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Minutes of General Meeting, 7 January 2003

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:02 PM. President Ross Kember presiding. Ross gave birthday wishes to members as listed in the Reel Talk. He warned members of car break ins and a stabbing which had been reported in the Western Angler's internet "Fishing Forum".
- Present:-** 30 senior members, 2 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Derry Barber, Chas Riegert.
- Visitors:-** John Glass, Graeme Lowick.
- New Members:-** Paul Fuller and Geoff Raftis were welcomed to the club.
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. Moved Jim Strong seconded Bob Henderson, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Ross Kember outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.
- Correspondence In:-** AAA Change of Address
AAA Minutes of Delegates' Meeting December 2002
Sharon Osborne Membership fees.
Andy Thorgersen List of Meeting places, Bayswater.
- Correspondence Out:-** JY Signs Screen Printers Confirm order for T shirts
Sportswear Services Confirm order for Jackets
Paul Fuller }
Reg Carle } Membership approved.
Geoff Raftis }
- Treasurer's Report:-** Moved Ian Cook, seconded Mal Harris, that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
Treasurer John Hall reported. Accounts for payment:-
Yokine Bowling Club Meeting Room January 2003 \$50.00
Jiffy Print Reel Talk January 2003 Invoice 8811 \$149.50
Total of accounts for payment at December 2002 General Meeting. \$199.50
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| Available funds 7/1/2003 from bank statement on line | \$7,782.92 |
| Cash in hand to be banked | \$124.00 |
| Total | \$7,906.92 |
| Accounts for payment December General meeting | \$199.50 |
| Total available as at 7/1/2003 | \$7,707.42 |
- Moved George Holman seconded Terry Willison report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- Property Officer:-** Vix Alexander reported on new bookings for Kalbarri. House is available as in Reel Talk.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported on the December Open Field Day, and the coming January Mandurah 500 promotion as in Reel Talk.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman advised members that AAA needs a secretary and treasurer since Max Law resigned after Christmas. Meeting to be held with Recfishwest. Discussions to be held to prepare a submission on the Toohey Integrated Fisheries Management report, and prepare an AAA policy on recreational fishing licenses.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson reported on arrangements for the Mandurah 500 on 11/12 January 2003. Bob Henderson gave details of the January Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. He asked for any members with suggestions for or problems with the dry casting to talk to him.
- Social Organiser:-** Apology received. Club shirts will be available as in Reel Talk.
- Recorder:-** More entries wanted for the fishing competitions!! Ian Cook reported on arrangements for the 17/18 May Rottneest Field Day. Accommodation and transport needs to be booked and paid for well in advance. Likely to cost around \$100 to \$105.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Articles, photos, stories needed. Nothing else to report. What you see is what you get!
- Notices of Motion:-** 1. Roy Killick gave notice of motion to amend Sub Section (b) and (c) of Section 3.5.2 DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY TARGET DISTANCES, as set out in the Club's Competition Rules.
Existing sub sections to be deleted and replaced by:-
(b) For Ladies, Juniors and Veterans sections,
Group 1 2 3 4 5
Metres 30 35 30 36 38
Metres 40 42 37 43 46
Metres 50 49 45 52 54
Metres 60 56 53 59 61
(c) For Mini Junior Section
Group 1 2 3 4 5
Metres 20 25 20 26 28
Metres 30 35 30 36 38
2. Terry Fuller gave notice of motion to amend Constitution Section 16, (a) and (b) to read:-
16. Membership Fees.
a) Membership fees for the ensuing year shall become due and payable on the 1st of July in each year, and must be paid by 31 July.
b) Any member whose membership fee is not paid by 31 July shall be deemed to be unfinancial and the Committee without further notice may terminate the membership of such person. Such person will not be eligible for any club competition, nor be eligible to vote or stand for Committee selection until membership subscription is paid or an alternative arrangement is approved by the Committee.

Amend Section 16 c), d) and e), Section 3 c), Section 4 c), Section 15, replace the word "subscription" with "membership fee" for wording consistency.

General Business:-

Trevor Stam asked if a member could keep some raffle prizes in a secure place. Terry Willison took these.

Ross Kember reported on a meeting on 6 January with our former treasurer. A response is required by 20 January.

Andy Thorgersen knows the owner of Benbow and Co. who may be interested in advertising on the Reel Talk cover.

Spencer King asked about a Safari in 2003. The Yamba convention will tie up a lot of members this year. Future possibilities are Esperance, Quobba, Gnarloo.

Instruction Period:-

Bob Henderson gave more details of the Mandurah 500 on 11/12 January 2003.

George Holman showed a range of rigs and described how they are used and why they are set up that way.

Meeting closed.

9:40 pm

Coming Club Events.

February Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 2 February, 8:30 am start. **Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.

Events:- 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

February General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 12 February 2003, 8:00 pm.

Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.

Instruction Period:- Nathan Harrison, Fisheries, will speak on Regional Fishing Management.

February 2003 Field Day - Open.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003.

Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.

Lines Down:- 9:30 am Saturday 25 February.

Weigh in:- 4:00 pm Sunday 16 February, at G Holman's house.

Boundaries:- Any Western Australian tidal waters which are open to all club members.

Tides for Saturday 15 Feb. 0.35m at 5:19 am 1.1m at 8:42 pm Sunrise:- About 5:55 am

Fremantle Sunday 16 Feb. 0.35m at 5:39 am 1.09m at 9:22 pm Sunset:- About 7:10 pm

Moon Moon Phase:- Full Moon Monday 17 Feb Moonrise:- About 6:15 pm Saturday 15 Feb.

Moonset:- About 4:40 am Sunday 16 Feb.

Local Field Day for February 2003.

There isn't a local field day for February because the main field day is an open, anywhere in WA tidal waters.

March 2003 Field Day - Bluff Creek.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 1/2/3 March 2003.

Don't miss it - often the best one of the year!!

Sign On:- Saturday 12 noon Bluff Creek Camping area.

Lines Down:- After you've signed on.

Barbecue:- See the March Reel Talk.

Weigh in:- Monday 10:00 am at Bluff Creek camping area.

Boundaries:- As far as you can walk past the rocks at each end of the beach.

Tides for Saturday 1 March 0.21m @ 6:05am 0.6m @ 12:52am 0.57m @ 3:32pm 1.06m @ 10:35pm

Albany Sunday 2 March 0.27m @ 6:10am 0.62m @ 12:17pm 0.53m @ 4:10pm 1.03m @ 10:58pm

Monday 3 March 0.32m @ 6:12am 0.66m @ 12:05pm 0.50m @ 4:44pm 0.97m @ 11:18pm

Sun and Sunrise:- About 5:55 am Sunset:- About 6:45 pm

Moon Saturday 1 March Moonrise:- 3:40am Moonset:- 6:06pm

Bluff Creek Sunday 2 March Moonrise:- 4:42am Moonset:- 6:40pm

Monday 3 March New Moon Moonrise:- 5:43am Moonset:- 7:09pm

Local Field Day for March 2003.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 1/2/3 March 2003.

Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon

Weigh in:- Monday 10:00 am at G. Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written on the Field Day sheet. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

Boundaries:- South local, North Mole to Penguin Island, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

Tides for Saturday 1 March 0.29m @ 5:11 am 0.89m @ 8:50 pm Sunrise: About 6:05 am

Fremantle Sunday 2 March 0.33m @ 5:20 am 0.56m @ 12:30 pm 0.86m @ 9:25 pm

Monday 3 March 0.37m @ 5:20 am 0.59m @ noon Sunset:- About 6:52 pm

Calendar for Next Three Months.

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

SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003.

2002/2003 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 2 February 2003

Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 6 April 2003

2002/2003 General Meetings.

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 12 February 2003

Wednesday 12 March 2003

Wednesday 9 April 2003

2002/2003 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003

Open.

Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE

Bluff Creek, and "South" Local.

Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003

Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin, and "North" Local.

2002/2003 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 May 2003

Rottnest.

Any trip to Rottnest needs to have accommodation and transport booked well in advance. The Committee has decided the May Field Day is to Rottnest on 17/18 May so that bookings can be made in enough time.

Next Season's Field Day Dates and Venues.

It's February already. At the April General Meeting, we need to set the Field Day venues and dates for the May 2003 to April 2004 competition year.

We would like to publish a possible list, or at least a list of the suggestions, in the March Reel Talk, allow some discussion, and then finalise the list at the March Committee meeting for the April Reel Talk, to be voted on by the members at the April General Meeting.

Anything's possible, different / new venues, different formats, different rules, whatever, if the members will support them by going on those Field Days. So if you have any ideas, please put your suggestions in to the Committee, on the tear out form on page 21 of the January Reel Talk. Current Competition Rules are available from the Secretary.

Please realise that the Committee just wants to do what the members want to do, but if you don't tell us, then we will have to make the decision from suggestions we get or from Committee members' ideas. What we don't want is to have all the discussions and the changes at the last minute at the April General Meeting - that's not the way to make good decisions.

Also, please think about your involvement. If you're not able to go to some of the field days, then please consider leaving the discussion, the voting and the decisions to those members who will go on those field days.

2003/2004 Possible Dry Casting Dates.

See the list on page 5 of the January 2003 Reel Talk.

2003/2004 General Meetings.

See the list on page 5 of the January 2003 Reel Talk.

2003/2004 Possible Field Day Dates.

See the list on page 5 of the January 2003 Reel Talk.

2003 Presentation of Trophies Night.

The Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club has been tentatively booked for 14 June for the Dinner and presentation of trophies, because someone else had already booked it for 21 June, the date we would have liked. Costs have risen a lot and details may change.

2003/2004 Calendar

See the calendar on page 6 of the January 2003 Reel Talk.

4	Dry Casting	14	General Meeting	17	18	Field Day	21	Committee Meeting
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SCAC Event Calendar 2003/2004 - Draft Version 19 January 2003. Dates still have to be confirmed.

May 2003						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	<u>4</u>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	<u>31</u>	

The only change is to May 2003 which was wrong - had most things one week too early. (But who read the Reel Talk to notice?)

AAA and Affiliated Club Coming Events.

This information has been updated from the November 2002 AAA report. Some dates are still being finalised so check for updates in later Reel Talks.

February 15/16, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	White Hills to Preston.
February 22/23, 2003	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Lancelin AAC.
March 15/16, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Cervantes to Wedge.
March 29/30, 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Halls Head to Myalup Drain.
April 25/26/27, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Go Anywhere.
May 17/18, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Rottnest.
May 31/June 1/2 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Albany area.
July 19/20, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Rottnest.
September LWE, 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Horrocks to Kalbarri. <u>Date Change</u>
October 26, 2003	AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve.
March or April 2004	AAA State Estuary Championships	Collie River and Leschenault Estuary.

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.

Happy Birthday to:-

Dean Stewart, 28 February Jenny Willis, 10 February.

A lot of you haven't told us your birthday, so there may be more.

Wanted – Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the meeting and give them to Mal Head. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

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 John Lee for his Kalbarri story in this Reel Talk.

New Member Applications.

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

Graeme and Jo Lowick.

New Member Acceptances.

The following applications for membership have been accepted, and will be invited to the General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club. - None this month.

Message From a New Member (to be).

Hi, Well I'm the new kid on the block, I went down to the last dry casting meet to find out a bit more about the club and its members. In no time I was greeted by friendly smiles and G'days. The dry casting was well underway, but that didn't stop TerryF from taking the time to talk to me and explain things even though he was busy competing. I explained my rod setup and was shown how to use my particular reel (Alvey sidecast). I was invited to bring it down to the next meet for some help and advice on how to cast it properly.

I also attended the club's monthly meeting which I found to be very informative and once again I was made to feel very welcome.

Thanks to all for the help, advice and warm welcome.

Graeme.

Graeme Lowick put this message on the Surfcasters internet message board. Some of you don't have access to that, so here it is. Graeme has put in an application for club membership.

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. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

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

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. Club members need to do their own cleaning on departure, or we can arrange cleaners at around \$46 per clean, extra on the rates above.

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

As at end of December, the house is available to 28 February, 15 March to 17 April, from 25 April to 17 October, excluding a period around the September LWE, and 8 November 2003 on. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings. Vix has gone to Esperance for a holiday and wasn't able to update this.

John Lee's Kalbarri Story.

Hi Surfcasters. In November I made my usual annual two week trip to Kalbarri staying at the club's house.

I wasn't able to go up last year because I was too crook so it was nice to be there after a two year break. We did our usual thing on the Saturday of departure and got a very late start, leaving Perth around midday. By the time we made Lynton Station it was 1830 hours and although not super bright, the light wasn't that bad. I never speed on country trips, usually just touching 90ks and 100 down hills. I was negotiating a very gentle up slope not far north of the Garnet mine when a roo hopped out of nowhere and zigzagged in front of us.

I was probably only doing about 80 but barely missed hitting the dopey thing twice as it jumped to one side then back again. I always tell Angela (notwithstanding that I have a roo bar and that I was actually talking about birds and rabbits) "whatever appears in front of you - just hit it". The theory was sound but since the last time I clouted a roo was about 25 years ago, I'd become a bit complacent. Not helped of course by the fact that I was towing a trailer, tried to swerve and almost lost control of the 4WD. By the time we reached the National Park we were both decidedly jumpy and seeing hoppers behind every shrub.

Once at the house we spent the first day or two just relaxing, observing any changes made to the townsite and marveling at how inexorable housing development is - even at a place as sleepy as Kalbarri. At times like this, I do the usual babyboomer thing and think to myself "I remember the days when!"

Anyway, according to 'the Bureau', the weather for the better part of the first week was promising to be fairly unrelenting - 25 to 30 knot southerlies and big swells. And so it proved. On my first excursion to Wittecarra (club members used to call this "the cutting") I tried in vain to get a bait into viable water but didn't come near to clearing the dirty, weedy, soupy white water. Well they do call us "Surfcasters" - surf being the operative word.

By the second week, the swell had abated somewhat even if the tree bending southerlies continued and anyway the tailor had started to co-operate so I was reasonably happy. The bite rate was fairly slow so bag limits would have been hard work to achieve but, my intention was just to enjoy myself and not to fish flat out in any case.

While on the subject, (sorry I can't help myself) I've got to climb on my favourite hobby horse for a minute - each time I've been to Kalbarri between October and Christmas I've made a mental note of the number of female tailor I've caught that are fully roed in comparison to the total number of males.

The percentage is very close to 75% female, 25% male. I therefore do not attempt a bag limit during the spawning period but put most females back in the water. If you're wondering how it's possible to know which ones are females, it's very simple - just look at the condition of the fish in the region of the lower body near the anal canal and you will know. Although not ideal, if you need proof, just cut a couple open and I guarantee their egg sacks are bloated.

I've sent many letters and emails to Fisheries urging that a closed period be declared in the northern part of the mid west (Kalbarri) during the spawning season just as they do with Snapper in Cockburn Sound. However my plea seems to fall on deaf ears - no one wants to bite the bullet and make a tough decision. Anyway, that's another story.

One afternoon about 1700 hours or so, the wash was again extensive and as I was sick of having the left side of my face sand blasted, I walked further south at 'the creek' to within 200 metres of Red Bluff. My mind went back to 12 years ago when big bombers were also breaking and I fished the same spot for many bust ups and two nice Mulloway.

Well lightning sometimes does strike the same place twice and yes you guessed it - by 1730 I had a nice Mulloway flapping on the beach. I'd left my own little spring balance home, but I found one in a kitchen drawer - a little worse for wear perhaps but good enough as a guide and when weighed, the fish went 7 and a bit kgs.

I tried twice at Lucky Bay for zilch. The first time in a southerly sand blizzard at the only bay that didn't have a metre of weed piled up on the beach for a complete white out. The second time was amazing. It was only blowing about 20 knots (calm by local standards) and I was fishing, as I nearly always do, at the northern end of the bay immediately in front of the settlement. By 1730, all I had to show for my troubles were two tailor. Then I got a big strike and as I was very close to a reef I thought "I'd better hit this fella pretty hard or I'm going to lose it."

So I gave it everything at the same moment in which a surging wave broke in the same spot. As a result, my roughhouse tactics stung a very green Mulloway into making like a Marlin and leaping clear of the water with a rolling motion which thereby caused the line to wrap around its body. It broke off of course and I just stood there with my mouth open, completely stunned. It was worth it though just to see a species that most would term bullocking but sluggish in its efforts to escape, resort to gamefish tactics in order to gain its freedom. Actually, many years ago, I had the same thing happen at a place some of you may remember on the south coast at what we used to call Flinder's Bay or Emu Springs.

To have it happen twice in a lifetime is incredible. Anyway, after recovering from the shock, I rigged up again and cast into the same spot. Again I got a big hit but this time it was uncontrollable. Obviously a good shark but using only 9kg line in the vicinity of reef soon saw another bust off. So, with hands on hips "I shouted I'd like to see you do that again", rigged with heavy trace and cast in.

I don't have to tell you what happened next - oh I managed to hang on for a bit longer due to the heavy trace but the mongrel cheated and swam out through the gap in the reef and turned north with the inevitable result. After that anything that occurred was going to be anti climactic. Of course, everything went quiet. So with tail between our collective legs, Angela and I retired to Kalbarri to lick our wounds.

It certainly wasn't the most productive trip (fishwise) we've ever made to Kalbarri but it was relaxing and I had a lot of fun when I managed to get a line in the water. After all, that's what life is all about isn't it - having fun.

PS. Next year I hope to take my boat up so hopefully I'll have a few more tales to tell

John Lee

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations, 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. Past member Ted Horsley holds the record for the earliest Reel Talk donated - October 1952. Thanks also to past member Vern Pocklington, the designer of the Reel Talk logo, for copies of the March and June 1953 issues.

Notice of Motion - Accuracy Distances.

At the January General Meeting, Roy Killick gave notice of motion:-

To amend Sub Section (b) and (c) of Section 3.5.2 Double Handed Accuracy Target Distances, as set out in the Club's Competition Rules.

Existing sub sections to be deleted and replaced by:-

(b)	For Ladies, Juniors and Veterans sections,					
	Group	1	2	3	4	5
	Metres	30	35	30	36	38
	Metres	40	42	37	43	46
	Metres	50	49	45	52	54
	Metres	60	56	53	59	61
(c)	For Mini Junior Section					
	Group	1	2	3	4	5
	Metres	20	25	20	26	28
	Metres	30	35	30	36	38

Explanation:- (not part of the motion). This motion will be moved and debated at the February General Meeting.

The reason for this amendment is to bring the Club into line with the distances now being cast by these Sections, as a result of the amended distances introduced at National level and subsequently adopted by the A.A.A. W.A.

As Mini Juniors use the court marked out by Section (b) competitors, it follows they will be using only the nearest target.

Notice of Motion - Membership Year Change.

At the January General Meeting, Terry Fuller gave notice of motion:-

To amend Constitution Sections 16, (a) and (b) to read:-

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To amend Constitution Section 16 c), d) and e), Section 3 c), Section 4 c), Section 15, replace the word "subscription" with "membership fee" for wording consistency.

Explanation:- (not part of the motion). This motion will be moved and debated at the February General Meeting.

Currently, membership fees fall due on 1 May and must be paid by 31 July. A significant number of members need to be followed up to make payment, or for the club to be told that they have decided not to renew their membership. This follow up takes up the time of committee members and has some costs for postage, phone calls and letters. This leads to a three month period when we do not know how much income we will get from membership fees, which is a significant part of club's income.

Accounts for the financial year 1 July to 30 June do not show what they should show, because a significant proportion of membership fees are usually collected in a different financial year in which they are spent on club expenses and services for the members. In 2002, members paid around 40% of fees before 30 June, and about 60% of fees after 30 June.

Fees need to be paid before the Annual General Meeting, usually in August, so that we know who is eligible to vote for Committee. The changed wording in (b) allows a member to make arrangements to pay in installments if approved by the Committee.

The Club's competition year runs from the beginning of May to the end of April. At present, this competition year lines up with the membership year, but there is no real reason why it needs to. It is still important for the competition year to end at the end of April so that all competition winners can be decided in time for the Annual Presentation of Trophies in mid June, but there is no compelling financial reason for the membership year to line up with the competition year, since the club does not usually pay any significant amount for the prizes presented. No change is proposed for the competition year start and end.

From Reel Talk September 1953.

Many thanks to past members Ted Horsley and Vern Pocklington for donating copies of early Reel Talks from 1952 to 1954, and a copy of the Constitution of the Surfcasting and Angling Association of WA from that time. This gives us some wonderful views of the early days of the club, and will fill many pages of future Reel Talks.

Here's the September 1953 issue, when the Club was called "The Surf Casting and Angling Association of WA."

News in Brief (September 1953)

Vic Davis and John McNerney have recently spent some time at Rottnest, Vic using the excuse that he was putting some kind of wire into the new hotel, and Mac not requiring one. They tell us that the fishing there is marvelous. There are, as usual, plenty of "Buff Bream", and they're biting well, but there are good fish as well, Vic caught two jewies (6lb. and 12lb.) and a pike while both caught plenty of skippies and other good eating fish.

Nelson Smith would like members to ask him when he caught his last Kingie. He'd promptly tell you last week - a seven pounder at Cottesloe. Ask him when he got his last Tailor and you'll probably be told - "Last Saturday week. Vern gave me one."

Noel Knight wishes to have it put on record that at the time Nelson caught his kingie he landed a blue shark (weight not specified) all by himself.

Vern, the spinner, tells us he's got among the tailor at Triggs on several evenings lately. They've been jumping out of the water after his lures.

Last Sunday week, long before the sun was up, about 20 members headed for Yanchep, a favourite spot several seasons ago, and got lines into the water by first light. It was only a matter of minutes before Felix Holywell landed a 1½ lb. tailor. That looked good, but it was the one and only, so Felix scooped the pool again.

Later in the morning Mrs. Hartwig showed the boys how to catch herring.

By lunch time all were on their way home thinking up excuses that might prove convincing.

Our initial dry casting event for the year at Rosalie Park showed that our casting needs improving before we can shout the distances from the roof tops. The best was Vern Pocklington's 109 yards before his champion "Bird's Nest". Vic Davis showed consistency by landing each of his three casts about three or four yards past the 100 yard flag.

We were very pleased to see the interest that was shown in this event. About a dozen members were present, several wives and friends and a number of onlookers.

We have secured the use of this park for the 20 September so there's time to clean the heavy grease and sand out of your reels, check your lines for weaknesses and get out into the paddock with 3¼ and 2¼ oz. (or thereabouts) sinkers and get those few extra yards. You'll need 120 yards or more to win next time.

If you're not an expert come along and get a few tips, with a bit of practice. If you are an expert be there to show your skill and perhaps help someone less experienced.

For our next Field Day we plan to go South to some place between Long Point and the 14 mile beach south of Mandurah. Details will be given at the next meeting at National Fitness Rooms in James Street, on 9 September.

Future issues of Reel Talk will not be sent out to members who are unfinancial. Subscriptions can be paid at the meeting or through the post, and must be in by 30th September.

Go Fishing For Contentment (September 1953)

Extract from "Melbourne Herald" 18/8/1953

Mr. Christopher Harrigan, 75, of Hill Grove, Preston, who joined Carter Paterson and Co. Pty. Ltd., Slivers Lane, City, back in 1892, retired today.

His secret is: If you want to be contented - and stay with the one company for 61 years - go fishing.

Mr. Harrigan, who started work sweeping the floors at 6/- a week, and is now a leather goods maker, says he grew up with the company. He was 5ft. 2in. then. Today he is 5ft. 1in.

Mr. Harrigan claims he has fished in every spot in Victoria. "There's nothing like it," he said today. "You come back to work feeling fine after a week-end with the line.

"And you're happy towards the end of the week again - you know you're going fishing.

"Fishing is like stalking game. The quieter you are the better you do" .

Mr. Harrigan was a founder of the Preston and Northcote Fishing Clubs. As a delegate of the Piscatorial Council, he put perch into the Yarra 35 years ago. He claims he still holds the fishing record for Yarra fishing - five fish weighing 15¾ lb in one afternoon.

He was presented by the staff with, among other things, a fishing line - made with a cotton reel, a small piece of cane, a piece of string and a bent pin.

What's he going to do now he's retired? Go fishing, of course.

At long last the secret why so many of us go fishing is out. Of course, some of us go just to get away from the wife and kids, but there's another type who goes fishing to keep his job. Which type are you? Vern Pocklington.

What's It To Be- Single or Double Handed Rods?

Form Reel Talk September 1953. From the spinning point of view single handed rods are like "Jets"; they're here to stay - in fact you can ask anyone who has used and caught fish spinning with a single handed rod and you'll get the same answer.

I have always looked to America as the leaders in fishing gear, and if you cast the old memory back as far as 1938 to the "Outdoor Life" magazine, or any of the other popular American fishing books, you'll remember seeing rods with the reel on top. It's only the last few years that this idea was adopted on our local beaches. We all agree that it's a big improvement on the old style.

Now look at any of those journals today and what do you see? Just about everyone using single handed rods. In one section it stated that nine out of ten rods sold in the U.S.A. were single handed rods, so there is proof that it must have something. I am tipping that within a very short time we will be seeing a great many of these little champs being used around our beaches.

To mention only a few of the big advantage is the ease of handling and the lightness which is a big feature when fishing off reefs against a heavy surf. Then there's the small amount of room required for casting as this is done in an underarm action. Last, but not least, is the thrill you got landing, say, a 3 lb fish on this light but excellent spinning gear.

On the tenth of August a chap named Martin, the keenest of single handed spinner fishermen landed seven tailor, ranging from 3 - 5 lbs in seven casts off North Beach, using 6 lb. nylon, Record rod and reel.

On Sunday, 16th August he hooked a 30 lb. yellowtail kingfish on the same gear, but after playing it for some time his line gave away on a knot. In July this year he landed a 10¾ lb "Kingley".

These catches were all made with the gear stated above so you see the single handed rods are really worthwhile considering. Vern Pocklington.

Reward (September 1953)

There will be a £5 reward for anyone who SEES Noel Knight catch a fish. There is also a £1 reward for anyone who HAS seen him catch a fish. Donated by the Birds' Nest Assoc.

January 2003 Field Day.

January's field day was planned to coincide with the AAA run Mandurah 500 Sunsmart family fishing promotion. 17 club members signed on for both competitions for what promised to be some good fishing close to home.

Going on the weather that had preceded the event, an afternoon sea breeze and a balmy evening was expected. Wrong, one should never assume especially when it comes to the weather. The Saturday started out with some cloud cover and a gentle westerly breeze. By late afternoon it had swung around to the south-west ahead of a cold front with the wind picking up to about 30 knots during the evening, accompanied by a few rain squalls. As the swell increased so did the amount of floating weed which turned the fishing into hard work.

As would be expected, with less than perfect weather conditions, not many fish were weighed-in in either the open competition or for the club's field day.

Club members were spread out from Preston beach to Madora Bay with the majority opting for the beach to the south of Mandurah, this is where most of the success was had for the weekend. George, Vix and I fished White Hills and managed a few good fish. George landed seven tailor, the heaviest around 750 grams along with a bag full of herring.

Vix was rewarded with some herring and just one good size tailor, big enough though to take out the ladies tailor section of the Sunsmart Mandurah 500 competition. Other tailor catches came from John Romano, Tony D'Alonzo, myself and mini junior Andrew Stoeckel. The other memorable catch of the day was a bag of fourteen plump skipper by Tony D'Alonzo, one of which earned him first prize in the open Skipjack Trevally section.

Only a few hardy souls fished the morning of the weigh in, so most people were in attendance at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club when the Sunsmart presentations commenced. The club's facilities were superb and along with a large sun shade provided by AAA made the proceedings very comfortable. The winners of each section took home a range of great prizes, won in some cases by less than average size fish.

The weather may not have been on our side for this field day but it sure beats looking at that list on the fridge which contains more jobs than I care to contemplate.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

Results for the January Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	9.1 kg	4	30	181
George Holman	5.1 kg	2	30	120.5
Malcolm Harris	2.7 kg	2	18	96.5
Vix Alexander	1.5 kg	3	8	94.5
John Romano	2.2 kg	2	17	92
Andrew Stoeckel	0.3 kg	1	1	53
Paul Thompson	2.1 kg	2	23	50.5
Nick Allsworth	0.0 kg	0	0	50
Terry Fuller	0.0 kg	0	0	50
Alan Jones	0.0 kg	0	0	50
Ross Kember	0.0 kg	0	0	50
Spencer King	0.0 kg	0	0	50
Morris Kolman	0.0 kg	0	0	50
Peter Mahony	0.0 kg	0	0	50
Peter Stoeckel	0.0 kg	0	0	50
Julie Kember	0.0 kg	0	0	40

Field Day prizes for January.

Best Scale Fish	George Holman	Tailor	0.75 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	9.1 kg

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for January.

Best Scale Fish	George Holman	Tailor	0.75 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	9.1 kg
Best Bag Including Sharks	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	9.1 kg

Field Day Top Ten for 2002/2003 up to January.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	2783.7	6	Ross Kember	437.1
2	Malcolm Harris	914.9	7	John Jardine	419.2
3	Vix Alexander	744.3	8	Filomena D'Alonzo	350.1
4	George Holman	743.6	9	Mark Farnay	342.6
5	Ken Black	465.0	10	Ian Taggart	340.5

Field Day Sections for 2002/2003

No change from the list in the January 2003 Reel Talk.

2002/3 Open Lure Competition.

No change from the list in the January 2003 Reel Talk.

2002/2003 Open Competition Results to January 2002.

No change from the list in the January 2003 Reel Talk.

Message From Japan

Dear Terry, I was back in Japan at last Monday 13 Jan after my stay in Brisbane and back to my job straight away.

I fully enjoyed my stay in Perth especially King George whiting fishing and my joining dry casting. These are all from your help. I cannot express how much I appreciate such memorable experiences.

During dry casting day, thank you for your attention of my practice casting. You were right. I think I should not did even practice cast when someone was in front of me.

At the first trial of my pendulum cast, It's not full pendulum cast, but, the line was broken. I found incorrect line strength was displayed in the Japanese version of Fire Line. Unfortunately, there is no rules for the strength of line in Japan. I guess supplier did the different display, because they have to compete Japanese dyneema I guess.

I should try to use the line before the dry casting. Sorry about this. I felt a bit I lost my reliability. Anyway, I decided not to use pendulum cast for distance casting and I change the line to dyneema.

I was really impressed very well organized casting event, great technique of accuracy casting and all sorts of contrivances.

And also I enjoyed the really beautiful nice play ground. It is very ideal situation. I feel envious. There is no such place around here.

And also I'd like to express my appreciation for all of people organize the casting event and all of people who accepted me to join the casting event. I could really enjoy a lot.

With many thanks again for all you did and your club's member did. I hope I'd like to join again some day.

With kind regards

Jun Irisawa.



Jun's Daiwa "Tournament Surf" reel.

Jun comes from the Yokohama area of Japan and contacted me by email after he read about our drycasting on the club's Internet web page. He asked where to catch King George Whiting around Perth, and asked if he could come to our drycasting while he was here.

He went to Rottneest and the Penguin Island sand bar and caught some King George Whiting. Those of you at the January dry casting saw his very speccy Daiwa "Tournament Surf" reel, (magnesium I believe) and his telescopic rod.

He wanted to do a pendulum cast, but we needed to be sure he could do it safely. His practise cast was a break off, (it seems his Fireline breaking strain was wrongly labeled) so he did conventional casts in the competition. Check out the distances he could cast.

Chas Riegert took him fishing at Yanchep Club Capricorn on the Sunday night where he outfished Chas, catching one very large herring to nil.

Quote of the Month.

Middle age is when work is a lot less fun, and fun is a lot more work.

Life Members.

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

Does anyone know anything about Lloyd Dunn?

Club Badges Now in Stock.

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

West Coast and Gascoyne Changes.

The State Government has announced new recreational fishing rules. A general possession limit will apply across the entire State from July 1, 2003.

Revised bag limits for many popular species will also apply from July 1 in the West Coast and Gascoyne regions. Examples of new limits for popular species include dhufish two (currently four), spanish mackerel two (currently four) and cobbler four (currently eight). Some current limits, such as tailor (eight), herring (40) and mullet (40), will not change.

Fisheries Minister Kim Chance said the changes followed an extensive community consultation and planning process that attracted more than 4,000 written submissions.

Mr Chance said the new three category system of regulations, based on an assessment of the risk of over-exploitation, was a significant advance on the traditional approach used throughout Australia, which tended to favour bag limits and other controls set around social and angling values, rather than critical research information.

While the number of commercial fishing licenses had declined, due to Government funded buy-back schemes, there were also signs that increased consumer demand and higher prices were driving an increase in the targeting of finfish commercially.

The Minister said sustainable management must include both the commercial and recreational sectors and the new recreational rules would complement ongoing plans for greater management of commercial fisheries. These ongoing plans included a major review of the commercial wetline fishery, which also targeted finfish, a recently introduced management plan for the spanish mackerel fishery and existing management plans for commercial finfish fishing in the Gascoyne, Pilbara and Kimberley regions.

Mr Chance will consider changes to minimum legal sizes later this year after further consultation by the Department of Fisheries with the commercial sector.

Information on the changes will be available from district Fisheries offices and on the department's website at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/>

Summary of Changes.

Category 1 (species considered at high risk of over-exploitation such as dhufish, pink snapper, mackerel and groper) - a **mixed bag of seven fish**, with a species limit of four or two unless otherwise specified;

	West Coast	Gascoyne
Barracuda	2	4
Barramundi	N/A	2
Billfish - sailfish, swordfish, marlins combined	1	1
Groper, western blue	1	N/A
Emperors - blue-lined and spangled combined	4	4
Cobbler	4	N/A
Cobia	2	2
Coral trout and coronation trout - combined	2	2
Cods, rankin and estuary - combined	2	2
Cods other (inc. breaksea and harlequin) - combined	4	4
Dhufish	2	1
Groper and tuskfish - combined	4	4
Tropical sea perch and snappers (mangrove jack, fingermark, job fish, etc.) combined	2	4
Mackerel - shark	2	4
Mackerel - Spanish, broad and narrow-barred combined	2	2
Mackerel - wahoo	2	2
Mahi mahi	2	4
Mulloway	2	2
Mulloway - northern	N/A	2
Nannygai / red snapper - combined	4	N/A
Parrot fish - combined	4	4
Pink snapper	4	6
Pink snapper (Inner gulfs Shark Bay)	N/A	1
Queen snapper (blue morwong)	4	N/A
Queenfish	N/A	4
Red emperor	2	2
Salmon, Australian	4	N/A
Samson fish/amberjack/yellowtail kingfish combined	2	2
Sharks and rays - combined	2	2
Trevally, golden, giant - combined	2	2
Tuna - southern bluefin, yellowfin, bigeye combined	2	2

Category 2 (inshore and estuarine fish considered at medium risk such as black bream, tailor, flathead, trevally and King George whiting) - **mixed bag of 16 fish**, with a species limit of eight unless otherwise specified;

	West Coast	Gascoyne
Bonito, tunas and mackerels combined	8	8
Bream - black, north-west and yellowfin combined	4	8
Emperors (northwest snapper) - combined	N/A	8
Flathead and flounder combined	8	8
Goatfish Family	8	8
Leatherjacket	8	8
Mackerel, Queensland school	N/A	4
Snook and pike - combined	8	N/A
Tailor	8	8
Threadfin salmon - giant, northern and Gunter's combined	N/A	8
Trevallies, silver (skippy), diamond, etc.- combined	8	8
Whiting, King George	8	N/A
Whiting, yellowfin	16	16

Unlisted species. All species not specified except baitfish and "feral" species" have a bag limit of 16. Baitfish (Families Clupeidae and Engraulididae - pilchards, whitebait and anchovies), and feral freshwater species including carp, tilapia, goldfish and redfin perch have no bag limit.

Category 3 (relatively abundant fast growing fish considered at lowest risk such as herring, whiting, garfish and mullet) - **mixed bag of 40 fish**.

Australian herring	You can only take a combined maximum of 40 category three fish.
Dart	
Garfish Family	
Longtom Family	
Mackerel, blue (common)	
Milkfish	No size limits apply.
Mullet, sea and yellow-eye family	
Tarwhine	
Whiting, sand, school and tropical	

Individual species within these categories may have differing bag limits and other controls in each region, depending on biological vulnerability, abundance and fishing pressure, and may appear in separate categories.

Current bag limits will continue to apply in the Pilbara/Kimberley region and the South Coast region until reviews scheduled to start this year are completed for these areas.

Under the new State wide possession limit each fisher will be entitled to no more than 20 kilograms of filleted fish at any time, except in their place of permanent residence. Fish divided into cutlets or other forms will be treated as if they were filleted. Anglers will have the alternative of retaining their possession limit as 10kg of filleted fish plus one day's bag limit of whole fish, or as two days bag limit of whole fish.

It will be illegal to land filleted fish on boating trips of less than 48 hours. For longer trips, only fillets at least 30 centimetres long with the skin and scales attached may be landed. Two fillets will be counted as one fish for bag and possession limit purposes.

Effect on the Club's Field Days.

Under the Club's Competition Rules, a maximum of thirty fish and a maximum of one day's bag limit of a particular species as specified by Fisheries WA Regulations can be weighed in for any Field Day (including Long Weekends) for competition purposes. Only one(1) wrasse may be weighed-in.

The new Category 1 limit of 7 fish would not have much effect on what can be weighed in on typical field days, eg salmon, mulloway, sharks, snapper, mackerel, if you think how rarely these are all caught together.

Under the new Category 2 limits, only a total of 16 of tailor, skippy, flathead, King George and yellowfin whiting, snook, pike, etc. can be weighed in. Note:- Category 2 seems to include all species not listed elsewhere.

The new category 3 limit number is much more than our club limit, so no effect. And from July 1, you will be able to keep one of those sometimes pesky under 23 cm Tarwhine if you need it for a species.

The new rules come into effect from 1 July. That's only two months after the start of the new competition year. What about using these new limits from the start of the 2003/4 competition year?

When is a Fillet Not a Fillet.

The proposed possession limits to come in from 1 July includes options which include combinations of one or two day's bag limit of whole fish and/or fillets. They allow the option of "whole" fish, but if in practise, these cannot be used because of the definitions they want to apply, then that's not reasonable.

The rules consider any fish which is not "whole" to be "fillets". A lot depends on the definition of the term "whole fish". The dictionary says "whole" is "complete or not divided" and that's very obvious, but leads to some problems for people who want to look after their fish.

A fish which has been gilled and gutted is clearly not "whole" under this definition, but no one should argue that it is not still a whole fish under the spirit of the possession limits. Let's hope they don't insist on calling them "fillets", because that could cause problems to some people on some field days.

If reason prevails for the previous case, then if a fish has been gilled and gutted and the head and/or tail cut off, (because they're going to be thrown away anyway), is it still a whole fish for possession limit purposes?

If a fish has been cut in half to fit into the angler's esky, with or without it's head still on, is it still (and should it be) a whole fish for possession limit purposes?

The dictionary says a fillet is "a strip or compact piece of boneless meat or fish", so a fish cut in half doesn't meet that definition of a "fillet".

Consider:- On a fishing trip away from his home, one guy catches under or up to his two days' bag limit of fish, including mackerel, cobia etc which are long fish. He has a large esky or freezer, so keeps them whole. All legal and within both the spirit and the letter of the law - and nobody can object.

Another guy catches the same number of fish (or even fewer). He does NOT have a large esky or freezer, so cuts the head and tails off, and/or cuts them in half. Suddenly they are now defined as "fillets" and if more than 20 kg he is now outside the letter of the possession limit. His possession is not legal, even though he's fished within the spirit and letter of the law up to the point when he cut his fish in half, and even though any idiot could take the fish halves, count them up, (and match them up if they really wanted to go to the trouble) and see that the guy had ONLY two days' bag limit.

Why the difference? That's hardly equitable just because one guy has the large esky or freezer, and the other doesn't.

We put in our club submission that an angler should be allowed to cut long fish in half for storage and that these should still be classed as "whole fish" if that's the term they want to use. But that wasn't included in the recent release. Let's hope that common sense will apply.

Toohy Report - Integrated Fisheries Management.

The following is a draft of comments on recommendations contained in the Integrated Fisheries Management Review Committee Report, and on the additional comments added by the Fisheries Minister. See Page 12 of the January Reel Talk for the list of recommendations and Minister's comments. This list is as drafted for the AAA.

Please contact Secretary if you have any changes to make to these comments.

Recommendation Number and Minister's Comments.	SCAC Comments.
1.	Agree.
2.	Agree.
3.	Agree.
4.	Agree.
5.	Agree.
5. (i) and (ii)	Agree.
5. (iii)	Agree, however this situation should set the priority for getting the required data as soon as possible so that any changes are limited to the short term. SCAC would like an assurance that any limits imposed will be relaxed if subsequent information or research shows that the original allocations were smaller than would have been made had that information been available at the time.
5. (iv)	Agree, however the application of the principles as proposed by the Minister have grey areas which need explanation.
5. (v)	Agree most strongly. This recommendation is very important for management of fish stocks in the future.
5. (vi)	Agree, however this requires adequate research.
5. (vii) (viii) and (ix)	Agree.
6.	Agree. Consultation must involve all users.
7.	Agree.
8.	Agree. SCAC is particularly interested in the application of the principle added by the Minister about "incorporating net economic worth calculations with supporting socio-economic data" to recreational fishing for species such as tailor and salmon. The tourism and associated spending of recreational anglers has an enormous actual and potential benefit to the economy, which far outweighs the limited benefits and returns of commercial fishing for these species.
9.	SCAC does not have enough information to comment on the makeup of the Integrated Fisheries Allocation Council. SCAC believes that recommendation 4, "The integrated management system

must be open and transparent, accessible and inclusive, flexible, effective and efficient” must apply to the activities of the Council, so that it can be seen that the appointees are impartial and the decisions are soundly based on agreed data.

10. SCAC supports the intention of the recommendation, and also agrees with the Minister’s comments against the recommendation, provided interested parties have an opportunity to have their views considered before a decision is made on important issues, and the Minister gives adequate details and the reasons for his decisions, as has occurred for this report and for the West Coast and Gascoyne Reviews.
11. States “The Integrated Fisheries Allocation Council be responsible for determining the process and timeframes for resolving allocation issues in each fishery”. SCAC believes this should be reworded to “IFAC recommends the process ...etc”
12. SCAC notes the Minister’s disagreement with the recommendation that “IFAC’s recommendations or advice to the Minister for Fisheries should become public at the time it is submitted to the Minister”. SCAC also notes the Minister’s agreement with the general thrust of recommendation 4, “...the integrated management system must be open and transparent, accessible and inclusive,.....”
The Gallop Labor Government was elected on a platform of Open Government, and SCAC believes this requires that interested parties have an opportunity to have their views considered before a decision is made on important issues, and the Minister should give adequate details and the reasons for his decisions.
13. Agree.
14. Agree.
15. Agree.
16. (i) Recreational plans for West Coast and Gascoyne have been released recently as recommended. SCAC notes that they do not come into effect until 1 July, and urges that early action be taken on other recommendations, particularly 16 (ii), as soon as possible, so that fish saved through restraint by recreational anglers are not lost because of uncontrolled commercial catches.
- 16 (ii) Agree most strongly. This is one of the most important recommendations, in SCAC’s view. If it is important to introduce changes to Recreational catches, then it is just as important to review and manage commercial catches as soon as possible.
Any delay or failure to implement this effectively will confirm a view held by some that restrictions on recreational catches are a soft option which are not equitable and which will be ineffective because of uncontrolled commercial catches.
17. SCAC agrees with the Minister’s comments about the need to be more timely in dealing with allocation issues. Unless allocation issues are resolved in a very short time (and SCAC understands this is unlikely for many fisheries) then allowing commercial fishing to maintain their existing catches is unacceptable as detailed above.
SCAC believes a precedent for early action has been set with the Mackerel Management Plan, although the one year notice should be reduced.
18. Agree.
19. Agree most strongly that additional funding must be made available for the stated reasons, particularly education and compliance.
20. SCAC notes the recent Government statements of policy about Recreational Fishing Licenses. SCAC believes the Government now has an obligation to provide all the funds necessary for implementation of the recommendations as quickly as possible, considering how long they have been in development and the pressure claimed to be on fish stocks.
In particular, SCAC endorses the Committee’s views on the significant social and economic values associated with sustainable fisheries.
An additional source of funds which should be included is from developments which impact on the environment and affect fish or their habitats, or which lead to increased pressure on fish stocks through improved access or increased population.
21. SCAC notes the recent Government statements of policy that general Recreational Fishing Licenses will not be introduced by a Gallop Labor Government.

Recorders Report.

Cookie has been going through a lot of changes with his work recently.

He thanks all the club members for their thoughtfulness in not giving him any Recorder work to do.

But that’s no good, guys. Where are all the fish entries? He’s had his rest. Now he needs a challenge, so get all those entries in, please.

Social Officer's Report January 2003.

Corporate Bowls recommences at Yokine Bowling Club at 6pm on Wednesday 19 February 2003 through to Wednesday 12 March. Evening commences with a sausage sizzle followed by commencement of group team competition commencing at 7pm and concluding at 9pm. A great fun night with diversification of individuals and bowling skills with coaching staff assigned to each group. A raffle is also held with announcement of winners for each night (Hendo is excluded from accepting any more prizes) and the final competition results plus an encouragement prize for the best "effort" team. Cost is \$10 for team entry and \$5.00, per player per night, which includes the sausage sizzle & prizes. Surfcasters are aiming enter at least two four-person teams for new competition.

Possible Nominations for the February/March Corporate bowls competition & Social Night are:- Ross Kember, Julie Kember, Kaye Holman, Dianne Barber, Morris Kolman, Peter Stoeckel, Ian Cook, Vix Alexander, Malcolm Harris, Bob Henderson Terry Ring and you?

Captain Cook to lodge teams application forms and pays \$10 per team nomination fee

Please contact Derry Barber to add your name for the next competition.

AAA Rock and Beach Fishing Competition.

WANTED.....WANTED.....WANTED.....WANTED

Veterans, Men, Ladies, Juniors and Mini-Juniors wanted for the AAA Rock and Beach Fishing Competition.

This is to be held on the weekend of 29 and 30 March at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club, Ocean Marina, north side of the river mouth (same venue as the Mandurah 500). The boundaries are Halls Head Inlet to Myalup Drain.

Sign on is from 11.00am until 12 noon Saturday 29 March. Lines down at 2.00pm Saturday. Weigh in at 11.00am Sunday 30 March

Cost:	Mens and Ladies	\$10.00
	Veterans	\$5.00
	Juniors & Minis	\$5.00

Please register as soon as possible so that teams can be formed. For further details contact Bob Henderson, or Peter Stoeckel.

Suggestions for 2003/2004 Field Days.

Please fill out the form on page 21 of the January Reel Talk and send to:- Secretary, SCAC, PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020, or hand to Terry Fuller at a Club event. The deadline is the February Committee Meeting, Wednesday 19 February 2003, but really we want it **as soon as possible, please.**

So far I have received fewer than one suggestions from members other than Committee members.

Presidents Notes. - January 2003

Well here we are again, another year gone in what seems like no time at all. It seems that as we get older, time disappears at an ever increasing rate. All those things that we have planned to do are being squeezed into an ever decreasing space.

Work commitments have to stop encroaching on our recreation. Read fishing.

I did mention last meeting that a number of disturbing reports have filtered through about anglers being targeted by the unscrupulous members of our society, and I therefore remind you all to be vigilant both where you fish and in car parks. If anything looks suspicious, use discretion but try and contact the authorities. Most of us carry mobile phones so make good use of them.

Fisheries have published a new list of bag limits that will take effect in July this year. The committee have reviewed them and you will see them listed with comments now and in future editions and, I am sure, at our meetings. As our competition year starts in May, it may be prudent to apply whatever changes are needed at that time instead of changing mid stream. Look for notification at meetings and in the Reel Talk.

I have a request to make that will add to the interest in the Reel Talk. We need a budding writer who can conduct interviews and write an article or mini biography of new, old and past members of the club.

Please contact me for details. Don't be shy - it may only be three or four times a year.

I wish you all good health and successful angling and/or casting for the coming year.

Ross Kember, President 2002/2003

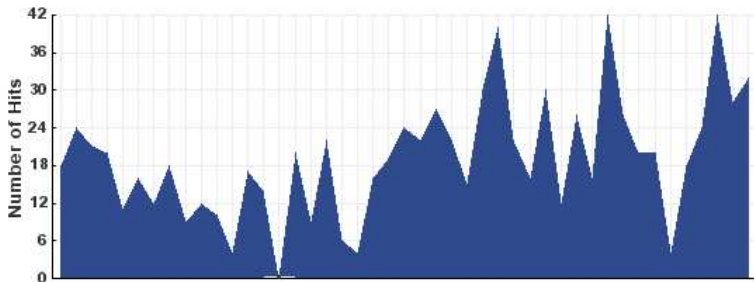
AAA Publicity.

The February issue of West Coast Fisherman newspaper should have an article with details of the Sunsmart Mandurah 500 and Mandurah shore based angling Clinic.

For photos and all the results for all the AAA events and State Championships, look at the Australian Anglers Association, (WA Division) website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

Club Web Site Update.

The club website now has over 500 odd pages which includes 400 odd photos. I had a counter on the home page for quite some time which had got up to 9000 since the website was started in July 2001, but that service stopped. So I had to go looking for a new counter, and I found one which gives a lot of information about where people are finding out about our website.



Graph of hits on the Home page for the month up to 23 January 2003.

In the last six weeks up to 23 January, we have averaged around 23 separate people accessing the home page every day, peaking at 42 on a couple of days. 170 of these come from direct hits which mean that these people know the web address, and 70 which have come from other pages on our site which have been found because people searched for some words that were on one of those pages, like "Steep Point Tailor", "Exmouth photos", etc.

Others come from links from all over the place, such as Beachfishing.com 34, Recfishwest 10, Western Angler 7, Breakaway Tackle 11, ABC 13, Seabreeze 13, AAA 10, and from search engines from places including Japan, Italy, France, Greece as well as the United States, New Zealand and Australian ones.

About 115 people came from searches on google.com, 60 odd from msn and ninemsn, 45 from yahoo. Checking on some of those searches, I have found that the club's home page is listed in Google as number 2 of about 8,800 entries for "Surf Casting", Number 10 of about 296,000 entries for "fishing in Western Australia", and that one competes with the commercial Fishing WA site and the Fisheries Department site, number 7 of about 1,500 entries for "surfcasting tips", number 3 of about 7,520 entries for "surf casting techniques", and so on.

Many users look at only the first few pages of search results, and if they find interesting things there, will follow those links and never get to later pages. Many are not patient with pages which take too long to display. All that research I did on how to set up the pages so that search engines like what they find, and list them high up in their list, seems to have paid off in getting people to look at the web site.

I have also added a list of pages on the site and a way of searching the site so you can find what pages are there or particular pages you're looking for just by putting in a few words or a phrase.

Look at the website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> or if you have a computer but don't have Internet access, I can supply you with a CD of all the files and photos so that you can look at everything whenever you like. I'll even throw in everything from the AAA web site. I made this offer several months ago but had slightly less than one person show any interest. RTFRT? I wonder.

Terry Fuller.

Fix Your "Live to Fish" Hat

The "Live to Fish" hats are great with their broad brim and neck cover. But they don't work in the wind - they will blow off backwards in any decent headwind, and they hurt your ears because the chin strap pulls the hat down too far onto your ears, glasses or sunnies.

The fix is simple. Move the chin strap 30 to 40 mm towards the front of the hat, and add a 20-25mm band inside the hat, which goes over your head so that you can tighten the chin strap and it pulls this band down onto the top of your head and not onto your ears. Takes 5 - 10 minutes with a needle and thread.

Don't Forget the Bluff Creek Field Day.

It's on 1/2/3 March 2003. See page 3 and the March Reel Talk.

Don't miss it - it's often the best one of the year !!

Dry Casting Report, 5 January 2003.

Standing out in middle during the vets' double handed event, I watched a "gentleman" put his casts down and I was very pleasantly surprised to find out that he was "only" two points off the State and National records. So congratulations, Alphonse on a superb effort.

The 112 gram distance casting was won by Nick Allsworth, with a great effort. George put it all together and won the 56 gram event, but was pushed by Jun, our visitor from Japan.

Speaking to Jun later, I learned that he found our club on the Internet, conversed with Terry Fuller, and decided to travel over here and join us on a casting day. A nice guy and sure welcome back. Getting up to travel 20,000km to cast is hell on meal times.

Money was mentioned during the single handed event and it was George with his hand out at the end.



With quality casting, it was "Alphonse" who won the day.

Don't know what happened to Johnny Romano. Pity Vix fluffed her 56 gram casts, Willo still can't cast a single handed, Rhys won the juniors, Trev's improving on his double handed. Geoff and Pete's improving, (no that's not Stokes) Mal Harris is worrying the big boys, and Jim can still get the distance.

Bullseyes by Don, Alphonse, Nick, George, Rhys and Johnny leave me to panel and paint the targets again.

Keep it straight and long.

Hendo.

Results for the day:-

	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points			
Seniors.									
Chas Riegert	140	162	30	134	125	26	144	18	218
Nick Allsworth	162	168	33	127	0	13	144	18	208
George Holman	158	164	32	141	141	28	105	35	200
Malcolm Harris	146	0	15	127	143	27	118	12	172
Joe Pullella (Visitor)	187	0	19	136	135	27	96	10	152
Terry Willison	144	0	14	0	126	13	111	5	143
Rick Parker	143	139	28	121	109	23	48	14	113
John Romano	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	14	97
Jun Irisawa (Visitor)				139	140	28	31	0	59

Veterans.

Tony D'Alonzo	126	126	24	120	117	24	167	16	233
Roy Killick	141	137	28	122	123	25	134	27	214
Don Batchelor	0	131	13	123	125	25	145	8	191
Jim Strong	99	0	10	0	85	9	138	13	170
Geoff Raftis	90	86	18	73	75	15	121	7	161
Trevor Stam	92	94	19	0	0	0	126	13	158
Mal Head	118	112	23	105	101	21	93	20	157
Terry Fuller	96	0	10	0	93	9	119	14	152
Allan Jones	115	113	23	91	91	18	95	12	148
Bob Henderson	140	144	28	0	0	0	105	13	146
Peter Mahony	87	84	17	85	75	16	65	0	98
Jim Yeates	65	75	14	40	69	11	39	8	72

Ladies.

Vix Alexander	0	105	11	0	0	0	85	17	113
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Juniors.

Rhys Jones	106	103	21	82	89	17	93	9	140
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Day Winners.

Winner of the Day	Tony D'Alonzo	233
112 gram winner	Nick Allsworth	33
56 gram winner	George Holman	32
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Tony D'Alonzo	167
Single Handed Accuracy winner	George Holman	35
Ladies winner	Vix Alexander	113
Junior winner	Rhys Jones	140

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

Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 2 February 2003, Yokine Reserve, 8:30 am start.

Events:- 112 gram Distance, Artificial Bait distance. Double Handed accuracy Single Handed accuracy.

The distances for the double handed and single accuracy events were handed out in December. The usual arrangement is that the distances are not known until the casting day. New sets of target distances will be chosen for the rest of this competition year.

February Open Field Day - Care to Join Us.

As the February Field Day is an open event and ends with the weigh in at George's place, here is an invitation to bring your neighbours, relatives, friends and your family to share some fishing time all together.

I invite you to join me and other club members at around 5pm in the car park just north of the Floreat Surf Club – (Floreat Drain). Keep an eye out for a yellow Kombi van. It's a good time to pick up some handy hints and advice for the novices.

Not sure what to bring? Any size rod and reel, bit of basic tackle, some whitebait and/or prawns, maybe a small bag of mulies would be enough. Chuck it in a bucket or backpack, strap on a rod tube, just maybe a stubby holder in the small esky and for the fit how about a light folding chair.

As the sun goes down, I'm sure we can organise some pizza deliveries, relax and share a coldy (BYO) and then fish until whenever.

So come on all you "oldies". It isn't a struggle to go fishing. To all our new members, the invitation is there for you to share some fishing time with your fellow clubbies.

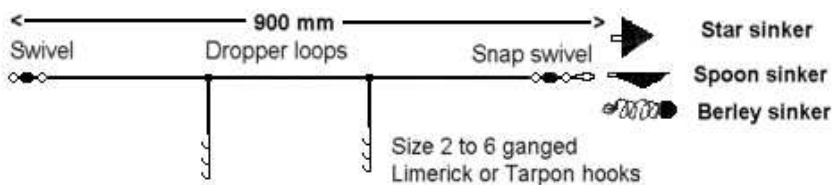
The offer has been made - it's up to you.

Hendo.

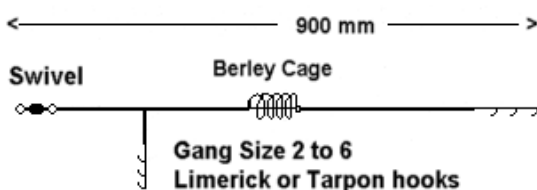
PS. In case of foul weather, we decide and shift elsewhere at 5:30pm

Skipjack Trevally from the Shore.

- Where** Sand bottom near reefs, reef holes, beaches with rocky bottoms, rock walls, jetties - deeper water is often better.
- When** Best chances early or late in the day, or night time.
- Baits** Whitebait, bluebait, pieces of mulie or other fish, squid, octopus, prawn, shellfish, try a "cocktail".
- Berley** Pollard, fish oil, tinned sardines in oil, mashed up mulies or fish scraps, boiled potato, crab scraps.
- Hooks** For whitebait or bluebait:- a gang of three Limerick or Tarpon size 6 to 2 depending on the size of bait. Make sure they are sharp. For cut baits size 4 to 1 Beak, Suicide or similar hook type.
- Bite** Skippy often "inhale" the bait and spit it out when they feel the hooks. Bite is a tap/tap or a pull. Just tighten the line without jerking and you'll feel the weight. If not, leave it out there for a short time, if no more bites, wind in and rebait and cast back into the same spot.
- Secrets** The "secrets" of using whitebait and bluebait are:- make sure they are fresh, and add a handful of dry pollard after they have thawed, dip in fish oil for extra smell.
- Sinkers** Use the smallest / lightest you can cast or will take the bait down to the fish.
- Rigs** "Double whitebait" rig, adapt them for the bait you're using and pick a sinker to suit the place. Have several of these ready made, and pick the sinker and hooks to suit the bait and where you are fishing.



"Double whitebait" bottom rig.



"Double whitebait" slow sinking berley rig.



The best rigs !!

Dry Casting – Wanted.

Two club members to prepare and bring all dry casting gear, the barbecue, sausages, tomato sauce, bread, ice, drinks, etc., etc. to Yokine Reserve on the first Sunday of each month by 6:30am.

Drag out all the gear, and prepare the casting area and safety surrounds. Collect fees, record attendance, and casting scores, coordinate the day, chuck a few casts down yourself at the end of the day, organise barbecue, collect all the gear and pack into the trailer, go home and clean everything, prepare and maintain records of the daily scores, count money, write the report, etc., etc.

After nearly seven years of all this, I believe I have the right to get a little peeved with some who winge and moan in the background about trivia.

Guess I just like to give my liver a flush every now and then.

Hendo.