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## **Christmas function at December General meeting**

You are please requested to bring a plate with something on it, but not too many requiring heating up as facilities are limited. Drinks will be supplied by the club. Just to make it a little different, please bring along a gift costing no more than \$2.



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### **Life Members of the Club**

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

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## Minutes of General Meeting 9 November 2011

**Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.  
Commenced 8:02 pm. President George Holman presiding.

**Present:-** 24 members.

**Apologies:-** Trevor Stam, Wendy Hansen, Ian Cook, Sandra Wessels, Marcia and Peter Pekaar, Mal Head, Bev Grigo.

**Visitors:-** Alecia Commene and Brett Anderson.

**New member:-** Chris Stickells was welcomed into the club and presented with his membership pack.

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

**Previous Committee meeting:-** Action points from the minutes of the Committee meeting have been published in Reel Talk.

**Secretary's report:-** Secretary Eric Parker reported.

<b>Correspondence In:-</b>	Westpac	Bank statement to 30 October 2011
	Jen Duplisea, }	
	Alecia Commene, }	
	Aubrey & Ruth Schultz, }	Club membership enquiry
	Luca Trifella }	
	Jarrold Walker }	
	Justin Rose	Hire of Club generator
	Western Angler	Fundraising day
	Department of Sport and Recreation.	Member Protection Information Officer's course (Child Protection)
	Justin Rose	Requested 2 bookings for Kalbarri
<b>Correspondence out:-</b>	Jen Duplisea, }	
	Alecia Commene, }	Information about Club
	Aubrey & Ruth Schultz }	
	Justin Rose	Hire of Club generator

Moved Jim Strong, seconded Ray Walker that correspondence be accepted, carried.

### Treasurer's report:-

#### Accounts for payment.

To	For	Amount	
Terry Fuller	DL envelopes .....	\$5.25	
	5 reams white paper Reflex.....	\$24.95	
	Stamps for Reel Talk .....	\$66.00	T Fuller total
	Printing of November Reel Talk.....	\$95.40	\$191.60
Allan Jones	Engraving of radios.....	\$84.00	
Ray Walker	Washing machine .....	\$575.00	
Elizabeth Pett	Cleaning Kalbarri 5/9, 1/10, 8/10 .....	\$180.00	
Synergy	Power at Kalbarri from 31 Aug to 26 Oct .....	\$125.65	
Pat McKeown	Advance for expenses to deliver to Kalbarri .....	\$350.00	
	Get well card .....	\$4.95	
	Tomato sauce 920ml .....	\$3.90	
	Hotdog rolls 2 x 18 pk @ \$4.95 ea .....	\$9.90	
	Onions brown .....	\$3.25	P McKeown total
	Aussie beef sausages.....	\$8.65	\$380.65
George Holman	Dry casting equipment .....	\$30.00	
Eric Parker	Stamps 20 x 60c.....	\$12.00	
	Envelopes .....	\$9.29	
	A4 coloured paper .....	\$7.27	E Parker total
	Document wallets .....	\$4.00	\$32.56
<b>Total new accounts for approval at November GM .....</b>		<b>\$1,599.46</b>	

#### Bank account summary

Bank balance as at 9 November .....	\$8,624.28
Accounts for payment .....	\$1,599.46
Available balance after accounts paid .....	\$7,024.82
Cash held for banking .....	\$166.00
Outstanding cheques .....	\$80.50
<b>Available total .....</b>	<b>\$7,110.32</b>

#### Income / money received at November GM

Membership fees 2011/12 .....	\$170.00
Deposit Rottneest May 2012.....	\$100.00
Raffle at November General meeting .....	\$34.00
Field day fees October 2011, Wagoe ....	\$124.00
Sausage sizzle Nov Drycasting.....	\$75.00
<b>Total received at November GM .....</b>	<b>\$503.00</b>

**Income / money received since October GM**  
 Kalbarri house deposit ..... \$100.00  
 Dry casting fees November ..... \$166.00  
**Total income received since October**  
**General meeting ..... \$266.00**

Moved Peet Wessels, seconded Peter Osborne the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment, carried.

**Property Officer:-** Ray Walker gave some information on bookings. He advised that the washing machine had been bought with money from Trevor Stam's generous donation. Pat McKeown and Allan Jones would take it to Kalbarri and install it.

**Field Days:-** Peet Wessels gave out certificates, and gave some details for the October field day. He is collecting some information for a possible safari at Esperance.

**Dry Casting Officer:-** Allan Jones reported on some results for November Dry Casting.

**AAA report:-** George Holman advised the AAA President is investigating the holding of a future National Convention in WA, however firm commitments are needed from volunteers to run the events. Members indicated their willingness to be involved in and help run the Dry Casting part of a Convention. The AAWA State Estuary event will be held at Walpole on 26/27 November. Approval was given for Peter and Marcia Pekaar to take the Club's small digital scales.

**Social Organiser:-** The 10 pin bowling was very successful. The night cast will be held on 21 January 2012.

**Recorder:-** John Curtis advised he had two record applications for fish caught at the October field day venue.

**Reel Talk:-** Terry Fuller thanked members for articles and said more were always welcome.

**Recfishwest report:-** Terry Fuller reported on difficulties with the proposed rules for Western Rock Lobster which prevented the catch of the full recreational allocation under Integrated Fisheries Management. Report will be published in Reel Talk.

**General business:-** George Holman thanked people who had looked after Trevor Stam at and after the November Dry casting.

John Curtis advised that AAWA had written a letter of support to the WA Fish Foundation for a proposal for ongoing research into black bream following the successful restocking project undertaken in the Blackwood River in 2001/2. The WAFF is also involved in the proposal for restocking mulloway in the metro area as reported in a recent Reel Talk. It was agreed that the Club should also write a letter of support. **AP GM11/11 #1**

**Raffle:-** First prize, a "Retract fish measuring tape" won by Sabby Pizzolante. Second prize, a headlamp won by Shane Wignell. Prizes were provided by the Club.

**Meeting closed:-** Formal meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

**Instruction period:-** Fishing for tailor, by Peter Osborne. The text of the presentation is on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/TailorFishingInstructionPeriodNovember2011.pdf>

<b>Action points from November 2011 General meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AP GM11/11 #1</b>	Write a letter of support for WA Fish Foundation	Secretary	Done

<b>Action points from October 2011 General meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AP GM10/11 #1</b>	Pay deposits for Rottneest Field Day May 2012	Members	Ongoing
<b>AP GM1011 #2</b>	Consider Safari to Esperance area in 2012	Members	Ongoing

<b>Action points from September 2011 General meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AP GM9/11 #1</b>	Schedule regular induction, information and tuition sessions for new and existing club members	John Curtis	Ongoing
<b>AP GM9/11 #2</b>	Prepare an article on AAA club member insurance for Reel Talk	John Curtis	Ongoing

<b>Action points from July 2011 General meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AP GM7/11 #1</b>	Make suggestions for the Presentation night for the Club's 60th year in 2012	All members	Ongoing

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

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

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

### **Action points from November Committee meeting**

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General Meeting, often summarizing the action points from the Committee meeting.

#### **Future Instruction periods.**

- December Christmas function, nibbles and drinks.
- January Choosing and looking after frozen bait. Terry Fuller.
- February Bluff Creek.

For members' information, here is the set of action points and status from the last Committee meeting as recorded in the minutes.

<b>Action points from 16 November 2011 Committee meeting.</b>			
<b>AP No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>CM11/11 #1</b>	Draft a clarification to Competition Rule 3.8.4 eligibility for Club records for casts at AAWA dry casting	Terry Fuller	
<b>CM11/11 #2</b>	Investigate and recommend on how often the digital scales should be calibrated	John Curtis	
<b>CM11/11 #3</b>	Proof read and check the details in calendar and list of events for 2012/13	All Committee	
<b>CM11/11 #4</b>	Prepare an article for Reel Talk about proposed regular training sessions	John Curtis	Done - in Dec Reel Talk
<b>CM11/11 #5</b>	Update list of names and addresses of past members for possible invitation to 2012 Presentation night	Terry Fuller	

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

### **Summer is here**

Don't forget the sunscreen and insect repellent. The flies were starting to get friendly at the recent dry casting, the sun has a real bite to it, and there'll be more.....



## Coming Club events

### December Dry Casting

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

**When:-** Sunday 4 December 2011. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

**Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

**Events:-** Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.

#### **Casting order:-**

Month	Seniors, Ladies and Juniors	Veterans
December	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
January	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
February	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
March	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
April	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance

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

### December General meeting

**When:-** Wednesday 14 December, 8:00pm.

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

**Sign In:-** Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet and buy some raffle tickets. See Jim Strong and the helpers at the front table.

**Instruction period:-** Christmas get together for members. You are please requested to bring a plate with something on it, but not too many requiring heating up as facilities are limited. Drinks will be supplied by the club.

Just to make it a little different, please bring along a gift costing no more than \$2.

### December Committee meeting

**When:-** Wednesday 21 December 2011, 7:30pm.

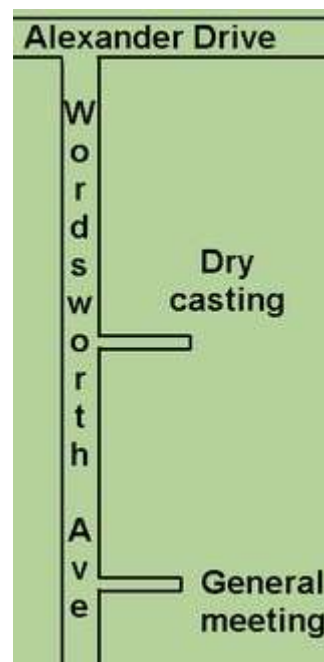
**Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

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

### Field Day fishing times

Summer is coming with those longer, hotter days. The proposed sign on, fishing and weigh in times for the next 2 months' Field Days are published in each Reel Talk.

If you don't like any of the proposed sign on, fishing or weigh in times because of the heat or whatever, there is plenty of time to comment or ask for changes. Contact the Field Day Officer.





## December Field Day

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 17/18 December.

**Where:-** White Hills.

**Boundaries:-** South wall of the Mandurah Cut to 2 km south of Preston Beach access. New members are encouraged to fish with older members for guidance and help.

**Sign On:-** Saturday 11 am at Miami Bake House, 609 Old Coast Road, Falcon.

**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12 noon

**Times:-** 12 noon Saturday to 11:00 am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

**Weigh in:-** Sunday 11 am at Miami Bake House, 609 Old Coast Road, Falcon.

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

<b>Tides for Mandurah</b>	Sat	0.36m at	0.55m at	<b>Moonrise</b>	About 11:50 pm at 91 deg
	17 Dec	8:00 am	8:30 pm	<b>Moonset</b>	About 11:20 am at 272 deg
	Sun	0.37m at	0.59m at	<b>Moonset</b>	About 12:24 pm at 265 deg
	18 Dec	7:45 am	6:15 pm		
<b>Sunrises</b>	About 5:02 am at 119 deg			<b>Sunsets</b>	About 7:23 pm at 241 deg



## Local Field Day for December

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 17/18 December.

**Sign On:** Phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.

**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12 noon.

**Times:-** 12 noon Saturday to 11 am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

**Weigh in:-** Sunday 11 am at G Holman's house, rear of 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 FDO by 8 pm the following night.

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

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

<b>Tides for Fremantle</b>	Sat	0.53m at	0.79m at	<b>Moonrise</b>	About 11:50 pm at 91 deg
	17 Dec	7:42 am	8:17 pm	<b>Moonset</b>	About 11:20 am at 272 deg
	Sun	0.55m at	0.84m at	<b>Moonrise</b>	About 12:24 pm at 265 deg
	18 Dec	7:40 am	6:03 pm		
<b>Sunrises</b>	About 5:05 am at 119 deg			<b>Sunsets</b>	About 7.20 pm at 242 deg



## January 2012 Field Day

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 14/15 January 2012.

**Where:-** Mindarie to Yancheep.

**Boundaries:** North wall of Two Rocks Marina to Mindarie Marina south/west rock wall. New members are encouraged to fish with older members for guidance and help.

**Sign On:-** Saturday 11 am. Place to be decided on at December General Meeting.

**Lines Down:** Saturday 12 noon

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

**Times:-** 12 noon Saturday to 11 am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

**Weigh in:-** Sunday 11 am. Place to be decided on at December General Meeting.

**Tides for Two Rocks**

Sat	0.78m at	0.75m at	0.77m at	<b>Moonset</b>	About 10:15 am at 268 deg
14 Jan	2:31 pm	5:38 pm	8:27 pm	<b>Moonrise</b>	About 10:25 pm at 95 deg

Sun	0.54m at	0.84m at	<b>Moonset</b>	About 11:20 am at 261 deg
15 Jan	6:22 am	3:08 pm	<b>Moonrise</b>	About 11:05 pm at 102 deg

**Sunrises** About 5:25 am at 116 deg      **Sunsets** About 7:25 pm at 244 deg



## **No Local Field Day for January 2012**

The main Field Day for January is Mindarie to Yanchep, with boundaries North wall of Two Rocks Marina to Mindarie Marina south/west rock wall. These are within the usual boundaries for a Local Field Day.

Therefore there will not be a separate Local Field Day for January.

## **Calendar for next three months**

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

<b>25</b>	AAAWA event		BBQ and Night cast																	
<b>3</b>	Dry Casting	<b>13</b>	General Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	Field Day	<b>20</b>	Committee Meeting												

December 2011							January 2012							February 2012						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	<b>4</b>	30	31					1			1	2	3	4	<b>5</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	<b>8</b>	6	7	<b>8</b>	9	10	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
12	13	<b>14</b>	15	16	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	9	10	<b>11</b>	12	13	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	13	14	<b>15</b>	16	17	18	19
19	20	<b>21</b>	22	23	24	25	16	17	<b>18</b>	19	20		22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29				

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **New member applications**

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

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

## **New member acceptances**

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

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

## October 2011 Field Day, Port Gregory

Our long weekend field day incorporated a distant venue from Perth being from Kalbarri to Port Gregory, with the focal point/weigh-in at the Wago Chalets. Period Friday 28 to Sunday 30 October for the long weekend.

Most of us that attended went one or two days early. I had arranged with Peet and Sandra to leave early Thursday morning and meet at the Cervantes Shell service station for coffee and a chat. Major coincidence occurred. I came from Mullaloo via the coastal road, Peet came down the Brand Highway and cut across from Gingin to access the coastal road. We both arrived at this intersection within seconds of each other. I'm sure we could not repeat that sort of timing.

On arrival at the Wago Chalets after about 7 hours of driving plus stops for coffee, lunch and fuel, we found that Ray had already arrived.

We found that for the four of us, while the Chalet was small, it was quite adequate, i.e. not 5 star, but all basics provided. Worked out at \$125 per person for 4 nights' accommodation, but you need to book early if wanting to use this facility over public holidays.



*Relaxing at the chalet*

We had a good spread of accommodation locations and thus fishing areas.

George Holman, Pat McKeown and Dave Maxted had arrived earlier and set up camp at Port Gregory. John Crompton and Ron Lindsay also arrived at the Wago Chalets camping area and set up a tent. Mal Head had also signed on but was using the club house accommodation in Kalbarri.



*The reefs at Wago*

Friday morning we got up fairly early to undertake some fishing investigation and went down to the beach/reefs. Winter storms had washed a lot of the sand away and reefs were well exposed.

Lots of fisherpersons strung all along the coast. Fremantle club were well represented. The tide was low, swell was down and easterly wind, so good conditions to get on the edge of the reefs.

Peet, Sandra, Ray and I tried a spot on part of the reef that I had previously caught mulloway.

Using bottom fishing rigs, we initially suffered from wirrah, after wirrah after wirrah, then a few skippy and tarwhine. Ray got a couple of good Western Rock Blackfish. He was pleased as he had a good feed of fish before the start of the field day, however no tailor or mulloway.

We saw lots of whales, some as close to 50 metres from the shore.

Returning to our Chalet for sign-on and lunch, we then returned to the reef, another spot I had previously fished, close to and similar to the morning spot. A strong southerly wind had arrived which made fishing a lot more difficult.



*Ray's Western Rock Blackfish and Skippy*

Again a repeat of the morning fish, except Sandra managed a couple of tailor. The rest of us did not see a sign of tailor. John and Ron joined us and also tried off the reef, but found it very difficult to stay in contact with their bait and any fish bites and had issues of getting snagged on reefs.

George, Pat and Dave down at Port Gregory found a few tailor, however George had a minor medical problem that saw his team take him into Kalbarri hospital. George stayed in hospital, recuperated satisfactorily and came out and joined us for the weigh-in on Sunday morning, thus their fishing time was limited.

Mal tried his favourite spots at Kalbarri but also found a scarcity of tailor. The following morning John and Ron also headed to Kalbarri. Wittecarra Creek/Red bluff has some good beaches to fish from that usually produce tailor, but again they were very scarce. Mal's brother-in-law had fished there earlier in the week and landed a magnificent Yellowtail kingfish from this beach.

Have to share a story on Ray's fishing adventure on reef fishing. We were all bottom fishing and Ray had a good hook-up. He was playing the fish well; I went back up to my car to get my long handle gaff. I and undoubtedly Ray was thinking: a good mulloway. I got about 2/3 way back to Ray to see him take advantage of a swell coming through. He nearly did all things right. He heaved on the fish as the wave lifted on the reef edge. Up it came, unfortunately when the wave hit Ray he was off balance and went head over heels.

With Ray tumbling, I saw alongside him in the wave the mass of a good fish and a big tail. Thought what a beaut mulloway. Ray staggered to his feet as I arrived and when the suds cleared, Ray's huge grin was shattered as his fish was not a mulloway, but a huge Buff Bream. To cap this disaster off, the tip of Ray's fishing rod had broken off on the tumble.

On Sunday morning, Sandra, Peet and I headed south of the lagoon to try a reef I had fished in the past that always produced. Strong easterly winds again with a low swell. Did have some limited success. Very quickly, managed to get a small Samson fish, then cry, cry, cry, -- landed a couple of pink snapper, one a beauty, but being the demersal closed period, I had to do catch and release. What a great fish meal that I had to see swim away.



*Ray's Buff Bream*

As no tailor appeared during this prime early morning period we decided to move and went to a good beach about a kilometre south of the lagoon. No tailor but a few small skippy and tarwhine. Sandra had a big fish hook-up on her light gear that only lasted a few seconds before small hook failure. A few minutes later a party that had moved beside us landed a samson fish. Sandra told them she had claiming rights but they would not pass the fish to her. We continued for the rest of the morning but still no tailor. Ray had fished the reef in front of the chalets and as a good ENE wind got a balloon out, but unluckily no mackerel. However a Fremantle club member managed a good mackerel using this technique.

Went back for lunch, rest and then decided to try Wittecarra Creek/Red Bluff for a late afternoon/evening fish. Again strong southerly winds, but reasonable protection from the Bluff. Ray, John and Ron parked at the Red Bluff and fished the beach adjacent to the rocks. Mal joined us a little before dark. Only highlights were I landed a remora which is unusual to hook from the beach on mulie and large hooks, and Sandra got a small threadfin salmon. Again no tailor or mulloway.

Following morning we went to the Wago reef down in front of the chalets. Again no tailor and usual wirrah and odd skippy. Both Sandra and Peet landed a pink snapper which they returned to the water – cry, cry, cry again.

Ray joined us and again managed to get a balloon out. Was a sight to see this gentleman of leisure sitting on his chair on top of the reef, attached to a balloon 200+ metres off-shore. However with such strong easterly winds, his balloon would go into a kite action mode and lift his bait (gardie) 10, 20 and 30+ metres into the air. Thought he might be trying for a sea eagle or even getting a jumbo jet. While another good fish was landed some 300 metres north of us, Ray had no luck.

Returning to the Chalet for the weigh-in, Mal had brought George back from the hospital, and the rest of the team joined us. Pat and Dave arrived later as they had planned to stay longer. They had to dismantle George's camp without him and drive up the 40 odd km. Considering how Wagoe/Kalbarri/Port Gregory can fire, the fish presented at the weigh-in was somewhat disappointing. If the demersal fish return rule was not in place some of us would have been a bit happier.

Notwithstanding the lack of fish, particularly tailor, we had a good weekend which I have to finish off on a high. While I had a bit of sand in my eye from the previous night fish, I went to hospital in Kalbarri to have it looked at so could not join them. Sandra and Peet went out late afternoon. They fished that beach we tried on Sunday morning. Despite having small pickers deplete baits quickly (tarwhine) they captured a bag of very good tailor (e.g. 1.0+ kg size)

Peter Osborne, Assistant Field Day Officer

### **Catch results and points for the October Field Day**

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	5.98 kg	3	6	139.8
Peet Wessels	3.75 kg	5	9	137.5
George Holman	4.5 kg	2	9	115
David Maxted	3.25 kg	1	3	92.5
Sandra Wessels	1.96 kg	2	3	89.6
Ray Walker	1.56 kg	2	2	85.6
Pat McKeown	1.3 kg	1	2	73
Malcolm Head	0.72 kg	1	1	67.2
John Crompton	0	0	0	50
Mark Hansen	0	0	0	50
Ron Lindsay	0	0	0	50
Allan Jones	0.56 kg	2	2	45.6
Des De Villiers	0	0	0	40
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40

Points include Field Day and October General Meeting points. Species weighed at the Port Gregory Field Day were:- Flathead, Tailor, Herring, Skippy, Samson Fish, Tarwhine, Western Rock Blackfish and Wrasse. Species weighed at the Local Field Day were:- Herring.

### **Sportsperson of the Year and Field day section winners for October 2011**

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Samson Fish	3.72 kg
Best bag of scale fish	George Holman	Mixed Bag	4.50 kg

### **November 2011 Field Day, Cervantes**

Once again November proved to be a great fishing month at Cervantes. Weather conditions were so much better than what we experienced during the September field day when we almost got blown away by a severe storm.

This time around the usual wind was present, but only moderately out of the south and then died off in the late afternoon and night, with a pleasant breeze in the morning. Water conditions were not perfect, but that did not seem to bother the fish as they went ballistic to any food presented to them. Seaweed was present but very manageable and hardly an issue.



Sign-on was a bit disappointing with not the usual high number of people for this very popular location. However the people who did sign-on were highly and truly rewarded with a fantastic Field Day.

After sign on we all departed from the car park to go and find a fishing spot. Mark and Wendy opted for their usual spot at Black Point. Here again Mark landed quite a few very big Storm Gardies. Peter Osborne went to his overnight spot closer to the river mouth. George Holman also went a little north and found a very productive fishing spot. He really got stuck in to some beautiful Tailor. Our small group consisted of Shane and Sarah Wignell, Sabby and Aniello Pizzolante, visitor John, Sandra and I. We drove a little south to fish a spot that delivered some good fish in the past.

It did not take us long to set up our fishing spot. Not too long and our first lines were in the water. The first couple of fish caught were a few Butterfish with a Blowy in between, and I thought it was going to be a week end for rubbish fish. However due to an over run and a small birds nest on my overhead reel the bait landed only about three quarters of the way. I was still busy untangling the reel when I felt a few good bites on the line. I said to Sandra who was also in the process of casting, to cast a little shorter.

It was not long and the first two Tailor were in the bag. From then onwards the fish just kept on coming in. The Tailor came and went, then it was the Skippy, then the Herring and they kept on biting for most of the time. It was not long before we started to catch and release. Wow how much fun we had. For the first time we actually ran out of bait. However we did discover that a fillet of Tailor was just as good, even maybe a little better than a mulie.



Aniello with one of his Tailor

On both sides of us the same fishing action was apparent as you could constantly see somebody landing a fish. The two juniors in Sarah and Aniello had a great time and the fish kept them interested and they landed a few quality fish.

Sunday morning at the weigh-in everybody was smiling and happy with the results. Many a good bag was presented and it was great to hear how people had enjoyed themselves. The best scale fish section was won by George Holman with a Tailor of 1.26 kg. Best bag of scale fish was caught by Peet Wessels with a bag of 7.04 kg.

Wow how fast has this year disappeared? It is hard to believe that the next Field day is the last one of 2011.

White Hills is the venue and the dates are the 17 and 18 December. Sign on and weigh-in will be at 11 am at the Miami Bake House on 609 Old Coast Road, Falcon. This is a very good and easy fishing venue close to Perth.

I would also like to make use of this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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

Peet Wessels, Field Day

### Sportsperson of the Year winners for November 2011

Best scale fish	George Holman	Tailor	1.26 kg
Best bag of scale fish	George Holman	Mixed Bag	7.6 kg

### Field day section winners for November 2011

Best scale fish	George Holman	Tailor	1.26 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	7.04 kg

## Catch results and points for the November Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
George Holman	7.6 kg	5	25	176
Peet Wessels	7.04 kg	5	29	170.4
Peter Osborne	5.72 kg	5	30	157.2
Sandra Wessels	5.39 kg	5	22	143.9
Shane Wignell	4.87 kg	4	14	138.7
Mark Hansen	2.13 kg	3	12	101.3
Sarah Wignell	2.88 kg	3	9	98.8
Aniello Pizzolante	1.78 kg	4	5	97.8
Sabby Pizzolante	1.9 kg	1	5	79
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40
John Crompton	0	0	0	20
Shane Becu	0	0	0	10

Points include Field Day and November General Meeting points.

Species weighed at the Cervantes Field Day were:- Flathead, Tailor, Flounder, Herring, Pike, Skippy, Garfish and Whiting.

## Field Day top scores for 2011/12

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1143.4	1	Peter Pekaar	196.9	15	David Maxted	92.5	29
Peet Wessels	1126.4	2	Frank Gaudin	187.4	16	Geoff Raftis	85	30
Sandra Wessels	868.5	3	Sarah Wignell	186.7	17	Melvin Wee	84.3	31
George Holman	797.3	4	Ray Walker	185.6	18	Malcolm Head	67.2	32
Mark Hansen	587.8	5	Allan Jones	183.2	19	Morgan Keet	66.3	33
Theo Van Niekerk	327.7	6	Ian Taggart	174.2	20	Felicity Keet	62.5	34
Greg Keet	324.7	7	Sabby Pizzolante	156.4	21	Shane Becu	60	35
Wendy Hansen	284.5	8	Marcia Pekaar	150.7	22	Wayne Shaw	57	36
Shane Wignell	268.7	9	Sumarie Gaudin	148.5	23	Chris Stickells	50	37
John Crompton	266.9	10	Michael Gaudin	123.5	24	Des De Villiers	40	38
Justin Rose	241.5	11	Stuart Spickett	108.8	25	Sharon Osborne	40	39
Pat McKeown	219.5	12	Nick Edwards	103.6	26	John Curtis	20	40
Peter Osborne	1143.4	13	Ron Lindsay	100	27			
Peet Wessels	1126.4	14	Aniello Pizzolante	97.8	28			

## Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches during October and November Field Days.

Name	Black Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Shane Wignell		1	1		1								1			1		5
Aniello Pizzolante		1			1								1		1			4

Recorder, John Curtis



## **Field Day sections 2011/12**

Up to and including November Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	George Holman	Pink Snapper	6.55 kg
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	George Holman	Tailor	1.26 kg
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	George Holman	Bronze Whaler	5.48 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	1.92 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)			
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	1.13 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best scale fish (other than above)	Peet Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	5.83 kg
10	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	17.38 kg
11	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish Min)			
12	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish Min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	5.58 kg
13	Best fish on S/H rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Peter Osborne	Wrasse	0.36 kg
14	Best fish caught on fly rod	Frank Gaudin	Trevally, Skipjack	0.75 kg

## **Open fishing competition 2011/12**

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

<b>Section</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Minimum weight</b>	<b>Entry</b>
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	Mal Head, 11 kg, Kalbarri
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Justin Rose, 3.2 kg, S Bend
7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman, 3.0 kg, False Entrance
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	Pat McKeown, 0.5 kg, False Entrance
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman, 17 kg, False Entrance
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	George Holman, 2.5 kg, False Entrance
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman, 10.75 kg Northern bluefin tuna, False Entrance
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	

## **Barron Lure competition 2011/12**

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

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	Justin Rose	1.92 kg Tailor
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	No entry yet	
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	Justin Rose	1.92 kg Tailor

## **Recfishwest report**

### **Commonwealth South West marine plans and proposals**

As advised in my last report, the actual areas to be closed to fishing are still the subject of many conflicting rumours. The representatives of the Federal Environment Minister Burke were unwilling to provide any firm details or commitments at recent meetings with RFW about no-take areas off Rottnest and in Geographe Bay.

And a reminder:- The concerns are about sanctuary/no fishing zones within Marine Parks, not Marine Parks. There is a big difference and people need to be careful of the terms used and recognise where arguments and discussions are referring to very different things which is why there are so many conflicting opinions.

### **Election of Chairmen**

The following have been elected at the November RFW Board meeting. The first five listed make up the RFW Executive Committee.

Recfishwest Chairman..	Andrew Matthews	Communications & Membership ...	Steven Gill
Deputy Chairman .....	Ian Sewell	Sports Development.....	Jeff Ellis
Policy Development.....	Ian Stagles	Research.....	Dean Thorburn

### **"Artificial Reef" draft policy**

Department of Fisheries has provided a copy of a draft of "Policy on Fishing Enhancement Structures in Western Australia" for comments from RFW.

The key objectives of this policy are to:

- ensure proposals for fishing enhancement structures are consistent with the objects of the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 (FRMA);
- provide guidance to proponents of fishing enhancement structures;
- ensure proposals for fishing enhancement structures are appropriately assessed and managed;
- ensure fishing enhancement structures have beneficial impacts on the marine environment;
- ensure fishing enhancement structures do not adversely affect natural and cultural heritage values or other users of the marine environment.

### **Media Breakfast, 25 October**

Recfishwest hosted a Media breakfast which was attended by fishing media representatives, including:

- The Department of Fisheries representatives
- The West Australian fishing writer
- The Agricultural and Rural Affairs reporter from The West Australian
- The Stirling Times & Eastern Reporter Editor
- Fishing Columnist for The Countryman
- Various members of the RFW Board
- ABC Saturday Morning Show - John Curtis

The briefing covered the following:

- The small grants (maximum \$25,000 per project) available to the general public by RFW
- New rule changes
- The recent demersal fishing ban which begins on October 15 - December 15

- The proposed Southwest Marine Park
- Fish tagging, artificial reefs and fish stocking issues
- Recfishwest current and future projects
- The new Communications Officer at Recfishwest and his role
- Question and answer segment

### **Mid west community fishing clinic program**

Recfishwest will run fishing clinics in Kalbarri, Geraldton and Dongara in the week commencing 21 November.

The above report was prepared for the November AAWA Delegates meeting by Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association, Terry Fuller.

### **Frank Prokop to step down as CEO of Recfishwest**

The Chief Executive Officer of Recfishwest, Frank Prokop, will be stepping down from the position of CEO early in January 2012 after 14 years, due to recurrence of health problems.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

### **Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2011/12**

See the article on the inside back cover. All bookings and queries should go to the Property Officer, Ray Walker.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the public rates for rental of the Kalbarri house.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings in 2011 and 2012 for the following dates, inclusive. Tenants will leave by 10 am on the day after the last date shown and the property can be booked for the afternoon/evening of the day after the last date shown. All other dates not listed are currently available. Note some bookings run to the end of one month and into the start of the next month.

This list is at 20 November and does not include any bookings or changes which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

#### **2011**

December 1 Dec, 31 Dec

#### **2012**

January 1 Jan to 5 Jan

March 17 March to 23 March

May 1 May to 4 May

#### **2012**

February 24 Feb to 27 Feb

April 5 Apr to 14 Apr, 21 Apr to 30 Apr

Property Officer, Ray Walker

### **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.

Mal will not be able to come to the December meeting and asks that you hold cans until later.  
Malcolm Head

### **Happy birthday to**

Mal Head, 1 December  
Holly Walker, 4 December  
George Holman, 12 December  
Justin Rose, 14 December  
Bev Grigo, 18 December  
Sandra Wessels, 20 December

Alan Hale, 4 December  
Lachlan Spickett, 7 December  
Olivia Keet, 12 December  
Christian Wearmouth, 14 December  
Michelle Walker, 18 December

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports**

Can I please have general articles and reports for the January Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Friday 23 December. Please contact me if any item will be late.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Future AAWA State Championships**

- 2011/12 State Estuary, Saturday/Sunday 26/27 November 2011, Walpole.  
State Boating, Saturday 3 March 2012, Jurien.  
State Rock and Beach Fishing, Saturday/Sunday 24/25 March 2012, Jurien.
- 2012/13 State Dry Casting, Sunday 28 October 2012  
State Estuary, Saturday/Sunday November 2012, Swan River / Cockburn Sound.  
State Boating, TBA March 2013 from Mindarie.  
State Rock and Beach Fishing, June 2013 long weekend, Jurien.
- 2013/14 State Dry Casting, Sunday, 27 October 2013  
State Estuary, Saturday/Sunday November 2013, Blackwood River Augusta  
State Boating, TBA March 2014 Lancelin.  
State Rock and Beach Fishing, May 2014, Cape to Cape
- 2014/15 State Dry Casting, Sunday, 26 October 2014  
State Estuary, Saturday/Sunday November 2014, Walpole  
State Boating, TBA March 2015 Ocean Reef.  
State Rock and Beach Fishing, March 2015 long weekend, Cheynes Beach

AAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

## **Venue for 2012 Presentation night**

Members are asked to suggest other suitable venues as a backup or alternative to the Glengarry Tavern in case it is not available.

Requirements are:- space for 80 or more people (2012 is the Club's 60th year), space for display of prizes and trophies, good food and service, reasonable charges, in a separate room away from any bands or noisy activities.

Please contact Social Organiser Pat McKeown with any suggestions.

## **Dry Casting report 6 November 2011**

The start of the day was mild, the temperature ranged from 13 to 22 degrees by 10am. The wind was north west to westerly very light, but picked up later in the morning to be more of a westerly which helped with some good distance casts.

Thank you to all that helped set up the courts, flags and banners. To all the markers and scorers thank you. Without your help drycasting would not happen.

There were 21 casters in all. It was good to see Marcia come and have a go at casting after her time in hospital.

Best distance casts	Seniors	Peter Pekaar	186 metres	112 grams
	Veterans	Gary Gildersleeves	156 metres	112 grams
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	92 metres	112 grams
	Juniors	Felicity Keet	81 metres	56 grams
	Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	96 metres	56 grams

There were 3 bullseyes in total.

Veterans	Dean Stewart	1 in double handed accuracy
	Allan Jones	1 in single handed accuracy
	Terry Fuller	1 in single handed accuracy

Section winners	Seniors:	Peter Pekaar	227 points
	Veterans:	Gary Gildersleeves	272 points

Ladies:	Marcia Pekaar	179 points
Juniors	Felicity Keet	98 points
Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	81 points

There is a pending record in the 56 gram level line distance of 163.37 metres for Peter Pekaar.

A thank you to John Curtis and Pat McKeown for taking Trevor Stam home after suffering a fall at casting.

At the 4 December casting Seniors, Ladies, Juniors and Mini Juniors will start with distance then accuracy, the Veterans accuracy first then distance. See you at the next dry casting.

Dry Casting Officer Allan Jones

### **Seniors, Ladies, Juniors and Mini-Juniors**

Our group consisted of 11 casters, with all divisions being represented. Our Mini-Juniors continue to impress with Shane Becu starting off well, scoring the highest double handed accuracy score in the Mini Juniors with 47 points. Both Olivia and Morgan Keet cast well, with Morgan having the longest cast in the Mini-Juniors of 96 metres.

Felicity Keet has only recently advanced to the Junior Division and already shows great potential. All of her casts were over 60 metres and her longest for the day was 81 metres. Keep up the practice in your double handed accuracy, Felicity. You obviously have the ability to get the distances, just a bit of fine tuning is required.

Marcia Pekaar had a respectable day, scoring on every cast.

It is good to see Greg Keet becoming a regular at casting. As usual, he devoted a lot of time and energy to assisting his children. He also had some impressive accuracy casting on the long target set at 85 metres, with scores of 22 and 23. He then went on to win the single handed accuracy event with 26 points. Eric Parker came second in the single handed accuracy with 20 points and with consistent distance casting, he was the only Senior to score on all casts.

It was encouraging to see everyone pitch in to help. Felicity was keen to assist Marcia and several Seniors stepped up to read the laser. This was a good team effort, thank you everyone.

Peter Pekaar

### **Single handed Open**

We had six casters participate in this event and whilst there is a competitive spirit, it is light hearted and participation is the most important ingredient. However, winners do emerge and our champion caster in this event was George Holman with 99.22 metres, only 0.78 of a metre short of 100 metres! Well done, George.

To save us time, Terry Fuller manned the laser and recorded all of our scores. Thank you very much, Terry.

Peter Pekaar

<b>Men</b>	<b>Cast 1</b>	<b>Cast 2</b>	<b>Best cast (metres)</b>
Peter Pekaar	91.88	94.33	94.33
Jeff Hewton	57.27	59.05	59.05
<b>Veterans</b>			
George Holman	86.06	99.22	99.22
Allan Jones	65.82	74.58	74.58
Peter Osborne	61.08	63.57	63.57
<b>Ladies</b>			
Marcia Pekaar	27.36	40.73	40.73



## Dry Casting winners for 6 November 2011

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	31	Alan Hale	30	George Holman
56 gram Distance	163	Peter Pekaar	150	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	31	Peter Pekaar	24	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Distance	161	Peter Pekaar	126	George Holman
112 gram Score	33	Alan Hale	31	Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram Distance	186	Peter Pekaar	156	Gary Gildersleeves
Double Handed Acc.	134	Peter Pekaar	153	Peter Osborne
Single Handed Acc.	26	Greg Keet	32	Dean Stewart, Geoff Raftis
Section Highest Points	227	Peter Pekaar	272	Gary Gildersleeves

Event	Ladies winner		Juniors winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	17	Marcia Pekaar	16	Felicity Keet	17	Morgan Keet
56 gram Distance	87	Marcia Pekaar	81	Felicity Keet	96	Morgan Keet
Artificial Bait Score	14	Marcia Pekaar	13	Felicity Keet	14	Morgan Keet
Artificial Bait Distance	71	Marcia Pekaar	73	Felicity Keet	72	Morgan Keet
112 gram Score	18	Marcia Pekaar	14	Felicity Keet	8	Morgan Keet
112 gram Distance	92	Marcia Pekaar	72	Felicity Keet	84	Morgan Keet
Double Handed Acc.	96	Marcia Pekaar	35	Felicity Keet	47	Shane Becu
Single Handed Acc.	24	Marcia Pekaar	10	Felicity Keet	2	Morgan Keet, Shane Becu
Section Highest Points	179	Marcia Pekaar	98	Felicity Keet	81	Morgan Keet

Event	Overall winner for November		Year's best up to November	
56 gram Score	31	Alan Hale	31	Alan Hale
56 gram Distance	163	Peter Pekaar	163	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	31	Peter Pekaar	31	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	161	Peter Pekaar	161	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	33	Alan Hale	34	Alan Hale
112 gram Distance	186	Peter Pekaar	186	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	153	Peter Osborne	159	George Holman
Single Handed Acc.	32	Dean Stewart, Geoff Raftis	32	Terry Fuller, Dean Stewart, Geoff Raftis
Section Highest Points	272	Gary Gildersleeves	278	George Holman

## Dry Casting top scores for 2011/12

Total scores up to and including November casting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. These will be announced at and published after the Presentation of Trophies in June 2012.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Point	Rank
Terry Fuller	1547	1	Alan Hale	814	12	Eric Parker	251	23
Allan Jones	1357	2	Jeff Hewton	793	13	Felicity Keet	232	24
Peter Osborne	1346	3	Mark Hansen	631	14	Bob Henderson	227	25
George Holman	1277	4	Pat McKeown	595	15	Olivia Keet	208	26
Gary Gildersleeves	1190	5	Geoff Raftis	533	16	Ray Walker	199	27
Peter Pekaar	1132	6	Rhys Jones	489	17	Chris Stickells	127	28
John Crompton	1075	7	Bev Grigo	390	18	Wendy Hansen	62	29
Trevor Stam	971	8	Terry Willison	345	19	Martin Wearmouth	44	30
Marcia Pekaar	931	9	Morgan Keet	332	20	Jim Strong	24	31
Dean Stewart	922	10	Greg Keet	305	21	Matthew John	14	32
Malcolm Head	894	11	Shane Becu	304	22	Kevin Selesnew	12	33

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## **Suggestions for field days for 2012/13**

The Club has a policy of supporting AAAWA events wherever possible and setting our fishing field days to fit in with AAAWA events and venues. See also the article listing future AAAWA State events.

It's December already. Preferably **before** the April General Meeting, we need to set the fishing Field Day venues, boundaries and dates for the May 2012 to April 2013 club competition year. Drycasting dates can be shifted to avoid field days, subject to the Yokine Reserve not already being booked by someone else.

We would like to publish a possible list, or at least a list of the suggestions, in the February Reel Talk, have some discussion at the February General Meeting, and then finalise the list at the February Committee meeting for the March Reel Talk, to be voted on by the members at the March General Meeting. That gives us a month spare to sort out any difficulties and means we are not forced to make a decision at the last minute at the April General Meeting.

Anything is possible, different / new venues, different formats, different rules, whatever, if the members will support them by going on those Field Days.

If you have any ideas, please put your suggestions in to the Committee, and list the venues on the coloured form included with this Reel Talk.

You are requested to nominate only those months and venues that you have a reasonable expectation of attending. These could be choices from local, close venues, or distant venues. The latter are generally tied to long weekends.

The Committee will use this information to recommend a set of venues that attracts and gives the greatest interest and potentially maximize attendance by Club members.

**DO IT NOW, PLEASE!!!** The current Competition Rules are available from the Secretary or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/> for the online versions.

We don't want to have all the discussions and all the changes at the last minute at the April General Meeting. That's not the way to make good decisions.

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## **Public and school holidays 2012/13**

**WA public holidays**, from WA Department of Commerce website.

[http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/LabourRelations/Content/Employers/Pay\\_rates\\_leave\\_and\\_conditions/Public\\_holidays\\_in\\_Western\\_Aus.html](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/LabourRelations/Content/Employers/Pay_rates_leave_and_conditions/Public_holidays_in_Western_Aus.html)

<b>Foundation Day</b>	Monday 4 June 2012	<b>Queen's Birthday</b>	Monday 1 October 2012
<b>New Year holiday</b>	Tuesday 1 January 2013	<b>Australia Day</b>	Monday 28 January 2013
<b>Labor Day</b>	Monday 4 March 2013	<b>Anzac Day</b>	Thursday 25 April 2013
<b>Easter</b>	Friday 29 March - Monday 1 April 2013		

**WA school holidays** for Primary and Secondary students in Government schools in WA are:- (from <http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/termdates/> ) All dates are inclusive.

Saturday 7 July - Monday 23 July 2012	Sat 29 September - Monday 15 October 2012
Wed 19 Dec 2012 - Sunday 3 February 2013	Saturday 20 April - Sunday 5 May 2013

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**Draft calendar for 2011/12**

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

Note this **draft** calendar includes the "usual" weekend after the general meeting or long weekends for field days as a starting point suggestion, but the final dates will depend on suggestions and/or requests received. Some considerations are:-

13 May 2012 is Mothers' Day. The Club normally avoids scheduling dry casting on Fathers' Day and maybe the same should apply for Field Days on Mothers' Day.

Safari to Esperance in April or May 2012 - to be confirmed, see separate article.

Easter 2013 is Friday 29 March - Monday 1 April 2013 and could be used for a Field Day.

<b>21</b>	Safari (TBA)	<b>23</b>	Presentation Night	<b>25</b>	AAA Event	?	Night cast (TBA)	
<b>6</b>	Dry Casting	<b>13</b>	General Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	Field Day	<b>16</b>	Committee Meeting

<b>Draft SCAC event calendar 2012/13 - Draft version dated 13 November 2011.</b>																				
<b>##### All dates still have to be confirmed. #####</b>																				
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14	15	<b>16</b>	17	18	19	20	11	12	<b>13</b>	14	15	16	17	9	10	<b>11</b>	12	13	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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February 2013						March 2013						April 2013								
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## **Drycasting dates proposed for 2012/13 - draft**

These are mostly (9 out of 12 months) on the first Sunday of the month, except Fathers' Day or when the Field Day includes the first Sunday due to a long weekend. All dates still have to be confirmed.

6 May 2012	10 June 2012 (Note 1)	1 July 2012
5 August 2012	9 September 2012 (Note 2)	7 October 2012
AAAWA State Dry Casting	Sunday 28 October 2012	
4 November 2012	2 December 2012	6 January 2013
3 February 2013	10 March 2013 (Note 1)	7 April 2013

**Note 1.** Assumes Field Day is on long weekend. **Note 2.** September avoids Fathers' Day.

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## **General and Committee meeting dates proposed for 2012/13**

General meetings are all on the standard second Wednesday of the month as shown. Committee meetings are 1 week later.

9 May 2012	13 June 2012	11 July 2012
8 August 2012	12 September 2012	10 October 2012
14 November 2012	12 December 2012	9 January 2013
13 February 2013	13 March 2013	10 April 2013

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## **Request for fishing Safari to Esperance in 2012**

Dear Members. As you are aware, there has been a request from club members to organize a fishing safari to Esperance for 2012. At the September General meeting a show of hands indicated quite a few interested members.

Can I please ask that members who are interested send their names on either an email or letter and forward it directly to me.

I have written a letter to the Esperance Surfcasters Club requesting their local knowledge in directing us to good fishing spots and any recommended accommodation and points of interest in the Esperance area.

Ian Russell, the President of the Esperance Surfcasters phoned me, and in short this was what he said: He was delighted to hear from us and they are quite keen to meet up with us when we are down there. They might even join us for a fishing session. They are prepared to go and take us to some good fishing spots.

He recommended we come with reliable 4x4 vehicles, the beaches are quite soft and very challenging. He suggests we always drive with 2 or more vehicles in these very remote areas.

Ian further recommended March to April for the best time to visit Esperance. According to him the best fishing time is in the winter, July to August. From September to November we are likely to cop some heavy winds.

Accommodation will most likely be at one of the many camp sites eg. Cape Le Grand or Lucky Bay. These 2 camps have 2WD access with good road surface, gas barbeques, toilets. Boat launching is possible at Lucky Bay. There is no drinkable water available.

At November's Committee meeting we identified two possible weeks for planning a family safari. There is a week in April from the 22 to the 28, or in May from the 20 to the 26. If we decide on the April week, the chances are most likely that we will have to cancel the Capes field day, but this is entirely up to the members.

For this Safari to be successful you have to come forward, put your hands up and commit to a date. Looking forward to receiving your emails/letters.

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

## **Rottnest May 2012 Field day**

Dear members. Your Field Day Officer invites you to join him for an action packed week end on Rottnest Island. Please book well in advance to avoid disappointment in not securing a place.

Below are just a few of the many quality fish you can expect to catch on this Field day.



Arrival date on Island: Last ferry on 11 May 2012.

Departure back to mainland: Morning of 14 May 2012.

Cost approximately: \$180, Deposit: \$100.

Looking forward to fishing alongside you and to experience fishing you can only dream of.

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

## **Induction / information / training sessions**

Schedule for regular induction / information / training sessions for new (and not so new) members.

At a recent General Meeting, several members requested that there be some training sessions held for new members and include other not so new members. After discussing this at Committee, it has been resolved that the Club will offer the following instruction periods to new members, and any other interested persons.

Sessions will be held on the last Friday night of January, March, May, July, September and November. The sessions will run from 7:30 - 9:30pm. They will be held in the carport workshop at John Curtis' home in Padbury. John has taught a beach fishing class for many years at TAFE and has notes from that course as well as other equipment.

Invitation is open to any member of the club to attend on the condition that they indicate their intention at the previous club meeting, or by advising John in advance of their intention to attend. Groups will be limited to a maximum of 10 with no minimum number required to run a session. Members will need to bring their own pliers, cutters and a pen and notebook.

John Curtis

## **Mutual trust**

Someone posted a poll on a Fishing Forum headed "Are you a member of Recfishwest" with options of "yes", "no", and "I would if I could trust them." This forum has some posters who often post anti RFW comments and opinions. Then the Chairman of RFW, posting as "Iureman", asked a question:- "why don't you trust Recfishwest?" and received some interesting comments. He then posted a response as follows. Some minor edits have been made for clarification. Original source and some comments at <http://www.wafishaman.com/content/why-dont-you-trust-recfishwest>

## **Recfishwest, hate us or love us. We are doing it because we care.**

Thanks to everybody for the feedback on why they don't trust Recfishwest. Most of your comments were valid and reasonable so I will now try and explain as best I can the reality of recreational representation, which at times can be very frustrating for a little organization run by a small team of staff and volunteers.

### **Funding**

Recfishwest are funded through several different sources with the main contribution coming from a Fisheries Department Grant. This is paid in two streams, a straight grant of around \$300,000 and a service level agreement to provide communications and regional consultation for \$270,000. Other partners include Woodside who sponsor the kids' fishing clinics, Healthways, Department of Sports and Recreation and Fisheries Research and Development Corporation. If you are a member you would receive the Annual Report which clearly states RFW financial details.

The insinuation that RFW is a lap dog of Fisheries is so far from the truth it's funny. There are sections of the department who for years have hated RFW and being answerable to the public, especially research. I would go so far as to suggest there are individuals in there who actively do their best to make sure recreational fishers don't get a fair go. That said I would also like to point out that over the last 3 years Minister Moore has recognized the problems within the department, implementing a complete overhaul of management, and the cultural work ethics, attitude, accountability and improving scientific transparency.

We now have a new approach in that management isn't being dictated by researchers and what they felt was the best approach in risk based management or what is known as following precautionary principles. There is still a way to go but I will say the working relationship is improving as the department recognizes that the recreational sector is their biggest client who should be serviced a hell of a lot better than we have been in the past.

Recfishwest views are not dictated by funding arrangements or back door deals. And more often than not these views are polar opposites to the department's. It's important that RFW has a very good relationship with Fisheries so that good advice and information is exchanged otherwise we would be going around in circles more than we need.

### **Communications and consultation.**

People are right when they say we never hear anything from RFW unless it's bad (and/or it's too late.)

Certainly communications is an area that RFW themselves have identified needs improving dramatically. A communications strategy was developed last year which was hoped would improve this. One problem has been lack of resources like staff and/or time to deliver messages outside the membership base. The mainstream media only give coverage to an issue when it's deemed a "general news story" so other things we want to let the community know about never get picked up. You only ever hear the bad news stories, especially out of our local print media!

The other issue is that there are many different levels of participation, with fishing from once a year on holiday anglers to the hardcore like on here. It's not easy delivering communications to such a wide demographic because some people want more information than others, their understanding of aquatic management varies from nil to extensive and the information channels differ for each group.

Recently funding has been secured for a full time communications office to improve RFW's marketing, media and community relationships with more accessible information through the website, e-newsletters and fishing clubs and associations meetings.

### **Service level agreement**

As I said RFW has a Service Level Agreement with Fisheries to organize and facilitate regional consultation meetings. An example was the Integrated Fisheries Allocation Advisory Committee and Marine Park public meetings where particular issues were debated. Generally RFW don't have a view before going into these meetings as that's why we are there! Fisheries present their case and RFW listen to recreational anglers' views and opinions.

Yes there should be more of them, at least two a year in each bioregion and this is something RFW hopes will happen more regularly in the next twelve months.

RFW don't facilitate these meetings to push a Fisheries' ideal or agenda, and that's a fact.

### **Greens and Pew**

RFW as a peak body for recreational anglers meet with a wide range of other representative bodies, government departments and interest groups. It's in RFW best interests to understand the views and opinions of these groups so that we better address their concerns in a pro-active manner. A fair while back RFW had a cordial relationship with local green groups like World Wildlife Fund and Conservation Council of WA and have even joined forces for causes such as the Straits Salt mine proposal in Exmouth Gulf, to help save fragile environments from exploitation and damage by development.

In recent years since Pew Environmental Group has been here dishing out dollars and a more radical marine conservation view has been expressed and this relationship has totally dissolved. You may say well that's good, but if you know what your competition's game plan is or what their beef is about you have a better chance of finding middle ground of a mutual position of common sense.

Now we have the likes of these nut case foreigners and fundamental zealots here pushing bullshit science on dumb western suburb people as the reason we need no-fishing zones, it's open warfare. Jessica Meeuwig has even sought legal action against RFW, its staff and board members because of media comments. So saying RFW does deals with the Greens is ignorant and ridiculous.

### **Politics**

You are all big boys here and would understand that what sometimes looks like a duck, isn't really a duck. The cold hard facts are good marine management is based on good advice from research, the department and community, but often politics gets in the way of sound decisions. Like the rock lobster issue. There are many ways this advice gets to the minister but more often or not it's through personal dialogue, both informal and formal. RFW have to engage at both levels at times so that our views and opinions are expressed on issues before they ever see the light of day. This requires a mutually beneficial and trusting relationship with the minister's chiefs of staff and heads of departments so that they have a clear understanding of what you the recreational sector would probably think on particular issues.

There have been many times where management proposals or ideas about certain issues have been put to RFW for comment and the board has sent them packing. Stupid, discriminatory things which would make a redneck's blood boil which you never hear about. But going in there yelling and shouting like a rotten blowie gets you nowhere. Calm, well considered advice catches attention and you have a better chance of changing an outcome.

The thing is though RFW needs to be ahead of the community thinking on big issues which some may think is not fair to them. Tough!. Unfortunately the world is changing and killing animals for fun or food is very much frowned upon by some in the general community. That's life. The days of bags and bags of blue manna crabs out of the Peel or freezers full of fillets up north are gone. Accept it. Your kids have.

It's up to Recfishwest to negotiate fair and reasonable access and extraction levels in keeping with sustainable limits otherwise there will be no fish for the future. That's why RFW developed the Wilderness conservation areas idea and the push for better research on release mortality, tagging projects etc. And looked at ways to improve the enjoyment of fishing by pushing for funding for stock and habitat enhancement. Look at the artificial reefs announcement and soon to be announced re-stocking of mulloway into the Swan River, Barramundi into Lake Kununurra, sonic tagging of sailfish in Broome, pushing for the closure of Cockburn Sound to protect the spawning pink snapper, cobbler in the Swan River. All things RFW have done for the betterment of the fishery and you and your kids enjoyment.

Wouldn't you want to be helping make all this happen? So easy to sit on the sidelines and abuse the umpire and coach but why don't you trust your mates and join the team to help make them winners, so we all get to walk away proud and carrying the trophy.

RFW trust you, you have to trust yourself to do the right thing.

From a post by "lureman" on WAFishaman forum

### **And he can cook**

As many of you would know, my health is not the best at present. I would just like to take this opportunity to report on my progress. Eating is difficult these days, but I eat what I can when I can.

This is where Pete comes in. For breakfast I usually have a little cereal and some fruit (along with a mountain of tablets). For morning tea Pete usually prepares a chicken salad for me, full of delicious vegies and chicken. Lunch can be anything from chicken casserole to steak and potato.

For dinner on Thursday, 17 November 2011, he cooked up the most delicious chicken laksa. I went from very sleepy to totally energised following one meal. I even went back for seconds!!!! Pete tells me he is really enjoying cooking for us both and together we have discovered his hidden talent.

So now we know, Pete is not just a champion caster, he is a chef too.

I really enjoyed casting on 6 November and hope to come along to December Dry Casting.

On a lighter note, I can now wear jeans I haven't been able to squeeze into for years.

I appreciate all the offers of help, and we'll definitely call in the favours as required. However we are managing at present.

Marcia Pekaar

### **President's report**

I wish to start my report by wishing all the committee and members of our club and their families the very best for Christmas and for a 2012 that brings all we wish for, particularly good health from Kaye and me. Don't forget your \$2 present for Pat McKeown's Christmas function.

Last meeting we welcomed Chris Stickells into our club and I hope he enjoys his time with us.

It was great to see Marcia Pekaar at our last dry casting doing her thing. She was obviously enjoying herself and was like a long-distance runner, pacing herself well and competed in all the events. Peter was keeping a good eye on her and I'm sure we all will see more of the Pekaars in future.

Trevor Stam donated three rods to the club for tutoring at casting and John Curtis is making them into two-piece so we can store them with our casting gear. Thanks to you both. I would also like to thank Pat McKeown and John Curtis for taking Trevor home after casting. Great club spirit.

Allan Jones and Gary Gildersleeves also ran a very smooth casting morning which was enjoyed by all. I think there might be a club record or two broken as well.

Pat McKeown and Allan Jones did a special trip to Kalbarri to install the new washing machine and taps donated by Trevor Stam with help from Eric Parker as well. They also did a few other jobs and as a result our cottage is in great shape. A sincere thank you to you both from our club members. Ray Walker, our property officer, said the bookings are going well and Dave Maxted had a short stay at Kalbarri recently.

Dave, Pat and I did attend the Wago field day but I found out that I am nearly 70 years old and even though the mind thinks young, my body let me know differently, as on the Saturday Dave and Pat had to take me to Kalbarri Hospital. I must say the hospital certainly looked after me and the staff kicked me out the following day. We fished on the Friday afternoon from about 3pm to 8pm and it was obviously hotter than I realised and I didn't have a drink and as a result next morning I awoke violently ill, obviously due to dehydration. I will drink plenty of water in future. I would like to say a sincere thank you to Dave and Pat and apologise for messing up their weekend. Also a thank you to Mal and Jenny Head as well and anyone else who looked after me.



I attended the Cervantes field day and even though the attendance was smaller, possibly because it was only two weeks after the long weekend, and there was a fair bit of weed about, everyone caught good bags of fish which was great to see. Couldn't wipe the smile off young Sarah Wignell's face as she had a great catch and was suitably rewarded. There were a couple of other young budding fishers in the attendance as well with good catches.

I have been informed that Bob and Leonie Henderson are wending their way home back to WA and should be back for Christmas. It will be good to see them again.

At the last general meeting I asked the question of the members whether they were interested in competing in or helping to run a National Championship in WA in 2015 or 2017. The response was not great but the question needed to be asked as if it were to happen we need to think about it now. John Curtis, the Australian Anglers Association President has put a lot of effort and preparation into whether the WA Division can run a championship at a location like Esperance, Albany or Geraldton but needs positive feedback. If indications are lukewarm then the decision will be made not to attempt to run it here in WA. People aren't aware of the work John has done to this date and he has undertaken to give the national president John Crone an answer early in the new year for future planning. If you have any thoughts for or against or suggestions please let John know as soon as possible.

This Reel Talk has the forms for suggestions and requests for our field days for next year, thanks to the efficiency of Terry Fuller.

Probably the main item is when to run the Safari to Esperance. Andy Thorgersen's suggestion was for September for a family holiday and for the wildflowers. Peet Wessels has contacted the Esperance Surfcasters and has put forward their suggestions. It is probably how important is the fishing, or how important is the overall package which could allow more family involvement as well as enough fishing.

Good to see Vince Iozzi's smiling face at our last general meeting. Vince has had a few setbacks but is looking to be more involved once more. Great.

See you all at the Christmas meeting. Tight lines and good casting.

President 2011/12, George Holman

## **Social Organiser Report, October 2011**

Hello fellow members.

This month has been quiet on the Social scene. After the hectic months just gone it is a welcome break.

Things are still being organised for you all. Some input would be good as we want to organise events suited to your needs.

December's General Meeting will conclude with nibbles and soft drink, tea, coffee and water. Please bring a plate with something on it. Savoury always goes down well. Cold plates please.

All drinks will be supplied by your club.

Don't forget that \$2 present just to add to the night's fun, so bring a smile and enjoy your fellow club members' company.

There will be a good raffle prize so buy up big and win!!

The next event on the calendar will be the barbecue and night cast at George and Kaye's place on Saturday 21 January 2012 starting at 6pm. BYO everything including a chair. Spot prizes and trophies for all sections, including juniors and mini juniors. Let's make it a fun night.

After Christmas we will be looking in earnest at the presentation night to be held on 23 June 2012. Remember this is your club's 60th birthday so let's make it BIG.

I am looking at dates for the Bindoon Maze BBQ, suggestions are most welcome.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

## How to use the laser measure

A laser measure is used to measure the distances at dry casting. It's not very difficult to use, and all members should be ready to step up and help by using the measure if needed.



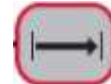
*The laser measure and telescopic viewer*



### The 3 buttons to use



On/off



Prepare to measure a distance



Measure the distance

### To measure a distance cast.

1. Press the “On-off” button. Needed for the first measurement or after a few minutes of not being used.

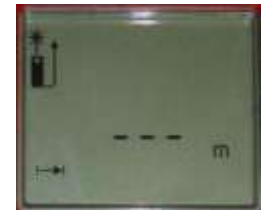
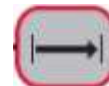
The screen will show all zeroes like at right, plus the letter "m" (for metres)



2. Push the “Prepare to measure distance” button

Check the screen shows 3 dashes and the letter “m”, (for metres) like at right.

The “asterisk” or "star" flashes and the red laser light is turned on by step 2.



3. Check the “asterisk” is flashing, or place your hand in front of the unit to check the laser light is on.

It is low power and safe on your hand but don't look directly at it from close up.

Flashes when > ready to measure



4. Look through the telescopic viewer and turn the unit using the tripod head until the red laser spot is on the target.

5. Gently press the “DIST” button, being careful not to move the unit which might move the laser spot off the target.

6. Read off the distance, shown to 2 or 3 decimal parts of a metre. 10.719 metres is shown on the screen at right.

See also "**tips and traps**" below.



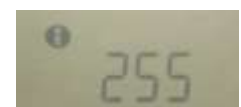
### Tips and traps when using the laser measure.

1. If the laser spot moves off the target as a measurement is attempted, the unit will display the number 255.

Use the “On-off” button to turn off, then repeat steps 1 to 5 above.

2. The unit automatically turns off the laser light after about 30 seconds, so the red spot can go out if there is any delay in measuring. Press the “Prepare to measure” button again.

3. The unit automatically turns itself completely off after about 1½ minutes of no use, and the screen goes completely blank. Restart at step 1 above.



4. Don't hold the telescopic viewer to try to turn the unit to line up the laser spot on the target. The viewer is only held on with a magnet and will easily come off, or will move so that the viewer doesn't line up with the laser spot.

5. If the laser spot is not lined up (visible) within the lines in the viewfinder, first check that the viewfinder is properly attached (tip/trap 4), and then adjust the horizontal and vertical position using the two knobs on the viewfinder. Once set, these should not need any more adjustment.

6. A display of 256 means the reflected laser spot is too strong, usually when measuring very short distances. A display of 257 means sunlight is swamping the reflected laser spot. Restart as for tip 1, and ask the marker to turn the target at an angle, or use the white back of the target.



*The adjusting knobs*

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

## **Wilbinga over night**

I got the call on a Monday afternoon that a couple of mates were heading up to Wilbinga for an overnight fishing session. I have spent a substantial amount of time up there this year mainly chasing big winter tailor on lure but also putting in a few hours here and there along the beaches with lots of sharks and rays but not even the sight of a Mulloway which we were all chasing. I was a little sceptical of the weed situation as there had been quite a bit washed up recently but with the other option of staying home and wondering I found myself racing home to throw rods, reels and all the rest into the car so I could get there before sun down.

With some soft tyres and even softer sand we arrived at the spot to be greeted with a stiff south westerly and weed as far as the eye could see. We all set up and put in a good three hour session dragging several ton of weed onto the beach in tough fishless conditions before retiring to the camp fire for some food, drink and a bit of banter.

The following morning was going to be better with calm conditions forecast and the sun wasn't even up before I had a nice gummy shark on the beach. We all caught plenty of tailor, rays, herring and whiting with the weed barely bothering us.

At around 6am with the sun well and truly up and a very low tide, Billy's reel screamed off. It was called to be another ray as Billy was trying to gain some line back. A couple of parallel runs of the beach wrapped his line around Steve's and as I was untangling the mess I noticed it wasn't a stingray but a substantial Mulloway thrashing through the shore break.

Of course I had left the gaff up in the car so I grabbed the leader hoping it stuck and was shortly relieved to have Billy's 13kg Mulloway (whole) flapping on the beach. It was Billy's first of this species and a pretty good start which he will do well to better.



*Billy and Mulloway*



*Steve and Bronze Whaler*

With that result rods were flying everywhere in case a second Mulloway may be hooked but a few false alarms (stingrays) were all that resulted on the heavy gear.

Steve had taken advantage of the strong easterly wind and ballooned out a whole tailor, it got bitten in half but missed the hook up so out went another and after an hour or so later and a bit of help winding from everyone a nice Bronze Whaler was on the beach.

After that it was about time to pack up as the flies were driving us mad. The small march flies were so bad on the way back along the beach they were biting me as I was driving so several times I had to stop and jump in the water for some respite.

For anyone who hasn't tried beer battered bronze whaler it really is a great feed and don't be put off by the shark smell. The flesh loses that smell once cooked.

Justin Rose

## Your suggestions for 2012/13 Field Day dates, venues and boundaries

Please fill out and send to:- Secretary, SCAC, PO Box 2834, Malaga 6944, or hand to Eric Parker at any Club event. The target is before the January Committee meeting, Wednesday 18 January 2012, but really we want it as soon as possible, please. **DO IT NOW, PLEASE !!**

Your Name			Date	
Month	Suggested venue	Dates	Boundaries, your reasons and more details	
May 2012		12/13 May or (your suggestion)	Note:- 13 May is Mothers' Day Safari?	
June 2012		LWE Sat/Sun/Mon 2/3/4 June or (your suggestion)		
July 2012		14/15 July or (your suggestion)		
August 2012		11/12 Aug or (your suggestion)		
September 2012		15/16 Sept or (your suggestion)		
October 2012		13/14 Oct or LWE Sat/Sun/Mon 29/30 Sep/1 Oct or (your suggestion)		
November 2012		17/18 Nov or (your suggestion)	AAA State Estuary championships is Swan River / Cockburn Sound 24/25 November	
December 2012		15/16 Dec or (your suggestion)		
January 2013		12/13 Jan or (your suggestion)		
February 2013		16/17 Feb or (your suggestion)		
March 2013		LWE 2/3/4 Mar or (your suggestion)		
April 2013		Easter Sat/Sun/Mon 30/31 Mar/1 Apr or 13/14 Apr or (your suggestion)		

## Kalbarri House for rent

The Club owns a house in Kalbarri which is ideal for a fishing holiday in the area. Access to the famous fishing spots at Wagoe, Lucky Bay, Port Gregory, etc is just a short drive away via the bitumen road.

The Mallard Street house has easy access to the river, beaches and town. It has two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 bunks.

Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, large fridge and a separate chest freezer. A new front loading washing machine has been installed.

Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Rates are:

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

### **Surf Casting and Angling Club members**

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

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

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

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

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

***Ray Walker, Property Officer***





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