



# Surf Casting & Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.)

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## Minutes of General Meeting, 14 January 2004

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room  
Time 8:10 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding.
- Present:-** 29 Members, 1 visitor.
- Apologies:-** Abra de Klerk, Damian D'Mello, Vix Alexander, Malcolm Harris.
- Visitors:-** 1.
- New Members:-** Tony Ong was welcomed to the club.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Peter Stoeckel seconded Terry Willison, these are a true record. Carried. No business arising.
- Previous Committee:-** Bob Henderson outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.
- Correspondence In:-**
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| Challenge Bank     | Statement for December.                 |
| Ray White Kalbarri | Statement for December + cheque \$65.63 |
| City of Stirling   | Winter reserve usage                    |
| CALM               | Planning Diary                          |
| Ray White Kalbarri | Kalbarri House report.                  |
| Lancelin Bay       | Holiday unit Information.               |
- Correspondence Out**
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|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Margurite Zeilinger  | Details of club membership.        |
| Jill and Dan Norton  | Details of club membership.        |
| Coolbinia West Perth | Payment for Meeting rooms          |
| Robert Mitchell      | Email supposedly sent to the Club. |
- Moved** Allan Jones seconded Roy Killick that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Terry Fuller reported. Accounts for payment:-
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| John Romano  | Refund for Rottnest Ferry Charge   | \$35.00            |
| Bob Henderson  | Donation for AAA Rock and Beach    | \$50.00            |
| Water Corporation                                      | Water to 5 January                 | \$19.15            |
| Kalbarri Lawnmowing                                    | Mowing 19 December                 | \$28.00            |
| Bob Henderson  | Food at GM and Dec night cast, etc | \$81.00            |
|  | Total Accounts for Payment         | \$213.15           |
|  | Outstanding cheques                | \$0.00             |
| Challenge bank Account 880334. Balance as at 14/1/2004 |                                    | \$11,432.73        |
| Available after accounts paid                          |                                    | \$11,219.58        |
| Plus money held to be deposited                        |                                    | \$914.63           |
|  | <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$12,134.21</b> |
- Terry Willison advised that another 100 club raffle is being run at \$10 per ticket.
- Terry Fuller reminded members that a summary of the Club's accounts for the first six months of the year had been published in the January Reel Talk and asked for any questions. The amounts are based on the calendar months in which money was received or spent. Accounting for Rottnest income and costs was particularly difficult because of the cancelled May Field Day and transfer of credits to the August Field Day which was in a different financial year. Field Day fees for Rottnest to be separated out.
- Moved** Roy Killick, seconded Jim Strong, Treasurers report be accepted and accounts passed for payment - carried.
- Secretary report:-** Terry Fuller advised that he had had few suggestions for field Day venues and the presentation venue and time in response to the articles in the January Reel Talk. Unless the committee knows what the members think, the committee will have to make the decisions.
- Property Officer:-** Not present.
- Field Day Officer:-** Assistant Field Day Officer Peter Stoeckel reported on the coming Dawesville Cut to Binningup Field day as in Reel Talk.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Chas Riegert gave details of the January Dry Casting as in Reel Talk.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman reminded members about the AAA national convention at Yeppoon in 2005, and asked for anybody interested to put down their names so that some funding can be arranged. A dry casting meeting is to be held at the George Holman's place on Monday 9 February. George asked if a letter could go from the club to the Australian Anglers Association thanking the association for the work on filleting at sea rules and cooperation with Recfishwest. This obviously has to be written and signed by someone other than the club secretary. Bob Henderson to sign.
- Social Organiser:-** Bob Henderson advised members that a car rally will be held on 21 March.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook reminded members that anyone interested in a Field Day to Rottnest in May needs to let him know as covered in the article in the January Reel Talk.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Nothing to report. Still looking for articles from members. The article from Jim Atkinson about childhood fishing memories could be the start of a series if members will write their particular story.
- Notices of Motion:-** Chas Riegert **moved** that "Drycasting Rule 3.3.4 shall have the words "or not more than 1,000mm in length for the Artificial Bait competition" inserted after the completion of the first sentence, and in Rule 3.3.6, the third sentence "The weight must hang completely under the dowel" shall be replaced by:- "The weight shall be on a separate leader of maximum length 1000mm and must hang completely under the dowel." Seconded by Peter Stoeckel and carried.

**General Business:-** Jim Strong spoke about Brian Leicester and told members what a good caster, President and club member he had been.  
 Jim congratulated Terry Fuller on the contents of the Reel Talk and particularly in the financial statements which he said were the best he had seen during his membership of the club.  
 Chas Riegert advised that he had 16 names plus 2 partners listed for the safari to Warroora in May. Money is required by the February General meeting as advised in the January Reel Talk. Thursday night during the safari is Matt Sneddon's 21st birthday and there will be celebrations.

**Instruction Period:-** George Holman described the Bluff Creek area for the March field Day and showed a couple of fishing rigs which can be used in different conditions for several different species.

**Meeting closed.** 9:05 pm

**Coming Club Events.**

**February Dry Casting.**

**When:-** Sunday 1 February 2004, casting starts at 8:30 am.  
**Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.  
**Events:-** 112 gram distance, 56 gram distance, Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, Single Handed Open.

**February General Meeting.**

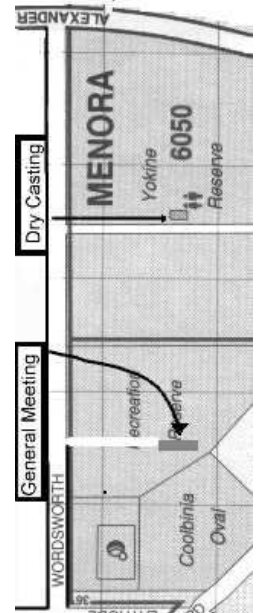
**When:-** Wednesday 11 February 2003, 8:00 pm.  
**Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

**Instruction Period:-** **Special guest speaker**, of extreme interest to all club members, so it is in your interest to attend.

**February Field Day - Open.**

**When:-** Saturday and Sunday 14/15 February 2004.  
**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 6:00pm Friday.  
**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12:00 noon. To be discussed / confirmed at the General Meeting.  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday 4:00 pm at G Holman's house.  
**Boundaries:-** all WA tidal waters. No private jetties, access through private property, etc unless these are also accessible to all SCAC members on the days of the field day. No non-tidal waters, dams, lakes, etc. are allowed.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b><u>Tides for Fremantle</u></b> | Saturday 14 Feb | 0.47m at 3:00 am | 0.98m at 4:18 pm | Sunrise           | About 5:50 am |
| <b><u>Moon</u></b>                | Sunday 15 Feb   | 0.39m at 3:26 am | 1.03m at 5:20 pm | Sunset:-          | About 7:10 pm |
|                                   | Saturday 14 Feb | Moonset:-        | About 1:50 pm    | Moon last quarter | Sat 14 Feb    |
|                                   | Sunday 15 Feb   | Moonrise:-       | About 00:10 am   | Moonset:-         | About 3:00 pm |



**Local Field Day for February.**

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

**March 2004 Field Day - Bluff Creek.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 28/29 February / 1 March 2004 Long weekend.  
**Don't miss it - often the best field day of the year!!**  
**Sign On:-** Saturday 12 noon Bluff Creek Camping area.  
**Lines Down:-** After you've signed on.  
**Barbecue:-** 12 noon Sunday to 2:00 pm Sunday. See the March Reel Talk for confirmation of times, and check at the sign on. If you don't come to the barbecue, you must stop fishing for those times. It's a great time for socialising with your fellow club members and yet another highlight of the Bluff Creek field day when we go back to how field days used to be "in the good old days".  
**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.

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| <b><u>Tides for Albany</u></b> | Saturday 28 Feb | 0.43m at 5:37 am   | 0.97m at 2:02 pm  |                  |                  |
|                                | Sunday 29 Feb   | 0.41m at 5:29 am   | 0.95m at 3:00 pm  | 0.94m at 4:41 pm | 0.95m at 7:10 pm |
|                                | Monday 1 March  | 0.39m at 5:17 am   | 1.02m at 8:13 pm  |                  |                  |
| <b><u>Sun and Moon</u></b>     | Sunrise:-       | About 5:55 am      | Sunset:-          | About 6:45 pm    |                  |
|                                | Saturday 28 Feb | Moonrise:-1:21 pm  | Moonset:-11:10 pm |                  |                  |
| <b><u>Bluff Creek</u></b>      | Sunday 29 Feb   | Moonrise:- 2:19 pm | Moonset:-11:55 pm |                  |                  |
|                                | Monday 1 March  | Moonrise:- 3:15 pm | First quarter     | Saturday 28 Feb  |                  |

**Local Field Day for March 2003.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 28/29 February / 1 March 2004 Long weekend.  
**Sign On:-** At the February General Meeting or to the FDO by 6:00pm Friday, but preferably much earlier.  
**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:-** Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

**Tides for Fremantle**

|                 |                  |                  |                        |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday 28 Feb | 0.50m at 4:30 am | 0.94m at 3:05 pm | Sunrise: About 6:05 am |
| Sunday 29 Feb   | 0.48m at 4:15 am | 0.95m at 4:12 pm |                        |
| Monday 1 March  | 0.46m at 4:00 am | 0.97m at 5:28 pm | Sunset:- About 6:52 pm |

**Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.**

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

**Field Day Boundaries**

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

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

In future, the boundaries will be discussed and set at or before the April General Meeting when the venues are being chosen, and everyone will have a chance to say what they want. Boundaries have been set for the remainder of the venues for 2003/4 as below. These can be still be discussed and altered at the General Meeting.

**2003/2004 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries.**

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February 2004 Open. Boundaries are all WA tidal waters. No private jetties, access through private property, etc unless these are also accessible to all club members on the days of the field day. No non-tidal waters, dams, lakes, etc. are allowed.

Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29 February /1 March 2004 Long Weekend Bluff Creek. The track to this beach needs four wheel drive. Boundaries:- as far as you can walk past the rocks at each end of the beach. Plus the Cheynes Beach area for people who only have two wheel drive vehicles.

**Saturday/Sunday 17/18 April 2004** **AAA State Estuary Championships 2003/2004.** Bunbury/Leschenault Inlet/ Collie River. Shore based fishing allowed in the Cut, no boat fishing in the Cut. **Form a Surfcasters team.**

Saturday/Sunday/Monday 24/25/26 April 2004 Anzac Day Long Weekend Denmark to Walpole. Boundaries:- eastern end of Ocean Beach at Denmark to Clifty Head near Mandalay Beach west of Walpole.

**Calendar for Next Three Months.**

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

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

**2003/2004 Dry Casting Dates.**

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

Sunday 1 February 2004

Sunday 7 March 2004

Sunday 4 April 2004

## 2003/2004 General Meetings.

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

Wednesday 11 February 2004

Wednesday 10 March 2004

Wednesday 14 April 2004

## Happy Birthday to:-

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

Julie Kember, 3 February

Wendy Hansen, 19 February

Martin Johannesen, 19 February

Roy Killick, 19 February

Dean Stewart, 28 February

## 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, boundaries and dates for the May 2004 to April 2005 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 26 of the January Reel Talk. **DO IT NOW!!!** 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.

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.

## Have YOU Put in YOUR Field Day Suggestions?

**Do it now**, please. Use the tear out form on page 26 of the January Reel Talk.

## Draft SCAC Event Calendar 2004/2005.

Public Holidays are, from [http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/default\\_lr.asp?id=lr/wages/pub\\_hol1&menu=lr\\_wages](http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/default_lr.asp?id=lr/wages/pub_hol1&menu=lr_wages) are:-

Foundation Day Monday 7 June 2004

Queen's Birthday Monday 4 October 2004

Australia Day Wednesday 26 January 2005

Labor Day Monday 7 March 2005

Anzac Day Monday 25 April 2005

Easter Friday 25 March - Mon 28 March 2005

School holidays for Primary and Secondary students in Government schools in WA, taken from <http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/termdates/termDates.htm>, are:-

Saturday 10 July - Sunday 25 July 2004

Saturday 2 October - Sunday 17 October 2004

Friday 17 December - Sunday 30 January 2005

Saturday 9 April - Monday 25 April 2005

Other dates which needed to be considered are May 9, Mothers' Day. September 5, Fathers' Day. Dry Casting events are not listed for Mothers' and Fathers' days. Dependent on the date for the Presentation night, we may have to change the June Dry casting date.

The following are listings of the "normal" dates that would be used in 2004/2005 if the club follows what has been done in most previous years. If we want to go to Rottneest in May, this needs to be booked by late February. See article on page 5 of the January Reel Talk

## 2004/2005 Possible Dry Casting Dates.

These are the "normal" dates. Some dates may change to fit in with Field Day changes. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30am.

Sunday 2 May 2004

Sunday 7 November 2004

Sunday 13 June 2004, (changed for Field Day) (change for Presentation night also ???)

Sunday 5 December 2004

Sunday 4 July 2004

Sunday 2 January 2005

Sunday 1 August 2004

Sunday 6 February 2005

Sunday 12 September 2004, (changed for Fathers' Day)

Sunday 13 March 2005, (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 10 October 2004, (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 3 April 2005

## **Sunday 31 October 2004, AAA State Dry Casting Championships**



## AAA Estuary State Championships

|           |                      |   |
|-----------|----------------------|---|
| 2003/2004 | Location             | Bunbury/Leschenault Inlet.  |
|           | Headquarters         | Collie River Boat Ramp.   |
|           | 17/18 April 2004     | (not the usual last weekend in month due to Anzac Day.)   |
|           | Boundaries           | Australind and its tributaries with shore based fishing allowed in the Cut, no boat fishing in the Cut. |
| 2004/2005 | Location             | Swan River.   |
|           | Headquarters         | Troy Park.  |
|           | 27/28 November 2004. |   |
|           | Boundaries           | Swan and Canning Rivers, upstream from the Old Traffic Bridge.  |

## AAA Rock and Beach State Championships

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

## 2004/2005 Possible Field Day Dates

These are the "normal" dates. The venues will be added when they are known.

Saturday/Sun 15/16 May 2004 (misses Mother's Day)

Saturday/Sunday/Monday 5/6/7 June 2004 LWE

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 July 2004

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 August 2004

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 September 2004

Saturday/Sun/Mon 2/3/4 October 2004 LWE

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 November 2004

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| <b>Saturday/Sunday 27/28 November 2004</b> |
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|---|
| <b>AAA State Estuary Championships.</b> |
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Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December 2004

Saturday/Sunday 15/16 January 2005

Saturday/Sunday 12/13 February 2005

Saturday/Sun/Mon 5/6/7 March 2005 LWE

Saturday/Sunday 16/17 April 2005

## Have YOU Put in YOUR Field Day Suggestions?

Do it now, please. Use the tear out form on page 25.

## Starters for May Rottneest Field Day.

May is usually a Rottneest field day, so this article assumes Rottneest will be the venue for May this year. Any trip to Rottneest needs to have accommodation and transport booked well in advance, and fully paid to the Rottneest Island Authority two months in advance. This year, the safari is to Warroora from 15 May to 22 May 2004 which covers the usual field day weekend.

The total cost is likely to be around \$110 per person, a guess allowing for increased prices, but that depends on the number going to share the cost of the accommodation, transport around the Island, etc. Some people will be away at the Warroora Safari, so the number going to Rottneest may be down.

If you've ever tried to book accommodation at Rottneest, you'll understand the amount of work Cookie has to do to organise these trips. He has organised plenty of Rottneest trips and knows what's involved, and it never gets any easier. So he needs to get the number going early enough so that it can all be done properly. It simply isn't possible to leave it until close to the field day weekend and expect him to be able to organise it, particularly since he's going to Warroora and won't be around to do last minute changes.

Any one interested in going to Rottneest **MUST** put their name down and pay a deposit **by the 11 February General Meeting** so that the Committee can see if there are enough starters for Rottneest, and advise the likely cost.

If you want to go to the May Rottneest Field Day, you **MUST** have paid \$110 by the **final closing date of 10 March General Meeting**, or you won't be included, no exceptions.

Contact Cookie for any more details, but **don't pay him**. All payments must go to Treasurer Terry Fuller, please, directly at a club event or by post to PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020.

## Safari 2004 - Warroora Station.

Now is the time to ensure that your place is booked for this 'Safari' of a lifetime for the period 15 May to 22 May 2004. I have made bookings and **MUST** know numbers attending by January 2004 General Meeting. At this time accommodation for the period above for seven nights is \$150.00.

**I needed confirmation that you are going by the January General Meeting** and payment by the February 2004 General Meeting in order to pay for the accommodation and **ENSURE** we get in. Any one trying to get included after the January General Meeting **can not be guaranteed accommodation** and will have to make their own arrangements - maybe camping 15 km away from everyone else in the club. This destination is a popular stopover for tourist buses and confirmed paid for bookings are essential.

The accommodation is: One cottage with two double bedrooms and up to four single beds in a sleep out arrangement; Shearer's quarters consisting of modern 'dongas' sleeping two single beds to a unit; one self contained double bed with ensuite off the main house. The Shearer's quarters have a common kitchen facility with

a common ablution block, and some other people have already booked some of the rooms. The cottage has a large shower area with only one toilet.

240 volt power is supplied via a wind generator/diesel power plant. It is essential that such items as 'hair dryers' are not used as sudden surges in power throw the fuse switch and everyone ends up powerless until it can be fixed. Depending on where the owners are, this could be several hours or even the best part of a day. Doesn't do a lot for items in fridges or freezers...

Also, fresh water is a premium. Ablution water is mostly bore water of a very good quality, however drinking water is all rain or bottled water, which needs to be conserved. Oh. There is a public telephone situated near the main homestead, so if you are that way inclined, bring plenty of coins.

The current list of names I have is as follows:

|                   |                  |                |                       |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Bob Henderson + 1 | Chas Riegert + 1 | Peter Stoeckel | Brian Stokes          |
| John Romano       | Ross Kember + 1  | Ian Cook       | Terry Fuller          |
| Mal Harris        | Vix Alexander    | Morris Kolman  | Mark and Wendy Hansen |
| Jim Yeates        | Rick Parker      |                |                       |

If your name is not on this list and you want to be there, name and money up front gets you there. Contact Chas Riegert.

For those that weren't at the general meeting when Bob and I told you of this location, I hope the following helps a bit. Warroora Station has approximately 68 kilometres of coastline. This varies from pure white as snow sandy beaches in the north to everything your mind can imagine to the south.

Fourteen-mile beach is Coral Bay type white sand so hard that when we were there a Magna was pulling a caravan along the beach. This area is inside the Ningaloo Reef and still generally flat water suitable to small tinnies if you have one. Along the beach there is interspersed reefs that congregate most northern species of pelagic type fish.

As you move south, the coastline changes to beach somewhat like the area between Trigg and Sorrento, with wide reef platforms to fish from. The Pelican Point area is a designated SANCTUARY area with NO FISHING allowed. However a mask and snorkel in this area is very enlightening as to species in the area. It is well protected with the Ningaloo Reef less than a kilometre off shore.

South to Steve's and the reef comes in even closer with large lagoons and reef platforms to fish from along with some very interesting beaches.

South from the homestead we get towards such places as Bulbarli Point with reef platforms into some very deep water. Nearby is another point from which it is conceivable to 'balloon' from if the wind is in the right direction. All along the coast south from the homestead is interspersed with reef platforms, sandy beaches and cliff faces that all simply spell "FISHY" water.

Most places are readily accessible by two wheel drive vehicles. Just some are a little longer walk than others. Walking for two wheel drives may vary from 5 metres to 500 metres, depending on which fishing spot you are trying to access.

I hope this has been of some help in making your decision on whether or not to come.

Chas.

### **Wanted - Aluminium Cans.**

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

### **New Member Acceptances.**

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

### **New Member Application.**

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.

None for this month.

### **Kalbarri House For Rent.**

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

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



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

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

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

As at late January, the house is available in 2004 to 27 Feb, 4 Apr to 9 Apr, 5 May to 10 Sep, 25 Sep to 15 Oct, and 6 Nov to 24 Dec 2004. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

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

### **Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.**

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

### **Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.**

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

### **Recfishwest Report.**

The January 2004 Recfishwest Board Meeting covered the following:-

Letter to Fisheries Minister, Filleting at sea regulation changes.

Letter to Fisheries Minister - Slow progress on MAC outcomes for management of commercial shark catches, questioned proposals for Commonwealth fishers to target blue, white tipped and other sharks in waters overlapping state shark fishing boundaries.

Discussions with the Gordon Reid foundation about research on Cockburn Sound pink snapper populations.

Letter to Fisheries Minister - lack of progress with integrated fisheries management.

Letter to Fisheries Minister - western blue groper size limits. Increased to 500mm instead of recommended 600mm.

Marine Parks Reference Group and MPRA nominations

Recreational facilities boating scheme. Availability of funds, petition about Rous Head boat launching ramp.

James Point Cockburn Sound port proposal.

Wet fish review - second draft of the report.

Kimberley/Pilbara recreational fishing reviews draft paper has been received for comment. RFW want to defer any changes until commercial fishing in these areas is managed. Some questions about this.

South Coast recreational fishing review process.

CALM/MPRA issues

Dampier Archipelago/Cape Preston marine conservation reserve.

Rowley Shoals management plan update.

Walpole/Nornalup inlets marine park planning.

Cape to Cape marine park advisory committee.

Ningaloo Marine park review and extension.

Membership of MPRA and representation of recreational anglers' views.

Compulsory boating safety training. Information previously circulated.

Statutory management review.

Pastoral access draft submission.

Trawling and impact on Shark Bay snapper stocks.

Geographe Bay trawl proposal.

South Coast estuary interim management plan.

## **Club Competition Rules and Constitution.**

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

## **Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.**

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

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

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

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

## **Dry Casting Open Events 2003/4.**

In accordance with Rule 3.4.4 Open Events, it is proposed that the following events will occur as follows:

February Drycasting      Single Handed Open      March Drycasting      112 gram Open

## **Dry Casting Report, 4 January 2004.**

The New Year has arrived but things haven't changed in regards to our venue for dry casting at Yokine Reserve.

My good wife and I arrived a tad before seven o'clock with only Bob and Terry setting up, and Jim Strong as early as always.

I got the die rolled around to select the distances and TT1 got it sorted as quick as a blink.

I must comment here that, without the help of Terry Willison and Bob Henderson in setting up the courts and layouts, we simply wouldn't have a dry casting day. In appreciation of their efforts I simply ask that casters PLEASE help with the packing up at the end of the day and give these two members a little relief.

The other Terry turned up and drew to my attention a comment I made in a past report. His words were something like "who upset the wind gods by cursing those damn easterlies?" Yes that indefatigable wind was blowing its heart out again. Hendo noted that there was a guy down the other end when he was setting up that had a wind monitor. He stated that at that time the wind was blowing at about 35 kilometres per hour. Now if we could only get to cast from the other end of the park.... But alas, we are stuck with where we are.

Prior to casting I had occasion to speak with one of the local Rangers. Nice guy. He drove around our courts before we started and we all smiled when he approached another wandering pedestrian with a dog running loose, and told him to back off from where he was heading, directly into our casting courts. It would be nice to have him down there every month.

8:30 rattled up pretty quick and the veterans got into their distance casting while the seniors vainly tried to hit that pretty pink target. Mind you, Peter Stoeckel and I managed the feat, much to the disdain of several others. Especially when I hit it twice in a row. The second cast at the closest distance, then the first cast at the longest distance, followed by a big zero on the next cast. Talk about hot and cold casting. Gotta get consistent...

This day we welcomed Kevin and Janet Hughes of the Bunbury Club along. It looks like they might become regular casters as they now reside in Perth. Additionally, Abra de Klerk, a prospective new member of the SCAC came along with his South African type gear, and demonstrated that with a little practise he will also be a very competitive caster. As he said, "just got to get my gear right".

All in all, the day was most pleasant with 12 seniors, 8 veterans, 2 ladies and 2 juniors, a total of 20 people casting on this day.

A little tip for casting. When the wind is blowing as bad as it was today, try lengthening the drop on your weight and thereby throwing flatter into the wind. A high cast will indubitably result in having the weight blown back towards the caster. A low cast punches into the wind better and gets further out there. Look at the results of today's casting and see what I mean. I kept the trajectory low and ended up with my best cast some 13 metres longer than the next best caster and whopping 23 metres longer than the third best. Think about it next time and try for yourself.

A couple of matters for the Sergeant at Arms. 1. Pete Stoeckel's first cast in the 56 gram broke off and was spotted and quickly retrieved by Kevin Hughes. The weight was NOT a 56-gram unit at all, but an 84-gram (3oz) weight. Any wonder it went 160 metres into that wind.. Naughty boy Peter. 2. Normally at the conclusion of casting we have a sausage sizzle. Hendo is usually so efficient in his duties as social organiser, but, today he left the gas line for the B-B-Q at home and we were not able to cook any sausages. Come on man. I mean, I am fading away to just a shadow of myself. I need food....

This months winners are as per the table of results below. Until nest time, stay safe and remember to practise. It pays dividends, ask Roy.

TT2, DCO

## Dry Casting Results, 4 January 2004.

| Results for the day | 112 gram      |               |        | 56 gram       |               |        | Double Handed Accuracy |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        | Single Handed Accuracy |    |   |    |    | Day Total |  |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|------------------------|----|---|----|----|-----------|--|
|                     | Cast<br>1 (m) | Cast<br>2 (m) | Points | Cast<br>1 (m) | Cast<br>2 (m) | Points | Target Number          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Points | Target distance        |    |   |    |    |           |  |
|                     |               |               |        |               |               |        | 3                      | 3  | 1  | 1  | 4  | 4  | 2  | 2  |        | L                      | S  | L | S  |    |           |  |
| Seniors.            |               |               |        |               |               |        |                        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |                        |    |   |    |    |           |  |
| Chas Riegert        | 136           | 151           | 29     | 124           | 135           | 26     | 0                      | 13 | 23 | 25 | 25 | 0  | 20 | 24 | 130    | 0                      | 10 | 6 | 10 | 26 | 211       |  |
| George Holman       | 132           | 127           | 26     | 122           | 0             | 12     | 16                     | 23 | 16 | 12 | 6  | 21 | 21 | 22 | 137    | 6                      | 5  | 6 | 6  | 23 | 198       |  |
| Gary Gildersleeves  | 131           | 126           | 26     | 112           | 111           | 22     | 21                     | 15 | 15 | 21 | 7  | 12 | 18 | 19 | 128    | 3                      | 9  | 1 | 0  | 13 | 189       |  |
| Joe Pullella        | 146           | 139           | 29     | 112           | 110           | 22     | 7                      | 16 | 23 | 18 | 0  | 8  | 20 | 24 | 116    | 0                      | 0  | 3 | 2  | 5  | 172       |  |
| Malcolm Harris      | 126           | 134           | 26     | 110           | 103           | 21     | 9                      | 11 | 16 | 12 | 5  | 13 | 12 | 21 | 99     | 0                      | 9  | 1 | 6  | 16 | 162       |  |
| Terry Willison      | 116           | 0             | 12     | 101           | 108           | 21     | 1                      | 9  | 13 | 12 | 17 | 14 | 10 | 5  | 81     | 6                      | 9  | 0 | 6  | 21 | 135       |  |
| Ric Parker          | 0             | 117           | 12     | 100           | 0             | 10     | 3                      | 0  | 14 | 24 | 0  | 17 | 21 | 21 | 100    | 0                      | 7  | 0 | 5  | 12 | 134       |  |
| Peter Stoeckel      | 0             | 114           | 11     | 0             | 92            | 9      | 23                     | 19 | 0  | 25 | 0  | 7  | 17 | 22 | 113    | 0                      | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 133       |  |
| Kevin Hughes (vis)  | 105           | 105           | 21     | 0             | 0             | 0      | 6                      | 17 | 21 | 14 | 16 | 0  | 16 | 11 | 101    | 0                      | 7  | 0 | 2  | 9  | 131       |  |
| Andrew Aubrey       | 105           | 107           | 21     | 0             | 82            | 8      | 0                      | 15 | 13 | 22 | 2  | 9  | 4  | 20 | 85     | 0                      | 1  | 1 | 4  | 6  | 120       |  |
| Mark Hansen         | 82            | 96            | 18     | 66            | 87            | 15     | 0                      | 0  | 20 | 14 | 0  | 0  | 9  | 13 | 56     | 0                      | 5  | 0 | 0  | 5  | 94        |  |
| Abra De Klerk       | 94            | 99            | 19     | 0             | 0             | 0      | 0                      | 5  | 8  | 5  | 0  | 3  | 16 | 13 | 50     | 0                      | 0  | 0 | 7  | 7  | 76        |  |

### Veterans.

|               |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |   |    |   |   |    |     |
|---------------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|---|----|---|---|----|-----|
| Roy Killick   | 0   | 98  | 10 | 85  | 69 | 15 | 23 | 22 | 18 | 23 | 22 | 17 | 21 | 21 | 167 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 29 | 221 |
| Mal Head      | 105 | 102 | 21 | 90  | 0  | 9  | 9  | 22 | 17 | 14 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 23 | 128 | 8 | 8  | 3 | 6 | 25 | 183 |
| Terry Fuller  | 79  | 89  | 17 | 79  | 0  | 8  | 9  | 23 | 19 | 16 | 18 | 15 | 21 | 21 | 142 | 6 | 0  | 4 | 4 | 14 | 181 |
| Bob Henderson | 115 | 109 | 22 | 107 | 0  | 11 | 12 | 9  | 23 | 21 | 7  | 9  | 18 | 18 | 117 | 6 | 8  | 4 | 2 | 20 | 170 |
| Allan Jones   | 109 | 114 | 22 | 0   | 99 | 10 | 8  | 20 | 3  | 19 | 5  | 3  | 16 | 24 | 98  | 4 | 6  | 0 | 8 | 18 | 148 |
| Jim Strong    | 73  | 76  | 15 | 72  | 52 | 12 | 20 | 10 | 18 | 9  | 2  | 0  | 16 | 16 | 91  | 4 | 9  | 0 | 6 | 19 | 137 |
| Geoff Raftis  | 91  | 94  | 19 | 0   | 84 | 8  | 23 | 8  | 11 | 23 | 0  | 0  | 12 | 8  | 85  | 0 | 6  | 1 | 3 | 10 | 122 |
| Trevor Stam   | 85  | 0   | 9  | 54  | 0  | 5  | 0  | 17 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 7  | 13 | 9  | 46  | 0 | 2  | 0 | 0 | 2  | 62  |

### Ladies.

|                    |    |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |    |
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| Janet Hughes (vis) | 81 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4  | 17 | 11 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 9  | 9 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 91 |
| Vix Alexander      | 65 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 3  | 0  | 9  | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 37 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 46 |

### Juniors.

|                 |     |     |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |    |     |
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| Rhys Jones      | 114 | 103 | 22 | 84 | 83 | 17 | 0 | 5 | 0  | 19 | 0 | 18 | 12 | 19 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6  | 118 |
| Andrew Stoeckel | 54  | 0   | 5  | 35 | 35 | 7  | 0 | 0 | 13 | 21 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 35 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 16 | 63  |

| Event:             | Seniors Winner |     | Veterans Winner |     | Ladies Winner |    | Juniors Winner  |    |
|--------------------|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|---------------|----|-----------------|----|
| 112 gram Distance  | Chas and Joe   | 29  | Bob and Allan   | 22  | Janet Hughes  | 8  | Rhys Jones      | 22 |
| 56 gram Distance   | Chas Riegert   | 26  | Roy Killick     | 15  | Janet and Vix | 0  | Rhys Jones      | 17 |
| Double Handed Acc. | George Holman  | 137 | Roy Killick     | 167 | Janet Hughes  | 92 | Rhys Jones      | 73 |
| Single Handed Acc. | Chas Riegert   | 26  | Roy Killick     | 29  | Janet Hughes  | 8  | Andrew Stoeckel | 16 |
| Days High Points   | Roy Killick    | 221 |                 |     |               |    |                 |    |

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

## **Rules for Writing**

Just remember these 25 basic rules and you will be fine :)

1. Don't abbrev.
2. Check to see if you any words out.
3. Be carefully to use adjectives and adverbs correct.
4. About sentence fragments.
5. When dangling, don't use participles.
6. Don't use no double negatives.
7. Each pronoun agrees with their antecedent.
8. Just between you and I, case is important.
9. Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.
10. Don't use commas, that aren't necessary.
11. Its important to use apostrophe's right.
12. It's better not to unnecessarily split an infinitive.
13. Never leave a transitive verb just lay there without an object.
14. Only Proper Nouns should be capitalized. also a sentence should.
15. begin with a capital and end with a period
16. Use hyphens in compound-words, not just in any two-word phrase.
17. In letters compositions reports and things like that we use commas
18. to keep a string of items apart.
19. Watch out for irregular verbs which have crept into our language.
20. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
21. Avoid unnecessary redundancy.
22. A writer mustn't shift your point of view.
23. Don't write a run-on sentence you've got to punctuate it.
24. A preposition isn't a good thing to end a sentence with.
25. Avoid cliches like the plague.

## **Why Aren't Bananas Welcome on Boats?**

Once there was a great Roman General named Mackerelus Maulus who, as well as being very good at disposing of Caesar's enemies, was a fisherman of great renown. Mackerelus was as innovative in fishing as he was in war. Rather than using nets or baited lines for grouper and such he would ply the seas trailing jewel like baubles holding hooks behind the boat. Only the fastest and strongest fish would be capable of catching these 'lures' and Mackerelus would battle them from his galley that had been greatly modified at the stern for his fixation.

The General soon realised that speed was an important factor in attracting the largest fish so his galley slaves were the fittest and strongest of the entire fleet. One day after dealing some of Caesar's retribution to the Carthage fleet he decided to fish a convenient current line not far from the carnage.

Soon he had a nice pattern spread across his wake, he had just started to doze when the left outrigger let go. Mackerelus bolted for the chair as the ratchet on his Maxamillonaire screamed. The fight was short and disappointing, instead of a silver fish he had jagged a fat old shaman that had been on one of the boats he had sunk less than an hour ago.

He was about to cut the line to the hapless soul when the quick thinking shaman recognised who had caught him. He called his name and begged to be spared, saying that he knew a secret way to gain more speed from his rowers. (Mackerelus's yearning for faster rowers was well known across the Mediterranean). Curiosity got the better of the General and he dragged the man aboard to gain his secret.

The shaman told Mackerelus about a little known fruit that grew in a far off land that gave the strength of ten men to those who ate only them. The General immediately provisioned a ship and sent it off to bring back the plant. The plants were propagated in a secret garden outside Rome and the small yellow pieces of fruit fed to the rowers with outstanding results.

One year later the general's ship had moved like it had wings. Mackerelus now regularly battled the fastest and mightiest fish of the sea, presenting the rarest flesh to his Emperor and court. His fame known across the empire. A select group of rowers were now supervised by the shaman whom was personally responsible for their diet. They were all colossuses amongst normal men.

It was about this time that the Cathaginian's had stepped up their campaign of looting Rome's supply lines. This had cut considerably into the General's fishing time making him a rather testy individual. He decided that the raids

had gone far enough so planned a bold attack at the enemy's heart. He gathered his ships and headed off to the City port of Carthage to catch them unawares.

Unfortunately for Mackerelus a keen sighted sentry caught sight of his fleet and warned the enemy General who barely had enough time to put to sea and sail out to meet the Romans.

Now Mackerelus who had fed his rowers an extra ration of the fruit prior to leaving was several leagues ahead of his main fleet. When he saw the enemy sailing out to meet him he recklessly ordered the attack forgetting his distance from the main Roman fleet.

The enemy watched in amazement the single ship bearing down on them at incredible speed. One by one the Carthaginian ships fell to the General's boat as it flew amongst them. The General's luck finally ran out as by weight of numbers his ship was overwhelmed and sunk with all on board lost.

The Roman fleet now leaderless also fell. Within a year the Rome was conquered and the empire destroyed. The Greek alchemists who were only one simple step away from discovering the secret of nuclear fusion were all killed along with a similar group that had found a simple herb that increased human longevity and health many fold.

That is how we came to the present day and why bananas are seen as the unluckiest fruit you can take on a boat.

### **Wanted - Fish Smokers**

No, not the type that are hard to light when wet BUT the ubeaunt ones that use various types of sawdust to obtain those special flavours.

I would like to borrow 3 or 4 to run a fish smoking demonstration and tasting event for Club members at a future date. Contact Hendo on 9451 6341 if you can help.

### **2005 AAA National Convention Meeting**

There will be a meeting on Monday 9 February at 8pm held at George Holman's place for any persons interested in attending the convention which will be held during late August and September 2005 at Yeppoon in Queensland.

Discussions will be held on competition, accomodation, travel plans, rules and regulation changes, changes to the veteran's age limit, a super veterans section, sponsorship and fund raising.

Come along if you want to find out more

Hendo.

### **Car Rally**

Sunday 21 March starting at 9:30am from the Club meeting hall car park then ending up at gawd knows where. BYO your own food (b/b/cue facilities) and the cool drinks provided .

Cost:- only \$5 per person. (you will receive some g.....ies).

### **Your Club's Future**

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

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

**Well I need your input so I can guide the club into the future.**

Give me your thoughts on our 2004 Dinner/dance and presentation of trophies.

I want your field day recommendations.

Got any new ideas to improve our Club

Any ideas on fund raising etc.

Are you prepared to put your hand up and assist.

What can we get involved in...why, when how.

What we should not do.

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

It only takes a phone call, a note on a piece of paper, a new fandangled email, but most of all it's posterior reaction.

El Presidente, Hendo.

### **Special guest speaker, February General Meeting.**

**When:-** Wednesday 11 February 2003, 8:00 pm.

**Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

The instruction period will be given by a Special guest speaker, of extreme interest to all club members, so it is in your interest to attend.

### **Consultation About Changes to Recreational Fishing Rules.**

As reported in the last couple of issues of Reel Talk, one of quite a few "stings in the tail" of the new recreational fishing regulations is the limits the "filleting at sea" and "boating possession limits" place on people who fish from the shore at Rottnest island after going there by ferry.

Following extended negotiations between the Australian Anglers Association, Recfishwest, the Department of Fisheries and the Fisheries Minister and his staff, the Minister has agreed to some changes to the Recreational Fishing regulations covering filleting and possession limits at sea, as reported in the January Reel Talk.

The really disappointing thing about all this is that the problems could easily have been avoided if only the Department of Fisheries had consulted with the peak recreational fishing body Recfishwest before committing some of these really silly things into regulations, which then forced us to lobby against them.

You may recall that the West Coast recreational fishing rule changes were originally proposed for 1 July 2003, but were deferred for three months. The media release at the time said "To provide a smooth transition to the new rules in the West Coast and Gascoyne Region, a revised implementation date of October 1 has been endorsed by Fisheries Minister Kim Chance."

"Department of Fisheries said the date enables the Government to enact complex legislative changes before the southern summer recreational fishing season starts" and

"The West Coast and Gascoyne implementation change means the State's anglers will be better informed and prepared to take responsibility for their share to ensure that there are Fish for the Future."

Minister Kim Chance said in Parliament "It was a very extensive process, as these things must be. It involved widespread community consultation that included - I list just some of the things that occurred - the release of no fewer than six management papers for public information and discussion over the past four years, a total of 14 public meetings in the west coast region and another four in the Gascoyne region to ensure that the community had every opportunity to comment, and two public comment periods for each of the west coast and Gascoyne regions. Over 3,000 public submissions were considered during the public comment period. It has been a very extensive process."

Yet despite all this consultation and time to prepare, as late as 30 September 2003, the day before the new regulations were due to come in, a briefing by Fisheries revealed some new restrictions which had never been included in any of the consultations. It also revealed that Fisheries had interpretations of some parts which were very different to understandings reached during the discussions, and some activities which were allowed in the published review documents were prohibited by the regulations.

The Minister acknowledged that there were unintended effects when he said in Parliament "The regulations presently provide prohibition on the possession of fillets on trips at sea that have a duration of less than 48 hours. This created a difficulty with strip baiting, particularly mullet bait, which, by its very nature, is a fillet; therefore people were unable to take mullet bait on a trip shorter than 48 hours. That was an unintended consequence of the provision."

And he said "The other issue that arose was fishing trips that include a stay on an island..... We are proposing to exempt from the 30-centimetre minimum fillet length requirement fish that have been landed on an island during an overnight trip. That change will allow fishers who are staying overnight at, for example, Rottnest, to bring back fillets of any size." This is a change back to what had always and clearly been allowed in the drafts of the management papers which had paragraphs saying "If a fishing trip involves an overnight stay on an island, fish landed on an island may be filleted and then transported back to the mainland." but these were ignored in the regulations which prohibited filleting fish on islands.

The Minister said "We are hopeful that the new variations to the regulations will be introduced by February. That will give us a bit of time between now (5 December) and then to get people comfortable with a change immediately after another change."

The Australian Anglers Association wants to be assured that the revised regulations don't introduce other problems and any other "unintended consequences", so has written the following letter to the Minister and Department of Fisheries.

The Honourable Kim Chance, MLC, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

#### **Consultation With AAA About Changes to Recreational Fishing Regulations.**

Thank you for letter of 16 December 2003 advising of proposed changes to the recreational fishing regulations to cover the issues raised in our three letters of 28 October 2003, and your comments about looking forward to AAA's ongoing participation in the management of recreational fishing.

Your reply raises some issues which we will cover in separate letters.

In this letter we ask for the earliest possible advice to AAA of the exact wording of all of the changes to the regulations as soon as these are drafted, and before they are Gazetted.

We ask this so that we can ensure that the real effects of the changes are as advised in the extensive negotiations with the Department of Fisheries, as advised in your letter, and so that these changes to the regulations do not repeat the mistakes of the past by introducing unwanted restrictions.

We are concerned that the proposed changes are described in different ways in the working papers produced during the negotiations with the Department of Fisheries and in your letter. The differences could lead to different interpretations of some of the details of the changes to be introduced.

Many of the concerns we raised in our recent letters were a direct result of the lack of adequate consultation with Recfishwest, with Associations such as ours and with the public about the details in the regulations which were introduced on 1 October.

We assumed that the Department of Fisheries would convert the details in the West Coast and Gascoyne Reviews into simple, workable regulations which were consistent with the reviews.

Despite the long periods available between the reviews and the introduction of the regulations, the briefing by Department of Fisheries at the very last minute on 30 September showed there were serious problems with the regulations.

The effect and wording of some of the regulations did not match the details in the extensive public consultation over the reviews, and some effects and details were added which had not been covered in any of the review documents.

Some of these problems could easily have been avoided by earlier and more detailed consultation. This would have saved a great deal of work and unnecessary public confusion which has affected the acceptance of the remainder of the changes.

We want to ensure that problems such as these are not repeated in the changes to be introduced as a result of our recent representations.

Please be assured that we recognise the role of Recfishwest as the peak body. We keep RFW informed and cooperate fully with Recfishwest on all issues, however at times we take independent action on some issues.

As the organisation which researched, publicised and represented these issues, AAA will be able to make a significant contribution in this stage of the changes.

We therefore ask for the earliest possible advice to AAA of the exact wording of all of the proposed changes to the regulations as soon as these are drafted, and before they are Gazetted.

We also ask for early advice if there are any reasons why we will not be given access to the exact wording of all of the proposed changes before they are Gazetted.

Yours sincerely, Secretary, Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) Inc.”

At the time of writing this article (26 January) there has not been any publicity about the changes from the Department of Fisheries, and we have not yet received a reply from the Minister, but have an email reply from Fisheries saying that they will be in touch once they have a draft of the regulations.

We'll keep you informed about how this consultation goes. Check the AAA website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/> for updates.

### **More “No Fishing” Zones in Marine Parks?**

There's a lot of action on Marine Parks at present, some leading to proposals for more “no take, all fishing prohibited” areas. The Australian Anglers Association is involved in the following proposals in the interests of recreational anglers.

**Ningaloo.** CALM has prepared a draft of the revised Sanctuary (no fishing) zoning scheme for the Ningaloo Marine Park and proposed southern extensions to the Park. It is out for initial comment by the local (Exmouth and Carnarvon areas) community and some peak bodies until 6 February. See Page 19 of the January Reel Talk for some more information.

Overall, sanctuary areas increase to 29%, recreation zone area goes down to 21% and general use zone areas goes down to 50% of the Park. If you want more information or a copy of the draft, contact CALM or see the draft plan and map on the CALM website at [http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national\\_parks/marine/planning/updates.html](http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/marine/planning/updates.html)

**Geographe Bay/Leeuwin Naturaliste and Hardy Inlet areas.** The Chairman of the Capes Marine Park Advisory Committee has released a media statement which includes:-

The development of a proposal for a marine park in the Geographe Bay/Leeuwin Naturaliste and Hardy Inlet areas is progressing well after completion of the fourth meeting of the community-based advisory committee in Margaret River on the 8 and 9 January.

The committee has commenced consideration of zoning recommendations for the proposed park but has requested more information before finalizing a preliminary zoning scheme.

The committee has spent the first three meetings developing a vision statement for the area, defining ecological and community values and proposed marine management strategies. These have been developed with input from the community and the feedback received on these outputs has been very positive.

The committee is now considering the important issues of management zoning and, whilst it has made some progress on this aspect, it is seeking further information and community views before presenting a preliminary zoning scheme for community feedback.

Committee members have acknowledged the importance of any proposed zones to the users of the area and were keen to ensure that their views were fully considered.

It is essential that the community supports the proposed management plan and for this reason we will be seeking more information and input before developing the draft zoning proposal.

The committee has asked the Department of Conservation and Land Management to meet with sector reference group leaders over the next month to obtain this additional information and input. The committee will then continue consideration of zoning at its next meeting in February.

Following our next meeting we expect to distribute a preliminary zoning scheme to the community to seek comments on what is proposed. End of Statement.

Dr Jessica Meeuwig from CALM gave the AAA delegates, representing Perth based fishing clubs, a one and a quarter hour briefing on the areas the Capes committee was considering for possible no take zones and recorded our comments to be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

The presentation to AAA people went really well, and that was due to Jessica's preparation and clear explanation of the environment and locations and the reasons for proposing those areas, on top of the way the Capes Committee has approached all of this through the public release of the minutes and outcomes of their meetings.

This has gone a long way towards reassuring the people present about the process being followed and some of the likely outcomes, and that is a great big positive. There should be lots more of this sort of consultation, and this is a model which should be followed for the planning of all Marine Parks.

**Proposed Walpole-Nornalup Inlets Marine Conservation Reserve.** The first Focus Group workshop was held on 17 December in Walpole. Twenty of the 37 Focus Group members attended the session, which was facilitated by the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

Members agreed that the Focus Group would work together to:

- provide community input on the proposal for a marine conservation reserve;
- consider how a reserve may affect the livelihoods and lifestyles of the local and broader community; and
- consider management options and how best to configure management for the benefit of the community.

See the CALM website <http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/> for more information.

**Public Consultation.** The formal requirement for public consultation includes a requirement that a draft indicative management plans for Marine Parks is prepared and the Minister for the Environment releases the plans for public comment for three months. The Marine Parks and Reserves Authority then reviews the comments and might amend the management plan and zoning if and as they think necessary.

There are serious problems with that process because the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority don't have to say what notice they took of any the public submissions and they can submit the amended Management Plan for approval and gazettal without anyone in the public knowing what the "final" version contains - until it is too late as in the case of the Jurien Bay Marine Park. We need to get the Minister to agree to release the final proposed version for public information (at least) or massive protests (at worst) before any version is locked in by gazettal.

## **AAA Future Events.**

**Boating.** The next Australian Anglers Association championship will be the State Boat Angling Championships to be conducted on 27 March 2004, or possibly the 28th if the weather is not suitable on the 27th. This will be based at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club Headquarters.

This event is being organised by the Boating Sub Committee and will be open to any member of a club affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association.

The scoring for the championship encourages people to catch a range of species of fish. Each entrant is allowed to weigh in only ONE fish of each eligible species. Points are awarded based on the number of eligible species weighed plus four points per kilogram of total bag weight. The points for species increase as more species are entered.

There will be both team and individual events and these are divided into four divisions:- Open, Ladies, Veterans (over 55 years) and Juniors (10 to under 16 years) and so caters for participation by all the family.

**Estuary.** The AAA State Estuary Championships for 2003/2004 will be held on Saturday and Sunday 17/18 April 2004 at Bunbury in the Leschenault Inlet and Collie River. Shore based fishing will allowed in the Cut, but no boat fishing in the Cut.

## **WA Fish Foundation**

You may have read or heard about the new West Australian Fish Foundation (WAFF) in recent times and this sets out how the Foundation began and what some of the major objectives are.

Membership is open to all individuals and corporations that support the Foundation's fish stocking and research objectives.

**Background.** One of the big issues facing recreational anglers today is the decline of fish stocks in some river systems. At first the most obvious cause of this depletion may seem to be over-exploitation of a range of fish species that is gradually, but surely, reducing the quality of the recreational fishing experience.

In reality the environmental, and subsequently fishing, quality of West Australian rivers and estuary systems has also contributed significantly to the decline. As a result of lower annual rainfalls, urbanisation and increasing community demands on water, we now have frequently reduced flows in our rivers, which in turn permits algal blooms to occur more readily.



These environmental events appear to have impacted on the breeding capabilities of some key angling species - for example, black bream, which have declined quite dramatically in river systems such as the Blackwood. In some years very few bream have survived to provide future breeding stocks and recreational fishing quality.

More recently, as most anglers are only too well aware, major algal blooms in our rivers in the southern half of Western Australia have resulted in some very significant fish kills. The number of black bream killed in the Swan River alone by a disastrous algal bloom in 2003 was estimated at a nearly 200,000 fish!

Nature can only do so much to repair this kind of disaster, so the West Australian Fish Foundation was born out of both the current and future needs for fish stock enhancement. We are fortunate to have the support of Challenger TAFE's Aquaculture Development Unit, which has an excellent track record and national reputation in breeding and restocking black bream.

This will enable us in the future to help repair some of the damage caused by such seasonal occurrences. We also have the support of Professor Ian Potter's Fish and Fish Research Group from Murdoch University, which will provide us with a wealth of expertise and experience from successful stocking programs including the Blackwood River.

Stock enhancement actually provides other benefits, apart for the obvious one of maintaining adequate numbers of fish in river systems. The use of new chemical marking techniques means that additional information can be obtained about fish stocks and the health of the river with scientific monitoring following stocking programs. The information gained from stock enhancement should result in an improved understanding of stock levels and recruitment of key species in our river systems.

The West Australian Fish Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that will convert every dollar raised into fingerlings for stock enhancement projects. Importantly the Foundation incurs no running costs or fees to reduce the impact of your donated dollar. Now recreational anglers can contribute directly to the enhancement of some of their most prized fisheries simply by buying a bumper sticker or making a donation to the Foundation.

**Objects.** To illustrate what WAFF is all about here are some of the major objects of the Foundation;

- the provision of fish for stock enhancement projects;

- the provision of scientific monitoring following fish stocking programs;

- to increase community education and awareness in relation to fish stocking, repair and restoration of degraded aquatic habitat;

- to conduct, assist and promote research associated with stock enhancement;

- to establish and maintain a public fund to be called the "West Australian Fish Foundation Fund" for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objects and purposes of the Association and to receive all gifts of money or property for this purpose; and

- to raise funds to enable the Association to meet its Objects.

The Foundation is about to release the first batch of black bream fingerlings into the Swan River, we have a constitution and are about to embark on opening WAFF up to public membership.

The cost per year is only \$10 and that will allow you to participate as a member in the ongoing development of the Fish Foundation.

We are already discussing future projects, with industry and the community, and are looking forward to extending our efforts into other fisheries that require help.

If after reading this, you would like to support the WAFF, contact Ian Stagles, West Australian Fish Foundation, PO Box 362, Mount Hawthorn, WA 6915, Telephone 08 9244 3411 fax 08 4450 1737, or email [ians@enlite.net](mailto:ians@enlite.net)

## **Brian Leicester**

A measure of Brian's popularity could be gauged by the large crowd of mourners gathered for the service at Pinnaroo.

I counted 163 people seated and there were at least as many again standing. Amongst those attending, I noticed and spoke to George Holman and Terry Willison. Also attending were Jim Strong, Trevor Stam and after the service finished George and I spoke to another old stalwart in Dave Latto.

It was a touching and deeply moving ceremony where the common thread for all who knew him was his great affection for his fellow man, his love for his family and his wonderful sense of humour. Mention was made of his membership of Surfcasters, his commitment to drycasting and fishing and how he was nominated as Sportsman of The Year at one time.

There were people from all over; relatives of course, painters and decorators, golfers and fisherman.

At funerals you quite often have a group of mourners together out of solidarity not necessarily because they knew the deceased well. However, from talking to others prior to the service, there didn't seem to be one person who didn't know him personally.

Many were the tears and just as frequent was the laughter as people recounted their personal experiences with him.

I can still recall many nights around the campfire, Leicester the jester the centre of attention with his stories and interminable jokes. I guess there wouldn't be too many old timers who wouldn't at some stage or another have been the butt of a Leicester practical joke.

I guess as many of us have found out who have been fishing long enough and what Brian always demonstrated, was that the actual angling bit is only a part. The best is the camaraderie, the stories etc.; to be among people who feel what you do about angling and know what you're on about when you start talking about the one that got away.

I'm sad that he's gone but I'm proud to be able to say - Brian Leicester was a friend of mine.

John Lee

Brian was President of the Club from 1975 to 1978. He instigated the purchase of the Club House at Kalbarri on September 1976. He was a member of the State Dry casting teams to Ballina in 1983 and Bunbury in 1985. He filled numerous committee positions including Social Organiser.

### **Bluff Creek Field Day LWE March 2004**

Saturday/Sunday/Monday 28/29 February / 1 March 2004 Long Weekend. There were more details given and maps handed out at the Instruction Period during the January General meeting, and you have one more chance to talk to members at the February General meeting.

**DO NOT MISS THIS FIELD DAY!!**. If you don't own a 4WD then ask another member for a lift. This is a FAMILY Field Day location so bring your wife or "mistress", friends and children or as a last option your dog. This is one of the best locations we go to for a club field day.

A barbecue will be held 12 noon Sunday to 2:00 pm Sunday. See the March Reel Talk for confirmation of times, and check at the sign on. If you don't come to the barbecue, you must stop fishing for those times. It's a great time for socialising with your fellow club members and yet another highlight of the Bluff Creek field day when we go back to how field days used to be "in the good old days".

It has all the right ingredients for a great weekend. The camp site is protected from a lot of the wind and is near a fresh water creek, "great for muddy little urchins" or for washing off the salt. You DO NEED to take fresh water for drinking, tea making etc.

Koonacs are plentiful in the lakes nearby as are the Tiger snakes. If the wind is up catching a few Koonacs is good fun for all the family. Bluff Creek is only accessible by 4WD and is east of Albany. Once there, access to the camp site along the beach is usually easy.

There are kilometers of open beach for fishing. Some reef fishing spots are within easy distance of the camping area. You can expect to catch good sized trevally, tarwhine, whiting, herring, flathead, blackfish, salmon and shark.

A long rod is essential as the trevally sometimes congregate around the offshore reefs. This is where your dry casting practice comes into good use for distance and placing the bait accurately.

The beaches and water are in pristine condition so it is really a very pleasant spot to just relax and enjoy the outdoors.

This is a great family fishing venue and is a good safe swimming area prior to the sea breeze coming in. I hope most members will participate in the Sunday barbecue as it is a great social get together.

I would recommend this Field Day to all new members as the fishing is easy and there will be plenty of experienced members on hand to help.

Usually a group of members will go down in convoy to Bluff Creek on the Friday morning so anyone wishing to join in please contact Cookie. Most years some members stay till Wednesday or Thursday. It's not that we are greedy, just that this way we should guarantee some good weather.

I hope to see a lot of happy faces of members and families at Bluff Creek, so see you on the beach.

Cheers Cookie + "Hunter"

### **How to Get to Bluff Creek.**

See the write up in the January Reel Talk. A good map is the RAC's "Albany Region Tour Planner". We can't print a copy here because it's copyright. A few maps will be available at the February meeting.

**Track to the beach.** Is definitely 4 wheel drive only, because once you're on the track there's very few places to turn or get off the track and there are some very soft, dry and loose uphill sections.

With the loads carried for a long weekend camping trip, **you must let your tyres down to beach driving pressures (20 psi or less) before starting on the track**, and use 4WD as there are some very soft, dry and loose uphill sections. The track gets badly chewed up by people who don't consider other people and leave their tyres at normal pressure or only let them down a little bit.

Cheers Cookie + "Hunter"

### **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.

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

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

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## **Have YOU Put in YOUR Field Day Suggestions?**

**Do it now**, please. Use the tear out form on page 26 of the January Reel Talk.

## **2004 Presentation of Trophies and Dinner.**

This is the latest info I have obtained regarding the 2004 Presentation of Trophies and Dinner. Please fill in the form on page 25 of the January Reel Talk with your preferences and forward to the Secretary at any club function or **by the 21 January Committee Meeting - you've missed that deadline- try the February General Meeting**

We have two options, that is, hold it on a Saturday night at a location that we cannot enjoy the appropriate view due to darkness OR hold it on a Sunday during the hours of 11am and 4pm with a chance to enjoy the views no matter what the weather throws up.

Three possible locations are:-

1. Marmion Angling Club, night or day location. Hall hire is \$175 for Marmion (day or night).
2. Hillarys Yacht Club, night or day location. Hall hire is \$150 for Hillarys (day or night)
3. Another outside option is to use the Club's meeting venue but is only available on a Sunday afternoon and we will need to arrange outside catering, bar staff etc. Hall hire is \$150 for Yokine Footy Clubrooms

Meal costs:-

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Marmion              | \$38 to \$44 per head for a set menu, \$48 per head for a buffet, \$18 per bottle of wine plus pre dinner drinks. Prices for day or night venue. |
| Hillarys             | \$39 to \$49 per head for a set menu, \$36 per head for a buffet, \$19 per bottle of wine, plus pre dinner drinks etc.                           |
| Yokine football Club | \$28 per head for a buffet that requires organising from an outside caterer, \$16 per bottle of wine, plus pre dinner drinks etc.                |

Both Marmion & Hillarys require a \$500 deposit for event. Both require a financial member to be involved in booking. Both require approx number of participants 5 days prior to the event.

Going on past information our drink bill is around \$350 to \$450. Subsidy by the Club can be discussed at a Club Committee at a future date. Suggested dates are Saturday 12 June, 19 June, 26 June OR Sunday 20 June, 27 June. Hendo.

## **Open Competition Results to February 2004**

| Section | For  | Weight  | Name and place                      |
|---------|--|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 3.      | Best Mulloway  | 12.5 kg | Matthew Henderson, Scarborough      |
| 4.      | Best Salmon  | 7.25 kg | John Jardine, Scarborough Beach     |
| 6.      | Best Tailor  | 2.5 kg  | John Jardine, Scarborough Beach     |
| 7.      | Best Samson Fish                                       | 10.0 kg | John Jardine, Cape Hamelin          |
| 8.      | Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class | 1.6 kg  | Snook, Chas Riegert, Cervantes      |
| 13.     | Best Trevally (northern)                               | 10.2 kg | Damian D'Mello, Quobba              |
| 14.     | Best Snook/Pike  | 1.6 kg  | Snook, Chas Riegert, Cervantes      |
| 15.     | Best Fish caught on Fly Rod                            | 6.3 kg  | Longtail Tuna, John Jardine, Quobba |

## **Where Are All the Fishing Stories?**

Looking at the list of contents for the Reel Talk this month, where are all the fishing stories? I'll print what I'm given, or I have to search for stories, and then what you see is what you get.

Special thanks to new member Jim Atkinson for his article "Childhood Fishing Memories in Adelaide" in the December Reel Talk.

That could be the start of a series. Where and when did you start fishing and what did you get up to? Tell us all about it.

## **Club Raffle.**

Called the "One Hundred" club, we sell one hundred tickets at \$10 each, with the first prize being \$400, second \$50, third prize \$50.

Great odds and a good fund raiser, so come to the next club meeting and participate in the raffle.

## **Club Competition Rules and Constitution.**

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

## **Field Day Sections for 2003/2004**

### **Field Day Sections for 2003/2004 up to February 2004.**

|    |   |                   |                   |          |
|----|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1A | Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)        | Tony D'Alonzo     | Dhufish           | 10.5 kg  |
| 1B | Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)        | George Holman     | Tailor            | 0.85 kg  |
| 3  | Best Shark (4.5kg min)                  | Matt Henderson    | Shark             | 4.6 kg   |
| 4  | Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)               | Filomena D'Alonzo | Mulloway          | 7.05 kg  |
| 5  | Best Tailor (1.0kg min)                 | John Jardine      | Tailor            | 4.3 kg   |
| 7  | Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)     | Tony D'Alonzo     | Skipjack Trevally | 0.65 kg  |
| 9  | Best Scale Fish (Other than above)      | Tony D'Alonzo     | Parrot Fish       | 3.95 kg  |
| 10 | Best Bag Of Scale Fish                  | Tony D'Alonzo     | Mixed Bag         | 38.3 kg  |
| 11 | Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)       | Tony D'Alonzo     | Mulloway          | 10.2 kg  |
| 12 | Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)         | George Holman     | Tailor            | 4.8 kg   |
| 13 | Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max) | Matt Henderson    | Tailor            | 0.425 kg |
| 14 | Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod             | Matt Henderson    | Tailor            | 0.3 kg   |

### **January 2004 Field Day, Dawesville Cut to Binningup.**

See the March Reel Talk for more details.

Species caught on this field day were:- herring, tailor, tarwhine and whiting.

Results for the January 2004 Field Day:-.

| <b>Angler</b>     | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Species</b> | <b>Fish</b> | <b>Points</b> |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Tony D'Alonzo     | 4.8 kg        | 3              | 30          |               |
| Filomena D'Alonzo | 2.0 kg        | 3              | 17          |               |
| Ken Black         | 0.95 kg       | 2              | 6           |               |
| Mark Hansen       | 0.8 kg        | 1              | 8           |               |
| John Romano       | 0.5 kg        | 1              | 2           |               |
| George Holman     | 0.35 kg       | 2              | 2           |               |
| Paul Thompson     | 0 kg          | 0              | 0           |               |
| Chas Riegert      | 0 kg          | 0              | 0           |               |
| Peter Stoeckel    | 0 kg          | 0              | 0           |               |
| Daniel Stoeckel   | 0 kg          | 0              | 0           |               |
| Wendy Hansen      | 0 kg          | 0              | 0           |               |
| Marcelle Black    | 0 kg          | 0              | 0           |               |

### **Have YOU put in YOUR Preferences for the Trophy Presentation and Dinner ?**

Please fill in the form on page 25 of the January Reel Talk with your preferences and forward to the Secretary at any club function. We needed them **by the 21 January Committee Meeting** but if you're really quick we may still use your preferences.

### **Have YOU Booked for Safari 2004 - Warroora Station ?**

Have you booked your place for Safari 2004 at Warroora Station yet? **We needed confirmation that you are going by the January General Meeting** and payment by the February 2004 General Meeting in order to pay for the accommodation and ENSURE we get in.

Any one trying to get included after the January General Meeting **can not be guaranteed accommodation** and will have to make their own arrangements - maybe camping 15 km away from everyone else in the club. See the article on page 7 of the January Reel Talk.

### **Have YOU Put in YOUR Field Day Suggestions ?**

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