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Minutes of General Meeting, 13 July 2005

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Time 8:10 pm. Vice President George Holman presiding.
- Present:-** 29 members.
- Apologies:-** Terry Willison, Mal Head, Dion Damon, Roy Killick.
- Visitors:-** None
- New Member:-** Tina Lingard and Josh Lucocq were welcomed into the club.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Peter Stoeckel, seconded Morris Kolman, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** George Holman outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No other business arising.
- Correspondence In:**
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| Westpac Bank | Bank statement for June. |
| Ray White Kalbarri | Statement for June + cheque \$8.27. |
| AAA | Minutes of June AAA Delegates' Meeting. |
| City of Stirling | Application form for Yokine Reserve summer season. |
- Correspondence Out:-**
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| Keith Heaney and family | Acceptance of membership application |
| Josh Lucocq and Tina Lingard | Acceptance of membership application |
| Dale Coates | Acknowledge membership application |
| Dion Damon | Acknowledge membership application |
| All club members | Notice of membership fees |
- Moved** Jim Strong seconded Peter Stoeckel correspondence be accepted - carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-**
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| Accounts for payment. | | |
| Western Power | \$120.75 | Power |
| Water Corp | \$556.00 | Water rates |
| inet | \$50.00 | Web site access |
| Andrew Aubrey | \$56.40 | Presentation expenses |
| Peter Stoeckel | \$152.15 | Presentation expenses |
| ATO | \$206.00 | PAYG payment |
- Moved** Jim Strong seconded Ian Cook accounts be passed for payment – carried.
- Property Officer** Vix Alexander reported on the Kalbarri House. Bookings have been quiet. Some maintenance to be done.
- Secretary's Report.** Will be covered under other headings.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported on the coming Cape to Cape Field Day. Details in the Reel Talk.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** George Holman reported July dry casting. 2 records were broken. Details in Reel Talk. He reminded members help to set out and pull down the dry casting courts would be needed at each dry casting day in future. September casting will need to be organised by the remaining people, since many casters will be away at Yeppoon.
- AAA Report:-** Peter Stoeckel gave some results from the AAA Rock and Beach Championships – see July Reel Talk. Nineteen people, most from the Surfcasters, will be going to Yeppoon. Final meeting for the group will be Monday 8 August at George Holman's. Rods will be packed up after the August dry casting. Fishing Clinics are running at the Hillarys Yacht Club with the last one on Monday 18 July. Assistance from club members has been appreciated.
- Social Organiser:-** Peter Stoeckel gave details of the June dinner and Presentation night at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club. President thanked Peter Stoeckel and Andrew Aubrey for organising this.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook reported. Open fishing competition applications received from John Jardine, Vix Alexander and Paul Thompson.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Nothing special to report.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- Suspension of Standing Orders.** Chas Riegert **moved**, Peter Stoeckel seconded the suspension of standing orders to allow the AGM to be run – carried. See the minutes of the Annual General Meeting.
- Resumption of Standing Orders.** Chas Riegert **moved**, Peter Stoeckel seconded the resumption of standing orders following the AGM – carried.
- General Business:-** Vix Alexander said that having only two days between the General Meeting and the Field Day does not allow enough time to organise lifts, etc. George Holman suggested people need to think ahead, and all the details of the next two field days are in the Reel Talk each month.

It was suggested that names and addresses and emails of members could be published in Reel Talk so that people could contact other members. Terry Fuller said there were privacy issues unless people agreed. A notice to go into the Reel Talk about this. Spencer King asked if the former treasurer's repayments were still coming - yes.

Instruction Period:- Nibbles and drinks after the Annual General Meeting.
Meeting closed:- 10:30 pm.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 13 July 2005

Venue:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Present:- 29 members.
Apologies:- Terry Willison, Mal Head, Dion Damon, Roy Killick.
Previous Minutes:- Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting were not available, but had been published in the August 2004 Reel Talk. Secretary Terry Fuller advised they only contained the committee election details.

General Business:- All Committee positions were declared vacant.
 There was some discussion about the Immediate Past President. George Holman had not been elected as President. He had only been doing the President's work as the Vice President. Bob Henderson was the most recent President. He has emailed the Secretary and indicated he was prepared to take on a Committee position on his return to Perth in December.
 Nominations were called for all Committee positions, and the members voted. Chas Riegert and Peter Osborne acted as scrutineers. The successful members were:-

President	John Romano	
President John Romano took over the running of the meeting.		
Vice President	George Holman.	
Secretary	Terry Fuller.	
Treasurer	Paul Thompson.	
Field Day Officer	Malcolm Harris.	
Dry Casting Officer		No nomination.
Social Organiser	Josh Lucocq.	
Reel Talk Editor	Terry Fuller.	
Property Officer	Vix Alexander.	
Recorder	Ian Cook	
Immediate Past President	Bob Henderson.	Automatic inclusion.
Committee Persons	Peter Stoeckel Chas Riegert Jim Yeates.	

Meeting closed. 10:15pm

Coming Club Events.

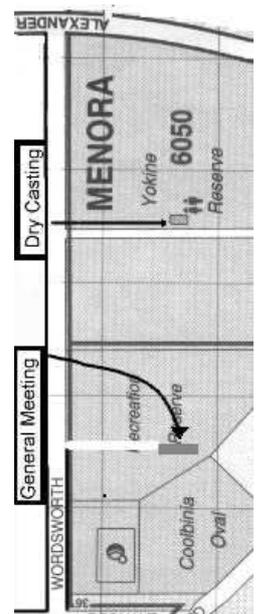
August Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 7 August.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance, plus 112 gram Open.
 All casters please assist with the setting up at the beginning of the day before setting up your own gear.
 Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events

All casters going to Yeppoon. Rods to be taken to Yeppoon will be packed up at the end of the August drycasting. Bring them along.....

No Dry Casting in Future?

The Club elections were held in July, and a new Committee was elected. Missing from the list was a Dry Casting Officer. No one volunteered. The time is past when members can simply stand back and expect one of hard workers from the current small set of volunteers to pick up yet another job until they have far too much to do and get burnt out. The workers have done enough and have earned a rest, and they certainly don't need to have more work lumped on them. This standing back and waiting for someone else is a form of blackmail. At the July Committee meeting, the Committee resolved that dry casting will not be run unless someone volunteers to do the Dry Casting Officer's job. Over to you, the dry casters, to find someone from amongst yourselves. **Or else no dry casting.**



August General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 10 August 2005, 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:- Garry Patterson, Chiropractor. Looking after your body when casting and fishing.

Membership Fees Were Due 1 July!

Membership fees were due on 1 July and **must be paid by 31 July**. Full details are on page 6. **Please pay them now! This is the last Reel Talk you will receive until we receive your fees.**

Rottnest Field Day August 2005

When:- Saturday/Sunday 13/14 August 2005.
Boat Times:- Must be at the C Shed ferry terminal no later than 6:45 am
Ferry tickets will **not** be purchased after 7:15.
Boat leaves 7:30 am
Come to the General Meeting on 10 August or contact Field Day Officer for any more details.
Return Boat:- Rottnest Sunday 4:30 pm
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 !!
Sign On: At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).
Lines Down: Saturday 12:00 noon.

The format for the Rottnest field day on the 13/14 August will be the same as we have used before for normal 2 day trips. Cost estimated at \$120 per person. The actual amount will be advised after all the accommodation and transport charges are known.

The Committee had set a deadline for people to say they were going on the field day and to pay their deposit, and that **deadline was the 8 June General Meeting and that deadline has passed.**

Full payment was required by the 13 July General Meeting.

Ian Cook had problems getting the payments and commitments from people when he was organising the June Rottnest trip, and for Rottnest trips in previous years. He always has to use a lot of his time chasing up people and hanging on the phone to Rottnest arranging and changing bookings, and he's got better things to do.

No further bookings will be taken after the June General Meeting and the accommodation and transport will be booked only for the members who have paid deposits.

If you hadn't paid by then, you will need to make your own arrangements for ferry, accommodation and transport on Rottnest. **PS** You may be able to take George Holman's place - contact George.

Local Field Day for August 2005.

When: Saturday/Sunday 13/14 August, 2005
Sign On: At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- 2 pm Saturday.
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.

Tides for	Saturday 13 Aug	0.95m at 3:02 am	0.60m at 4:57 pm	Sunrise:	About 6:55 am
Fremantle	Sunday 14 Aug	1.00m at 3:58 am	0.52m at 3:17 pm	Sunset:-	About 5:45 pm
Moon	Saturday 13 Aug	Moonrise:-	About 11:05 am	Moon First Qtr	13 Aug
	Sunday 14 Aug	Moonrise:-	About 11:45 am	Moonset:-	About 1:30 am

September 2005 Field Day - Open.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 10/11 September, 2005.
Sign On: At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 4.00 am - yes **4.00 am**.
Weigh in:- Sunday 4.00 pm at G Holman's house, 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money, no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00pm that night.

Boundaries:- all WA tidal waters. But no private jetties, nor places needing access through private property are allowed, etc unless these are **also** accessible to **all** SCAC members on the days of the field day. No non-tidal waters, dams, lakes, etc. are allowed.

Tides for	Saturday 10 Sept			Sunrise:-	About am
Fremantle	Sunday 11 Sept			Sunset:-	About pm
Moon	Saturday 10 Sept	Moonrise:-	About pm	Moon First Quarter:-	
	Sunday 11 Sept	Moonrise:-	About pm	Moonset:-	About am

Local Field Day for September 2005.

A separate Local field day is not necessary in September - it's an Open Field Day allowing fishing in all WA tidal waters.

Your Club's Future

The Club elections were held in July, and a new Committee elected.

To survive and prosper, the Club needs the participation of all its members in the various activities that we run. Membership numbers need to be maintained at a level so that the work load is spread and burnout is eliminated.

We all have a common interest, achieve individual rewards and obtain a magnificent prize called comradery.

No one person runs the Club. The committee is there to guide you.

Well, we need your input so we can guide the club into the future. It only takes a phone call, a note on a piece of paper, a new fandangled email, but most of all, it's just **DO SOMETHING**.

- Got any new ideas to improve our Club
- Any ideas on fund raising etc.
- Are you prepared to put your hand up and assist.
- What can we get involved in...why, when how.
- What we should not do.

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.

30	AAA Event																					
7	Dry Casting						14	General Meeting				17	18	Field Day				21	Committee Meeting			
August 2005							September 2005							October 2005								
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4	31					1	2		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	8	8	9		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	15	15	16		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	22	22	23		
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	29	29	30		

Field Day Boundaries

Club Competition Rules 2.1.6 says *“The boundaries for the Field Day will be published in Reel Talk. Boundaries may be changed at the sign on at the discretion of the Field Day Officer and by consensus of the majority of the participating members. Any competitor fishing outside the boundaries during the fishing times shall be disqualified.”*

This has generally been accepted to mean that the boundaries may be changed if weather or weed or beach or water conditions mean that it would be difficult to find enough fishing spots within the chosen boundaries, and an extension would allow fishing in some places with better conditions. It does **NOT** mean that the boundaries can be extended because someone has a favourite spot outside the boundaries, or has heard of fish being caught outside the boundaries.

In future, the intention is that the boundaries will be discussed and set at or before the April General Meeting when the venues are being chosen, and everyone will have a chance to say what they want.

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.

2005/2006 Field Day Dates and Venues.

This list was decided at the April General Meeting.

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 August 2005	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday 10/11 September 2005	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 October 2005 LWE	S-Bend. Southgates to 10km south of Dongara.
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 November 2005	Cervantes / Jurien to Sandy Cape.
Saturday/Sunday 10/11 December 2005	Golden Bay to Seabird. (An extended local.)
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 January 2006	Preston / White Hills.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February 2006	Cervantes.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 4/5/6 March 2006 LWE	Split Field Day Bremer Bay / Bluff Creek.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15/16/17 April 2006 Easter	Emu Springs and Denmark.

2005/2006 General Meetings.

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

Wednesday 10 August 2005	Wednesday 11 January 2006
Wednesday 14 September 2005	Wednesday 8 February 2006
Wednesday 12 October 2005	Wednesday 8 March 2006
Wednesday 9 November 2005	Wednesday 12 April 2006
Wednesday 14 December 2005	

2005/2006 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 7 August 2005	Sunday 6 November 2005
Sunday 11 September 2005, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 4 December 2005
Sunday 9 October 2005, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 8 January 2006 (changed for NY Day)
Sunday 30 October 2005, AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Sunday 5 February 2006
	Sunday 12 March 2006, (changed for Field Day)
	Sunday 2 April 2006

Membership Fees Were Due 1 July 2005.

There are no changes to the membership fees for 2005/6. 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 2006. 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 inside the front cover of this Reel Talk, attach your payment and post or hand it to the Treasurer. Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to pay in installments.

Please pay them now!

This August edition is the last Reel Talk you will receive until we receive your fees, or you make arrangements with the Treasurer.

Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available.

The current versions of the Competition Rules are dated 13 April 2005, and the Constitution is dated February 2003. If you have **any** earlier version, **throw it away and get a current version.**

Contact the Secretary or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> for the online versions.

Have a Go Day.

The Seniors "Have a Go Day" will be held at Burswood Park 9am to 3pm on Tuesday 25 October.

In past years the Surfcasters have had a club display and single handed casting tuition and practice.

We need someone to organise this display, and helpers on the day. Please contact President John Romano if you can help.

Donations for Trophies.

We are looking for trophies for this current competition year. Please give us your suggestions for people / companies / etc to contact.

There are some things members can do:-

1. Donate a trophy yourself – particularly if you have been on the receiving end in past years.
2. When buying your gear and getting your services from our trophy donors and advertisers, make sure you let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club, so that if or when we contact them, they will know that this Club's members support them.

Open Competition 2005/6.

These are the details of the Open Competition Sections as listed in the Competition Rules. Entries close 30 days after capture. Cookie needs some entries!!

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	No entry
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	No entry
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	No entry
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Black Bream	0.6 kg	No entry
Section 16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 15	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	No entry

Barron Lure Competition.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	No entry
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	No entry.
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	No entry.

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.

Please don't bring cans to the General Meetings because Mal will be away for a while at Yeppoon.

Sponsorship Renewal by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

The Yallingup Beach Holiday Park has provided the club with another accommodation voucher to the value of \$250 for two adults for two nights in one of their Malibu ensuite cabins for the new competition year.

The previous year's voucher was raffled at the February General Meeting and was won by Tony D'Alonzo.

The park has a waterfront location with spectacular views over Yallingup Bay. Opposite is a safe swimming lagoon and an excellent fishing beach plus the world famous Yallingup surf break.

On site accommodation includes ensuite cabins and standard cabins (for the budget conscious) plus plenty of well grassed van and tent sites.

This is an ideal base from which to visit the numerous nearby wineries, go whale watching, take scenic drives and walk trails and visit the spectacular Yallingup Ngilgi Cave, or of course, go fishing!!.

Check the website at <http://www.yallingupbeach.com.au/>

Membership Fees Were Due 1 July!

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Kalbarri House For Rent.

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

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

Public:- Off season \$250 per week, On season \$390 per week } all plus \$50
Club Members:- Off season \$160 per week, On Season \$210 per week } deposit / bond.
Club Members:- Short term \$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights} plus \$55.00 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. The club has decided that cleaning will need to be paid for and is \$55.00 extra on the rates above for future new bookings. The club is now being charged GST on the cleaning.

Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for more details and for bookings.

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

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

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. Contact Andrew Aubrey.

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	Allan Jones, 8 August
Tony D'Alonzo, 10 August	Basil Marsh, 10 August	Josh Lucocq, 23 August
Ian Taggart, 24 August		

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.

Dion Damon, Dale Coates,

New Member Application.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the next Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any of the applications should not be accepted, please contact a Committee Member and state the reason. None this month

Member Resignations.

The following members have resigned from the club. Abra and Wiann DeKlerk.

List of Club Members

The following is the list of members of the club from 2004/5 and will be updated from the membership list when that is completed after the end of July when fees must be paid. This list will only be included in the Reel Talk copies which go to Club members and will not be included in any other copies or on the internet. Secretary Terry Fuller can supply contact details for these members.

For Club Members only

Safari 2006.

The next opportunity for a club safari is during calendar year 2006. Esperance has been suggested as a possible location. Suggestions for alternative places, dates, etc are wanted, please.

Life Members of the Club.

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

Advertising in Reel Talk.

Advertising is available in the Reel Talk. 12 monthly copies are printed, currently 62 copies. Charges are:-

Inside and outside back covers are printed black on Terra Yellow paper.

Inside or outside back cover, full page..... \$100.00 per annum. half page\$70.00 per annum.

Inside pages are printed black on white paper.

Inside pages full page.. \$60.00 per annum half page \$40.00 per annum. quarter page ...\$30.00 per annum

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. Thanks to Bob Henderson for the articles in this Reel Talk. And for the ones Bob has already sent to me for **future** Reel Talks.

Help the Dry Casting Markers.

Come on, dry casting people, help the markers in the distance events, and help yourselves.

Anyone who has done any marking in winter or in windy conditions will know what I'm talking about.

Do you want your leaders and your weight mangled? Do you want long delays while the markers search for your weights of dig them out of the ground? No? Well you can easily help. Anyway even if you don't care, the markers do and cooperation works both ways.

Some of the weights bury themselves 150mm into the soft grass making it hard to get the sinkers out. Heavy leaders and a decent sized ring or swivel means the weight can be pulled out backwards. Light leaders and tiny swivels are a pain in the \$%#\$ by breaking off and the weights having to be dug out and mangled.

Please use heavy leaders – 50 pound / 25kg MINIMUM and preferably heavier - or else risk damaged leaders and lost weights and frustrated markers.

Independent scientific research has shown that the difference between a cast with a light leader and tiny swivel and a heavy leader and decent sized swivel averages 0.033m, which is much less than the error a

tired and frustrated marker might make in rounding your cast distance down to the shorter number of metres rather than up to the longer number of metres.

Weights with short plastic tubing are very hard to find, since only a little bit of the tube is visible when weights bury. Please make sure all of your plastic tubes are close to the maximum length of 250mm. It's also very hard to see short tubes as they come through the air.

When it is windy, it is sometimes hard to find where the weight has landed. If you or any of the watching casters know where the weight has landed, PLEASE indicate to the markers by pointing in the direction and waving the markers further out or closer in. Terry Fuller

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

We usually hold a sausage sizzle on 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

July Dry Casting Report.

July saw a total of 22 casters present with good weather to start with but towards the end of casting the rain made its presence known. We had a brisk side wind which made accuracy casting very difficult and certainly made it hard to get the distance casts in the court to count, which showed up in the scores as there were a lot of zeros.

Terry Willison, Allan Jones and I had most of the courts ready before the main group arrived and appreciated the help some of the earlier arrivals offered. We did start a little late but some need a bit of practice!!

Chas Riegert led the field in the 56 gram distance with a cast of 149 metres, with five seniors casting better than 130 metres which was excellent. Peter Osborne was most consistent in this event in the veterans and Annella Riegert in the ladies. Rhys Jones had both casts in court with his longest at 116 metres and young Marlin Heaney had both casts in as well.

Keith Heaney cast a new State Record in the artificial bait with 159 metres and next longest was Nick Allsworth with 140 metres. Tony D'Alonzo won the veterans and Vix Alexander just beat Annella in the ladies while Rhys Jones had both casts over 100 metres.

Keith Heaney again showed the way in the 112 gram level line with 192 and 184 metres and Nick Allsworth cast well with 172 and 178 metres.

Peter Osborne was best in the vets and Vix again shaded Annella in the ladies. Rhys Jones did some excellent casts in the junior event with casts of 135 and 144 metres.

Accuracy was a very hit and miss affair as there were only seven casters better than 100 out of 200 due to the strong cross wind. That cagey Trevor Stam continued his red hot form with 155 and next best was Terry Fuller with 148 and ever consistent Gary Gildersleeves with 142. There were a lot of zeros. Gary scored the only bull's-eye in this event.

There were four bull's-eyes in the single-handed accuracy, Gary Gildersleeves, Chas Riegert, Terry Willison and Terry Fuller. Top score went to Chas Riegert and Terry Fuller with 26 points, Vix Alexander won the ladies and Marlin Heaney the mini juniors.

In the open single-handed events Chas Riegert set a new distance record with a cast of 100 metres.

Thanks to all who helped put the gear away at the end of casting. Remember Terry Willison is having his operation on 2 August so we will need some helpers early for the August cast. Election of officers was at the Annual General Meeting in July and we need a new Dry Casting Officer and assistant.

The sausage sizzle at the end of the day was well received and to Terry and his helpers a very big thank you. Paul Thompson and John Romano were present keeping an eye on proceedings. They should both bring a rod and have a go.

There will be a 112 gram open distance event at the August casting to prepare those going away to Yeppoon. It may mean we will finish a bit late but it is too important not to run this event on this day.

Those going to the National Championships and who want their casting rods transported are reminded that after casting concludes any rods that need to go must be ready so they can be packed.

Remember also the casting group meeting at George Holman's residence on Monday 8 August to finalise arrangements for Yeppoon, pay Chas Riegert for rod transport and arrange the next State dry casting championship event for 30 October. See you all on the 7th of August George Holman.

Dry Casting Results, 3 July 2005.

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 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.	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	
Mal Harris	135	127	26	117	127	24	155	157	31	15	15	23	13	15	15	16	19	131	2	6	5	4	17	229
Gary Gildersleeves	131	130	26	114	116	23	0	147	15	20	18	18	25	0	22	22	17	142	10	0	7	5	22	228
Nick Allsworth	136	143	28	0	140	14	172	178	35	16	15	11	24	7	0	17	24	114	3	1	8	6	18	209
Chas Riegert	149	137	29	132	126	26	165	160	33	0	12	16	24	10	0	0	15	77	5	10	3	8	26	191
Tony Ong	122	123	25	121	120	24	154	150	30	0	2	11	23	0	0	9	15	60	0	0	0	0	0	139
Terry Willison	140	129	27	133	128	26	0	155	16	10	10	1	0	0	0	6	16	43	3	10	8	0	21	133
Keith Heaney	0	0	0	0	159	16	192	184	38	24	4	5	2	6	0	7	17	65	0	8	0	0	8	127
Eric Parker	118	128	25	0	111	11	0	0	0	1	18	16	4	13	0	0	21	73	2	9	2	4	17	126
Mark Hansen	86	0	9	0	0	0	0	133	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	3	23	0	9	0	9	18	63
Veterans																								
Terry Fuller	101	0	10	0	83	8	0	79	8	19	20	21	22	2	19	23	22	148	4	10	5	7	26	200
Tony D'Alonzo	0	114	11	99	99	20	114	119	23	19	17	13	22	0	12	18	20	121	1	7	7	6	21	196
Trevor Stam	77	0	8	0	79	8	96	0	10	22	18	16	21	21	20	15	22	155	4	3	1	0	8	189
Peter Osborne	107	110	22	0	99	10	130	132	26	11	23	5	0	17	23	10	4	93	3	8	8	6	25	176
Mal Head	109	0	11	91	94	19	119	116	24	10	22	10	21	12	4	5	12	96	5	0	0	0	5	155
Jim Strong	64	0	6	0	74	7	78	89	17	9	0	23	19	8	6	19	19	103	0	0	5	8	13	146
Geoff Raftis	109	0	11	98	95	19	125	0	13	9	21	23	19	0	0	7	0	79	0	7	0	3	10	132
George Holman	116	0	12	0	124	12	0	0	0	0	0	19	10	4	10	23	22	88	0	5	0	7	12	124
Allan Jones	106	0	11	98	0	10	114	129	24	18	8	0	24	6	10	0	11	77	0	0	0	0	0	122
Ladies																								
Vix Alexander	76	0	8	70	73	14	81	79	16	22	0	2	5	2	3	14	20	68	3	0	7	8	18	124
Annella Riegert	45	81	13	66	68	13	68	68	14	0	0	17	18	11	9	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	95
Juniors																								
Rhys Jones	102	116	22	104	102	21	135	144	28	22	0	0	19	0	0	15	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	127
Mini Juniors																								
Marlin Heaney	22	50	7	27	27	5	20	40	6	0	2	20	18	0	0	9	1	50	2	0	0	0	2	70

Event:	Seniors Winner	Veterans Winner	Ladies Winner	Juniors Winner	Mini Juniors Winner
56 gram Distance	Chas Riegert	29 Peter Osborne	22 Annella Riegert	12 Rhys Jones	22 Marlin Heaney
Artificial Bait distance	Riegert/Willison	26 Tony D'Alonzo	20 Vix Alexander	14 Rhys Jones	21 Marlin Heaney
112 gram Distance	Keith Heaney	38 Peter Osborne	26 Vix Alexander	16 Rhys Jones	28 Marlin Heaney
Double Handed Acc.	Gary Gildersleeves	142 Trevor Stam	155 Vix Alexander	68 Rhys Jones	56 Marlin Heaney
Single Handed Acc	Chas Riegert	26 Terry Fuller	26 Vix Alexander	18	Marlin Heaney
Days High Points	Mal Harris	229			

2004/2005 Financial Report.

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Notes to the 2004/2005 Financial Report

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July 2005 Field Day Report, Cape to Cape.

Sign on at 12 noon, scoot off to one of a couple possible fishing locations and have the lines in the water an hour later. Fish until an hour or two after sun down and retire to the chalets at Yallingup Holiday Park to a comfortable bed and good night's sleep. A reasonably early start Sunday morning, say about sun rise, put in a couple more hours to top up the bag from the day before and meander along to the weigh in by 11.00. Weigh in a very healthy bag and drive home at a leisurely pace and be back in Perth by 4.00. Well that was what was supposed to happen; now I'll tell you what actually happened.

We got the first bit right about signing on but from there the plans went west. Discovered that the bucket was still in Perth so off to the tackle shop to buy another. They have moved of course, so back in the car and up the street and around the corner to their new location. It was almost worth forgetting the bucket the new store is terrific, much bigger and brighter than before, and the staff were friendly and helpful.

With that little diversion we eventually got to one of the spots an hour behind schedule. We had a look at a couple of the spots earlier in the day and although the swell was up we were confident that they were fishable. So with that in mind we didn't have another look but loaded up all the gear and bait at the car and set off for the twenty minute walk to where we going to fish.

Funny thing about water it never stays the same, the tide is just about always coming in or going out, this morning it was going out. So not only did we have less water than four hours ago but the swell was having a much greater effect on conditions with less water. I don't know if is just me or this is common but I don't like walking under load for twenty minutes some where and then turning around and walking back again.

We were going to make the most of it. Needless to say fishing the next hour or so were difficult. We moved then to a small beach a little further on and tried our luck there without any better results. By this time it was late afternoon and to move out of the area and find another spot was not going to be possible because the hours of daylight didn't match the time it would take to gather all the gear and get back to the car etc, so we were more or less stuck. By sundown we had had enough and limped back to the chalets to find solace in a bottle of local red, (things were bad but not that bad).

A new day, a new strategy, fish Bunker Bay and leave the West coast to enjoy the swell by itself. So it was out of bed very early, a light breakfast and down to the parking area and saddle up with all the necessaries. A brisk walk to a likely spot only to find two other like minded individuals had arrived at the same spot just five minutes prior. After a slight attitude adjustment, find another spot and try to gain some respectability for the up-coming weigh-in which was just a few hours away. Luckily for us there were some obliging herring and skippy around so were saved to some degree. What is that saying about the best laid plans of mice and men?

A similar catch rate was repeated a few times amongst the other members who fished the weekend, there were a few exceptions of course. Herring was the mainstay along with other species such as skippy and blackfish and snook. George and Filomena weighed in identical weight bags with some very nice skippy by Filomena.

Tony did well as he normally does with the heaviest bag that consisted of very good size blackfish, skippy and snook. This only goes to prove that if you know your spots and know how to fish them and put in the time, the rewards are there. Rather than be discouraged by the far greater results of others, I believe that it is more of an inspiration to witness their success in such difficult conditions.

Speaking of good catches, Paul and John fished locally at the Swanbourne drain after some good advice from Chas earlier in the week. Between them they caught and released a couple good size mulloway and skippy, not a bad effort for just one night and so close to home.

Well that's another great weekend away; the weather was perfect, the location stunning and eventually some cooperative fish. Does it get any better than this?

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

On another note, this time:- etiquette, I would like to remind members that it is considered courteous to remain at the weigh in until all members have weighed their catch and not wander off after the heaviest bag is weighed. Even if you don't have any fish to weigh in, your attendance at the weigh in is a mark of respect to you fellow club members for their efforts over the field day. I think we are a little too eager at times to rush off home and not spend some time swapping experiences of the last couple of days fishing.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer

Results for the July 2005 Field Day.

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	22 kg	5	30	320
Filomena D'Alonzo	5.95 kg	4	17	139.5
George Holman	5.95 kg	3	28	139.5
Peter Osborne	2.15 kg	4	8	111.5
Malcolm Harris	2.85 kg	3	17	108.5
Josh Lucocq	2.5 kg	3	6	105
Morris Kolman	1.35 kg	2	4	83.5
Brian Stokes	0.975 kg	1	1	69.75
Vix Alexander	0 kg	0	0	50

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for July 2005.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	1.725 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	22.0 kg

Field Day prizes for July 2005.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	1.725 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Filomena D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	5.95 kg

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

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	971.0	6	John Romano	222.6
2	Filomena D'Alonzo	459.8	7	Brian Stokes	207.4
3	Malcolm Harris	348.6	8	Vix Alexander	169.3
4	George Holman	301.1	9	Paul Thompson	154.7
5	Peter Osborne	268.5	10	Tony Ong	150.5

Field Day Sections up to July 2005.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	John Romano	Salmon	3.850 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritous Fish	Decided by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)		No entry	
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)		No entry	
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)		No entry	
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	John Romano	Salmon	3.850 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony Ong	Trevally, Skipjack	0.825 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)		No entry	
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Vix Alexander	Yellowtail Kingfish	1.775 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	27.855 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)		No entry	
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	5.340 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)		No entry	
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod		No entry	

Catch and Release.

Following on from the field day report, the club has a few members who are fishing for the most part by the catch and release format or by lure. Historically the club's competitions have been designed around catch and keep, and the allocation of points has been based on the same system.

There is no doubt that catch and release is gaining in popularity. If the club wishes to attract and retain new or existing members who are interested in these types of fishing then we need a system that gives just recognition and reward for their efforts.

The current system of weighing gilled and gutted fish obviously will not work for catch and release, nor would a system based on for example the length of the fish to approximate the weight of the fish with catch and release. To my mind the two formats are not compatible under one system and **may** need to be split into two competitions.

We need input from members to help formulate a system that is fair and equitable for all. I would like to hear from anybody who has suggestions on how the club may go about this. These suggestions need to be in written form and only after having thought it through from all of your fellow club members' positions.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

A thought... If we could estimate the live weight, why couldn't we also estimate the gilled and gutted weight? eg use the live weight less some percentage?

Terry Fuller.

AAA Rock and Beach Competition Cape to Cape

At 11.45 John and I walked into Yallingup Caravan Park, after a non eventful road trip in beautiful weather. The expectation was lots of club people signing on and waiting for midday, but the majority had been and gone. George was on the mobile talking to Peter and Mark and Jim were discussing where to fish. With 4-5 officials at the table counting down the clock, Peter was running dangerously late. Then Brian and Peter appeared after a very eventful road trip.

George by now was giving Jim some advice on fishing near the park, locations like Canal Rocks, Smiths Beach and Yallingup Beach, that area was very new to him. Mark was heading further south as was George, but John and I were heading for Wyadup area, next turning off Caves Road past Canal Rocks Road. With large patches of weed along Smiths Beach, we were not going to drive far. Wyadup was crystal clear and a slight northerly blowing - PERFECT.

When we arrived there was one fisherman on the rocks already to the left of the car park. As we walked down it was only 1 o'clock. We parked ourselves next to him, and asked the obvious question, but he had only arrived. While talking to him he admitted the tackle was his son's and had no idea what he was fishing for.

When he reeled in the rig John and I looked at each other then we asked him if we could make a small change. After looking in his tackle box a new rig was found and fitted and we explained why we had done it. The white blob and line leading to a fluoro green tube fixed to a new hook had herring written all over it. I had fished the spot many times and the herring had never failed being there. To make sure, one of his peeled prawns was slid onto the hook, he had no berley!

The lack of line on the reel did not stop him casting to where the fish were feeding, the blob disappeared, but the line was slack, one to the fish. A new bait was fitted and Keith cast again this time he was prepared but he did not strike, two to the fish. This went on until he got the hang of the dirty tricks the herring had up their fins. Then the first fish reached the grasp of his hand, he was a changed man, he was a fisherman!!

Now, time waits for no fisherman, so we collected our gear and 2 o'clock we were into some fun fishing. First cast the herring were all over my chrome slice and using my 6 foot graphite, it was bent over. John also on small gear and lure, who needs bait?

Keith tried our marinated ox heart strips which stay on the hook a lot longer, and he had plenty of fish for a feed. John fished the bottom with small Whiting and Skippy going for the red meat but all under size and returned, we had enough herring for a feed also. At 3.30 we all packed up and headed for the cars, Keith thanked us for our help and the company.

We drove around to Mitchell Rocks along Injidup Beach only 1 km away if that. From the car park the channel next to the rocks looked too good and no one fishing it. What a bonus. Fishermen were to the left and one to the right. I tried for small stuff but nothing was interested until a couple of Buff Bream gave me a tussle, time to change.

John had the big rod out and a ganged mulie was hitting the water, then the bites were on but no hook ups, what was it getting away with the bait?

I was casting larger chrome slices on my 8 foot Ugly Stick but the current was sweeping me around, then John was on the rod bent over and a Salmon flying through the air. Luckily there was a rocky platform to drag the fish onto, with the wave's help

It was landed and dispatched. John was on a mission and it did not take long to prove it was not a fluke. He was leaning into another nice fish and they were fighting well, but they knew how to unhook themselves, especially when they were airborne. The next fish John was prepared for but they could spit the hooks as well as throw them. Meanwhile I had re-rigged and I was determined to hook and land a Salmon on the Ugly Stick, distance was proving to be the biggest barrier. All the Salmon had fresh bites and serious scars on them, but how many were out there?

John had released three he had landed, and finally I had a big hit and I was on, you cannot beat a small light rod and tackle. That Salmon fought well, giving lots of air time, it was released after a photo.

We had decided to drive to Prevelly at the mouth of Margaret River to see if it had broken through with the rains, we arrived just on dark and the river was running.

The tide was dropping and some people were fishing already, so we got ourselves comfortable in the car park and heated up the meatballs! YUM YUM.

After washing up we walked along the beach to the people, along the way was fresh piles of seaweed and one of the group was sat down with his rod butt wedged in the sand holding on. The line was going out to sea with something large attached; they had lost all of their rigs, to seaweed and large rays.

The other guy had set up by the out flowing river mouth, but nothing was happening, only weed flowing by. We decided to return to our original area and turn in for the night and fish from three in the morning. Getting back to the Mitchell Rocks car park, we made ourselves comfortable. Reef boots off and straight outside, then into the sleeping bags, normally you cool down and add extra layers, the warm northerly kept it just right.

Apart from the CHAINSAW starting up now and then we slept very well, and then the phone alarm got us up. The tide had turned; slight easterly, smaller waves, and no one else, beautiful! The berley went in, diced up mulies, the lot, all we needed were the Tailor. I had some small bites, and then I hooked into a lovely fish and it was a fresh clean Salmon which I bled straight away and it cooked well.

Daybreak and John caught another Salmon and released it, none of the injured Salmon from the day before were around, and then the Herring came in. Nothing else apart from some Tarwhine was caught. The rays came in close and cleaned up the scraps almost beaching themselves.

John and I packed up after cleaning our catch and drove back to Yallingup for the weigh in. Lots of vehicles, people and large eskys. We caught up with Jim and Maria and they had caught some very nice fish, and enjoyed themselves. We were the only ones that had picked weed free locations, and close by to the North Cape. Sadly our catch and release forms were not eligible for the AAA competition, something to improve on for the future!

Thank you to John and Maria for the wonderful meal of meatballs! And also to Jim and Maria for the invitation.
Paul Thompson.

President's Report 2004/5

Well, the 2004/5 year did not start off well for me as I spent close to a couple of months in hospital and this slowed me down quite a bit even when I was recuperating.

Bob Henderson took the reins once again as President but also had to take the helm on two other major positions, casting and social, which is too great a load in a club like ours. There are plenty of members to help and that is something for you all to think about. When he stepped down and went on his trip with his lovely wife Lee just after Christmas, he was near burn out.

At this point I would like to say a sincere thank you to Bob for a job well done and I know he will be back around Christmas this year. In the meantime have a great trip and a lot of us will see you and Lee at Yeppoon in September for the AAA National Convention.

The other committee members who made up his team have done an excellent job and had helped me immensely when as Vice President I had to take on Bob's job as no one else volunteered.

Our club profile on a State basis is sound as we continue to help out at State and AAA of WA events and our yellow T-shirts are always prevalent which is a compliment to you all. We have also done our share in submissions and comment on fisheries management through the expertise of Terry Fuller and others.

Without the help of our club members the AAA of WA fishing clinics would struggle. Thank you. State Dry casting would be nonexistent without the support of the Surfcasters and this is an activity we must continue to support. This is shown by the number of Surfcasters (17) who are supporting the 2005 National Championships in Yeppoon, Queensland in September to support casting and some will also compete in the fishing as well. This is not an inexpensive exercise but shows that comradery and strength of our club which is great.

Club fishing runs hot and cold with some great attendances at Field Days and some very poor. Malcolm Harris puts a lot of effort into this activity but obviously gets frustrated. Fuel costs, pressures of living and earning a quid and distance, not to mention no camping, accommodation and more stringent fisheries management are certainly having a huge effect. I think members need to look more at pooling resources and travelling together and sharing costs.

The local Field Days are poorly attended and this should not be the case as you only have two fish a two to four hour session to catch a feed and enjoy an outing with your mates.

We need to make more arrangements with meeting points, use mobile phones for contact, and cater for our new members and there is no reason for this not to be a feature. Winning field days is not the ultimate. It is the outing with friends, and fish is the bonus! Let us get behind Malcolm and make this club activity work, as this is what the club is about.

Bob Henderson kept the casting going along smoothly but I feel our attendance should still be a lot better as it is a close events and a very social event as well as a learning and competitive one. It is the one event where we can all enjoy the club activity together, fraternise and probably organise some fishing activities as well. Comparison of different rods and reels is a major benefit and members should remember this before buying new gear as this is where you can try it out and find out what it will do.

Chas Riegert took over the dry casting reins from Bob when he left on his trip but found pressure from work made life too hard and had to step down, but to his credit he continues to do the computer scoring. When I took on this activity till this election I found this a real benefit and I thank Chas for this. He has indicated he is prepared to continue to do this which will be a benefit to whoever takes on the position of dry casting officer and assistant.

Terry Willison has been the backstop to all who have done the dry casting job as their assistant and has also continued the sausage sizzle which Bob started and which is the icing on the cake at the conclusion of dry casting. A very big thank you to Terry and all the best for your operation on your ankle in August.

Terry Fuller and Chas Riegert have been our delegates on our State Body, the Australian Anglers Association WA Division. The State events have been well patronised by our club members but this has to continue for these events to survive. As a result we have a number of State Champions and the club has finished well in all events.

Our club support has been a major benefit to the Association and in particular the work Terry Fuller does for them benefits us all.

Our property in Kalbarri has been a major benefit over the past 12 months under the astute management of Vix Alexander. She has put a lot of time and effort into looking after our investment with the help of club members who had helped out on projects to keep up the standard of our rental property. A number of club members have benefited by having their holidays there. The work Vix has put into Kalbarri and her general participation in all club activities is why I made her Club Person of the Year. Thank you Vix.

Paul Thompson, ably assisted by John Romano, has kept a good eye on our club's finances and as a result they are in healthy state. They work well together and we benefit.

Ian Cook has again done a good job as our Recorder but has found entries a bit on the light side during this past 12 months. We had all better do a bit more fishing this coming year and keep him busy.

Our club dinner and presentation night went well once again although you the members were not very well represented. Remember it is your night and the culmination of our club's year and where we acknowledge the achievements of our members over the previous 12 months. Congratulations to all the winners and I look forward to a better attendance from you all next year. All the work to organise this event was done by Peter Stoeckel and Andrew Aubrey who have also had a lot to do with our drinks etc at the general meetings. Terry and Lynn Willison also helped out after Bob left on his trip and Spencer King has also contributed. Thank you all.

Thanks to all those who have donated trophies over the year.

I have purposely left my biggest thank you until the last and that is to Terry Fuller who is our Secretary and Reel Talk editor. He has been the hub of the wheel and does everything to perfection to the benefit of all club members. He has made my job a lot easier and has assisted our office bearers greatly. Again a worker with too much responsibility I know he would like to see someone take over some of the work this year and lighten his load. On behalf of us all thank you Terry.

I wish to step down as President, as other than this stint, I have done three previous lots of three years and must have been a committee close to 40 years. Frightening isn't it? I will continue on the committee and help out on lesser positions as I feel we need some new blood on committee along with a balance of old which can only benefit our club.

Our club is as good as our members so remember participate, helped out, and communicate on our club will continue to be a great club.

George Holman.

R.I.P. Hendo's R.R.R.U.

Presented to the world to marvel at its capabilities, Hendo's mighty beast started life in England in 1974. It continued on its life's journey to South Africa and onto Sydney, Australia in 1982. It then moved to Western Australia in 1990 and resided in Mount Lawley with a metropolitan lifestyle until acquired by Hendo Snr in 1992. Life's journey had taken its toll and it was in quite a dilapidated state.

Hendo Snr.'s diversity and brilliance transferred the British beauty back to its best and minor modifications changed it into a powerful beast. Although dowdy in appearance, sheer brute strength hid within its panels.

It knew no boundaries and toured to various corners of this vast land and only faltered once when driver error put it beyond its depth. A simple northern WA river crossing proved Range Rovers are not watercraft.

During its years of fortitude and under the guidance of Hendo Snr. it provided reliable recovery assistance to many Japanese vehicles. Reputations were saved and egos kept intact. Only in later years did not falter ONCE and require minor assistance while returning from a field trip to Bluff Creek. So many volunteered their help.

Passed on to Hendo Jnr. No. 2, the vehicle again ventured forth to unknown locations and performed faultlessly. On to the top end of Australia and into croc and barra country where real off-road vehicles venture did it go. Returning from a successful expedition into Arnhem Land, loaded to the hilt with camping gear, tackle, boat and trailer and an esky full of juicy fillets did disaster strike at night just a short distance from home.

Rounding a sweeping lefthanded bend a local kangaroo dared to challenge the mighty "beast" head on, causing a detour off the bitumen. When the dust had settled, the Hendo brothers realised the "beast" was not in a good position. Hendo Jnr. No. 1 released his seatbelt and plummeted on to Hendo Jnr. No. 2. In the jumbled mess, it took time to untangle and extract themselves from the vehicle.

After regaining their equanimity and surveying their surroundings, the sight before the eyes made them realise that the "beast" had met its demise. A forlorn sight amongst the pandanas and termite mounds.

Obtaining a lift, Hendo Jnr. No. 2 returned home to pass on the sad news to Hendo Snr. Returning to the tragic scene, Hendo Snr. shed a silent tear at the sight of the beast in its death throes. Fortunately Hendo Snr.'s purchase of a Japanese vehicle assisted in righting the beast and recovering all equipment.

The "beast" would not go down without a fight and made its own way back onto the bitumen and then proceeded to stagger back home to its final resting place. **R.I.P. Rangie.**

Hendo asks that all who have fond memories of this "beast" whether having the pleasure of driving it or being assisted by it be upstanding for a minute's silence in respect that the "King" is dead.

All sympathy cards and flowers can be placed on the dry casting oval at the August meeting. Hendo Snr.

The Packing Case Shed

Growing up, Fremantle style. Way back then a trip out to the South Mole was via the road that meandered through the wharfies' engineering area, past the big slipways and then along the front of the huge packing case factory that sat on the edge of the mole. A bit of a fence had been erected and "no entry" signs (faded) were around it. For a kid with adventure on his mind and the sight of some loose sheets of metal flapping in the wind, what can you do?

The packing case factory built all sorts of boxes and cases for the transportation of everything from fruit, to clothes, to crockery and all that stuff. Beautiful pieces of pine and radiata and whatever, just the right sizes to collect for me to build things too. Perfect for lightweight hill trolley seats, pigeon coops, chook laying boxes etc etc. Lovely smelling sawdust lying everywhere, splinters stacked up ready for burning and lots and lots of assorted nails spilled all over the place.

Never being a messy kid I decided to help out and clean up around the place. You know, pick up after the others discard. Now I did not make a pig out of it but will admit to overdoing it a bit occasionally. Mum was over the moon with the abundance of kindling wood for her stove and the quality was outstanding. Neighbours were overjoyed with the price of sweet smelling sawdust for their chicken coops. A nice little packet was acquired from the sale of handcrafted laying boxes and pigeon boxes. Resourceful enterprise is what I called it.

My small liberties got the better of me so I approached the yardman at the factory and asked for permission to clean up and have the scraps as payment. "What, give it to one and everyone will want it - no nick off" was the answer. Then I was grabbed by the scruff of the neck and thrown out onto my ear along with the boot up the bum. "Bloody ratbacks are already pinching stuff" he yelled.

Well my pride felt like it had just taken a battering because I was really trying to do the right thing (sometimes I get like that). The brain tried vainly to move up a gear and find a way to come to terms with it all but I cannot remember the outcome. I knew that my luck had been running well so I called it quits while I was ahead.

What, you thought I might try something else? Well you are right because my next adventure started at the rear of the yard where all the wood was stacked. There was this rusty old grill that led to a tunnel under the "Roundhouse".

The worst thing about it was the local butcher used my sawdust for his floor and got it at such a cheap rate. He bemoaned the fact continuously to my mum and the little extras dried up. Sometimes it is not worth being resourceful.

PS. That packing case area was the best Pilch fishing location when they were on. Light lines, a float and maggots for bait was how I was taught to catch them. Forget to empty them all out of your schoolbag during the holidays (and some schooldays) and that kind of set up a stink under the bed that gave your mother some trouble dealing with. Gee there were times when me Mum did not understand me.

Tunnel Rats.

Growing up, Fremantle style. Sneaking my way through the bundles of wood stacked up against the limestone wall we came upon that rusty old gate that was an entrance to a cavernous hole below the old "Roundhouse". Rumours had been circulating that this entrance was the start to some underground caves that ran beneath Fremantle.

"You woos", "I dare ya", "you ain't got the guts", "you chicken", "scaredy cat", etc etc were thrown my way when I asked if anyone had ever ventured into the cave. Nobody had, but called me many a name for not trying. Chuck a dare at a kid and he will have a go, right?

Enticing my mates "King Tut", (Ross Tuttlebee) and "Skinny Uggs" (Brian Utley) to join me, we made many an excursion into that tunnel. Armed with candles and torches we traveled many a tunnel that led to various parts of Fremantle, one to the jail, another went way over to behind the Monument to the old BP fuel depot and it branched off down to the Swan River and came out under the "Plympton Hotel" where the Left Bank Restaurant is now. There were a couple that led to the wharf and were used by the army during the war and others that I cannot recall.

The loot that was scavenged was pure gold to us and we used to marvel at our collection as we went through it while in the back shed. Old bottles, army belt buckles and buttons, badges, coins, empty bullet

shells, army clothing, old tools, bits of copper, miners helmets, broken knives, forks and spoons, a huge assortment of food cans and lots and lots of knickknacks.

There were many many scary moments that had us on the verge of personal disaster. We were discovered once or twice and chased for a while but never caught.

There were times when we believed we were at the centre of the earth due to the cold and very odorous air, times when commonsense said "do not strike a match", times when we knew exactly what we were standing in and times when something ran over your foot and the expiration of air reverberated through that tunnel. To this day my old mates still have a vivid memories of what we got up to.

Eventually as bravado became complacency, our adventurous trips became mundane and the lure of the river's waters more enticing.

Now there was a sugar factory that was perched on the hillside in Mosmans Bay just straight across the river from the Bicton Baths. It must be worthy of a swim across the river, (maybe at night) or a paddle across in our corrugated iron canoes or even a drift across in an old car tube. Gotta try that. Hendo

Amendments to Club's Competition Rules.

The current versions of the Club's Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules are dated 13 April 2005, and the current version of the Constitution is dated February 2003. If you have **any** earlier or undated version, **throw them away and get a current version.** Contact the Secretary or see the up to date online versions on the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/ClubRulesMain.html>

The Club's "Competition Rules" are internal club things separate from the Constitution and that's why they are in a completely separate document. Neither the Constitution nor the Competition Rules define how the Competition Rules should be changed. The Competition rules should be decided democratically **by the majority of members in the interests of the majority of the members.**

And to be crystal clear - if anyone wants to add to or change any of the Competition rules, then they **really need** to discuss proposals first with other people who know the actual competitions, the Constitution and the Competition Rules. This will help to see if there are any traps or missing or unnecessary bits, and can suggest ways to handle these and avoid any problems and changes of direction during the meeting at which the discussions and voting takes place.

We need flexibility to allow minor or trivial changes to be made easily, but still ensure that all significant changes are notified so that all members have a chance to think about them without the pressure and confusion which can occur at General Meetings when complicated changes may be proposed.

If the proposed changes are not described clearly enough to understand all the effects, then the members should not feel pressured to vote either yes or no at that meeting. If members want more explanations or more time to think about it, they can and should move that the **decision be deferred.**

If any deferral of the decision causes any proposed change to "miss the boat" for the start of a Competition Year, then maybe the proposers will have to do it differently next time if they want it to get the changes introduced in time.

We do need to make it possible for members to suggest changes during the year as they think of them. We need to make it possible for the members to accept these changes for the current competition year if they agree that's not going to disadvantage any member who has already followed the existing rules, or to defer them until the start of the next competition year, or to reject the changes.

We need to make it clear that we should formally confirm the competition rules before the start of the next competition year, but we can do it early and we should not leave all the discussions and decisions to the last opportunity at the April General Meeting.

So I suggest some additions to the Competition Rules as follows:-

Section 1.1.9. Amendment to These Competition Rules.

The Club's "Competition Rules" are different from the "Rules of the Association" as set out in the Constitution.

The exact wording of all proposed amendments to the Competition Rules should be given to the Secretary in writing and in sufficient time to be published in the Reel Talk magazine which is sent to members before the meeting at which voting will take place. A majority vote is required from eligible financial members present and voting at the meeting to accept the amendment.

Amendments may be proposed at any General Meeting, where the exact wording of the proposed amendments must be given to the Secretary in writing. When the details of any proposed amendment have not been published in Reel Talk, the eligible financial members present and voting at the meeting shall first decide by a majority vote whether the proposed amendment should be decided at that meeting, or if the vote should be deferred. If the decision is to proceed, then a majority vote is required from eligible financial members present and voting at the meeting to accept the amendment.

The rules may be amended part way through a competition year only if the proposed change has been notified to members in the Reel Talk and accepted by members of the Club voting as above. Amendments

to the rules part way through a competition year must not, unless in very exceptional circumstances, change rules which have already been used by members for some events in that competition year.

All amendments made shall be published in the Reel Talk prior to the commencement of the first affected event in any competition year.

Section 1.1.10. Acceptance of These Competition Rules.

The Competition Rules for the following competition year will be confirmed at a General Meeting held prior to the commencement of that competition year. A majority vote is required from eligible financial members present and voting at the meeting.

In the spirit of this proposal, these proposed additions are published here for everyone to think about and satisfy themselves about. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments or suggestions. If I don't hear anything, then I will formally move these changes at the General Meeting in September, or later if these need to be changed and republished.

Terry Fuller.

West Coast Recreational Fisheries Research Overview.

From State of the Fisheries Report 2003/4 page 54. You can be sure Recfishwest will be looking very closely and critically at these research reports, and what's missing, in the lead up to Integrated Fisheries Management, having already done a submission on the Western Rock Lobster IFM. I will print the outcomes from these research projects when I get the details.

The West Coast bioregion continues to be the state's most significant recreational fishing area, with 68% of the recorded effort or an estimated 5.6 million fishing days during 2003/04 (Baharthah 2004). Scientific information to underpin recreational fisheries management in this bioregion is provided by dedicated research projects on specifically licensed high-value species (rock lobster and abalone), and research based on commercial fisheries in the finfish sector. In addition, the estuarine and beach species have been the focus of a number of extensive studies, some undertaken by Department of Fisheries researchers and others in collaboration with postgraduate students, mainly of Murdoch University.

These studies have provided biological data on herring, whiting (including King George whiting), blue swimmer crabs, prawns, tailor, cobbler, black bream and other minor species. For west coast offshore boat angling species – whiting (other than King George whiting), wrasse and groper (various species), Western Australian dhufish and snapper - some biological data is also available from previous Department of Fisheries studies based on the commercial fisheries, and from collaborative postgraduate research projects. Estimates of abundance for most of these recreational species are also provided by statistical information from commercial fishing recorded in the long-run catch and effort database.

To estimate total recreational catch and recreational/commercial catch shares in order to assess the overall status of these stocks, recreational creel survey data is required. Historically, there have been two surveys, one targeting herring in the 1970s and another which assessed beach angling for the lower west coast (Perth to Cape Leeuwin) (Ayvazian et al. 1997). The most recent survey of recreational boat-based fishing from Augusta to Kalbarri was completed in 1997 (Sumner and Williamson 1999). The main marine species caught by boat-based fishers were (in order of number caught) whiting species other than King George whiting 564,000, Australian herring 425,000, blue swimmer crabs 255,000, skipjack trevally 123,000, King George whiting 94,000, squid 88,000, southern sea garfish 79,000, various species of wrasse and groper 66,000, and Western Australian dhufish 29,000. The size of the recreational catch for many of these species was of a similar magnitude to the commercial catch. These findings highlighted the importance of proper management for recreational fisheries.

Surveys have been completed of recreational fishing in the Leschenault Estuary (Malseed et al. 2000), and in the Swan/Canning and Peel/Harvey Estuaries where the main focus was on the recreational catch of blue swimmer crabs (Sumner et al. 2000). Annual surveys of recreational rock lobster fishers are also undertaken, as reported by Melville-Smith and Anderton (2000). These combined surveys indicate that blue swimmer crabs and rock lobsters are the most commonly taken recreational species in this bioregion, followed by the finfish species reported by Sumner and Williamson (1999). These survey-based data, integrated with the long-run data sets from the commercial CAES database, provide the core information necessary for management of the most important recreational fish stocks in future. An FRDC-funded survey to examine changing recreational shares of crab catches in Cockburn Sound and Geographe Bay following management changes is currently in progress.

50 Years in the Club

When renewing his membership this year, Eric Sullivan told us that this makes 50 years he has been a member of the Club. Congratulations, Eric.

Membership Fees Were Due 1 July!

Membership fees were due on 1 July and **must be paid by 31 July**. Full details are on page 6. **Please pay them now! This is the last Reel Talk you will receive until we receive your fees.**