



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

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Derry Barber

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Chas Riegert

Committee Person

Peter Stoeckel

Immediate Past President.

George Holman

A.A.A. Delegates

George Holman

Bob Henderson

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## Minutes of General Meeting, 10 December 2002

<b>Venue:-</b>	Yokine Bowling Club	Time 8:05 PM. Vice President Bob Henderson presiding.
<b>Present:-</b>	34 senior and 1 junior member, 1 visitor.	
<b>Apologies:-</b>	Gary Gildersleeves, Peter Stoeckel, Derry Barber, Mal Head, John Jardine.	
<b>Visitors:-</b>	Todd Daley.	
<b>New Members:-</b>	None.	
<b>Previous Minutes:-</b>	Published in the Reel Talk. <b>Moved</b> Chas Riegert seconded Terry Willison, these are a true record. Carried.	
<b>Previous Committee:-</b>	Ross Kember outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.	
<b>Correspondence In:-</b>	AAA	Minutes of November Delegate's Meeting and Boating Sub Committee
	AAA	Minute Secretary and Treasurer wanted.
	TA Mairs and Co	2001/2 Tax Return.
	TA Mairs and Co	2001/2 Audit, confirming \$3,200 appears to be missing from the bank account and cash on hand.
	Ray White Kalbarri	December Statement.
	Kalbarri Lawnmowing	Quote for reticulation at rear of Kalbarri house (unsolicited).
	Jun (Japan)	Email asking if he can come to January Drycasting and looking for fishing trips 1 to 6 Jan 2003.
	Bob (USA)	Alvey reels on club web site.
	Jim Strong	Christmas wishes to all club members.
<b>Correspondence Out:-</b>	Frank Prokop	Thanks for talk on lures.
	Fleets for Tackle	Account for advertising in Reel Talk.
	TA Mairs and Co	2001/2 Tax Return Declaration.
	TA Mairs and Co.	Request for audit of 2001/2 accounts.
	Paul Fuller,	}
	Reg Carle,	} Progress of application for membership.
	Geoff Raftis	}
	Bill Chadwick	Information about the club.
	<b>Moved</b> Chas Riegert, seconded Terry Willison, that correspondence be accepted: Carried.	
<b>Treasurer's Report:-</b>	Accounts for payment:-	
	Yokine Bowling Club	Meeting Room December 2002 \$50.00
	Jiffy Print	Reel Talk December 2002 Invoice 8702 \$173.50
	City of Stirling	Dry Casting Oval Summer season \$210.00
	TA Mairs and Co.	Tax return 2001/2002 preparation \$187.00
	TA Mairs and Co.	Audit 2001/2002. \$280.50
	Bob Henderson	Foam Mattress \$89.95, Mattress cover \$20, Flywire \$5, Sliding door rollers \$3.80 for Kalbarri. \$118.75
	John Lee	Bond Refund Kalbarri \$50.00
	Western Power	Power at Kalbarri to 3 December \$153.80
	Total of accounts for payment at December 2002 General Meeting. <b>\$1,223.55</b>	
	Available funds 9/12/2002 from bank statement on line \$8,509.47	
	Less unrepresented cheques \$8.44	
	Cash in hand to be banked \$152.00	
	Total \$8,653.03	
	Accounts for payment December General meeting \$1,223.55	
	Total available as at 10/12/2002 <b>\$7,429.48</b>	
	<b>Moved</b> Jim Strong seconded Trevor Stam report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment - carried.	
<b>Treasurer:-</b>	John Hall nominated for Treasurer, seconded Peter Mahony and was elected.	
<b>Property Officer:-</b>	Vix Alexander reported on new bookings for Kalbarri. House is available as in Reel Talk.	
<b>Field Day Officer:-</b>	Malcolm Harris reported on the Lancelin - Cervantes Field Day, as in Reel Talk. He presented Field Day prizes to Spencer King, Tony D'Alonzo and himself for October and November Field Days.	
<b>Dry Casting Officer:-</b>	Bob Henderson gave details of the December Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. Shields for records cast at the AAA State Drycasting were presented. A meeting held on 2 December elected Bob Henderson and Don Batchelor as captains for the Nationals at Yamba. He gave details of a planned trip to Penguin Island for the December Open Field Day.	
<b>Social Organiser:-</b>	Apology received. Club shirts will be available as in Reel Talk.	
<b>AAA Report:-</b>	George Holman advised members that AAA needs a secretary when Max Law resigns after Christmas. He reported that money for Yamba trip and Fishing Clinics will be received via Recfishwest. Mandurah 500 is on 11/12 January 2003. Don Batchelor raised some issues he had with the attendance at, and organisation of the Club teams for, the State Estuary Championships on 23/24 November.	
<b>Recorder:-</b>	Nothing to report. More entries wanted !!.	
<b>Reel Talk Editor:-</b>	Nothing to report.	
<b>Notices of Motion:-</b>	None	

**General Business:-** Ross Kember asked members to look out for suitable meeting rooms due to clash of our General meeting night with Corporate bowls run by the Bowling Club on three or four nights a year. Ross Kember reported on the public meeting on 9 December to discuss Stirling City Council plans to change Yokine Reserve where dry casting is held. Significant opposition to some changes and it appears the area we use will now not change.

**Instruction Period:-** None. A spare tackle sale was conducted by "auctioneer" Chas Riegert who managed to sell most of the pieces on offer. A commission of \$50 was raised for the club - thanks to all. The members then had nibbles and drinks for our Christmas social.

**Meeting closed.** 10.30 pm

### Coming Club Events.

#### January Dry Casting.

**When:-** Sunday 5 January, 8:30 am start. **Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.  
**Events:-** 112 gram distance, 56 gram distance, Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

#### January General Meeting.

**When:-** **Tuesday 7** January 2003, 8:00 pm.  
**Where:-** Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.  
**Instruction Period:-** Mandurah 500 and Clinic, Lures and Rigs.

### Note Day / Date Changed !

#### January 2003 Field Day - Mandurah 500.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003, same as Mandurah 500.  
**Sign On:-** Saturday - time and place to be advised at January General Meeting.  
**Lines Down:-** After you've signed on.  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday after Mandurah 500 weigh in and presentations, time and place to be advised on the day.  
**Boundaries:-** Same as Mandurah 500, Preston Beach to Golden Bay.  
**Place to Stay:-** Will be available if you put your name down soon. See Social Officer's report on Page 11.

<b>Tides for</b>	Saturday 11 Jan.	0.58m at 7:51 am	0.85m at 6:41 pm	Sunrise:-	About 5:20 am
<b>Mandurah</b>	Sunday 12 Jan.	0.58m at 7:38 am	0.90m at 6:48 pm	Sunset:-	About 7:28 pm
<b>Moon</b>	Moon Phase:-	First quarter	Friday 10 January	Moonrise:-	About 1:00 pm Sat 11 Jan
				Moonset:-	About 00:40 am Sun 12 Jan

#### AAA Angling Clinic.

The Australian Angler's Association (Bob Henderson) has organised a shore based Angling Clinic just in time to prepare for the Mandurah 500 Family Fishing Promotion.

Learn:- What - Where - Why - How - When about fishing in the Mandurah area for the eight species eligible for the Mandurah 500 Family Fishing Promotion. Presented totally by experts from the Mandurah Community.

When:- Wednesday 8 January 2003, at Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club, Ocean Marina, 9.30am to 12 noon. Entry Fee:- \$2 Child \$5 Adults \$3 Concession.

#### AAA Mandurah 500.

The AAA Mandurah 500 Family Beach Fishing Promotion will be held on Saturday / Sunday 11/12 January, 2003. This is open to all members of the public. The Mandurah 500 will also be the club's January Field Day.

Registration Fees: Open:- \$12 Ladies:- \$12 Junior: (under 16) \$6 Concession:- \$8

Ladies and Juniors may enter into the Open Division, and must nominate for that Division at the time of registration. Ladies / Juniors who enter in the Open Division will NOT be eligible for the Ladies or Junior Prizes.

Sign on is 10:00am to 4:00pm Saturday. Lines down after you have registered. Weigh in is at 10:00am sharp Sunday, at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club, Ocean Marina. Boundaries are from Preston Beach to Golden Bay.

Main Prizes are:- Open Section \$1,000 Ladies Section \$500 Juniors (under 16) Section \$500, plus valuable prizes for the heaviest of eligible species caught by Open, Ladies and Junior entrants.

Eligible species are:- Tailor, Herring, Whiting, Skippy, Flathead or Flounder, Mulloway, Bream or Tarwhine, and Shark. One fish per species/pair can be presented, not required to be gilled or gutted, but must be clean, washed and in an edible condition.

Watch out for the notice in your local tackle shop from mid December. You could win the main \$1,000 prize with a whiting! All details for the 2003 event, and all the results and photos for the 2002 Mandurah 500 on the AAA web site <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

There will be a place to stay overnight for club members if you put your name down soon. See the Social Officer's report on Page 11.

#### Local Field Day for January 2003.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003.  
**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.  
**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12:00 noon  
**Weigh in:-** Sunday 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:-** North local, South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River, so includes both the North and South Moles.

**Tides for Fremantle**  
 Saturday 11 Jan. 0.52m at 7:20 am 0.84m at 6:12 pm  
 Sunday 12 Jan. 0.52m at 6:28 am 0.90m at 6:22 pm

**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:-** All Western Australian Tidal Waters.

**Tides for Fremantle**  
 Saturday 15 Feb 0.35m at 5:19 am 1.10m at 8:42 pm Sunrise:- About 5:55 am  
 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 Sat 15 Feb  
 Moonset:- About 4:40 am Sun 16 Feb

**Calendar for Next Three Months.**

<u>5</u> Dry Casting							<u>8</u> General Meeting							<u>11</u> <u>12</u> Field Day							<u>15</u> Committee Meeting						
<b>January 2003</b>							<b>February 2003</b>							<b>March 2003</b>													
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**SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003.**

**2002/2003 Dry Casting Dates.**

All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30 am.  
 Sunday 5 January 2003 Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)  
 Sunday 2 February 2003 Sunday 6 April 2003

**2002/2003 General Meetings.**

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.  
 Wednesday 8 January 2003 Wednesday 12 March 2003  
 Wednesday 12 February 2003 Wednesday 9 April 2003

**2002/2003 Field Day Dates and Venues.**

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003 Mandurah 500, and "North" Local.  
 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.

**Next Season's Field Day Dates and Venues.**

It's January 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. 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.

## Draft SCAC Event Calendar 2003/2004.

Public and School holidays are listed here, AAA events are listed on page 6.

Public Holidays, taken from [http://www.doplar.wa.gov.au/wages/pub\\_hol.htm](http://www.doplar.wa.gov.au/wages/pub_hol.htm), are:-

Foundation Day	Monday 2 June 2003	Queen's Birthday	Monday 29 September 2003
Australia Day	Monday 26 January 2004	Labor Day	Monday 1 March 2004
Anzac Day	Monday 26 April 2004	Easter	Friday 9 April - Mon 12 April 2004

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

Friday 18 April - Sunday 4 May 2003	Saturday 5 July - Sunday 20 July 2003
Saturday 27 September - Sunday 12 October 2003	Friday 17 December 2003 - Sunday 1 February 2004
Friday 9 April - Monday 26 April 2004	

Dates which may need to be reconsidered are:- May 11, Mothers' Day. September 7, Fathers' Day. If we want to go to Rottnest in May, this needs to be booked by late February.

The following are listings of the "normal" dates that would be used in 2003/2004 if the club follows what has been done in most previous years. These still show events on Mothers' and Fathers' days, but in the 2002 season we changed our dates to avoid having a field day or dry casting on these days, so these may change.

### 2003/2004 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 4 May 2003	Sunday 2 November 2003
Sunday 8 June 2003, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 7 December 2003
Sunday 6 July 2003	Sunday 4 January 2004
Sunday 3 August 2003	Sunday 1 February 2004
Sunday 7 September 2003, (change for Fathers' Day?)	Sunday 7 March 2004.
Sunday 5 October 2003	Sunday 5 April 2004

### 2003/2004 General Meetings.

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm, unless that's changed to avoid clashes with Corporate Bowls.

Wednesday 7 May 2003	Wednesday 12 November 2003
Wednesday 11 June 2003	Wednesday 10 December 2003
Wednesday 9 July 2003	Wednesday 7 January 2004
Wednesday 13 August 2003	Wednesday 11 February 2004
Wednesday 12 September 2003	Wednesday 11 March 2004
Wednesday 8 October 2003	Wednesday 14 April 2004

### 2003/2004 Possible Field Day Dates

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

Saturday/Sun 10/11 May 2003 (change for Mothers' Day?)	Saturday/Sunday 15/16 November 2003
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 31 May 1/2 June 2003 LWE	Saturday/Sunday 13/14 December 2003
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 July 2003	Saturday/Sunday 10/11 January 2004
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 August 2003	Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February 2004
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 September 2003	Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29 Feb /1 March 2004 LWE
Saturday/Sun/Mon 27/28/29 September 2003 LWE	Saturday/Sunday 17/18 April 2004

### 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

Here's a 2003/2004 calendar with some **possible** dates marked on it, showing the "usual" dates we would use for Dry Casting, General and Committee Meetings, and Field Days, and assuming we have field days on the March, June, and Queen's Birthday long week ends.

SCAC Event Calendar 2003/2004 - Draft Version 17 December 2002. Dates still have to be confirmed.																				
May 2003							June 2003							July 2003						
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August 2003							September 2003							October 2003						
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November 2003							December 2003							January 2004						
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February 2004							March 2004							April 2004						
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### 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.

<b>Jan 8 2003</b>	<b>Fishing Clinic Mandurah</b>	<b>At Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club.</b>
<b>Jan 11/12, 2003</b>	<b>AAA Mandurah 500</b>	<b>Preston Beach to Golden Bay. SCAC Field Day same dates and boundaries.</b>
January 18/19, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Yanchep to Wedge.
January 25/26/27, 2003	Offshore Angling Club Beach Field Day	S Bend
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.
<b>March 29/30, 2003</b>	<b>AAA State Beach and Rock Championship</b>	<b>Halls Head to Myalup Drain.</b>
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. <b>Date Change</b>
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:-**

John Hall, 9 January

Paul Fuller, 12 January

Joy Brann, 14 January

Dianne Barber, 21 January

Jim Yates, 24 January

Clive Willis, 29 January

## **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.

## **AAA and Club Publicity.**

The January issue of West Coast Fisherman newspaper will have an article on the AAA Estuary Championship and details of the Mandurah 500 and Mandurah Angling Clinic. For photos and all the results for all the AAA State Championships, look at the Australian Anglers Association, (WA Division) website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

## **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 Malcolm Harris and Vix Alexander for their thoughts as new members, published in the December Reel Talk.

## **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.

Geoff Raftis

Reg Carle.

Paul J. Fuller.

## **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 from 12 January 2003 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.

## **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.

## **2002/3 Open Lure Competition.**

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.

George Holman 4.2 kg at False Entrance

Heaviest Salmon on Lure.

No entry yet.

Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.

George Holman 5.0 kg Spanish Mackerel at False Entrance.

## 2002/2003 Open Competition Results to December 2002.

Section	For	Min weight	Current Leader.	
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	George Holman	7.0 kg at False Entrance.
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman	4.2 kg at False Entrance.
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman	8.5 kg at False Entrance.
15.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	George Holman	4.8 kg Spangled Emperor at False Entrance.
16.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	Ross Kember	0.32 kg Bartailed Flathead.

### Wanted - Treasurer.

Not any more, we now have one!

Welcome to John Hall who nominated for and was elected to the Treasurer's job at the December General Meeting.

### Pastoral Land Restructure Underway.

Or "Our grandchildren will thank us ?". Media release on 25 November from Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan said that letters advising individual leaseholders of the proposed exclusions from 97 of the State's 527 pastoral leases would be mailed out over the next two weeks.

The land would be required by government agencies and local governments for a range of purposes including conservation, recreation, tourism, protection of Aboriginal sites and provision for the expansion of existing towns.

The exclusions would not come into effect until 2015 when many leases were due for renewal, but the Government was required to give notice of its intentions by the end of this year.

Since the current structure of pastoral leases was put in place by the Lands Act of 1933, resources development, the growth of tourism and increased recognition of Indigenous and conservation interests have all placed new demands. The exclusions which were proposed after extensive discussions with pastoral organisations, government agencies and other interest groups affect about two per cent, or 2 million hectares of the State's pastoral land.

Ms MacTiernan said that three working groups established at the Gascoyne Muster in May this year Pastoralism for Sustainability; Aboriginal Access and Living Areas; and Access to Pastoral Lands had all had input in to the decision making. These groups included Recfishwest which lobbied strongly for access to the coast and rivers for Recreational fishing.

Details of individual exclusion would be made available once all leaseholders had been informed.

### From Reel Talk August 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 August 1953 issue, when the Club was called "The Surf Casting and Angling Association of WA."

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August, 1953

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## **Editors Note (August 1953)**

We are very pleased to be able to announce that we have secured the use of rooms at the National Fitness Council for future meetings. These rooms are quite an improvement on those at Aussie Cycles now that our numbers have increased and there's a greater interest in club activities.

Our next meeting will be on 12th August at the National Fitness rooms in James Street, near the Police Traffic Office and opposite Perth Boys' High School.

It's very pleasing to get news from Bunbury Surfcasting and Angling Club to include in our paper. We'd like to hear more from other clubs also.

Our next Field Day is to be held at Yanchep from dawn to 11 am. on Sunday, 16th August.

**Notes from Bunbury.** Our president, Eric Teede, who is a constant visitor to the coast between Busselton and Cosy Corner, cracked the jackpot on Saturday, 4th July. Fishing with a "spinner" which consisted of about four inches of tubular steel and a piece of rag attached to the hooks, Eric hooked into and landed a 41lb. Mulloway. The gear used was a Rangoon Cane, Graeme Supreme Reel and 16 lb. B.S. Italian Nylon. Indeed an excellent performance! The spot where he caught it is called Sail Rock.

Noel "Dagwood" Johnson has just received recognition for the 22 lb. Jewfish he caught on one of our outings to the Capel River mouth - a letter of congratulations. This was the Outdoors and Fishing award. The "Jewie" was caught off the beach with a Rangoon Cane rod, 16 lb. line and 6" home made aluminium centre pin reel.

## **Field Day, Penguin Island (Reel Talk August 1953).**

Last Saturday we set off to beat up the local population at Penguin Island. We were armed with every fishing aid known to science, and some that had never been thought of before, and we were fairly confident. We even went light on food because we were going to catch so many fish we wouldn't have time to eat.

Well, that's the kind of bland optimism that makes fishermen such a happy race. An angler is a grown man with the experience of years, and the heart and irrepressible enthusiasm of a school boy.

So off we went on a falling barometer, a rising sea and a ten foot plywood boat.

We got to Penguin Island O.K., wet through with spray, but undaunted. We thoroughly enjoyed the rough trip over and decided that since it was as rough as it could possibly get, we were over the worst of it. How little we knew!

Five minutes after the landing we were all fishing flat out for fish, points and honour.

Next morning at first light we were off again; it was now blowing a full gale and fishing was worse. Some pilchard and flathead were caught, but casting into the wind the greatest distance we could get was two feet behind us, and casting with the wind there was a danger of hooking up on the rabbit proof fence. So at 10 a.m. we packed up and prepared for home.

Then Felix (the menace) Holywell had a bright idea, and threw all the sharks and the ray into the sea, Poor old Vic, when he heard of this he held a small committee meeting with himself and decided unanimously that we should divide Felix up for shark bait. However, they finally wrested the meat cleaver from him and after that relations between them settled down on a friendly basis.

At 4 p.m. Nelson Smith, Paul Kunzlie and Reg Wertheimer, in the 10 ft. dinghy, and Bob Agnew in his own boat, took advantage of a lull in the storm and headed for the mainland.

As no boat could return, Sunday night was a grim night for those left on the Island. Fishing was impossible so all went to bed at dark and stayed there until 11 am. Monday.

Bob had taken the only edible fish back with him, and we were just drawing lots and sharpening up the meat cleaver, when Vic produced 12 packets of dehydrated soup and one Port Jackson shark which had escaped Felix, and the situation was saved.

Next day we had one cup of soup, two square inches of shark, driving rain, a 90 mile gale, and very little hope.

We rescued four Fairy Penguins, which had been blown down a well. We released these and chased a rabbit all round the island all day until our strength gave out, We retired Monday night empty and forlorn, and at midnight the gale was at still blowing.

Tuesday morning brought a lull in the storm and local fisherman, Mick Warne, in his boat. He set us ashore, and we headed for home. What a life !!

Vic Davis.

## **Another Story of Penguin Island (R/T August 1953)**

Dear Bill,

I apologise for me grammer and me spellin' but I likes to write the way I talks. Getting' any lately? I guess you've 'eard enough about me jewies - any'ow I uses 'em for bait these days - but there's a few things worth mentionin' - about the Club's weekend at Penguin. I'm not goin' to burden you with the whole story 'cause there's others as probably got different versions and I'd like to ear 'em.

You know Bill, it seems to me we're never too old to get sillier - some of us any 'ow. It was like this. On the Friday night afore the weekend I rings up the Sec. and sez that seein' as 'ow the weather don't look too promisin' it might be as well if 'e tees up about a place to stay at Safety Bay (in case it's too rough to get across to the Island). He sez 'e will, so I leaves it at that and tootles off down on Fridy night.

I spends Satd'y mornin' fixin' up me boat and gear and listenin' to the radio bloke givin' out storm warnin's every ten minutes or so. I thinks to meself "Any mug who'd go over to the Island in this weather oughta be certified" (but I keep on getting' ready).

About two o'clock I'm at the meetin' place and some of the mob arrives soon after. She's already blowin' a bit but not too bad. 'Alf 'eartedly I mentions the storm warnin's and urges caution, but I'm just wasting me breath. They 'ires a 10 foot dinghy that'll 'old about three blokes with their gear and I've got me own little boat wot'll just 'old me. You know, Bill, I've always been a bit proud of me little red boat wot I built meself 'bout sixteen years ago. (She's gotta 'alf 'orse motor in 'er now). I've always treated 'er babylike and this time I painted 'er up special for the occasion. (I mentions this 'cause I got somethin' more to say later.)

Well, I thinks to meself "You silly B's, (includin' meself) and we pushes off. She's a bit wet but we gets over O.K. and one of the blokes starts the ferryin' business to get the rest across. Meanwhile us takes a look around. The caves we meant to use proves a washout, so we parks in a cupla huts, all comfy like with beds and mattresses - a real 'ome from 'ome and everythin's sweet. Out comes the fishin' gear and we moves off to start the competition.

Well, Bill, seein' as 'ow we're all mates I shows 'em all your best fishin' places and they takes their pick. I gets teamed up with Smithy and we fishes a 'ole where I've 'ad some good bream and skippy in me day. This time I can't take a trick Bill. First I 'ooks a beauty and afore I can even get me drum payin' out 'e shoots through with the lot. Then I gets a decent bream and tries to lift 'im straight out - 'e breaks me 'ook, and sez ta-ta. Meantime Smithy's fillin' the 'ole with lead and leavin' it there (I reckon I just about got Smithy converted to using me corked up 'ooks by now). After a while I gets a small bream and by this time we've just about 'ad enough. We decides to 'ave tea and come back later.

On our way to the hut we runs into the skipper bloke with three sharks alongside 'im and another one on 'is line. (His mates down below, 'alf drowned in the surf tryin' to get 'is fingers in its gills to land it for 'im).

We sez 'ello friendly like to the skipper but 'e's so darned busy with 'is shark that 'e just mumbles somethin' and then forgets we're there. It's then, Bill, that 'e remembers 'ow we changed the rules at the last meetin', to make sharks and rays count equal with respectable fish. I also remembers 'ow when our spinnin' expert, Vern, reckoned the change weren't fair to the dinkum anglers, the skipper waved 'is 'ands virtuous like and sez as 'ow no bloke would 'go after sharks or rays just to win a competition.

Well, Smithy and me goes back to the Hut and there's the rest of the mob comparin' notes and nobody's done any good. There's one of these blokes named Felix - you outa know 'im - 'e's the tall slab as always as a grin on 'is dial and never sez a word out of place. Well Felix ain't lookin' 'is usual self - 'e's been spinnin' all round the flamin' island and ain't 'ad a strike.

Then I thinks of the skipper out there gloatin' over 'is sharks and thinkin' 'e's got the money in the bag. Innocent like I tells Felix about a place that's just lousy with big rays. I notice 'is face brighten up and it ain't long before 's sidles off and I don't need two guesses where 'e's 'eadin' for. Mind you, Bill, I ain't got nothin' against the skipper bloke, but you gets a bit browned off when 'e keeps on winnin' all the competitions and I'm just 'opin' that this time Felix 'as some luck.

Smithy 'an me 'as our tea (just can't 'elp the poetry, Bill) and goes back to our 'ole again (we're dinkum anglers). We pelts some more lead in without doin' much good and finally gives it away.

When we get's back to the hut, there's Felix with 'is old familiar grin again. He's got a 40 lb. ray. Blimy, Bill, you shoulda 'eard the skipper's language when 'e cum back and found Felix 'as thieved 'is jackpot.

Next mornin' the wind starts to rise good and proper. It ain't long before she's blowin' a gale and the boys starts askin' me wot I thinks about gettin' back to the mainland. Well Bill, seein' as 'ow you and me more or less talked 'em into this trip and as 'ow you've exercised your superior intelligence by stayin' 'ome, I feels a bit responsible an' I gotta say the right things. I thinks we can probably get across alright if we travel light, but I got me doubts about gettin' back for the ferryin' business. Any 'ow I advise 'em to 'old their 'orses and go fishin' till she pipes down a bit.

When lunch time comes, it's just as bad and we're feelin' pretty 'ungry, so we 'as a round up to see 'ow the tucker situation is. I gotta few cheese crackers, Mack a slice of cake and Felix a cupla dog biscuits (wot 'e saved from the last time 'is wife put 'im in the kennel). Things looked a bit grim and 'ere Bill is where I gotta do the right thing by the skipper bloke. You remember me slingin' off about 'is soup? Well, I takes it all back.

I 'umbly apologises. When 'e sees 'ow things are 'e starts scratchin' around in 'is cabin trunk and out comes the soup - packets and packets of it - chicken noodles, onions and gawd knows wot. Believe me Bill, soup never tasted so good before and after this I'm goin' in for it in a big way (especially, if they ever kids me into 'another storm trip to Penguin Island.)

Well, we feels a lot better but the boys is gettin' very restless. I can see 'ow they're beginnin' to think about wot their wives will say and then I remembers as 'ow I promised me own I'd be 'ome in time to take 'er to a square dance I don't feel so good meself.

Any 'ow she's still blowin' like 'ell and I keeps stallin' them off. Then when I thinks some of 'em might take the bit in their teeth and do somethin' silly, I does it meself. Thinkin' they might 'ave 'me summed up I sticks me neck out proper and sez that if the worst comes to the worst I'll get across on me own and let their wives know the score. (Soon as I said it, I takes a quick look at then rollin' white 'orses and sez a prayer).

About four o'clock there's a bit of a lull an' I'm bringin' meself round to push off when three of the mob decides to give it a try in the dinghy. Here, Bill, is where I've gotta square off. There's a newspaper bloke 'as got onto the story and writ up a bit about me pushin' off to stand by when the dinghy was in trouble. Well, Bill, it sounded good, but I ain't no 'ero. When I seen 'em start off in the dinghy, I thinks Cripes, seein' as 'ow I was goin' anyway I might 'as well 'ave company and I shoots through quick as I can to catch up with 'em. (Matter of fact Bill, I'm in such a 'urry that I goes off with the fish I'd cleaned for their tea!)

Well, we 'as a few anxious moments in the crossin' but we're O.K. till we gets to the beach. I'm alright - I shoots a good wave and runs up dry, but the dinghy gets a dumper and ships a lot of water. Anyway we've made it and 'ere's where I've gotta say somethin' about Smithy. 'Ere we see the fruits of 'is mother's inspiration when she named 'im Nelson. 'E throws out 'is chest and sez "I'm goin' back for me men!"

We empties the dinghy and Smithy mans it like an admiral. He sez " 'and me me telescope (or a periscope will do), start me motor and give me a shove." Well we're 'angin' on 'alf drowned but we gets 'im goin' and you never seen such a rodeo. The ruddy dinghy's buckin' the waves like a prize bronco.

'E gets about fifty yards out and she just about stands on 'er tail. Then she spins around and the motor comes loose.

Sriith's been 'angin' on to 'is cocked hat an' 'is periscope and now e's got the motor on 'is 'ands too. Well, altogether, she's a bit too much even for the 'admiral and 'e 'as to give it away. We drags 'im back up the beach.

There's nothin' more we can do so we goes back to the shack. We 'as steak and eggs for tea, listens to the radio, (still givin' storm warnin's) and turns in.

Next mornin' she's blowin' worse than ever so we fixes up with Mick Warne to pick 'em up as soon as 'e can and then we pushes off 'ome. You know the rest.

Sorry Bill, I seem to 'ave drawn this out a bit after all, but wot I really started off to tell you was wot the newspaper bloke 'ad the cheek to say about me beaut little red boat. "Well, 'e calls 'er "me nine foot COCKLESHELL".

Bill, I 'angs me 'ead in shame !

"Old Timer"

### **For Sale. (Reel Talk August 1953)**

Surfmaster Reel with Anti backlash and full spool of line and Rangoon cane rod, with cork grips £10.

Record all steel single handed Pistol grip Spinning Rod (new) and Graeme Junior reel, with full spool of line £8.

F. Holywell

### **Yokine Reserve Plans.**

The Stirling City Council held a public meeting to discuss the proposed plans for some significant changes to Yokine Reserve, including the area where the Club holds its monthly Dry Casting.

The changes proposed for the area we use for dry casting were a foot path west to east down the middle, with "tree plantings to provide spectator access, shade and landscape amenity."

There was considerable opposition from many people at the meeting to this proposal. Another proposal to put a rotunda and trees in the area used by the model aircraft club would not have affected us directly, but may have forced those people on to the area we use, was also opposed and will change.

A new plan will be prepared and circulated. We understand that the two above will not be included.

### **Social Officer's Report December 2002.**

Corporate Bowls. The new forthcoming competition recommences at Yokine Bowling Club at 6pm on Wednesday 8 January 2003 through to Wednesday 29 January. 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 2003 season: 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.

Initial Social Event for the New Year (2003):

We have facilities for an overnight stay for all interested members, particularly newer members, at a residential property situated in easy distance for the 11/12 January field day which includes prize winning opportunity within the Mandurah 500 fishing completion plus our field day at same venue. Contact Persons: Bob Henderson and Peter Stoeckel

This is an excellent opportunity to experience an overnight field event combining with the Mandurah 500 open promotion and prize money opportunity. The overnight stay will be fun with a group of fisherpersons and barbeque facilities. Bob Henderson is also involved with the AAA in organising the Mandurah 500 and will ask for a little of your time to assist him to smooth administration and maximise fishing time for all at a great fun venue.

Derry Barber.

## 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.

## Do You RTFRT?

I know some of you do, because of what's said. Sometimes I wonder about the rest of you, though.

Why do I wonder? Not much response or no response to questions, or requests for help, information or opinions. Very few or no comments, for or against, about the contents. Questions asked when the answer is right there for everyone to see and there is a list of contents on the first page to help find it.

Following some discussion at the December General Meeting, some comments were made along the lines that some arrangements weren't generally known, and that the notice about these should have been more prominent or that it should have been a full page spread in Reel Talk.

The reality is that information **was** in the previous **four** Reel Talks as follows:-

November Reel Talk:- A heading and 8 lines, listed in the "List of Contents", and Listed in "Coming events".

October Reel Talk:- A heading and 4 lines, listed in the "List of Contents", and Listed in "Coming events".

September Reel Talk:- A heading and 4 lines, and listed in the "List of Contents".

August Reel Talk:- A heading and 4 lines, and listed in the "List of Contents".

The listings in "Coming events" in the two Reel Talk issues closest to the event were **in bold** to stand out from the rest.

Here are some details so that you understand what goes into the Reel Talk, (provided you **RTFRT** of course).

**Emphasis.** In Reel Talk, almost everything is laid out and printed with the same size letters, headings, paragraph layout and spacings, etc. Only a few things get emphasis such as large letters, bold, underlining, boxes, etc if they are important enough to the Club or the majority of Club members.

This layout is the Reel Talk Editor's decision, but there are some good reasons for it. If too much emphasis is added, then you risk the things which aren't emphasised being overlooked, after all, some people might think these articles can't be important if they are in an "ordinary" style. Emphasis takes up extra space.

It's easy to make a few lines fill up half or a whole page, by printing them in large letters, and with large spacing. See the Fleets cover page advertisement for what could be done as an example. But what's the point in doing that for ordinary club activities and notices?

**Extra pages.** Each single sided page in Reel Talk costs the club and thus it's members 8c per copy - that's \$6.00 extra for each extra page for the 75 copies printed each month. Without cramming stuff in, or going to small fonts which aren't easy to read, I try to lay out the pages so that we get as much in each issue as possible, while keeping the number of pages under control. I try to end up with an even number of pages, all filled up with useful or interesting information, because that gives best value for the money spent.

**Content.** I print whatever I am given which will be of interest to members, and which won't get the club into trouble through breaching copyright. There hasn't been any need to cut out whole paragraphs or pages from what I have been given while I have been Editor, except to cut out things which are repeated and to change the layout, which is the normal job of an editor. The real problem is getting articles from members.

What's **RTFRT** stand for ? **Read The Flippin' Reel Talk !**

## Toohey Report - Integrated Fisheries Management.

The report has 21 recommendations. The Minister for Fisheries has given his initial response to these recommendations, which *are shown in italics*. The report is open for public comment until 28 February 2003.

This report has been awaited for a long time, and will have a major impact on the management of fishing in Western Australia. The report, "Fisheries Management Paper No. 165" is available from the Fisheries Department or from [www.fish.wa.gov.au/comm/broc/mp/mp165/index.html](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/comm/broc/mp/mp165/index.html)

**Recommendation 1.** The Western Australian Government introduce an integrated management system for the sustainable management of Western Australia's fisheries. **Minister:-** *Agree.*

**Recommendation 2.** The development and funding of a comprehensive research and monitoring program encompassing all user groups is essential to provide the necessary information for sustainability and allocation issues to be addressed under an integrated framework. **Minister:-** *Agree.*

**Recommendation 3.** The Department of Fisheries investigate standardising catch information at five nautical mile grids to provide comparative information across all user groups. **Minister:-** *I agree to a review aimed at standardising catch information between sectors, however it is important that the scale for data collection and reporting is appropriate for each particular fishery.*

**Recommendation 4.** The integrated management system must be open and transparent, accessible and inclusive, flexible, effective and efficient. **Minister:-** *I agree with the general thrust of this recommendation,*

however because of the complex and time-consuming nature of fisheries management processes and likely disagreement between parties over allocations, it may be difficult to satisfy 'effective and efficient' criteria.

**Recommendation 5.** The following nine principles be recognised as the basis for integrated management decisions and, where appropriate, incorporated into fisheries legislation. More specific principles to provide further guidance around allocation decisions may also be established for individual fisheries. **Minister:-** *I am in general agreement with the nine principles. A number of minor changes may however provide greater clarity around some principles. A review of the recommendations against the current legislation is required to determine if they are already embraced in the head powers contained in the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 (FRMA). In particular, Part 6 of the FRMA requires review to ensure it adequately embraces the principles of integrated management and its application across all sectors. Some of these principles may be better incorporated into Ministerial Policy Guidelines rather than legislation because of the uncertainty and risks of enshrining what will be an 'evolving process' into legislation.*

(i) Fish resources are a common property resource managed by the Government for the benefit of present and future generations. **Minister:-** *Agree.*

(ii) Sustainability is paramount and ecological requirements must be accounted for prior to any allocation to user groups. **Minister:-** *Agree. There may be benefit in amending the objects of the FRMA to make the application of ESD principles clear.*

(iii) Decisions must be made on best available information and where this information is uncertain, unreliable, inadequate or not available, a precautionary approach adopted to minimise risk to fish stocks. The absence of, or any uncertainty in, information should not be used as a reason for delaying or failing to make a decision. **Minister:-** *Agree, however I believe the required approach to management may be better defined as a cautionary or low risk approach, i.e. "... a cautious approach adopted to minimise risk to fish stocks".*

(iv) A sustainable target catch level must be set for all fisheries and explicit allocations designated to each user group. **Minister:-** *While a target catch level should be set against a backdrop of sustainability objectives, it may also be set against a number of other management objectives. This may be compounded because of factors such as definition around measurement, determination of imputed catch levels in some fisheries, stock recovery, etc. Therefore I suggest this principle should be amended to read "A target catch level must be set where practical ..." I see merit in including an additional principle as follows: "In setting allocations for commercial and recreational sectors, recognition must be given to existing customary and passive use of the resource and possible aquaculture requirements".*

(v) Allocations to user groups should account for the total mortality on fish resources resulting from the activities of each group, including bycatch and mortality of released fish. **Minister:-** *Agree.*

(vi) The total catch across all user groups should not exceed the sustainable target catch level. If this occurs, immediate steps should be taken to reduce the take within prescribed levels. Management arrangements for each user group should aim to contain their catch within the level set for that group. **Minister:-** *Agree. (delete 'sustainable' as per (iv)).*

(vii) Allocation decisions should aim to maximise the overall benefit to the Western Australian community from the use of fish stocks and take account of economic, social, cultural and environmental factors. **Minister:-** *Agree, however the words "maximise the overall" should be replaced by "achieve the optimal" to make it consistent with the FRMA.*

(viii) Allocations to user groups should generally be made on a proportional basis to account for natural variations in fish populations. This general principle should not however preclude alternative arrangements in a fishery where priority access for a particular user group(s) may be determined. **Minister:-** *Agree.*

(ix) Allocations are notional - they are not "owned" by a group - however management arrangements must provide users with the opportunity to access their allocation. **Minister:-** *Agree, however I suggest an additional sentence should be added: "There should be limited capacity for transferring un-utilised shares into future years, as such a process may not be sustainable." This is to confirm that, in general, un-utilised shares should not be able to be carried over from a given year because of sustainability reasons, while making allowance that there may be the potential for some limited transfer of capacity in effort managed fisheries.*

**Recommendation 6.** A working group comprised of representatives from the Department of Fisheries and relevant interest groups be established for each fishery, to undertake widespread consultation and develop a draft sustainability report for each fishery. **Minister:-** *Disagree. The existing ESD policy framework meets this requirement. While ESD processes are currently focussed on commercial components of fisheries in order to meet export requirements, the future application of ESD will incorporate wider information across all users. The ESD reports with adjustments will meet reporting requirements.*

**Recommendation 7.** The Executive Director, Department of Fisheries, approve a Sustainability Report for each fishery, which includes a clear statement on the sustainable target catch level. **Minister:-** *As resources allow, this will occur over time. To date applications for six fisheries have been submitted to Environment Australia and a further nine are under ESD assessment. There are still some 30 fisheries requiring assessment in the future.*

**Recommendation 8.** An Integrated Fisheries Allocation Council be established by statute and be responsible for investigating resource allocation issues and making recommendations on optimal resource use to the Minister for Fisheries including:

- (i) broad allocations between groups within the sustainable catch limits determined for each fishery;
- (ii) strategies to overcome temporal and spatial competition at a local/regional level;
- (iii) allocation issues within a sector as referred by the Minister for Fisheries;

(iv) more specific principles to provide further guidance around allocation decisions for individual fisheries; and  
(v) other matters concerning the integrated management of fisheries as referred by the Minister for Fisheries.

**Minister:-** *I agree with the general thrust of this recommendation. I recognise that the system must be flexible due to the differing aspirations of users. I suggest a Ministerial Advisory Committee, with clear terms of reference, be established under s42 of the FRMA which incorporates points (i) – (v) in the recommendation. In the longer term, the FRMA can be amended and the committee established as a formal body under Part 4 of the FRMA. A review of Part 4 of the FRMA may be required to examine the role and relationship of various committees to reflect a more flexible committee structure and changing processes under integrated management. A number of minor amendments are suggested: R8(i) - Delete word "broad". R8(ii) after "... overcome" insert "allocation and access issues arising from" An additional principle should be added "(vi) Allocation principles and processes will be developed in the context of Ministerial Guidelines under s246 of the FRMA. These Guidelines will need to cover process of allocation, mediated outcomes and recommendations on allocations based on catch history, or reallocations utilising methodologies incorporating net economic worth calculations with supporting socio-economic data.*

**Recommendation 9.** The Integrated Fisheries Allocation Council comprise a chairperson and four members, not representing sectoral interests in any fishery. **Minister:-** *Agree in part. An expertise-based committee of three members should be appointed, who bring legal, economic/social, fishery science or management knowledge and experience*

**Recommendation 10.** The Minister for Fisheries be required to explain publicly any departure from the Integrated Fisheries Allocation Council's recommendations or advice. This obligation should extend to any matter referred to it by the Minister. **Minister:-** *Disagree. This process should occur in a similar manner to that of other committees in which the Minister advises stakeholders of his decision following consideration of the committee's advice. There should be no constraint on the Minister's discretionary powers.*

**Recommendation 11.** The Integrated Fisheries Allocation Council be responsible for determining the process and timeframes for resolving allocation issues in each fishery. **Minister:-** *Disagree. The terms of reference and timeframes for fishery reviews should be determined by the Minister.*

**Recommendation 12.** The Integrated Fisheries Allocation Council's recommendations or advice to the Minister for Fisheries should become public at the time it is submitted to the Minister. **Minister:-** *Disagree. The committee should report directly to the Minister and the appropriate release of information determined on a case by case basis.*

**Recommendation 13.** Where a reallocation of resources from one user group to another results in demonstrable financial loss to an individual, in principle there should be an entitlement to compensation. Compensation may take various forms and does not necessarily involve the payment of money. No compensation should be payable where allocations are reduced for sustainability reasons. **Minister:-** *Agree. Cases for compensation should be assessed on their merits on a case-by-case basis. I believe priority needs to be given to investigating the potential development of market-based systems to achieve reallocations, along with due consideration of social equity considerations, as soon as practical.*

**Recommendation 14.** Appropriate management structures should be introduced for each user group which will allow for the catch of each group to be contained within its prescribed allocation. **Minister:-** *Agree. This is a Ministerial/ Departmental responsibility to administer. I suggest the words "and processes" should be inserted after "structures".*

**Recommendation 15.** Management arrangements for each user group should incorporate pre-determined actions which are invoked if that group's catch increases above its allocation. **Minister:-** *Agree in principle.*

**Recommendation 16.** In recognition of the need for more effective management of finfish fisheries:

(i) Regional recreational plans for the West Coast and Gascoyne regions be implemented as soon as possible, and planning commence for the North and South Coast regions, to provide a more effective framework within which to control the recreational catch; and **Minister:-** *Agree. It should be noted these plans will need review in the future to include target catch levels.*

(ii) Specific management arrangements be introduced for the commercial wetline fishery, based on the four regions adopted for recreational fisheries, which provide a framework in which the commercial catch can be contained. One of the key access criteria for the wetline fishery should be fishing history prior to the benchmark date of 3 November 1997. **Minister:-** *Agree, noting that the Department is seeking clarification on legal issues around benchmark dates given possible National Competition Policy considerations.*

**Recommendation 17.** Each user group within a fishery should continue to be managed within existing catch ranges until a formal assessment under the new allocation process is undertaken. **Minister:-** *Disagree. I believe we need to be more timely in dealing with allocation issues. I am considering the merits of establishing a benchmark date to formalise existing allocations, possibly consistent with the announcement of this Review in March 2000.*

**Recommendation 18.** A baseline of existing catches should be determined for each fishery by the Department of Fisheries based upon the best information available. **Minister:-** *Agree. However the lack of data should not be used as basis for not achieving the resolution of resource sharing issues.*

**Recommendation 19.** For integrated management to proceed, the State Government must ensure that sufficient additional funding is made available to:

(i) Provide the necessary levels of research, management and compliance for the sustainable management of fisheries; and

(ii) Ensure the effective operation of an integrated management system

**Minister:-** Agree. Clearly this will affect timeframes for implementation, however this is a matter for State Government and availability of funds.

**Recommendation 20.** To embrace the principles of integrated management, the required funding package should take a multi-tiered and multiuser approach and be equitable across user groups and include:

(i) Increased contributions from commercial users, including an increase in the level of contribution to the Development and Better Interest Fund;

(ii) Increased contributions from recreational users, including the introduction of a general recreational fishing licence; and

(iii) Additional State Government contribution from the Consolidated Fund to ensure required funding levels are met, in acknowledgement of the significant social and economic values associated with sustainable fisheries.

**Minister:-** The issue of greater contributions from users is a matter for Government policy. In this regard it should be noted the Government's current policy is:

- It will not increase the level of fees paid by industry to the Development and Better Interest Fund (DBIF) above the level in the Cole/House agreement unless the industry support an increase.

- It will not seek to introduce a licence for recreational line fishing in salt water.

**Recommendation 21.** The State Government establish a separate review to determine the basis for the introduction of a general recreational fishing licensing system. This review should include an analysis of social equity considerations (such as applicability, cost, concessions and exemptions) and applicability of the system to provide information on recreational effort, and possibly catch.

**Minister:-** Existing bodies and consultative processes are already in place to undertake such a review if required.

### **Mackerel Management Plan.**

The Minister for Fisheries has announced major changes proposed to commercial fishing for spanish mackerel. The details and the Minister's responses are in "Fisheries Management Paper No. 164" which is available from the Fisheries Department or from [www.fish.wa.gov.au/comm/broc/mp/mp164/index.html](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/comm/broc/mp/mp164/index.html) This plan is a great improvement on the original proposals which were hotly opposed by Recfishwest and the Game Fishers. It has been bought in early because of the urgent need for action on mackerel, and hopefully is an example of what will come out of the follow up to the Toohey report over the next few years.

The really good bits are:- 1. No commercial fishing for mackerel in the southern zone from October to March, the peak recreational period for Cape Leeuwin to Exmouth !!! 2. No bycatch, means no one but permit holders can catch and sell mackerel. 3. History of catches after 1997 don't count for getting a license. 4. Maximum of 20 licences, probably fewer in each zone (5% or more of the quota is needed) 5. Research logbooks compulsory.

- The plan will be called Mackerel Fishery (Interim) Management Plan and will commence operation on 1 January 2004 or as near to that date as is administratively possible.

- The plan will cease to have effect five years from the date of commencement, or earlier, if appropriate.

- The mackerel fishery will be zoned:

  - The Gascoyne-West Coast Zone, from Cape Leeuwin northwards to 114° East longitude, (Exmouth.)

  - The Pilbara Zone, from 114° East longitude to 121° east longitude; and

  - The Kimberley Zone, from 121° East longitude to the Northern Territory border.

- All zones will be managed under a quota management system, with the use of a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), prior reporting and an option for the Executive Director to vary the mackerel fishing season.

- The Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) for each zone of the fishery will be set by the Executive Director, after taking the best scientific and operational advice available to him to ensure the sustainability of the mackerel fishery.

- The TACC will not be subject to annual review and will be set for three to five years. However, biological reference points will be put in place and if they are reached in two consecutive years, the TACC will be reviewed.

- The legal minimum length of 90 cm for Spanish mackerel will remain.

- There will be a six month season in each zone of the fishery. The Kimberley Zone from 1 June to 30 November and the Pilbara and Gascoyne-West Coast Zones from 1 April to 30 September.

- The ports/anchorages of Denham, the Blow Holes, Carnarvon, Kalbarri, Geraldton, Dongara, Jurien and Fremantle must be used to unload mackerel taken in the Gascoyne-West Coast Zone and the Department of Fisheries' Regional Offices will manage the Catch and Disposal Records.

- The ports/anchorages of Exmouth, Point Sampson, Onslow, Dampier, Port Hedland and Broome must be used to unload mackerel taken in the Pilbara Zone and the Department of Fisheries' Regional Offices will manage the Catch and Disposal Records.

- The ports/anchorages of Broome and Darwin must be used to unload mackerel taken in the Kimberley Zone and that the Catch and Disposal Records will be managed by the Department of Fisheries' Broome Regional Office and through a memorandum of understanding with the Northern Territory.

- Only permit holders in a particular Zone will be permitted to unload mackerel in that Zone.

- The benchmark date for criteria to enter the fishery is 3 November 1997. A criteria period of seven years will be taken into account, from 1 November 1990 to 31 October 1997.

- Access to the Kimberley Zone mackerel fishery will be based on the following criteria: Must have caught a minimum of one tonne each year for four out of seven years from 1 November 1990 to 31 October 1997; or Must have caught an average of a minimum of one tonne a year over seven years from 1 November 1990 to 31 October 1997, as shown on the returns submitted to the Department of Fisheries.
- Access to the Pilbara Zone mackerel fishery will be based on the following criteria: Must have caught a minimum of 750 kg each year for four out of seven years from 1 November 1990 to 31 October 1997; or must have caught an average of a minimum of 750 kg a year over seven years from 1 November 1990 to 31 October 1997, as shown on the returns submitted to the Department of Fisheries.
- Access to the Gascoyne-West Coast Zone mackerel fishery will be based on the following criteria: Must have caught a minimum of 500 kg each year for four out of seven years from 1 November 1990 to 31 October 1997; or must have caught an average of a minimum of 500 kg a year over seven years from 1 November 1990 to 31 October 1997, as shown on the returns submitted to the Department of Fisheries.
- The proportion of each boat's catch to the sum of the catches of all boats that meet the criteria will determine that boat's proportional access to the fishery.
- Each zone of the fishery will be unitised, with the unit value being derived from the TACC for the Zone. The number and value of units will be specified on the permits.
- The following conversion rates will be used when assessing the landed weight of product for criteria for access to the mackerel fishery: Whole weight = head/gutted weight (kg) x 1.176, Whole weight = gutted/gilled weight (kg) x 1.048, Whole weight = fillet weight (kg) x 1.608
- At the commencement date of the Interim Management Plan a minimum proportion of five per cent of the units in the Zone of the fishery must be held before an operator can fish in the fishery. Any new operators in the fishery must hold a minimum unit holding of ten per cent of the units to operate in the fishery.
- A person must not sell, deal in or purchase any mackerel taken from the fishery unless the fish were taken by a person who holds a permit in the fishery.
- No auxiliary boats/dories are to be used in the Gascoyne-West Coast or Pilbara Zones of the fishery.
- Dories will be allowed in the Kimberley Zone of the fishery.
- A person fishing from an authorised boat in the fishery must not use a reel other than a manually powered reel to set, haul or pull gear.
- Carrier boats are not to be used in the Mackerel Fishery.
- The Department of Fisheries is to negotiate with the Commonwealth to exclude bycatch of mackerel in other adjacent Commonwealth Managed Fisheries and to provide separate advice to the Minister on this issue.
- Completion of research logbooks will be a compulsory requirement for all permit holders.

### **Pot Hook Ban Helps Conserve Dusky Sharks.**

As part of worldwide action to conserve all shark species, Fisheries Minister Kim Chance has introduced regulations banning the use of 'pot hooks' on lobster pots, boat mooring lines, floats and anchor ropes.

The measures will help conserve breeding stocks of dusky sharks, which are under threat from the use of such gear. Mr Chance said the lucrative shark fin market had encouraged commercial rock lobster fishers to catch large sharks, including dusky sharks, because their fins were among the most prized.

Fines of \$5,000 will apply for a first offence and \$10,000 for second and subsequent offences under the new regulations, which will target rock lobster and other commercial fishers but will also apply to recreational fishers.

"The ban is needed as some rock lobster fishers have been using pot hooks to catch sharks to supplement their fishing income," the Minister said. "While the majority of commercial rock lobster fishers generally see this practice as undesirable, the practice has become more widespread as shark fin prices have increased and demand has grown. These new regulations are part of a range of actions that is being undertaken to help conserve WA shark stocks."

Sharks are generally slow-growing, long-lived and very vulnerable to overfishing. Dusky shark breeding stocks are now assessed as being below the level required to maintain their population. Department of Fisheries research in the 1990s indicated that even a four per cent or higher mortality rate of mature dusky sharks would cause a serious decline in the population of this shark species in WA.

"The use of pot hooks and similar unusual fishing methods to catch sharks also poses a safety risk to rock lobster fishers and fisheries officers inspecting pots who might not expect large sharp hooks to be attached to pot lines."

You'd have to think that "pot hooks" might catch more than sharks, and big hooks, big baits often mean big fish, so the ban could reduce that catch a bit.

Did you know that the Department of Fisheries booklet "Field identification guide to Western Australian Sharks and Shark-like Rays" shows that the dusky whaler is very similar to the bronze whaler, and whereas the bronze whaler occurs only as far north as about Geraldton, the dusky whaler covers the entire Western Australian coastline. So those friendly brown shapes at Quobba are probably Dusky whalers and not Bronzies. And while the big ones take their taxes on the fish hooked, if there are no big ones, soon there'll be no little ones to stretch the arms.

The booklet is available from Fisheries printed on waterproof paper, or as a PDF file from the Fisheries web site at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/res/broc/sharkguide/index.html>.



## An Ode to Old Hendo.

Last night as I lay sleeping  
I died, or so it seemed,  
Then I went to heaven  
But only in my dream.

Up there St Peter met me  
Standing at the pearly gates,  
He said, "Hendo, I must check your record  
Please stand here and wait".

He turned and said "Your record  
Is covered with terrible flaws,  
On earth I see you rallied  
For every losing cause".

- - - > "I see that you drank alcohol  
^ And smoked and used your brains too,  
| Fact is, you've done everything  
^ A good person should never do."  
  
| "We can't have people like you up here  
^ Your life was full of sin,"  
| Then he read the last of my record  
^ Took my hand and said "Hendo, come in".  
  
| He led me up to the big boss and said:-  
^ "Take him in and treat him well."  
| He ran drycasting for the club  
| He's done his time in hell."

## What Do You Think of the Reel Talk?

What do you think of the Reel Talk - the layout, articles, how to find things, what's missing and should be added, what's there and shouldn't be included, what articles should have more or less, anything else?

Please let the Reel Talk Editor know what you think. No response has to be taken as either:-

1. you're happy as it is, or
2. you don't care.

If you say there should be more articles or new topics, will you research them and/or write them, or will you help take a club work load off someone else so they have time to write them?

## Quote of the Month.

Over time, apathy takes far more from anglers than any thief takes.

Ian Stagles, Western Angler.

## Important and Interesting Articles in this Issue.

All the important or interesting articles in this issue have been grouped together to make it easier to find them. You'll find these ones on page 1 to page 21.

All the rest of the articles, except the Fleets Tackle advertisement, aren't important or interesting and don't need to be read.

The list of contents on Page 1 will help you find anything.

## AAA Secretary and Treasurer Wanted.

A Minute Secretary is required to take notes of minutes of Delegates Meetings once monthly. The Meeting proceedings are taped for accuracy, so the job is not difficult. The secretary will then transcribe the minutes on a word processor (which will be supplied if necessary), copied (a modern electronic copier is supplied) and posted out to approximately 85 recipients. Envelopes may be addressed through mail merge or by adhesive label (printed on the copier). It would be most desirable if the applicant is a member (or spouse of a member) of a Member angling club of AAA WA, but all applicants will be considered. There may be some remuneration, and this can be discussed with interested persons.

A Treasurer is also required to look after the accounts of AAA WA. The task is not a difficult one. A basic computer programme may be made available if necessary. Transactions monthly total only approximately twenty. It is not necessary to attend meetings, but simple monthly reports are needed. The Treasurer's tasks may be carried out by the Minute Secretary if desired.

For both positions, please respond to:- The President, AAA WA, PO Box 2200, Marmion WA 6020.

## Kalbarri Blue Holes FHPA

A group known as the 'Friends of the Blueholes' has advised the Department of Fisheries that they wish to establish a Fish Habitat Protection Area (FHPA) in the vicinity of the area known as the 'Blueholes' at Kalbarri. The Australian Marine Conservation Society will be assisting the 'Friends of the Blueholes' with this proposal.

The main objective of establishing a FHPA is to provide a small area where local people and tourists can observe a reef system which is not fished. However, the Department is also aware that the Blueholes is adjacent to a popular tailor fishing area, which is of interest to local and visiting recreational fishers.

It is obviously important that the views of all people who use the area, including fishers, are expressed and taken into consideration during the planning stage of the FHPA. Details of permitted activities within the FHPA, for example where recreational fishing can take place, as well as the boundary of the FHPA, will be addressed and considered in detail at this time.

An informal community workshop with persons at Kalbarri to discuss the boundaries and permitted activities within the proposed FHPA will be held during the peak holiday period in mid January 2003. Representatives of Recfishwest have been invited to attend this meeting. Following this meeting, information will be collated into the form of a draft plan of management for the area. This draft plan would then be released for public comment as required under section 115 of the Fish Resources Management Act 1994.

## Dry Casting Report, 1 December 2002.

So, another day, lots of fun, some lousy personal casting, a break from scoring, abandoned by Willo, a change in the scoring procedures, lots of help clearing up and I can still say "what a great day".

To be able to stand back and participate with my fellow casters in each event and to watch individuals achieve success at various events sure was enjoyable.

To observe Mal Harris put down some good casts, to watch a friendly rivalry between George, Chas and Nick, to see how John Romano is improving, the huge grin on Col Lilburne's face when he got a good one away, Jimmy Strong getting over 100 metres at 80 years of age, new bloke Geoff Raftis improving rapidly, Vix's determination to get better and young Rhys and Andrew trying their best.

But the best was still to come.

I heard on the grape vine that "AJ" had been getting some coaching from old "Roy the boy". Well it sure paid off when they both went head-to-head in the double handed event and both came out the winners.

Strength, technique and accuracy proved Chas a winner in the 112 gram and artificial bait but George was not far behind. Rhys Jones bullseye in the single handed event plus the better casting follow up proved him the winners over all of us.

I have to end by admitting that the old draught horse "Roy the boy" is still top dog. Keep it up Roy, the knackery is still open.

PS. Thanks for a great day.

Hendo.

Results for the day:-

	112 gram			Art Bait			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points			
<b>Seniors.</b>									
George Holman	143	160	30	119	124	24	134	22	210
Chas Riegert	145	166	31	139	132	27	126	18	202
Gary Gildersleeves	0	146	15	115	0	12	132	18	177
Nick Allsworth	0	170	17	130	122	25	107	22	171
Andrew Aubrey	128	124	25	103	117	22	86	16	149
Malcolm Harris	138	0	14	103	0	10	54	23	101
John Romano	96	100	20	0	92	9	56	13	98
Peter Stoeckel	0	0	0	94	96	19	54	1	74
Ben Lilburne	104	0	10	94	0	9	43	7	69
Colin Lilburne	0	136	14	0	0	0	30	0	44

### **Veterans.**

Roy Killick	136	137	27	115	118	23	151	15	216
Bob Henderson	1	131	13	113	0	11	131	17	172
Trevor Stam	0	81	8	70	73	14	121	13	156
Jim Strong	103	103	21	84	86	17	116	15	169
Geoff Raftis	119	111	23	101	105	21	50	7	101
Terry Fuller	0	94	9	82	0	8	106	17	140
Allan Jones	126	134	26	103	0	10	151	14	201
Peter Mahony	20	0	2	73	75	15	71	13	101

### **Ladies.**

Vix Alexander	87	102	19	92	98	19	108	24	170
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### **Juniors.**

Rhys Jones	0	100	10	68	64	13	122	26	171
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### **Mini Juniors.**

Andrew Stoeckel	54	57	11	48	48	10	0	9	30
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## Day Winners.

112 gram winner	Chas Riegert	31
Artificial Bait winner	Chas Riegert	27
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick / Allan Jones	151
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Rhys Jones	26
Winner of the Day	Roy Killick	216
Ladies winner	Vix Alexander	170
Junior winner	Rhys Jones	171
Mini Junior winner	Andrew Stoeckel	30

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

## Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 5 January 2003, Yokine Recerve, 8:30 am start.

Events:-	112 gram Distance,	56 gram distance.
Double Handed accuracy	Seniors:-	39m, 55m, 70m, 85m.
	Veterans, Ladies, Juniors:-	36m, 43m, 52m, 59m.
	Mini Juniors:-	26m, 36m.
Single Handed accuracy	Seniors:-	23m, 37m.
	Veterans, Ladies, Juniors:-	23m, 27m.
	Mini Juniors:-	13m, 23m.

### December Open Field Day.

You all remember the Seekers song, "Where have all the Flowers Gone". Well if you substitute surfcasters for flowers you could end up with a song with current relevance. We have just had an open field day, eleven people signed on and nine weighed in which is about 10% of the membership. My understanding of an open field day means that you could fish anywhere, even in your backyard, providing it backed onto Western Australian tidal waters. So where have all the surfcasters gone? Could be a busy time of year I suppose. Enough of the soap box, now to other matters.

It was great to see more people turn up for the Christmas BBQ and night cast at George's place after the weigh in. The casting was an absolute hoot, the only problem was that it didn't last long enough. The idea was that you cast to the dimly lit target with the aid of a glow stick, which ranged in size from Derry's glow worm to Chas's traffic direction device.

The casting was conducted mostly in good humour apart from one or two startled reactions to the results that our eminent scorer relayed back to the recorder. Peter Stoeckel showed us all how it was done, taking out the honours for the night. Which raises the question; maybe dry casting with one's eyes closed might be the way to go. Now to the fishing.

Bob led a group to Penguin Island and even though the catch was small, an enjoyable time was had by all. All weighed in except Bob who tried to tell us that his splendid catch of yellow fin whiting was prized from his grasp by his lady guests.

Terry Fuller fished "somewhere south of the metro area" and his 30 fish consisted of herring and skippy. (Actually no secret - the catch was shared from both Penguin Island on Saturday and Hillarys on Sunday morning. TF)

Vix and I fished the beach a few kms south of Wedge Island. Between us we landed a few good tailor, some good size herring and a shark. The beach was magnificent, the water turquoise and the wind gentle, what a way to spend a weekend. The lunatic element however were out in full force, with motor bikes and 4 wheel drive being driven at high speed along the beach all day. It's little wonder that we are faced with restricted access to parts of our coast.

The highlight of the weigh in was Tony's bag. Wago is apparently one of Tony's favorite fishing spots and one can understand why. There were big tailor, good size skippy as well as pink snapper and a host of minor species. Over 33 kilos of fish in total, a remarkable effort.

Looking forward to the next field day which is the Mandurah 500, should be a great weekend with good prizes on offer.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

Results for the December Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	33.05 kg	7	30	450.5
Malcolm Harris	10.65 kg	4	22	196.5
Vix Alexander	3.4 kg	3	10	114
Charles Riegert	1.2 kg	5	8	112
Terry Fuller	3.3 kg	2	30	103
Ben Lilburne	1 kg	3	8	90
Julie Kember	1.365 kg	3	10	83.65
Ross Kember	0.15 kg	1	1	61.5
Bob Henderson	0 kg	0	0	50
George Holman	0 kg	0	0	50
Spencer King	0 kg	0	0	50

#### Field Day prizes for December.

Best Scale Fish	Vix Alexander	Tailor	0.90 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	33.05 kg

### Sportsperson of the Year Sections for December.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Pink Snapper	2.45 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	33.05 kg
Best Shark	Malcolm Harris	Shark	5.10 kg
Best Bag Including Sharks	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	33.05 kg

### Field Day Top Ten for 2002/2003 up to December.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	2602.7	6	John Jardine	419.2
2	Malcolm Harris	818.4	7	Ross Kember	387.1
3	<b>Vix Alexander</b>	<b>649.8</b>	8	Filomena D'Alonzo	350.1
4	George Holman	623.1	9	Mark Farnay	342.6
5	Ken Black	465.0	10	Ian Taggart	340.5

### Apology to Vix!

My apologies go to Vix Alexander who has been left out of the top ten field day points listing in recent months, through a mistake in the field day spreadsheet program. (Sack the programmer and tester)

She was 8th in May, 5th in June, 4th in July, back to 8th in August, back up to 5th in September, 6th in October, 4th in November, and is currently 3rd! Watch out Mal, she's after your 2nd spot !

I can't fix the issues of Reel Talk which have already been printed, but the pages on the club web site will be updated with the right results. Sorry Vix. TerryF

### Field Day Sections for 2002/2003 up to December.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Spencer King	Salmon	4.475 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	2.75 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Shark	8.15 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	4.35 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0 kg min)	Paul Thompson	Tailor	2.00 kg
6	Best Salmon (3 kg min)	Spencer King	Salmon	4.475 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Paul Terpkos	Trevally, Skipjack	1.50 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Pink Snapper	2.45 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	33.05 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	13.30 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	George Holman	Tailor	7.10 kg
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	John Jardine	Tailor	0.875 kg

### December Night Cast.

With the weigh in over, the barbie fired up and everybody fed and watered, fifteen casters stepped down to the oval for the night cast. With assistance from Wayne Morris, the mob were put through their paces at four targets at various distances. Each caster was given two casts at each target and it was amazing to hear the echo around the place, "zero", "nothing", "zilch". So many too short, lots too long and the occasional yell of a score for some. Being out in the middle, I didn't recognise the casters, but their fellow casters gave them away with many a comment on their talents.

Derry actually scored 1 point. Vix easily won the ladies section. Chas finished near last and the winner usually scores one or two points in daylight casting. Seems "Stokes" had his night sight and proved an amazing winner. How bad were they? Standing out on the oval they showered me with sinkers and glow sticks and I didn't have to budge one bit to dodge any of them. Remember fellows, what goes around comes back at you. Hendo.

P.S. Stoke's night casting success must be due to our "blowie fight" at the Estuary competition.

**Editor's note:-** Many of the casters thought the scorer needed to be swabbed. How can so many people think a cast was a good one, and yet the scorer called out "zero", or think a cast had missed by quite a bit, only to hear a score of "eight" (out of ten)? Night casting to a glow stick stuck up on top of a target is not easy! George had the right idea - hit the target with a clang and then there's no argument. All of you who didn't come missed a great evening.

### Fill in Spot.

What do you do when someone comes and stands nearby and starts pulling fish out nearly every cast, when you are not? Could it be he's a lucky fisher, or maybe a gun fisherman, or has that special secret bait/berley/lure or ??

Answer:- watch carefully and ask. Often it's just the combination of the rig, the bait or lure and the presentation he's using at the time. If you ask, usually he'll be happy to tell you all the "secrets", which are often not secrets at all, but just the particular combination the fish are biting on at the time. Look and Learn - it's worth it, and can make a big difference to your catch.

**Suggestions for 2003/2004 Field Days.**

Please fill out 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.**

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**Suggestions for changes to the rules and/or formats of Field Days.**

**Any other suggestions.**

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