club membership. |
| John Hall | Will not renew club membership. |
| Seniors Recreation Council | Asking for confirmation of Have-a-go day, and application form for Lotterywest Community grant. |
| City of Stirling | Drycasting oval booking summer season 2004/5. |
- Correspondence Out:-**
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| Greg Walker | Progress with membership application. |
| All paying club members | Membership Fees letter. |
| Bob Massie | Kalbarri Bond Refund |
| City of Stirling | Drycasting oval booking summer season 2004/5. |
- Moved** Chas Riegert, seconded Peter Stoeckel that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Terry Fuller reported. Accounts for payment:-
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| Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club | Club rooms March, April, May, June 2004 | \$200.00 |
| Water Corporation | Kalbarri annual service account for Kalbarri | \$534.20 |
| Western Power | Kalbarri power to 18 June 2004 | \$134.40 |
| Marmion Angling Aquatic Club | Presentation night dinner and drinks. | \$1,318.00 |
| Kalbarri Lawnmowing Service | Kalbarri lawnmowing 30 June 2004 | \$28.00 |
| Terry Fuller | Stamps \$60, Copy paper \$11.90, C5 envelopes \$10.35, A4 white card \$14.55 | \$96.80 |
| Australian Anglers Asssoc | General \$14.52, Reel Talk photocopying \$153.13 | \$167.65 |
| iinet Ltd. | Subdomain service surfcasters.iinet.net.au | \$40.00 |
| Total accounts for payment | | \$2,519.05 |
| Challenge Bank Account 880334. Balance as at 13 July 2004 | | \$13,509.29 |
| Total Accounts for Payment | | \$2,519.05 |
| Outstanding cheques (4 cheques number 200816-19) | | \$644.86 |
| Money held for banking | | \$585.00 |
| Total available, after accounts for payment and outstanding cheques | | \$10,930.38 |
- Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Roy Killick, Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment - carried.
- Acting Treasurer Terry Fuller advised members he has been doing the Treasurer's job since the 2003/4 elected Treasurer was unable to continue. Before that, he took on the Treasurer's job and sorted out the Treasury when the former Treasurer stopped attending meetings.
- Too few people are doing too many jobs in this club. That is not a good situation for at least two reasons. People get burned out, and there is far too much reliance on a few people which leaves the club at great risk if for any reason those people aren't able to continue. He advised he would not volunteer for the Treasurer's job in 2004/5, and someone else will need to take on this job.
- Secretary report:-** nothing to report other than covered by correspondence or in general business.
- Property Officer:-** Vix Alexander:- Good bookings.
- Field Day Officer:-** Field Day Officer Malcolm Harris advised details of the coming July Field day as in Reel Talk.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Chas Riegert gave details of the June and July Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. Alan Jones was struck by a sinker on the arm at the July dry casting. Bob Henderson advised that safety shields had been arranged and would be used by all markers for the distance casting. Roy Killick achieved the day's high score of 264.
- AAA Report:-** Terry Fuller reported on the AAA Fishing Clinics. The third one will be held on 19 July as covered in the pamphlet included at the back of the June Reel Talk.

- Social Organiser:-** The Presentation night on 19 June went well, and members commented on the excellent food. He will not be standing for re-election as Social Organiser.
- Recorder:-** Not present.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Nothing to report. As always, looking for articles from members..... PLEASE. Otherwise the Reel Talk will be very thin.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** Bob Henderson said he had asked for suggestions for instruction periods from members, but had received very few.
Paul Thompson said he had put in a suggestion for a "back to basics" event where people started with a simple bait and caught other baits to use for other fish. Terry Fuller explained this would be likely to be an extra event and not replace the normal fishing competitions, and should be considered further.
There was some discussion on attracting younger members. Chas Riegert mentioned that the Ocean Reef High School runs fishing outings for the students and appears to need some help from people with practical fishing experience.
Terry Fuller and Bob Henderson will be away from Perth on the usual night of the August general meeting. **Moved** Terry Willison, seconded Roy Killick that the August general meeting be changed from 11 August to 18 August. Carried. **NOTE Changed back**
Questions were asked about the possibility of promoting businesses on the front and back covers of the Reel Talk. This has been done in the past, mainly for fishing tackle retail stores. At present many of the stores have tied advertising budgets, and the limited circulation of the Reel Talk may not be seen to give value for advertising money. In the end is up to the business to decide. Campbells Protackle have advertised for a number of years but when they were approached last year they suggested a break. Members are asked for suggestions for businesses to be approached about advertising in the Reel Talk.
George Holman is still in hospital with a very bad infection following knee surgery.
- Suspension of Standing Orders.** The July General Meeting was suspended to allow the Annual General Meeting to be held.
- Resumption of Standing Orders.** Following the Annual General Meeting, the General Meeting continued.
- Instruction Period:-** None, members had some food and drinks after the Annual General Meeting.
- Meeting closed.** 9:20 pm

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 14 July 2004

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
- Present:-** 20 members, 2 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Tony D'Alonzo, Mat Henderson, Fiona Callander, George Holman (still in hospital), Morris Kolman, Malcolm Head, Ross Kember, Rick Hirayama, Ian Cook.
- Previous Minutes:-** Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting were read. No business arising. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Terry Willison, these are a true record. Carried.
Business arising:- None
- Treasurer's Report:-** Terry Fuller gave all members copies of the Financial Report for the 2003/4 financial year plus covering comments, as printed in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Terry Willison that the report be received. Carried.
- General Business:-** All Committee positions were declared vacant. Secretary Terry Fuller took over the running of the meeting for the election of the President.
Nominations were called for all positions, and members voted. Peter Stoeckel and Terry Willison assisted as scrutineers. The successful members were:-
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| President | Bob Henderson | Nominated Roy Killick, | seconded Tom Lund. |
| President | Bob Henderson took back the running of the meeting. | | |
| Vice President | George Holman. | Nominated Bob Henderson, | seconded Chas Riegert. |
| Secretary | Terry Fuller. | Nominated Roy Killick, | seconded Peter Stoeckel. |
| Treasurer | Paul Thompson. | Nominated John Romano, | seconded Peter Stoeckel. |
| Field Day Officer | Malcolm Harris. | Nominated Roy Killick, | seconded Peter Stoeckel. |
| Dry Casting Officer | Bob Henderson. | Nominated Roy Killick, | seconded Terry Willison. |
| Social Organiser | No volunteer. | | |
| Reel Talk Editor | Terry Fuller. | Nominated Peter Stoeckel, | seconded John Romano. |
| Property Officer | Vix Alexander. | Nominated Roy Killick, | seconded Chas Riegert. |
| Recorder | Ian Cook. | Nominated Bob Henderson, | seconded Peter Stoeckel. |
| Immediate Past President | Ross Kember. | Automatic inclusion. | |
| Committee Persons | Peter Stoeckel. | Nominated Terry Willison, | seconded Roy Killick. |
| | Terry Willison. | Nominated Peter Stoeckel, | seconded Rick Parker. |
| | Andrew Aubrey. | Nominated Trevor Stam, | seconded Peter Stoeckel. |
| | John Romano | Nominated Chas Riegert, | seconded Andy Thorgersen. |

Meeting closed. 9:15 pm

Membership Fees Are Now Due !

Membership fees came due on 1 July and must be paid by 31 July. Full details are on page 21. Please pay them now! **This is the last Reel Talk you will receive if you have not paid the fees.**

Coming Club Events.

August Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 1 August 2004, casting starts at **8:30 am.** **Note Time Change.**
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 112 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 56 gram distance.

August General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 11 August 2004, 8:00 pm. **Note:- Back to Normal Date**
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:- To be advised.

August 2004 Field Day - Rottnest.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 August 2004.
Boat Times:- Come to the General Meeting on 11 August or contact Field Day Officer for details. **Have you paid your money?.**
Sign On:- At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon at Rottnest (or when the bus returns) at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.
Boundaries:- All of Rottnest Island !!

If you wanted to go, you should have paid by the June General Meeting, so there's no bed if you haven't paid.

Tides for	Saturday 14 Aug	1.09m at 8:15 am	0.50m at 5:35 pm	Sunrise:-	About 6:55 am
Fremantle	Sunday 15 Aug	1.09m at 8:50 am	0.51m at 5:45 pm	Sunset:-	About 5:50 pm
Moon	Saturday 14 Aug	Moonrise:-	About 6:00 am	Moonset:-	About 4:00 pm
	Sunday 15 Aug	Moonrise:-	About 6:40 am	New Moon:-	16 August

Rottnest August Field Day.

The May Rottnest trip was a great success and it is on again in August.

It may be Polar Bear Time, but the fishing can be exceptionally good. Ask some of the old hands about their catches. I personally have participated in most Rottnest FD's for 20+ years as they are very good values with great social atmosphere and potential for some exciting fishing. So start stocking up on Scotch and Port for the Saturday night.

I would recommend that all members who do not have a wet suit purchase or borrow one as the water temperature is on the way down. You can fish from areas where you do not need to stand in the "briny"

Please keep your gear to a reasonable level and pack it in containers and label it appropriately. Remember to protect your rods for the trip across on the ferry.

A deposit of \$50 was required at or before the June general meeting. Full payment of \$100 was required by the July General Meeting. **Have you paid your money?** Tight Lines, Cookie

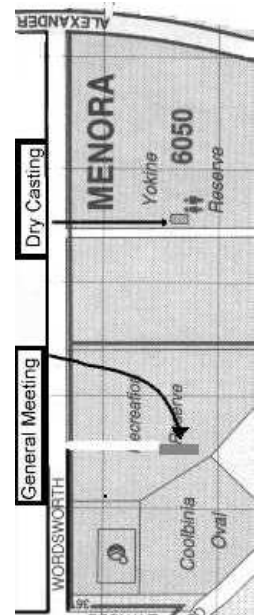
Local Field Day for August 2004.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 August 2004.
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 in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

September 2004 Field Day - Cervantes.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 September 2004.
Sign On:- Saturday 11:00 am at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon.
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 am at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.
Boundaries:- Cervantes, southern boundary of town to as far as you can walk north of Hill River.

Tides for	Saturday 11 Sep	0.96m at 7:10 am	0.47m at 4:00 pm	Sunrise:-	About 6:20 am
Cervantes	Sunday 12 Sep	0.97m at 8:00 am	0.47m at 4:15 pm	Sunset:-	About 6:05 pm
Moon	Saturday 11 Sep	Moonrise:-	About 4:30 am	Moonset:-	About 3:00 pm
	Sunday 12 Sep	Moonrise:-	About 5:10 am	New Moon:-	14 September



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Tides for Saturday 11 Sep 0.96m at 7:28 am 0.47m at 4:10 pm

Fremantle Sunday 12 Sep 0.97m at 8:07 am 0.48m at 4:18 pm

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.

2004/2005 Field Day Dates and Venues.

This list was voted in by the members at the April General Meeting.

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 August 2004	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 September 2004	Cervantes, southern boundary of town to as far as you can walk north of Hill River.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 2/3/4 October 2004 LWE	S/Bend, Dongara to Southgates.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 November 2004	Cervantes to Sandy Point.
Saturday/Sunday 27/28 November 2004	AAA State Estuary Championships.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December 2004	Local only, Two Rocks to Point Peron.
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 January 2005	Golden Bay to Myalup
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 February 2005	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 5/6/7 March 2005 LWE	Bremer Bay. Point Charles to Reef Beach.
Saturday/Sunday 23/24/25 April 2005 Anzac Day LWE	Port Gregory to Kalbarri. Boundaries Hutt River to as far as you can walk north of the Murchison River mouth.

2004/2005 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 1 August 2004	Sunday 2 January 2005
Sunday 29 August 2004, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 6 February 2005
Sunday 10 October 2004, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 13 March 2005, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 7 November 2004	Sunday 3 April 2005
Sunday 5 December 2004	

Sunday 31 October 2004, AAA State Dry Casting Championships

2004/2005 General Meetings.

All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 11 August 2004	<u>NOTE back to normal date</u>	Wednesday 12 January 2005
Wednesday 8 September 2004		Wednesday 9 February 2005
Wednesday 13 October 2004		Wednesday 9 March 2005
Wednesday 10 November 2004		Wednesday 13 April 2005
Wednesday 8 December 2004		

Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available. Contact the Secretary or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> for the online versions.

AAA Estuary State Championships

2004/2005 Location Swan River.
 Headquarters Troy Park.
 27/28 November 2004.
 Boundaries Swan and Canning Rivers, upstream from the Old Traffic Bridge.

Calendar for Next Three Months.

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

31	AAA Event																			
1	Dry Casting				11		General Meeting				14 15		Field Day				18		Committee Meeting	
August 2004							September 2004							October 2004						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					1			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AAA Rock and Beach State Championships

2004/2005 Location Cape to Cape
 Date Saturday and Sunday 28/29 May 2005 (that's in our 2005/6 competition year)

Happy Birthday to:-

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

Maria Yeates, 2 August Bob Henderson, 8 August Tony D'Alonzo, 10 August

Allan Jones, 8 August Basil Marsh, 10 August Ian Taggart, 24 August

Lesley Johannessen, 29 August

Wanted - Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

New Member Acceptances.

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

Greg, Michelle and Holly Walker.

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.

Bretton Stitfold

Charlie Casini

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.

South Coast Pilbara/Kimberley Recreational Fishing Reviews.

The long awaited South Coast and Pilbara/Kimberley recreational fishing reviews are finally out for public comment until 14 October. These follow the approaches taken in the West Coast and Gascoyne reviews. Some copies were handed out at the July General Meeting.

Copies can be obtained from the Fisheries Department telephone 9426 7333 or from the website <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/comm/broc/mp/mp182/index.html> or ...mp181/index.html.

Kalbarri House For Rent.

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

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

Public:-	Off season	\$250 per week,	On season	\$390 per week	} all
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			} deposit / 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 \$50 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.

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.

Life Members of the Club.

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

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.

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.

Special thanks to Hendo for his articles in recent Reel Talks.

Let's keep this series going. Where and when did you start fishing and what did you get up to? Tell us all about it.

Membership Fees are Now Due !

Membership fees came due on 1 July and must be paid by 31 July. Full details are on page 21. Please pay them now! **This is the last Reel Talk you will receive if you have not paid the fees.**

Special Thanks From AAA

A sincere thank you goes to the following people who assisted in the successful running of the Australian Anglers Association fishing clinics on Mondays 5, 12 and 19 July at the Hillarys Yacht Club.

Terry Fuller, Terry Willison, Chas Riegert, Jim Strong, Tom Lund, Vix Alexander, Malcolm Harris, Peter Stoeckel, Trevor Stam, and Andy Thorgersen. And of course, to Bob Henderson who did heaps of the organising which would normally be done by George Holman who was in hospital during the time of the clinics.
Hendo and TerryF.

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

We usually 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

Dry Casting Report, 4 July 2004.

I arrived at Yokine Reserve a little after 7:00 am to miserable drizzle falling and the sight of two forlorn figures drudging around the wet grass arena.

Yes, Bob and TerryW were there well before me and had set about setting the courts and grounds up as usual without any fuss or bother. We, the casters, owe these two 'gentlemen' a huge debt of gratitude. Without their efforts, our day would just not start or run on time.

Gilders turned up next, and with a little instruction, was able to roll the die to select the relevant distances for the accuracy. Group 3 for the seniors, group 4 for the veterans, and group 2 for the single-handed. No sooner was the die rolled, then Willow had the court ready to go.

I had a funny feeling something wasn't quite right, then I realized what it was. Jimmy wasn't there. Our devotee veteran Jimmy Strong had failed to turn up for the first time that I can remember in a very long time.

Competition got under way with nine seniors hitting off on accuracy, seven veterans, three ladies and a junior on distance. Two other members also attended and assisted with the scoring and cooking at the end, but did not compete. Dean and Andrew get a big thank you.

By the time we got started, the skies had cleared, but there was a slight breeze drifting our accuracy sinkers about a metre to the right out at the longest distance. Once again, Gary was impeccable with a good score of 153. Not to be outdone, Trevor put his hand up in the veterans, taking out the accuracy section with an impressive 147. I think he told me his score about 227 times while we were talking after the competition. Well done Trevor.

As the day progressed, the wind changed direction and strength somewhat. As can be seen by the score sheet nearby, I managed to throw 54 gram further than 112 gram in distance. A little unusual in most circumstances.

At the conclusion of normal competition, our first single-handed open was held, with seven members electing to participate, including our two first timers. Longest cast was impressive 89 metres.

Upon request from the competitors, next months competition will revert back to a 8:30 am start. So, make sure you reset your alarm clocks for the earlier time.

This report concludes my time as Dry Casting Officer for the year. I wish the incumbent all the best and may he/she be blessed with a greater amount of patience than I.

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Event:	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner		Ladies Winner	
112 gram Distance	Pullella/Riegert	31	Allan Jones	28	Filomena D'Alonzo	19
56 gram Distance	Chas Riegert	32	Bob Henderson	24	Filomena D'Alonzo	16
Artificial Bait	Chas Riegert	25	Bob Henderson	21	Filomena D'Alonzo	16
Double Handed Acc.	Gary Gildersleeves	153	Trevor Stam	147	Filomena D'Alonzo	126
Single Handed Acc	Gary Gildersleeves	32	Bob Henderson	25	Filomena D'Alonzo	22
Days High Points	Gary Gildersleeves	234				
Event:	Junior Winner		Single Handed Open		4 July 2004	
112 gram Distance	Rhys Jones	22	Chas Riegert		89 m	
56 gram Distance	Rhys Jones	9	Dale Coates (visitor)		74 m	
Artificial Bait	Rhys Jones	8	Mal Harris		72 m	
Double Handed Acc.	Rhys Jones	95	Greg Walker		72 m	
Single Handed Acc	Rhys Jones	13	Mark Hansen		69 m	
			Peter Stoeckel		68 m	
			Tony Ong		64 m	

Date for August General Meeting.

At the July General Meeting, we changed the date for the August General Meeting. Travel plans for AAA mid term meeting have been changed, so we have put the General Meeting **back to the usual date of Wednesday 11 August.**

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Dry Casting Results, 4 July 2004.

Results for the day	112 gram			Artificial Bait			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number								Target distance						
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S		Points
Seniors.																								
Gary Gildersleeves	126	141	27	124	0	12	103	0	10	23	21	23	22	10	17	17	20	153	8	7	8	9	32	234
Joe Pullella	152	162	31	130	132	26	132	0	13	16	10	19	22	18	7	8	18	118	5	7	6	6	24	212
Mal Harris	142	144	29	127	133	26	0	0	0	11	23	12	16	14	20	14	13	123	2	4	7	8	21	199
Chas Riegert	155	158	31	160	157	32	124	130	25	0	22	16	18	13	24	2	0	95	0	9	0	7	16	199
Terry Willison	132	131	26	130	131	26	0	0	0	19	5	20	7	16	0	0	11	78	4	9	2	2	17	147
Dale Coates	0	143	14	127	133	26	0	0	0	16	16	24	6	0	0	16	10	88	0	0	0	3	3	131
Tony Ong	127	133	26	0	122	12	111	117	23	5	0	18	22	0	0	0	16	61	0	3	0	0	3	125
Peter Stoeckel	77	0	8	0	92	9	100	0	10	21	11	10	23	0	0	0	0	65	0	7	0	5	12	104
Mark Hansen	0	121	12	0	109	11	0	0	0	0	8	7	9	0	13	17	14	68	0	0	0	5	5	96
Veterans																								
Bob Henderson	133	127	26	120	123	24	102	107	21	10	14	24	20	12	9	17	19	125	2	8	6	9	25	221
Tony D'Alonzo	126	129	26	105	109	21	100	96	20	11	23	13	19	0	20	24	21	131	8	2	0	8	18	216
Roy Killick	109	104	21	107	105	21	87	91	18	19	17	21	16	12	19	9	21	134	2	5	7	7	21	215
Trevor Stam	0	95	10	94	0	9	0	85	9	23	18	19	23	12	19	14	19	147	6	0	7	4	17	192
Allan Jones	139	139	28	0	0	0	117	119	24	18	14	15	19	2	18	15	2	103	0	6	1	5	12	167
Geoff Raftis	127	0	13	0	0	0	92	0	9	0	20	14	2	20	0	3	19	78	3	7	4	1	15	115
Charlie Casini	0	0	0	0	76	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	18	5	25	0	3	0	3	6	39
Ladies.																								
Filomena D'Alonzo	86	99	19	89	75	16	77	78	16	0	21	21	17	11	19	16	21	126	8	2	4	8	22	199
Vix Alexander	0	78	8	75	77	15	78	68	15	15	19	4	10	17	9	9	15	98	0	5	0	8	13	149
Annella Riegert	50	56	11	44	53	10	51	47	10	7	11	1	11	0	18	7	6	61	0	0	0	0	0	92
Juniors.																								
Rhys Jones	118	102	22	90	0	9	77	0	8	20	22	22	0	7	17	6	1	95	3	5	4	1	13	147

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2003/4 Financial Report For Members Only .

General Income.	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jun 2004	Year Total
General Expenses	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jun 2004	Year Total

General Expenses (continued)	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jun 2004	Year Total
Progressive General Expenses													
Progressive General Surplus = Progressive General Income - Progressive General Expenses.													
Kalbarri House Income	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jun 2004	Year Total
Total Kalbarri Income for month.													
Progressive Kalbarri Income													

Kalbarri House Expenses	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jun 2004	Year Total
Total Kalbarri Expenses for month													
Progressive Kalbarri Expenses													
Progressive Surplus for Kalbarri = Progressive Kalbarri Income - Progressive Kalbarri Expenses.													
Grand Total Surplus = General + Kalbarri													
Monthly Income General + Kalbarri													
Money Banked during the month													

BT Funds Management (Investor Number)	Quarter starting 1 July 2003	Quarter starting 1 October 2003	Quarter starting 1 January 2004	Quarter starting 1 April 2004
Opening Balance First day of month				
Unit price first of month				
Units first of month				
Per Unit distribution				
Distribution at end of quarter				
Units added				
Closing balance end of quarter				
Unit price end of quarter				
Units end of quarter				
Profit				
% Return				

Notes to the 2003/4 Financial Report.

The accounts from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 were prepared by Terry Fuller who took over from Treasurer John Hall on 19 September 2003 after John's change of employment.

Financial records have been kept and have been summarized progressively throughout the year. Details of all cheque payments and all receipts issued for cash payments have been kept in an Excel spreadsheet. Cheque and cash payments received have been reconciled with bank deposits made progressively throughout the year.

The original paper copies of all accounts, receipts, banking records, bank statements and cheque butts are held by the Treasurer.

Department of Consumer and Employment Protection and the club's Constitution do not require an audit of the club's financial records.

The club's 2003/4 accounts are available for any member to examine to satisfy themselves that everything is in order with the club's finances. I'll even give you a copy of the Excel spreadsheet file and Internet Banking reports on a floppy disc or CD if you want it.

If you wish to see the records, please contact the 2004/5 Treasurer, Paul Thompson, who now holds all the Treasurer's records.

Overall Summary.

For members only.

Terry Fuller Treasurer 2003/4.

Busselton Jetty Damaged Again.

The Busselton Jetty was damaged again during the strong north east storm on Wednesday 21 July.

A 30 odd metre section has gone from the old part just past the underwater observatory. It seems that a lot of the piles have gone too.

That part and all the rest of the end of the jetty was in very poor condition. Damage from a big storm could have been expected by anyone who looked at the end of the jetty.

Rusty Ellis from Busselton emailed me some photos. If you look at the original photos you can see where bits have been bashing against each other and where bits have broken off. Some piles are still there and are leaning against other parts of the jetty. Another storm will destroy lots more.

He said the underwater observatory didn't have the steel cover on the window closest to the surface. Who knows if the deeper windows have been damaged?



Landward end of the remainder of the jetty - looking north east.



The missing bit - Underwater Observatory building on the left, end of the jetty on the right.

recreational anglers from this section, have won the day - courtesy of "Mother" nature? "Mother" was in an angry mood that day.

Nothing has changed much, really. There wouldn't have been much difference in the work and cost to "rebuild" or "repair" the end of the jetty. The storm has saved some of the cost of demolishing/dismantling that part of the jetty so that it can be rebuilt.

The end of the jetty was in such poor condition when I saw it that, in my opinion, it could not have been "fixed up" and be expected to last very long, without virtually rebuilding it by spending a lot of money. Have a look at the photos on page 22 of the March 2004 Reel Talk.

Lots of piles have broken off in this storm and that shows that the piles would have needed to be replaced.

It would always have had to be completely rebuilt with new piles and sub structure and decking.

The condition would have been getting worse for many years even before the fire which stopped access to the end of the jetty.

The public now needs to convince the Shire of Busselton that the end of the Jetty should be "rebuilt" not just "fixed" so that access can be provided for recreational fishing.

Plug:- have a look at Recfishwest's Jetties Policy as published in the July 2004 Reel Talk which covers this situation. When I wrote the draft for approval by the RFW Board, I was thinking about the Busselton Jetty as a classic example of the problems with jetties, lack of maintenance and access for recreational fishing.

The mood in Busselton is a lot of disappointment that local people and others have donated so much money to repair the jetty and yet this happens.

Does this mean that the people that didn't want the end of the jetty repaired, and would exclude



Big timber! Some of the pieces of the jetty washed up on the beach.

Thank You Bob Henderson.

Terry Willison spoke at the General Meeting.

We the club, were remiss in not mentioning the person who was responsible for most of the activities within the club over the past twelve months, Bob Henderson our president.

Someone was supposed to say this on the Presentation night, but due to a communication breakdown it didn't happen, so apologies Bob and we are about to rectify the fault.

Bob has taken on a lot of positions this year because others weren't prepared to put up their hands and with the A.G.M. coming up I think a few club members should think about this many hands make light work.

You have just enjoyed the most successful dinner and presentation night thanks to Bob organising the night, location, meal, trophies and was MC for the night and did a good job.

During the year Bob has been President, Social organiser, helped with the casting and was the instigator of the sausage sizzle after the cast which has made casting a top day.

He is also one of our AAA of WA delegates and does Property Officer on this AAA group and is currently helping to organise the fishing clinics on the first three Mondays in July.

Along with George Holman he is the main organiser in making the National Championship Team happen. Kangaroo Island, Yamba and currently Yeppoon.

When we see how successful these event were and also realise that the majority of the competitors came from this club, then we should appreciate this is a reflection of the abilities of the man at the helm.

Thank you Bob Henderson.

Joke

A man calls home to his wife and says, "Honey I have been asked to go fishing up in Canada with my boss and several of his friends. We'll be gone for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get that promotion I've been wanting."

"So could you please pack enough clothes for a week and set out my rod and tackle box? We're leaving from the office and I will swing by the house to pick my things up."

"Oh! Please pack my new blue silk pajamas."

The wife thinks this sounds a bit fishy but being the good wife she does exactly what her husband asked. The following weekend he came home a little tired but otherwise looking good.

The wife welcomes him home and asks if he caught many fish?

He says, "Yes! Lots of Walleye, some Bluegill, and a few Pike. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pajamas like I asked you to do?"

The wife replies, "I did, they're in your tackle box."

Thanks to Paul Thompson.

Life's Education.

It was in my first year of teens that Dad took me aside and told me it was time to have a serious discussion about the direction I should take about my future.

You see my annual report card had come in and the score sheet read as if the teacher could not remember the start of the alphabet. And the ending comments were disguised, ie when motivated to can do better, (did home work once this year). Exhibits great school spirit (hopeless at schoolwork, good at sport), Has great ability (which he hides well), capable of many early attendances (but disappears after lunch break.)

Dad wanted to know why I didn't like school, demanded an honest answer, so I told him straight it interferes with my exploratory urges and free spirit. I prefer to go fishing and swimming and stuff.

I then received a stern lecture on the meaning of life, suggestions of what I could do and be, the challenges, the rewards, happiness and satisfaction etc etc. So much to take in, so little to retain it. One comment did stick though.

"To be truly successful there was a sure fire way to achieve financial rewards during your life. Food, s**t and sex", said dad. "Deal in any one of those and you'll make money." Now at that time of life food was definitely on my mind, I was always up to my ears in the next subject and I knew absolutely nothing about the next thing.

School holidays were on and I was up and off at the crack of dawn each day, fishing, swimming and creating havoc in the neighbourhood. One of my little tricks was to venture down to the Richmond Trotting Raceway and sneak into the horse yards and extract carrots and fingers into the molasses.

Got caught one day and was frog marched home, got rid remanded and then forced into free labour for a week scraping up the horse poo and putting it into bags to be dumped. Dad suggested I ask to keep those bags and then try to sell them.

They said okay, I collected, I roamed the neighbourhood flogging them, especially to the old girls growing roses. In three months I made six pounds and was lolly king with my hanger on mates. Blimey there was money in s**t

My willingness to work got around and soon I was delivering groceries for the local deli, helping old man Miller deliver bread on his horse and cart, collecting the golf balls at the local driving range, flogging the "Daily News" at East Fremantle Oval, and a couple of other things! Cor blimey money can be made in food too.

Fresh air, exercise and a reasonably honest life gave health and fitness. Growth improved from 3 foot to 4 foot. Reputation changed from grubby little sod to shift swifty little sod.

So okay, I was a bit of a ratbag as a kid but I have got a bit better with age. Hey, would you believe me if I told you my dad borrowed 90 quid from me in 1960 to put down a deposit of U beaut FJ Holden. By the time I turned 18 I had my own money to buy my first motorbike.

Oops, - nearly forgot. The third subject I am still trying to fathom out, but I have spent a lot of money on this subject. I haven't made a penny.

I did it - what did you do?

Trapping rabbits on the golf course, collecting lost golf balls, collecting and bottling mussels of the old train bridge in Fremantle, knocking off pigeons (with a ging) under the bridges, the sugar factory in Mosmans, the wheat silos, the packing case building on South Mole.

Crabbing and prawning in the Swan then flogging them off, catching yellowtail and slimy mackerel off the wharf then selling them as live bait to the Gooli Brothers when they took out a charter boat.

Picking mulberries and making jam. Picking pomegranates and selling them, both donated by growers but were picked in darkness.

Collecting paper and rubbish after the trotting nights or after the football games.

Collecting cool drink bottles, empty beer bottles.

And people asked why I didn't have time to attend school.!!!

Proposed Extensions to Ningaloo Marine Park

On 26 July, the State Government announced plans to extend the Ningaloo Marine Park area by 38,000ha, or 17 per cent.

This would include all of the Ningaloo Reef (290km) instead of the current 80 per cent and increase the size of the sanctuary zones from 10 per cent of the existing park to 28 per cent of the proposed extended park.

Dr Gallop said "Sanctuary zones are selected to give comprehensive and adequate representation of the wide range of ecosystems across the park. Extending the size of the zones will allow scientists to study and monitor these areas free of the vast majority of human impacts."

A new draft management plan for the park includes a proposal to extend the boundary 60km southward to Red Bluff (additional 38,000ha). It is also proposed to create a new marine conservation reserve to the north, around the Muiron Islands and Sunday Island (additional 28,000ha).

Judy Edwards said "We have also begun the process to have an area including the Ningaloo Reef and the adjoining Cape Range National Park nominated for World Heritage listing."

Mr Chance said Western Australians would still be able to enjoy access to recreational fishing along most of the park's shoreline.

"Although Ningaloo is only a fraction of the size of the Great Barrier Reef off Queensland, it has an equivalent diversity of corals and fish life," he said.

"But we also recognise the popularity of beach fishing and the sanctuary zone boundaries have, in many cases, been placed 100m offshore so that line fishing from the shore can continue along 70 per cent of the park's coastline."

The reef is habitat to more than 200 species of coral, 600 species of shellfish and other molluscs, 500 species of fish and several threatened species such as dugong and turtles. It also is a critical migratory path for humpback whales and important aggregation and feeding area for whale sharks.

The draft management plan was prepared on behalf of the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority by the Department of Conservation and Land Management in conjunction with the locally based Coral Coast Parks Advisory Committee.

It has been released for a three-month public comment period, closing on 29 October.

Copies of the plan are available from CALM's Marine Conservation Branch in Henry Street, Fremantle as well as on CALM's Internet site - <http://www.naturebase.net>

Many angler's had grave concerns about the extent of increased closures in the Ningaloo Marine Park and the latest Marine Park Draft Plan realises their worst fears.

Apparently, after operating on the tightest recreational fishing regulation in the State for the last 12 years, with no proven detriment to fish stocks in the existing no-take (sanctuary) zones, we are to lose considerably more access including areas outside the reef itself.

In coming up with these proposals MPRA/CALM has listed in their deliberations that the Department of Fisheries was not opposing the increase in no-take areas, whereas clearly in Fisheries submission they didn't support it. MPRA/CALM has also treated the opinions of numerous small interest groups as being equal in standing to Recfishwest's and WAFIC's! Why consult at all if you are not prepared to listen!

Recreational anglers are being blamed and restricted big time on this one.

The basis behind most of MPRA/CALM's argument is that we are damaging the fish stocks. With the tight restrictions we already have in place with bag and size limits, many people can't see how this is the case.

This is double dipping of the worst type, where Fisheries Department places limits on what fish you can catch and then MPRA/CALM say that isn't enough and restrict where you can fish in the name of management of fish stocks.

How can closing some areas to fishing protect the fish stocks when all it will do is transfer the fishing effort to the areas which aren't closed? You don't have to be very bright to see the next review in ten years saying "too much effect from fishing in some areas so we'll have to increase the size of the no take zones" - just as they have done this time.

MPRA/CALM refuse to get together with Fisheries with real information and do whatever is necessary to manage the fish stocks properly. Fish catches in the whole region need to be managed - not just in some selected areas. Meanwhile prawn trawling continues in Exmouth gulf with the bycatch of lots of juvenile fish killed.

The one proposal that amazes many people is the extension seaward of many of the existing sanctuary zones on the west coast. How can you help stocks of fish that are pelagic and move in and out of these zones anyway?

This is one battle we can't just leave for others to fight. We need all fishers to make an effort to put in a submission. MPRA/CALM are working on more Marine Parks all the time. It is not that Marine Parks and sanctuary zones don't have their place, they do. But they are not the only, or the best way to manage marine environments, and they certainly should not be used in place of proper management of total fish catches, particularly bycatch of juvenile fish.

We must get off our collective butts and each write a submission. What if your favourite fishing spot is next on MPRA/CALM's list? If we all fight now then MPRA/CALM and the Government will know that we mean business. We can show that if recreational fishers work together we have a strong voice, especially leading up to a State election. If we sit back and hope a dedicated few will do all the work then MPRA/CALM will have their way.

It will be interesting to see how many recreational anglers are prepared to get off their individual, and collective, butts to write objections to some of the details in this plan to stop some of this loss of access occurring..... **Please make an effort.**

See Page 19 of the January 2004 and Page 16 of the March 2004 Reel Talks for previous articles on the Ningaloo Marine Park proposals and some suggestions for the type of comments you might like to use.

The Cape to Cape Marine Park is next - that plan is due for finalisation by the Capes Committee on 6 August, then goes to MPRA and the Ministers and then out for a three month public comment period, in the process as described below.

TerryF.

Misunderstandings about CALM and MPRA.

The Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) has been widely criticised by many people for CALM's actions on Marine Parks. Many people think CALM is the body which is pushing for more Marine Parks and wants to lock up more areas into no take sanctuary areas, with the result of loss of access for recreational anglers.

But in fact, most of what CALM does about Marine Parks is done under the directions of the **Marine Parks and Reserves Authority** (MPRA) which "owns" all Marine parks. CALM provides the workers and does all the work visible to the public, so naturally CALM is "blamed" for anything people don't like about Marine Parks.

Who does what in Marine Parks?

The following description is from the "MPRA Framework for the Review of Ningaloo Marine Park" at http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/pdf_files/ningaloo_framework_paper.pdf and shows the separation of responsibilities between CALM and MPRA.

MPRA. Major Functions are:

- To have vested in it marine reserves and relevant land;
- To have care, control and management of marine reserves and relevant land;
- To develop policies in regard to marine conservation;

- To advise the Minister for Environment and Heritage;
- To audit the implementation of marine reserve management plans by CALM

CALM. Major Marine Functions are:

- To manage marine reserves and relevant land;
- To be responsible for the conservation and protection of marine flora and fauna throughout the State;
- To assist the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority;
- To advise the Minister for Environment and Heritage;
- To implement management plans for the conservation and protection of marine flora and fauna.

What is the MPRA?

It's hard to find out anything about the MPRA. The CALM website mentions it, but doesn't have any details. MPRA has seven members who are nominated by the Minister and appointed by the Governor. One place with some details is the State Government "Boards and Committees" register on <http://www.boards.dpc.wa.gov.au/index.cfm?fuseaction=bcv.bdetail&bno=850> , which says:-

Function: Vested body for marine conservation reserves, provide advice to the Minister, develop policy on conservation and management of marine fauna & flora & marine & estuarine environments, oversee the development of reserve management plans & monitor implementation of management plans & management of marine conservation reserves by CALM

Created by: Conservation and Land Management Act 1984, s26D (subject to proclamation of the Acts Amendment (Marine Reserves) Act 1997) Meeting frequency: 6 Per Year. Annual report: Yes Ombudsman Jurisdiction: Yes

Who is on the MPRA?

Wilson, Dr B (Barry)	CHAIRPERSON	From: 11-Aug-1997 To: 15-Dec-2005
Streitberg, Mr E (Eric)	DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON	From: 11-Aug-1999 To: 15-Dec-2006
Horwood, Mr A (Angus)	MEMBER	From: 11-Aug-1997 To: 15-Dec-2005
Beckley, Dr L (Lynnath)	MEMBER	From: 22-Dec-2003 To: 15-Dec-2005
Colero, Mr J	MEMBER	From: 16-Dec-2002 To: 15-Dec-2006
Stejskal, Dr I	MEMBER	From: 22-Dec-2003 To: 15-Dec-2006
Walker, Associate Professor D	MEMBER	From: 11-Aug-1997 To: 15-Dec-2005

What has MPRA said about zoning in the Capes Marine Park ?

MPRA provided comments to the Capes Advisory Committee about the proposed zones in the Capes Marine Park, as drafted earlier this year.

From a recreational angler's viewpoint, the most important part of these comments are they appear to show that the MPRA's agenda is straight out "close off more areas", and were:- Quote:-MPRA "There is concern that shoreline and intertidal habitats remain under-represented and that the exclusion of a 200 meter zone from the inner edge of sanctuary zones to the shoreline is not an appropriate conservation outcome. The MPRA would prefer that as much shoreline as is practicable, consistent with social values, should be made contiguous with the proposed sanctuary zones."

and "However, with the exception of the shore line we are generally of the view that the Committee appears to have struck a reasonable balance between conservation values and human use in terms of the areas included in sanctuary zones." ("made contiguous" means "joined")

This comment about the 200 metre zone (which would allow recreational fishing) means that the MPRA wants the Capes Committee to take many more kilometres of shoreline away from recreational anglers, at Cape Naturaliste, Injidup Beach, some kilometres of shore in the area around Contos, Meelup - Eagle Bay area, and MPRA want the Committee to ignore the many public objections to the closures of some shore areas like Cosy Corner, etc. The Capes Committee has revised the zones, but I don't have details yet (maybe tomorrow, too late for this issue of Reel Talk.)

What stage is the proposed Capes Marine Park at?

The Capes Marine park is currently (late July 2004) at Step 4 as listed below. There will still be a formal 3 month public comment period as Step 7.

What are the steps in planning a Marine Park?

1. Collate and assess all relevant ecological and social information.
2. Formulate the MPRA framework paper.
3. Seek views of the community, the Advisory Committee and key stakeholders.
4. Formulate draft management plan and indicative management plans for the extensions to the marine reserve system.
5. MPRA review of draft plans and advice to Minister For Environment and Heritage.
6. Minister For Environment and Heritage seeks approval of the Minister For State Development and the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to release the draft plans for public comment.
7. Minister For Environment and Heritage releases plans for public comment for three months.
8. Public submissions are reviewed by the MPRA.

9. Draft plans are modified (if appropriate) and finalised.
10. MPRA provides advice to Minister for Environment and Heritage.
11. Minister for Environment and Heritage seeks statutory approvals of the Minister for State Development and Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for the Ningaloo Marine Park Management Plan and approvals to facilitate boundary amendments and/or new reserves recommended in the planning process.
12. Cabinet consideration of proposals and resources for management.
13. Management Plan approved and new boundaries/reserves gazetted.

What's in a MPRA framework paper?

Example of a Framework Paper for Ningaloo says, quote "This paper has been developed by the MPRA to assist the review of the Ningaloo Marine Park Management Plan. The paper also provides guidance for the consideration of proposals for marine conservation reserves immediately to the north and south of the existing Park. CALM will conduct a consultative process, on behalf of the MPRA, to develop a draft management plan for the existing Park, and indicative management plans for the proposed adjacent marine conservation reserves. The consultative process will involve liaison with the major stakeholders that have an interest in the management of these important areas. The community-based Coral Coast Parks Advisory Committee (CCPAC) will have a key role in the discussion of important local issues during the development of the management plan.

The framework provides CALM, the CCPAC and the key community stakeholders with guidance as to the broad direction the MPRA believe the planning process should take. The paper also identifies the key issues that are likely to arise in the planning process and the MPRA's view on these issues."

Formal review of public comments.

"Formal public submissions period. Following finalisation of the draft indicative management plan, there is a 3 month public submissions period. At this time, the public can provide a formal written submission on the plan or make a submission via the web site. The submissions are summarised in a 'Report of Public Submissions' for consideration by the MPRA and the Minister for the Environment."

There is a real problem with this process because it is all done within the MPRA and there is no way for the public to know if any notice has been taken of any of the points made in their submissions during this public comment period. People only find out when the Park is proclaimed, when it is too late. In the case of Jurien Bay Marine Park - it was proclaimed on 31 August 2003 and there is STILL no published Management Plan available as at end July 2004.

Summary.

You can see from all the above that the 7 Person MPRA works in the background, yet has a very big effect on what is actually done in Marine Parks, since MPRA sets the policies, the framework and the guidelines for CALM and the local advisory committees to work to, and MPRA talk and write to the Ministers about Marine Parks without being accountable to the public or to anyone else.

There's lots of stories and plenty of evidence if you look at the recent Marine Parks drafts, etc, that public and organisational submissions are massaged and summarised in ways which fit in with the MPRA's objectives, and which don't accurately cover the real issues and opinions raised.

MPRA has a big effect on recreational anglers' loss of access to fishing areas, all of which have been used sustainably for many years, through MPRA's policy of closures of big areas into "no take sanctuary zones" where all forms of fishing are banned, even catch and release.

Rules are for ?

Some people say:-

"Rules are for following absolutely" or

"Rules are for the obedience of fools and the guidance of wise men" or

"I've had/got a problem, I'm doing my best, and please can you fit me in somewhere if it can be arranged?" or

"I can't be bothered being on time, etc, but fit me in, anyway." (the careless) or

"I'm special - rules don't apply to me and I can do whatever I like, no one else will mind, and anyway, too bad if they do." (the arrogant) or

"The rules were prepared by the old fogies just to keep control - what would they know, anyway?" or

"The rules are out of touch with the real needs, so ignore them, rules are for breaking, anyway."

So where's the place for discretion in the application of the rules? Here's **my personal opinion**.

Some rules are **for following absolutely**. Scoring systems, for example. Following those rules means that everyone is treated equally and the winner wins because they got the scores as prescribed by the rules. If you allow arbitrary changes, where's the consistency and then what does the score mean? Was that record really a record? Could someone else have that record or win the competition if his/her activities were given

the same advantage of ignoring the rules in the same way? It's a minefield unless everyone follows the rules.

Some rules are **for the smooth running of activities**. Those rules are written down so that everyone knows what is expected of them and what needs to be done so that all goes smoothly, time isn't wasted and people don't get flustered by unexpected things. Some activities have to be run more rigidly than others do. The organiser should have some discretion provided the spirit of the rules are followed.

The "*I've had/got a problem... I'm doing my best...*" people should be helped as much as possible and should be given a fair go consistent with the reasonably smooth running of the events and the needs of other people. The problem can be a once off problem on the day, or can be a long term disability, with all the allowances which need to be made for that.

The arrogant or the careless should get told about the rules they have missed, so that they can't claim not to know in future, and should be given a little discretion for the first time. After that, they should be told to "get real". Then the rules should be applied as tightly as these people need to be convinced they need to do the right thing by the organisers who volunteer their time and by their fellow club members. People don't want to hang around for or be messed around by other people who can't be bothered fitting in or getting organised.

The rules weren't written by the "old fogies of the club" just to keep control and restrict things. The rules are a result of many years of trial and error, experience and refinement, and they work because they actually do the job they are designed to do. The rules are agreed by the majority of the club members and endorsed or changed at the start of each competition year.

If any member thinks some changes are needed to the rules, that member should think it through, discuss it with people who know about the topics, and then put in some detailed suggestions. If the majority of the club members agree, then the rule changes will happen. Hopefully, members will inform themselves about all the ramifications of any proposed changes, and will not vote on topics or activities they have no intention of ever getting involved in.

One challenge for the organisers is to sort out the "*I've had/got a problem...*" people from the arrogant or the careless people. As said, "*you can fool some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time*". Club members who've been around for a while will know who's what, so just ask them.

Another challenge is to decide which rules are absolute and which rules do allow some discretion. I hope this has helped.

That's **my personal opinion**. What do you think?

TerryF

Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available. Contact the Secretary or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> for the online versions.

Date for August General Meeting.

At the July General Meeting, we changed the date for the August General Meeting. Travel plans for AAA mid term meeting have been changed, so we have put the General Meeting **back to the usual date of Wednesday 11 August**.

July 2004 Field Day, Cape to Cape.

The weather in Perth had been beautiful all week so I thought that it would have to give out by the weekend but in the end it held right through to the next week. The conditions were excellent; the wind was gentle and meandering in from the north east for most of time.

The only down side of this was the night time temperatures were cool to the say the least. I reckon with the wind chill factor it would have to have been below the 0 degree mark. Night fishing was a numb fingers and dribbling nose affair.

Only six members took advantage of near perfect conditions, which was most surprising as this coastline usually cops a fair amount of blustery weather. Didn't they know how good this opportunity was or had they had some inside information as to the likely hood of a good catch.

As it turned out the total bag between us was over 34kg. Now that's not a bad effort, but I should tell you that 94% of that total was caught by just two people. It gets worse; two of the six didn't weigh in anything. You would think the FDO would weigh in at least a herring or two. When question about this state of affairs the mumbled reply was something about being a conservationist and fishing for the future. So in future there should be still plenty of fish for others to enjoy.

Of the species that were caught, the stand out was the Pike, 15 in total with the heaviest caught by Tony at 2.0kg followed by Filomena with a 1.8kg specimen. 20 Blackfish were also part of the weigh in with 16 for

Tony and 4 for Filomena. Fiona weighed in a nice Flathead and some Herring and Matt had to satisfy himself with just Herring. As for the other two present, I think they were just there to make up numbers.

This fishing lark has so many things that you have to get right in order to be successful that at times golf becomes attractive for just a few milliseconds.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

Results for the July 2004 Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	22.0kg	5	29	310.0
Filomena D'Alonzo	9.8 kg	4	20	178.0
Fiona Callander	1.45 kg	2	8	74.5
Matt Henderson	0.6 kg	1	4	56.0
Malcolm Harris	0.0 kg	0	0	50.0
Vix Alexander	0.0 kg	0	0	50.0

Field Day prizes for July.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	2.0 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo		22.0 kg

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for July.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	2.0 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Filomena D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	9.8 kg

Field Day Top Ten for 2004/2005 up to July.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	D'Alonzo, Tony	901.3	6	Harris, Malcolm	204.0
2	D'Alonzo, Filomena	378.8	7	D'Mello, Damian	189.0
3	King, Spencer	315.0	8	Farnay, Mark	159.0
4	Pullella, Joe	274.0	9	Jardine, John	147.0
5	Holman, George	214.5	10	Vix Alexander	139.5

Field Day Sections for 2004/2005 up to July 2004.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Bretton Stitfold	Salmon	3.55 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Joe Pullella	Shark	16.85 kg
6	Best Salmon	George Holman	Salmon	3.65 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Skipjack Trevally	1.15 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	2.0 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	24.575 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	3.85 kg

Death of Vern Pocklington

Life member Doug Edward phoned and advised that past member Vern Pocklington had died recently following an accident in his home.

Vern designed the Reel Talk logo, as still used on the cover of the Club Magazine.

Membership Fees Due 1 July 2004.

There are no changes to the membership fees for 2004/5. The amounts due are:-

Single Membership	\$75.00 per year.
Family Membership	\$85.00 per year.
Junior Membership	\$50.00 per year.
Associate Membership	\$25.00 per year.
Concession	\$45.00 per year.
Life membership	No fees required.

Eligibility for the concession membership is covered by the Constitution Section 16(e) "The committee shall set a reduced annual membership fee for members of age 60 years or more. This reduced membership fee will apply to pensioners who make application to the committee. Members in paid employment are not eligible for reduced fees."



You must pay your fees **by 31 July**. The above amounts will take your membership up to 30 June 2005. Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to pay by installments.

If you do not intend to renew your membership, can you please advise the Secretary or Treasurer as soon as possible.

Can you please update the details of your membership on the form which was attached to the letter sent with the July Reel Talk, attach your payment and hand it to the Treasurer or post to Treasurer, Surf Casting and Angling Club, PO Box 2032, Marmion WA 6022. Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to pay in installments. **This is the last Reel Talk you will receive if you have not paid the fees.**

John's Arm Breaker

This rather large shovel nose ray gave John Romano's rod arm a great workout at the Warroora Safari in May.

After landing it, John wasn't able to lift it any more than this for the photo. That's not surprising, with the combination of a tired arm and a great fish.

After the photo, it was returned to the water and swam tiredly away. John caught two smaller ones as well on the same night.

Shark Management

The Minister for Fisheries released Fisheries Management Paper 180, Future Management Arrangements for Western Australia's Temperate Shark Fisheries for public submissions until 24 September.

This paper proposes measures to address concerns about the sustainability of the major shark species taken within commercial fisheries off our coast, particularly the decline of the dusky whaler shark stocks.

He says *"I have already given serious consideration to the possibility of closing some or all of the State's shark fisheries. At this point, in the absence of comment on the management paper, and without having an opportunity to fully consider the future management of the tropical shark fisheries I am prepared to, at least in the medium term, support the continued operation of shark based fisheries provided that:-*

- a) management changes are adopted that will ensure all the fisheries meet sustainability requirements for all key and vulnerable shark species;*
- b) by 1 January 2005 those fisheries that appear to primarily target sharks for their fins, can demonstrate appropriate utilisation of the whole shark in accordance with performance indicators that I will establish in liaison with the industry, the Department of Fisheries and other stakeholders;*
- c) the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage in assessing the Ecological Sustainable Management Reports for the four shark fisheries accepts that, with the proposed management changes, these fisheries are likely to be ecologically sustainable; and*
- d) there is ongoing evidence that any management changes introduced are effective and are likely to ensure the sustainability of the fisheries and conservation of vulnerable shark species.*

This position will be reviewed after I have received the advice from the WA Demersal Net and Hook Fisheries Management Advisory Committee on the future directions for shark management. At that time, if there is significant evidence suggesting management changes cannot be introduced to give a reasonable likelihood of ensuring the sustainability of key species, the option of closing these fisheries will be reconsidered.

In term of addressing the appropriate utilisation of shark, I am proposing to amend the Fish Resources Management Regulations to require that all sharks, rays, skates and sawfish be landed with their fins ... attached to trunks and prohibit all fishers filleting sharks, skates, rays and sawfish at sea. Unless the industry can come forward with equally efficient, effective and practicable proposals that will encourage the appropriate and full use of shark trunks and prevent the undermining of the "anti-finning" regulations these new regulations will come into force from 1 January 2005 and will apply to all commercial fishermen."

Note:- All "Bronze Whaler" sharks caught in southern, central and lower northern WA are actually Dusky Whalers. If you want to be able to catch some of these sharks, then you should be interested in this paper. Restrictions could include banning the recreational catch of dusky/bronze whalers, if the commercial fishermen start talking of the need for sacrifices by everyone. The Paper is available from the Fisheries Department and <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/comm/broc/mp/mp180/index.html>

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