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Minutes of General Meeting, 10 December 2003

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Time 8:10 pm. Vice President George Holman presiding.
- Present:-** 25 Members, 1 visitor.
- Apologies:-** Terry Willison, Brian Stokes, Tony D'Alonzo, Malcolm Harris, Vix Alexander, Morris Kolman.
- Visitors:-** Adrienne Dinn, Ian Blamey, Abra de Klerk.
- New Members:-** None.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Peter Stoeckel seconded Andrew Aubrey, these are a true record. Carried. No business arising.
- Previous Committee:-** George Holman outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.
- Correspondence In:-**
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| Challenge Bank | Statement for November. |
| Ray White Kalbarri | Statement for November + cheque \$143.95 |
| L Hockley | Kalbarri bond payment \$50.00 |
| Seniors Recreation Council | Have a Go day review. |
| BT Funds Management | Product Disclosure Statements |
| City of Stirling | Community Service Awards Nomination. |
| Jim Strong | Christmas wishes. |
- Correspondence Out**
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| Ruth McInnes | Details of club membership. |
| Nick Hocking, Tony Ong, Damian D'Mello,
Daniel Chapman | Reminder about membership fees. |
| L Hockley | Receipt for Kalbarri bond payment \$50.00 |
- Moved** Allan Jones seconded Roy Killick, that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Terry Fuller reported. Accounts for payment:-
- | | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Terry Fuller | Stamps \$50, stationery \$33.50 | \$83.50 |
| Western Power | Power to 4/12/2003 | \$139.25 |
| | Total Accounts for Payment | \$222.75 |
| | Outstanding cheques | \$0 |
- Challenge Bank Account 880334. Balance as at 10/12/2003 \$11,192.41
Available after accounts paid \$10,969.66
- Moved** Allan Jones seconded Roy Killick, accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- Secretary report:-** nothing to report.
- Property Officer:-** not present.
- Field Day Officer:-** Assistant field Day Officer Peter Stoeckel reported on the Cervantes Field day as in Reel Talk, and presented field day prize to George Holman for best scale fish.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Chas Riegert gave details of the December Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. Trophies for casting at the AAA state dry casting championships were presented.
- AAA Report:-** Terry Fuller reported on meetings and negotiations between Fisheries Department, Recfishwest and the Australian Anglers Association about some adjustments to the recreational fishing rules, and gave details of the proposed changes as published in Reel Talk.
- Social Organiser:-** Peter Stoeckel reported on the December night cast.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook reported on captures for the species competition as listed in the last Reel Talk. He is preparing some clarification of the species which will be classed as cod.
He reminded members about the new application form which was included in a recent Reel Talk and is on the club web site. The Barron Lure competition is open for entries for fish caught on Barron Lures.
- 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:-** Roy Killick **moved**, Chas Riegert seconded a motion "that Section 3.5.3 of the Club's Competition Rules be amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting therefor:-
"In the single handed accuracy event, targets shall be set between 20 and 40 metres.
For the open section, the target distances from the base line shall be decided by drawing one of the following groups:-
- | | | | | | | |
|--------|----|----|----|----|-----|-------------------------|
| Group | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Metres | 20 | 22 | 24 | 23 | 21 | |
| Metres | 40 | 38 | 37 | 35 | 36" | The motion was carried. |
- Chas Riegert gave notice of motion that Rule 3.3.4 shall be changed after the completion of the first sentence and the following inserted: "The exception being in Artificial Bait competition where the length of the leader from the terminal knot to the weigh shall not exceed 1,000 mm." and in Rule 3.3.6 the words "so long as it shall not exceed 1,000 mm." be added to the second last sentence.
- General Business:-** Terry Fuller advised that the boundaries for the last four Field Days this year have been published in the Reel Talk for discussion.
Members were asked for suggestions for the sign on and weigh in place for the January field Day. Ian Cook advised that it was usual for the place to be where members did not have to travel further before returning home, and it was agreed to use the car park at the beach end of the South wall of the Dawesville Cut.

Instruction Period:- Christmas get together and light refreshments.
Meeting closed. 9:05 pm

Coming Club Events.

January Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 4 January 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.

January General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 14 January 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:- Bluff Creek fishing, camping and access details, some rigs and knots.

January Field Day - Dawesville Cut to Binningup.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 January 2004.
Sign On:- Saturday 12:00 noon at the car park at the beach end of the south wall of the Dawesville Cut.
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 am same place as the sign on.
Boundaries:- North Wall of Dawesville Cut, up to the traffic bridge in the Cut, south to the boat launching ramp at Binningup.

<u>Tides for</u>	Saturday 17 Jan	0.44m @ 4:00 am	0.92m @ 6:23 pm	Sunrise:-	About 5:30 am
<u>Bouvard</u>	Sunday 18 Jan	0.35m @ 4:23 am	0.98m @ 7:00 pm	Sunset:-	About 7:25pm
<u>Tides for</u>	Saturday 17 Jan	0.58m @ 6:15 am	1.00m @ 6:37 pm		
<u>Mandurah</u>	Sunday 18 Jan	0.53m @ 5:22 am	1.05m @ 7:23 pm		
<u>Moon</u>	Saturday 17 Jan	Moonrise:-	About 00:45 am	Moonset:-	About 2:45 pm
	Sunday 18 Jan	Moonrise:-	About 1:30 am	Moon Last Quarter	Thurs 15 Jan

Local Field Day for January.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 January 2004.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 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 local Field Day weigh in sheets in the scale box. 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 Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River.

<u>Tides for</u>	Saturday 17 Jan	0.46m @ 3:54 am	1.01m @ 6:08 pm	Sunrise:-	About 5:30 am
<u>Fremantle</u>	Sunday 18 Jan	0.37m @ 4:19 am	1.08m @ 6:49 pm	Sunset:-	About 7:25pm

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.

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

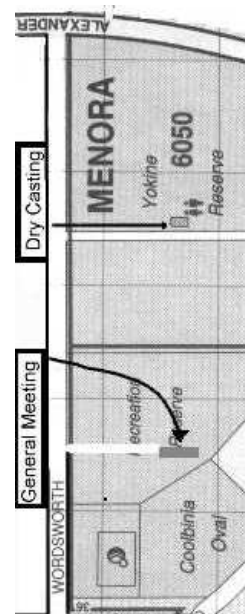
A separate Local field day is not necessary in February - it's an Open Field Day allowing fishing in all WA tidal waters.

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.

Have YOU Put in YOUR Field Day Suggestions?

Do it now, please. Use the tear out form on page 26.



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 17/18
January 2004 Dawesville Cut to Binningup. Boundaries:- North Wall of the Dawesville Cut, up to the traffic bridge in the Cut, to boat launching ramp at Binningup.

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.

4	Dry Casting					14	General Meeting					17	18	Field Day					21	Committee Meeting				
January 2004							February 2004							March 2004										
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2003/2004 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 4 January 2004

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 14 January 2004

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!

John Hall, 9 January

John Lee, 9 January

Paul Fuller, 12 January

Dianne Barber, 21 January

Jim Yeates, 24 January

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, 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. **DO IT NOW!!!** Current Competition Rules are available from the Secretary or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcaster.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.

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 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 7

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

2004/2005 General Meetings.

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

Wednesday 12 May 2004	Wednesday 10 November 2004
Wednesday 9 June 2004	Wednesday 8 December 2004
Wednesday 14 July 2004	Wednesday 12 January 2005
Wednesday 11 August 2004	Wednesday 9 February 2005
Wednesday 8 September 2004	Wednesday 9 March 2005
Wednesday 13 October 2004	Wednesday 13 April 2005

Spot the (Deliberate?) Mistake(s).

Need someone to proof read and check all these dates. Please tell me if you find anything wrong (then I'll know you RTFRT)

2004/2005 Calendar

Here's a 2004/2005 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 October long week ends.

31	AAA Event																																					
2	Dry Casting							12	General Meeting							15	16	Field Day							19	Committee Meeting												
SCAC Event Calendar 2004/2005 - Draft Version 9 December 2003. Dates still have to be confirmed.																																						
May 2004							June 2004							July 2004																								
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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 & Canning Rivers, upstream from 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

Saturday/Sunday 27/28 November 2004 AAA State Estuary Championships.

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 26.

Starters for May Rottnest Field Day.

May is usually a Rottnest field day, so this article assumes Rottnest will be the venue for May this year. Any trip to Rottnest needs to have accommodation and transport booked well in advance, and fully paid to the Rottnest 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 Rottnest may be down.

If you've ever tried to book accommodation at Rottnest, you'll understand the amount of work Cookie has to do to organise these trips. He has organised plenty of Rottnest 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 Rottnest **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 Rottnest, and advise the likely cost.

If you want to go to the May Rottnest 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. Currently I have a list of 13 names 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 must have 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		

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

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. None for this month..

New Member Application.

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

Ian Blamey and Adrienne Dinn.

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 27 November, the house is available in 2003 11/12 Dec, in 2004 from 10 Jan 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.

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, 7 December 2003.

What a magnificent day!

The weather Gods smiled upon us and there was NO DAMN EASTERLY wind blowing into our faces on a beautiful sunshiny day. A modicum of a southerly breeze gently caressed our brows as went about our monthly ritual of casting.

Hang about, this is getting a little too poetic here. It was an excellent day for casting. Enough said.

Eleven seniors, eight veterans and two ladies turned out to pit their respective skills against each other. I think from perusing the results that the best competition of the day was between the two ladies.

Vix kicked off winning the 112 gram, but muffed the Artificial Bait letting Annella get in there. The double handed accuracy Vix was back in front again (just) and Annella exchanged places again in the Single Handed. At the end of the day there was only ONE point separating the two ladies, with Vix taking the final honours.

For the first time that I can remember, the overall result of the day was a tie between Garry and Roy with Roy's superb effort in the single handed getting him home to the winners circle and a share of the club record.

I will comment that without Bob present to stir the vets along, they took their time completing the distance events. I appreciate that with the warmer weather they didn't want to push some of the old fellas too hard, but to take a morning tea break, boil the billy and have a cuppa half way through the event... I know we are pretty lay back but that's pushing the point just a little bit don't you think..

At the completion of the normal events, a 112 gram open event was run with 10 competitors giving their best. By this time the wind had picked up and turned to come from the west a bit. This obviously aided a few casters. Joe Pull the other leg let go a beauty. Must have had the weather man turn the wind up at just the right time. A prospective new Club Record of 195.9 metres and the longest cast made in Western Australia in competition (by the merest 800 millimetres, 80 centimetres, no - 8 decimetres or 0.8 metre sounds better). Congratulations Joe.

Until the 4th January 2004, stay safe and enjoy the festive season.

TT2, DCO

112 gram Open Distances.

Cast at the December dry casting.

Name	Cast 1 metres	Cast 2 metres	Name	Cast 1 metres	Cast 2 metres
Nick Allsworth	166	167	George. Holman	178	177
Chas Riegert	177	184.7	Joe Pullella	195.9	182
Malcolm Harris	142	154	Vix Alexander	109	104
Gary Gildersleeves	148	0	Trevor Stam	115	117
Peter Stoeckel	112	112	Allan Jones	149	149.5

Dry Casting Results, 7 December 2003.

o/b = out of bounds, n/c = no cast, s/o = snap off.

Results for the day

Seniors.	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number								Target distance						
							3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points	
Gary Gildersleeves	140	138	28	115	117	23	16	18	23	23	22	22	15	10	149	6	6	0	7	19	219
George Holman	161	162	32	130	130	26	17	21	24	8	19	7	20	17	133	5	5	0	6	16	207
Nick Allsworth	155	156	31	118	127	25	21	19	24	18	8	11	6	17	124	0	4	0	9	13	193
Malcolm Harris	149	138	29	115	126	24	21	11	18	23	9	0	11	19	112	7	0	7	9	23	188
Chas Riegert	169	166	34	127	123	25	0	6	18	20	8	1	19	22	94	0	10	4	8	22	175
Joe Pullella	0	168	17	0	120	12	21	14	0	20	19	10	9	22	115	3	4	6	8	21	165
Terry Willison	140	135	28	112	0	11	0	11	23	5	2	14	25	22	102	0	4	0	7	11	152
Peter Stoeckel	103	107	21	100	95	20	7	18	0	21	0	0	19	22	87	0	5	0	7	12	140
Rick Parker	133	137	27	104	113	22	0	23	11	19	1	19	6	0	79	5	0	1	2	8	136
Andrew Aubrey	134	137	27	0	0	0	8	0	14	24	0	25	16	11	98	0	0	0	7	7	132
Mark Hansen	0	102	10	93	94	19	0	7	12	15	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	63

Veterans.

Roy Killick	121	114	24	95	96	19	25	10	17	21	17	19	14	17	140	7	10	9	10	36	219
Allan Jones	138	141	28	113	109	22	15	18	0	20	5	16	24	22	120	0	7	4	1	12	182
Mal Head	130	128	26	98	103	20	14	17	6	10	22	7	17	17	110	0	10	5	0	15	171
Terry Fuller	83	103	19	78	82	16	11	14	20	13	14	9	14	19	114	4	0	0	8	12	161
Jim Strong	93	93	19	71	77	15	2	15	24	20	8	16	17	16	118	2	1	0	6	9	161
Trevor Stam	77	0	8	86	92	18	15	20	23	16	21	12	5	11	123	3	6	0	0	9	158
Geoff Raftis	0	0	0	86	91	18	19	0	17	15	0	22	4	21	98	0	0	6	0	6	122
Tom Lund	0	0	0	43	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	11	0	0	6	0	6	21

Ladies.

Vix Alexander	101	94	20	86	0	9	1	0	19	22	19	2	5	24	92	0	0	0	5	5	126
Annella Riegert	70	76	15	62	60	12	12	15	20	16	0	17	10	0	90	0	4	0	4	8	125

Event:	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner		Ladies Winner		Juniors Winner	
112 gram distance	Chas Riegert	34	Allan Jones	28	Vix Alexander	20		
Art Bait distance	George Holman	26	Allan Jones	22	Annella Riegert	12		
Double Handed Acc.	Gary Gildersleeves	149	Roy Killick	140	Vix Alexander	92		
Single Handed Acc.	Mal Harris	23	Roy Killick	36	Annella Riegert	8		
112 gram Open	Joe Pullella	195.9						
Days High Points	Gary & Roy	219						

Special Request

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

Chas

Busselton Jetty Fishing Closures Update.

The Shire of Busselton's Executive Committee has decided to go with the outcome of the public meeting and ask for a fishing exclusion zone of only 50 metres radius around the Underwater Observatory, and seems to have acknowledged that anglers want access fixed up to the end of the jetty ASAP, despite the apparent wishes of the Busselton Jetty "Preservation" Group to keep this closed off.

The minutes of the 3 December meeting http://www.busselton.wa.gov.au/minutes/ec1/ec120031203_minutes.pdf say:-

"1. The Chief Executive Officer (or nominated Officer) request the Minister for Fisheries to implement a Section 43 Order on the Busselton Jetty under the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 with the following conditions:

(i) No taking of any category of fish, by any person, by any method (including but not limited to line and spearfishing) within a 50 metre radius of the centre of the Busselton Underwater Observatory.

(ii) The prohibition apply at all times commencing 13 December 2003 for an indefinite period. (Note - that requires the Minister for Fisheries to issue the order which should be publicised when it is issued)

2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to prohibit fishing and the mooring of boats on the Busselton Jetty within the proposed exclusion zone area, being a radius of 50 metres surrounding the Underwater Observatory, by exercise of the Shire's rights as Licensee under the Jetty Licence for the Busselton Jetty;

3. As part of the review of the Local Law Relating to Use of Public Jetty, the law be amended to include prohibitions on fishing and boating activities to accommodate the proposed exclusion zone around the Underwater Observatory to the extent that it is possible for the Shire to make laws of this type."

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The agenda for the meeting http://www.busselton.wa.gov.au/minutes/ec1/ec120031203_agenda.pdf also said:-

"Point 4 (of the Staff Recommendation) should be extended to include the following:-

4. That the rights of Jetty Users to access the end of the Jetty to the north of the 50 metres radius zone, at no additional cost to that levied for general jetty admission, be supported by Council as a matter of principle, and

i) That the Busselton Jetty Environment and Conservation Association Inc be directed to ensure that this access is facilitated in the design of the Underwater Observatory sub-structure, such that this access is provided 24 hours per day and from the opening of the Underwater Observatory.

ii) That the Busselton Jetty Environment and Conservation Association Inc provide a report to Council which provides detailed costings and timelines for the repair of the "end section" of the jetty to the north of the Underwater Observatory. In preparing this report the Busselton Jetty Environment and Conservation Association Inc acknowledges Council's endorsement of the principal of public access as outlined above and that the Busselton Jetty Environment and Conservation Association Inc notes Council's strong desire to have these works completed as a matter of priority."

This matter has been the subject of a separate Council resolution."

Looks like the public submissions and public meeting have been listened to, and the Busselton Jetty "Conservation" Association has been told to listen to the people and spend the money where the people want it spent - including restoring the access to the end of the jetty for everyone.

TerryF

Fishing Lines.

Some History: You know how it feels. You walk into a fishing store or tackle shop to buy some fishing line and what have you got. A wall full of different types, different manufacturers, different breaking strains. You look around, confused. Which one? What breaking strain? What do I want? What do I NEED?

Often overlooked and usually not appreciated, line is the necessary and most important component in your tackle gear. It is the one single link between you and your adversary, the fish.

Every angler should understand the types of line available, the properties of his line and the fundamental aspects of line use.

Today, we as anglers are spoiled when it comes to fishing line. We take for granted something that a century ago was not so good. Most fishing line in the early 20th century was made from linen, silk or cotton. The Romany people even used horse hair taken from the tails of their stock. These lines had to be carefully cared for by washing, unspooling to dry out to prevent dry rot. When was the last time you had to unspool your line and hang it out to dry ??

Line Types: Line is essentially characterized as being either monofilament, braided or having a core. Of these there are many hybrids. Nylon monofilament still accounts for more than two-thirds of all line sold. The remainder being braided microfilament, fused microfilament, braided Dacron, weighted line, and fly line.

Monofilament: "Monofilament" is a word meaning a single strand. In the fishing world it has come to be known simply as nylon line. Nylon monofilament is a single-component product. It is formed through an extrusion process in which molten plastic is forced into a strand through a die. Nylon monofilament is a polymeric by-product of crude oil processing. Premium grade monofilament line receives greater quality control, more additives, and more

attention in the finishing process than normal line. More attention, higher quality control, etc., equates to higher costs.

Braided: Braided line consists of intertwined strands of material, making them a 'multifilament' line. In the past this has primarily been "Dacron". Today there are many different types of fibre being used to braid lines. Some of these being microdyneema, Kevlar and also nylon itself. These super lines have minimal stretch and make fishing a far more sensitive experience. The synthetic fibres themselves have been used in industrial, aerospace, and military applications. Kevlar fibres interwoven in specific patterns and overlaid are even used in bulletproof vests worn by Police worldwide.

Fused: Multiple microfilaments of polyethylene, microdyneema, or Kevlar are fused together to produce a single strand of line that is ultra thin, super strong, very sensitive, yet highly castable. Production of fused line is less expensive than braided line. Because of its great capabilities, fused line is becoming increasingly more popular among the fishing fraternity.

Breaking Strain: This is a property stated on packaging that is probably the least understood by most anglers. There are two categories used by manufacturers to measure breaking strain of lines. These are categorised as "test" and "class".

"Class" lines are generally associated with IGFA type fishing where the line is guaranteed to break at or under the labeled mantric strength in a wet condition. This is in order to conform to IGFA standards. The main reason for fishing with "class" line is to ensure that any fish caught that might be a record would meet the IGFA criteria.

Line tested by the IGFA in a wet condition (because the line is wet when fished) can be as much as 20% lower when wet than when it is dry. This is because monofilament nylon line absorbs water. Some types more than others, depending on the manufacturing process and the respective quality controls adhered to.

With "test" line, despite the labeled strength, there is NO guarantee as to the amount of force required to break the line in either a wet or dry condition. Without this guarantee, the line may break at, above, or even below the labeled strength. So, if you decide to buy "test" line then beware that the line will in all probability, not break at the specified or labeled strength.

Diameter: It used to be that the greater the breaking strain of the line, the larger the diameter of the line. This is not necessarily true today. Different combinations of polymers with different specifications can result in some lines of greater linear strength actually being thinner than others with less strength. For example, compare some high end line with say some home brand type line from a large department store outlet.

Line diameter plays more of an important role when it comes to how much you can fit on a spool, not the breaking strength.

Thin diameter lines are better because they allow you to cast further. Smaller surface area equates to less drag through the air. Similarly, the thin diameter allows the line to pass through the water easier as well. This would in some cases enhance the movement of lures when trolling or retrieving.

Today most quality manufacturers are including line diameter on their packaging. If you were to take the time to locate the manufacturers on the Internet, they are normally very pedantic about maintaining consistent line diameters throughout the length of their products.

Abrasion Resistance: Abrasion resistance is probably the most difficult quality to measure with fishing lines.

There is no laboratory test yet devised to accurately reflect the abrasive contact that line is subjected to during a fight with a fish.

Some companies drag their line across sand papers of various coarseness, or even across razor blades to simulate abrasion. Don't believe all the manufacturers labeling on abrasion. Only you can make this judgement in your own fishing situation. Manufacturers invariably test their lines against others in a dry simulation. Remember, a nylon monofilament line reacts differently when wet then what it does when it is dry.

Stretch: There is no issue on whether line stretches. All line stretches. The issue is rather how much does the line stretch and how will this affect your fishing. Monofilament nylon line stretches between 10 – 25 %. Lines that stretch a lot are generally better for casting but are shocking for feeling fish bites, hook setting and playing fish. There simply is not enough feel for the angler.

Braided/Fused microfilaments have virtually no stretch, generally less than about 4%. This would seem to make these lines the best preference for most fishermen. It can be, but the angler must make adjustments to his style of fishing. The force used when striking to set hooks should be reduced, otherwise the angler will simply pull the hook out of the fishes mouth. The settings for the drag should also be reduced in order to allow the rod to work with the line.

Flexibility: A limp or flexible nylon monofilament line has both advantages and disadvantages. The more flexible the line is, the better it is for casting off overhead reels. It will come off the spool smother but will also tend to lack sensitivity.

Braided lines are limper than nylon monofilaments. Fused lines are a good compromise between the two.

It is been said that it is best to place nylon monofilament line in water the day before a fishing trip to help it be more relaxed. Just remove the spool from the reel and soak it in a bowl/bucket of water the night before.

Visibility: Today line comes in a wide variety of colours and visibility. So, what is the best to use?? This is the best question of all. The lines are manufactured to such specifications that what is best to fish from the beach is not the best to fish from a boat, or in fresh water. This applies to colour of the line, limpness, stretch, etc. etc..

An angler that fishes clear shallow water has to be more keen about the visibility of his line than say an angler fishing in muddy tidal creeks.

An angler chasing trout in clear freshwater would tend towards using a 'fluorocarbon' type line which has a refractive index the same as the water and thereby tends to disappear when submerged. This then presents his bait more naturally to the fish.

In shallow water fishing the more important issue is line diameter. The thicker the line the greater shadow it casts. This can and does alarm some fish.

Conclusion: Next time you go into your tackle store take the time to look at the lines. Check them out for yourself. Manufacturers world wide are producing some excellent line today. Chas Riegert.

Changes to Recreational Fishing Rules.

As reported in past Reel Talks, 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. This is changes to the bag limits on Rottnest by stealth. Other "stings" we reported were the definition of "fillets" and "whole" fish in the possession limits, and filleting of fish at sea and on islands tied up with the "48 hour" rule.

In late October 2003, the Association sent three separate letters to the Minister for Fisheries, covering Limits On shore fishing on Rottnest Island Rules, Filleting and Whole Fish Rules, and Filleting At Sea Rules following other letters as previously reported.

Following extended negotiations between the Australian Anglers Association, Recfishwest, the Department of Fisheries and the Fisheries Minister and his staff, pushed along quite a bit by the publicity and a "Disallowance Motion" by the National Party in Parliament to disallow all the changes to the regulations introduced in October, the Fisheries Minister has agreed to the following changes to the Recreational Fishing regulations.

These changes were read to Parliament in the debate in the Legislative Council on Friday 5 December, and confirm the details given to the Association during the negotiations.

These proposed amendments fix most but not all of the significant problems which AAA raised, with support from Recfishwest and problems which groups like the Charter Boat Owners Association have identified.

The Minister also advised that cautions will be issued rather than prosecutions over the coming 6 months, and that he expects the changes will come in by February 2004.

The changes proposed, and our comments on those, are:-

1. Allowing recreational fishers to land filleted fish with a minimum fillet length of 30cm after 24 hours at sea.

AAA cannot see the rationale for retaining a time limit. AAA supports the proposal to reduce the time from the current "greater than 48 hours" to "greater than 24 hours", but considers the time limit should be removed completely, or the change has little benefit to the great majority of boat anglers.

2. Allowing recreational fishers to land trunked fish (head and tail removed) with a minimum trunk length equal to the minimum size limit for that species, regardless of the time at sea. Species with a slot (maximum size) limit eg barramundi, Shark Bay pink snapper and tailor should not be included.

AAA supports this proposal.

3. Exempting Category 3 "low risk" species from the prohibition on filleting at sea regulations ie species such as herring, sand whiting and garfish could be filleted or trunked on day trips. "Other unlisted species of fish" will be transferred from Category 2 to Category 3, with a combined bag limit of 40 fish.

AAA said in earlier comments:- "AAA requests that all species without size limits be exempt from the filleting at sea regulations. We note that there is no proposal to change regulations 16B (1) (b) (c) (d) (e) or (f) which already adequately cover packaging and identification of fillets, and which would address any compliance issues." Even with the changes, there are still a few species in Categories 1 and 2 with no size limits which you are not allowed to fillet on boat trips of less than 24 hours.

4. Allow recreational fishers to be in possession of filleted fish at sea regardless of the duration of the trip. A general prohibition would still exist on the landing of filleted fish on trips less than 24 hours. This would enable filleted fish to be taken to sea as bait or processed at sea for bait but not landed unless in whole form.

AAA supports the first and third sentences of this recommendation, noting our comments under recommendation 3. Our comments on proposal 1 covers AAA's reasons for not supporting the second sentence.

5. Exempt fish which have been landed on an island which involves an overnight trip from the 30cm minimum fillet length requirement.

AAA fully supports this proposal which is consistent with the earlier consultations, and solves "the limits on the overnight trip to Rottnest" problem.

6. Rescind the regulations describing 2 pieces of fish to be taken as one fish.

AAA supports this proposal.

7. *Rescind the regulation deeming all fillets to be Category 1 Fish.*

AAA supports this proposal.

8. *Create a prescribed value in the regulations for any fillet of fish of \$15.00 per kilo.*

AAA did not raise this issue but supports this proposal.

9. *Include a defence to S50 and S51(1) of the FRMA to allow the landing of up to 2 days' bag limit of whole fish, or an accumulated quantity of filleted fish up to 20kg per person, or 1 day's bag limit of whole fish plus 10 kg of fillets, that is as allowed by Regulation 16(D).*

AAA supports this proposal.

10. *Allow fillets of any size to be transported back from islands, which involve an overnight stay.*

AAA fully supports this proposal which is consistent with the earlier consultations, and solves "the limits on the overnight trip to Rottnest" problem.

11. *Prohibit the transportation of filleted fish on the waters of the inner gulfs of Shark Bay.*

AAA did not raise this issue, but commented as follows:- AAA is aware of the special conservation needs of Pink Snapper in Shark Bay. AAA understands this proposal is a return to the rules which applied prior to the general changes introduced on 1 October, and that those rules were fully debated by a specialist consultative group.

AAA notes that this proposal has an affect on the options for possession limits for fish on Dirk Hartog Island where these will need to be transported by water back to the mainland. AAA notes that this does not apply to people who are able to afford air transport from the island.

AAA believes that a total ban on the transportation of fillets of any species of fish is unnecessary given regulations 16B(1) (b) (c) (d) (e) and (f) which cover packaging and identification of fillets, and regulations 16B(2) and 16B(3), all of which could be used in the special case of transport of fish fillets by sea from Dirk Hartog Island to the mainland, particularly for people who have only been fishing from the shore on the Island.

12. *Permit the possession of up to two days' bag limit of whole fish where a person has been at sea for at least 24 hours.*

AAA supports this recommendation.

13. *Exempt fishers from the labeling requirement while on trips to sea of less than 24 hours.*

AAA supports this recommendation.

14. *Allow fishers to transport fish in any container or package provided the container is labeled.*

AAA supports this recommendation.

Changes we asked for which were not included.

(1) Filleting exemptions for large fish. (not included). Regulation 15 allows filleting of mackerel and tuna while at sea, but is based on the species, not on the fillet length or the size of the fish.

As such it does not give equivalent catch care for other large species or large individual fish, such as Cobia, Mulloway, etc, despite the stated intention of the exemption being maximum catch care balanced against any possible compliance issues.

AAA therefore ask for this exemption to apply to fish based on their size rather than be limited to specific species.

(2) Cutting large fish into two pieces. (not included). We asked to be allowed to cut large fish into a maximum of two pieces, each required to be of some minimum length, in exactly the same way as the current regulations have set a minimum length for fillets in some circumstances.

Clarification:- Definition of a day and 24 hours.

A day is defined in the regulations as "one day means a period of 24 hours commencing at midnight..."

AAA has always believed that a "day" is a calendar day starting at midnight as commonly used for almost all other purposes, and as stated in the definition in the regulations.

AAA has interpreted the proposed changes as not preventing a person from fishing on two consecutive days in two separate boating trips in less than 24 hours, and being allowed up to one day's bag limit on each trip.

AAA has also interpreted the proposed changes and the current regulations as not imposing any 24 hour period limit on shore based fishing for possession limit purposes other than midnight to midnight.

If any of these interpretations are not correct, then AAA wishes to discuss these points further.

Overall comments.

AAA is committed to sustainable fishing practices and responsible fishing for the future. Our intention has only been to simplify the rules, allow anglers the options which were always understood to be available to them from consultation during the West Coast and Gascoyne reviews, and to allow anglers to chose the best possible catch care to suit their circumstances and facilities.

AAA believes that these changes will improve the acceptance by the recreational fishing community of the new management packages, and will provide considerably better catch care under some of the difficult situations encountered on longer trips, in hot weather and in remote areas.

However, some of the changes we requested which have not been agreed to are also important for acceptance by the recreational fishing community of the new management packages, and for better catch care. Further action will depend on recreational anglers' reactions to the changes when formally announced and how well they are supported by publicity and education.

There has been a great deal of confusion about the new rules. These proposals should reduce the impact of the changes from the rules introduced on 1 October, but much more effort is needed to draft the rules with simple wording, provide simple publicity material and to educate anglers about the rules.

When Men Lie.

One day, while a woodcutter was cutting a branch of a tree above a river, his axe fell into the river. When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "Why are you crying?" The woodcutter replied that his axe has fallen into water, and he needed the axe to make his living.

The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a golden axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. The woodcutter replied, "No."

The Lord again went down and came up with a silver axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. Again, the woodcutter replied, "No."

The Lord went down again and came up with an iron axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. The woodcutter replied, "Yes."

The Lord was pleased with the man's honesty and gave him all three axes to keep, and the woodcutter went home happy.

Some time later the woodcutter was walking with his wife along the riverbank, and his wife fell into the river. When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked him, "Why are you crying?" "Oh Lord, my wife has fallen into the water!"

The Lord went down into the water and came up with Jennifer Lopez. "Is this your wife?" the Lord asked. "Yes," cried the woodcutter. The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!"

The woodcutter replied, "Oh, forgive me, my Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'no' to Jennifer Lopez, You would have come up with Catherine Zeta-Jones. Then if I also said 'no' to her, you would have come up with my wife. Had I then said 'yes,' you would have given me all three. Lord, I am a poor man, and am not able to take care of three wives, so THAT'S why I said yes to Jennifer Lopez."

The moral of this story is:- Whenever a man lies, it is for a good and honourable reason, and for the benefit of others. That's their story, and they're sticking to it!

Thanks to Roy Killick.

Recfishwest Report.

The December 2003 Recfishwest Board Meeting covered the following:-

New tagging coordinator Andrew Rowland was introduced, and funding has been arranged.

RFW has written to Department of Fisheries opposing the changes to the recreational bag limit for pink snapper in Gascoyne area.

Copies of the draft plans for extensions to Ningaloo Marine Park sanctuary zones have been obtained and distributed to associations.

Has written to the Minister for Fisheries representing delays in the progress on integrated management of Fisheries.

Has prepared and sent a preliminary submission for the commercial line fishing review.

Has continued to negotiate with the Department of Fisheries and Fisheries Minister on the filleting at sea regulations in cooperation with the Australian Anglers Association.

Will obtain research data about pink snapper breeding in Cockburn Sound for a submission on the most appropriate time to close fishing for pink snapper to protect the spawning aggregations.

Prepared a submission on Riverplan, the proposals for managing the Swan and Canning rivers.

Written to the Fisheries Minister expressing concern at the change of blue groper size limit from 60 cm to 50 cm.

Written to the Fisheries Minister asking what is happening about the commercial mackerel management which was due to start on 1 January 2004.

Written to the Shire of Carnarvon about a proposal to demolish the prawning jetty.

Written to the Minister for the Environment proposing a review of CALM's prosecution policy guidelines.

Written to the Shire of Exmouth about the preservation of the Learmonth jetty.

Written to the Department of Fisheries about proposals for yellowfin tuna aquaculture at the Abrolhos Islands.

RFW's policy on Marine Reserves and no takes zones is being updated. RFW is seeking direct representation on all Marine Park planning committees. Walpole/Nornalup, Capes, Ningaloo, Rowley Shoals are currently on the go.

RFW has considered research on the effect of prawn trawling on pink snapper in Shark Bay and will request that the Department of Fisheries should develop recommendations from this research.

RFW will prepare a submission on the "Access to Pastoral Land" report recently released.

RFW is gathering data and opinions to prepare its policy on the proposal to introduce compulsory boat safety training and possibly licenses.

The RFW web site is being expanded with more information, and a regular newsletter is planned.

The RFW representative on the commercial wet line management committee gave a brief report on non confidential matters discussed.

The RFW representative on the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Area reference committee reported on the meeting in November at which the roles and different opinions of the Department of Fisheries and CALM were covered.

Terry Fuller reported to the RFW board on the discussions and the final outcome of representations to the Minister for Fisheries and discussions with the Department of Fisheries on filleting at sea and changes to the Recreational fishing regulations. Board members said this was an exceptional outcome considering the opposition from the Department of Fisheries. This exercise was a model for cooperation between Recfishwest and one of the Associations to achieve outcomes for recreational anglers.

Terry Fuller reported on the outcomes of the meeting of the Busselton Shire Council about the proposed Fish habitat protection area around the underwater observatory on the jetty, and the directions the Shire Council has given to the Busselton Jetty Environment and Conservation Association to ensure that access for fishing is provided to the end of the jetty.

RFW is preparing for the Pilbara/Kimberley and South Coast recreational fishing reviews.

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.

Pompoms Used in Drycasting.

Section 3.3.7 of the Club's Competition Rules says "Plastic tubing must be used for level line distance events. The plastic tubing shall be of a soft flexible material, of minimum length of 200 mm and maximum length of 250 mm. The diameter shall be nominally 2.5 mm inside diameter to 4.5 mm maximum inside diameter. Colour must be fluoro pink."

For accuracy casts, a visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used. The pompom may be made of strands of coloured knitting wool tied in a pompom fashion and in turn tied to the weight or swivel."

A problem has been brought to my attention in relation to the second paragraph of this rule. It pertains to the use of 'coloured knitting wool' in the manufacture of a pompom for accuracy events and incorporates rule 3.3.6 where it stipulates that the weight in an accuracy event may be up to 112 grams.

As we all know, at times the grass can get a little wet and so transfers a lot of moisture into the pompom when it is retrieved from a cast. All that extra moisture in the pompom can increase the 'maximum weight' allowed if someone is using a 112 gram weight. It also makes the pompom threads stick together so that it is harder to see - which is the whole point in having one.

Now I know that not everyone will worry about this, BUT there may be some damn pedantic competitors out there that will challenge a weight if they think they can get a benefit from it or put someone else off their casting.

I can think of two ways we can improve upon this rule and remove any anomaly that might be argued. The first is that we exclude the weight of a pompom from the overall weight or total mass of the weight being cast. Simply putting an addendum into the above rule after the last paragraph can achieve this. "The total mass of the weight cast shall not include the weight of the pompom (wet or dry)."

The second choice would be to permit the manufacture of pompoms from material other than knitting wool that will not absorb moisture. For example, a pompom made from synthetic material like nylon fishing line in a suitable colour will be lighter than wool and nowhere near as absorbent. Therefore instead of stipulating 'coloured knitting wool' as the designated material to manufacture pompoms, a size specification be made instead.

This would allow the caster to use whatever material he likes, so long as it complies with the size specification that would make it readily visible.

Currently the National body of the AAA is in the process of standardizing the size and construction of pompoms after some pretty ridiculous efforts at National level competition. We can either wait for this to happen, or take the bit between the teeth and set what we consider reasonable guides.

Chas Riegert.

Give it some thought.....

Notice of Motion- Amendments to Rules 3.3.4 and 3.3.6

I give notice of motion 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."***

Chas Riegert.

Explanation, (not part of the formal notice of motion.) To the ordinary person or new member starting out at casting, the current rules would seem to mean that when making an Artificial Bait rig, the length of the leader from the swivel to the weight CANNOT exceed 380mm as per rule 3.3.4. Then under rule 3.3.6, the length of the leader to the dowel cannot be less than 230mm. Thus when the 90mm length of the dowel is inserted, it only leaves 70mm tolerance between the bottom of the dowel and the top of the weight/sinker.

Currently under National and State regulations, there is a stipulated maximum length for the leader in Artificial Bait. In the 'General Competition Rules' at Rule C.9.(e) "For events three (3) and five (5)(artificial bait), the leader length shall not exceed 1,000mm." and Rule C.9.(f) "Leader length is defined as the distance between the terminal knot and the top of the weight."

These two sections of our rules will now read as follows, with the proposed changes shown in **bold italics**:-

"3.3.4 Leaders. The use of a heavy leader is optional for all events, provided it not more than 380mm in length **or not more than 1,000mm in length for the Artificial Bait competition**. Swivels may also be used between the weight and the line. Leaders are not allowed for level line distance casts under AAA rules.

3.3.6 Artificial Bait Rigs. The Artificial Bait shall be made of wooden doweling 90mm long and nominal 13mm in diameter. It shall be attached to a swivel, ring or dropper loop by a line of minimum length of 230 mm. The weight **shall be on a separate leader of maximum length 1000mm and** must hang completely under the dowel. Weights may be up to 112 grams. The line between the swivel and the dowel or the weight may be of any gauge. No modifications are allowed to the dowel other than painting or identification."

The simple changes proposed in the notice of motion will then bring the Club Rules in conformity with National and State Rules.

Chas Riegert.

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.

Proposed Extra Sanctuary Zones Ningaloo Marine Park.

CALM has prepared a revised Sanctuary zoning scheme for the Ningaloo Marine Park and proposed extensions to the Park. It is out for comment until 19 January. There will be a three month public comment period later.

As Hal Harvey covered in his Sunday Times column on 14 December, get ready for more battles if you care, or more closures if you don't care or don't support those who do.

Limited release of this sort of information can cause problems. The planned changes or increases to sanctuary zones are on A3 sized coloured map. There aren't any more written details of the exact boundaries.

Overall, sanctuary areas increase to 29%, recreation zone area goes to 21% and general use zone areas goes to 50% of the Park. If you want more information, or a copy of the map, contact me or CALM. The CALM website http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/marine/planning/updates.html doesn't seem to have any mention of this latest document on there yet.

They are already saying "fishing will still be allowed in 71% of the Park and that's plenty". People need to look at the "big picture". It's not only the percentage of areas closed and open, but which areas they are closing, what they are trying to protect, will those closures actually do what is intended and what activities will be prevented even if those activities do ABSOLUTELY nothing to the things they are trying to protect, etc, etc - all that needs to be considered and that takes time and not everyone will agree.

A principle which should be used is that everything should be allowed UNLESS there are really good reasons for stopping them, are the reasons supported by research and data, and does the community accept the reasons. After all, this Park belongs to the community and the future communities, kids, grandkids, etc.

An obvious example of an activity which could be allowed is trolling for pelagic fish in the outer parts of the sanctuary areas where these fish are not resident and move around a lot.

If one part of the problem is simply that too many fish are being caught, and if that is supported by real research data, then deal with that by catch limits, and don't try to manage that by closing areas.

Closing nearly 30% of the area could / definitely will?? put more fishing pressure on the areas which remain open and could send those downhill - which will lead for pressure to close those (as used in justification for these new closures) and so on. After all they are supposed to be managing the WHOLE park, not just the sanctuary areas.

There's too much to summarise, but the reasons for the increased Sanctuary Zones seem to be covered in these paragraphs. Read them and think what they really mean if the reasons are accepted without any challenge.....

"Recreational fishing is still a major attraction for many visitors to the Gascoyne region and remains the major extractive activity in Ningaloo Marine Park (NMP). As such, recreational fishing needs careful management if this activity is to be compatible with the conservation objectives of NMP and the proposed reserve additions. Recent research in NMP by Westera (2003) showed evidence of trophic cascades in the recreation zone adjacent to the Mandu sanctuary zone that are likely to have resulted from the removal of 'top-end' predators targeted by recreational fishermen. This finding reinforces other national and international studies, which demonstrate the ecological implications of removing 'top-end' predatory fish on the surrounding ecosystem."

The current zoning scheme for NMP was adopted in 1989. At that time there was limited understanding of the ecology of NMP and the configuration, size and location of sanctuary zones needed to protect the biodiversity of the Park. Furthermore, fishing was the main reason most visitors came to the area and, as such, there was significant opposition from recreational fishers to the establishment of 'no fishing' zones. The combination of limited scientific understanding and opposition from a major user group resulted in a compromise sanctuary zone scheme being adopted for the 1989-1999 management plan.

The existing sanctuary zones are not representative of all of the habitats/communities of the Park and are most poorly represented in the northern section of the Park and in the deeper waters outside the lagoon. Furthermore, the current sanctuary zone scheme does not meet scientific criteria developed for the Representative Areas Program (RAP) for the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area (Day et al., 2000). Guidelines developed by the steering committee for the representative areas program have described adequacy as the size, configuration and replication of sanctuary zones proposed to protect the ecological viability of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The guidelines aim at producing a zoning scheme that supports connectivity between populations, species and habitats and safeguards the integrity of natural processes in a tropical coral reef environment.

The percentage of existing sanctuary zones (Table 3) is well below the percentage recommended by scientists to ensure the long-term protection of coral reef ecosystems and the services they provide (e.g. 30-50% of the total area of a bioregion recommended by the Townsville Declaration on Coral Reef Research and Management JCU, 2002). The use of 'no take' marine reserves (or sanctuary zones) is gaining increasing scientific acceptance in helping reduce the increasing incidence of reef degradation from natural and anthropogenic disturbance (Hughes et al., 2003)

Since the late 1980s, the scientific understanding of the Park has advanced significantly (c.f. Bancroft and Davidson, 2000; D'Adamo and Simpson 2001; Bancroft and Davidson, 2001; Wilson and Taylor 2001; Bancroft, 2002), annual visitor numbers have more than doubled and the major activities of the Park have changed from fishing to passive (i.e. non-extractive) recreation and tourism (Wood and Dowling, 2002). Other considerations include the revised recreational fishing regulations for this region that came into effect on 1 October 2003, the emerging outcomes of the Carnarvon- Ningaloo Coast Regional Strategy and the potential implications of World Heritage listing process."

The document is at step 3 of the process as described below.

1. Collate and assess all relevant ecological and social information.
2. Formulate Marine Parks and Reserves Authority (MPRA) framework paper. (The separate framework paper dated February 2003 is on http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/management/pdf_files/ningaloo_mp.pdf)
3. Seek views of the community, the Coral Coast Parks Advisory Committee and key stakeholders. (this is the current stage). I'm not sure who they define as "the community", but the distribution has been limited.....
4. Formulate draft management plan and indicative management plans for the extensions to the marine reserve system.
5. MPRA review of draft plans and advice to Minister For Environment.
6. Minister for the Environment seeks approval of the Minister for State Development and Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to release the draft plans for public comment.
7. Minister for the Environment releases plans for public comment for three months. etc

so you'll get another chance to comment in step 7..... But there are serious problems with that process because Marine Parks and Reserves Authority don't have to say what notice they took of the public submissions and they can submit the Management Plan for approval and gazettal without any one 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 the final version is locked in by gazettal.

Check how they are planning the Capes Marine Park (Naturaliste to Leeuwin etc) and how open and public that process is compared to this one. I'll write something on that so people can see the difference and they are chalk and cheese, yet come from the same sections in CALM and Marine Parks and Reserves Authority. Why??? TerryF.

Recorder Report December 2003

Open Competition. John Jardine and Damian D'Mello have been on another trip to Quobba. John has entered a 6.3kg Longtailed Tuna. Damien has entered a Giant Trevally of 10.2kg. Both fish where caught on lures. Well done guys a great effort.

Masters / Grand Masters Competition. Nil new entries

Species Competition:- Nil new entries. Remember to put in your fish for this section.

Barron Lure Competition: Nil new entries. The Bluff Creek Field Day will be good venue to pick some fish for entry into the Barron Lure Comp

A copy of the application form for all competitions is on the club web site for downloading. You have also received a copy with a recent Reel Talk. Use this application form in conjunction with the current fishing competition rules. Please read both carefully. Tight Lines Cookie.

Bluff Creek Field Day LWE March 2004

Saturday/Sunday/Monday 28/29 February / 1 March 2004 Long Weekend. There will be more details at the Instruction Periods during the January and February General meetings.

DO NOT MISS THIS FIELD DAY!!. If you don't own a 4WD then ask another member for a lift. This is a FAMILY



Miles of beaches like this !!!!

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.

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 February meeting.

From Mount Barker, there are two main ways to get to Bluff Creek. If you get yourself a copy of the map it's obvious.

1. From Mount Barker, take the Porongorup Road to the Chester Pass road, turn right (south) go 3 kilometers, turn left on to a gravel road, go about two km and take the right fork. About 3 km on take the left fork and continue on Mindijup road until you cross a ford over the Kalgan River. That's 11 km in from the Chester Pass road.

A few km on you'll hit the bitumen at the entrance to a mine site. 5 km from the ford there's a T junction with Deep Creek Road - stay on the bitumen for another 3 km until you reach Palmdale Road. Turn right into Palmdale, go only a short distance and then turn left into Fish Track road (gravel). It's 7 km to the South Coast Highway (Albany-

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. 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



Cookie rock fishing into reef holes for Skippy.

Jerramungup Road). From here, it's 5 km to Manypeaks, 6 km more to Cheyne Beach Road, 7 km more to Bluff Creek Road (gravel) on the right, 9 km in on Bluff Creek Road to the start of the 4WD track to the beach.

2. From Mount Barker, go towards Albany, left into Millbrook Road, 17 km to King River, left out the South Coast Highway (Albany-Jerramungup Road) to Manypeaks, and continue as above.

Fuel. Manypeaks has fuel but only during shop hours, and closes at 5 pm most days. If you are traveling at night, the Mount Barker service station closes at 10pm, so if you need fuel, you may need to go to Albany to refuel at the 24 hour station in Yorke Street. From there go out the South Coast Highway (Albany-Jerramungup Road) to Manypeaks, and continue as above.

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 soft uphill sandy 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 uphill sections. The track gets badly chewed up by people that don't consider other people and leave their tyres at normal pressure or only let them down a little bit.

The track starts off easy across fairly flat country, but a km or so in you'll come to a place where the track splits for a hundred metres or so and comes back together before going a bit right and up a hill. This is the start of a soft uphill section which goes on and up for quite a way and you don't want to get stuck on this.

The last uphill section is beach sand and often covered by fresh sand drifts, dry and quite soft, with a steep bit at the top on a right hand curve. If you get stuck here it's a job to get moving again, and no one can get past you. Easy with the right tyre pressures and keeping moving. After that you're into the sand dunes downhill and on to the beach. I have towed both a box trailer and small camper van in on this track happily with the tyres let down.

Travel east along the beach for about 5km till you reach the west side of the creek and the camp site.

If you have time on the way back, the route through the Porongorups Ranges is a magnificent drive with great scenery. Allow a couple of extra hours to go this way. 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.

Have YOU Put in YOUR Field Day Suggestions?

Do it now, please. Use the tear out form on page 26.

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 with your preferences and forward to the Secretary at any club function or **by the 21 January Committee 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 December 2003

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.

Field Day Sections for 2003/2004

Field Day Sections for 2003/2004 up to December 2003.

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

December 2003 Field Day, Local.

The last field day for the year, but unfortunately not too many starters, only nine in total. Scarborough Beach was one of the destinations, the Swan River and Two Rocks were the others.

The fishing in general was rather quiet for the weekend. The breeze was in by 3.00pm and stayed that way until the night cast on Sunday evening.

Chas and the Stoeckel clan headed to Scarborough and fished into the evening. The only fish taken was a small Whaler of 4.2kg by Chas. Having exhausted all available willing fish they set off to the swan. This move, despite fishing to the very small hours of Sunday morning, proved fruitless.

They weren't the only members to concentrate on the Swan, with Damian and Spencer in search of some flatfish and the possibility of an elusive mulloway. They were successful on the former but unfortunately not so on the latter. However their time was not wasted, 5 flathead to Spencer and one to Damian.

Vix and I headed north to the beaches between Two Rocks and Yanchep. The most abundant species here was the weed, the stiff breeze producing a steady stream of floating vegetation. However we didn't return empty handed but with a few tailor, tarwhine, flathead and whiting in the bag.

Conspicuous by his absence was Tony D'Alonzo, who is recuperating at home after a short stay in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his usual full bag at the weigh in.

Being the end of the year means that it is only two months away from what I think is the best field day of the year - Bluff Creek. If you haven't been here before or in the last couple of years, in the words of Molly Meldrum, do yourself a favour and start organizing your camping gear now. Its prime camping conditions, flat ground behind sand dunes with a fresh water stream near by. The fishing is generally very good, but as we all know you can't always guarantee a good catch but the trip is worth it none the less. Wide open beach, rocks to the east, turquoise southern ocean, does it get any better than this?

In closing I would like to wish every one the compliments of the season and may the New Year bring good health and happiness to you all. Hope to see you on the beach. Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

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

Results for the December 2003 Field Day:-.

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Malcolm Harris	2.406 kg	4	9	104.06
Charles Riegert	4.162 kg	1	1	101.62
Mark Hansen	0.756 kg	2	5	77.56
Spencer King	1.45 kg	1	5	74.5
Vix Alexander	0.36 kg	2	2	63.6
Peter Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	50
Andrew Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40
Daniel Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40

Field Day prizes for December.

Best Scale Fish	Malcolm Harris	Tailor	0.45 kg
Best Shark	Chas Riegert	Shark	4.162 kg

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for December.

Best Scale Fish	Malcolm Harris	Tailor	0.45 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Malcolm Harris	Mixed bag	2.406 kg
Best Shark	Chas Riegert	Shark	4.162 kg
Best bag including Sharks	Chas Riegert	Shark	4.162 kg

Field Day Top Ten for 2003/2004 up to December.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	1320.9	6	John Jardine	293.5
2	Malcolm Harris	576.4	7	George Holman	287.8
3	Ian Cook	452.0	8	Filomena D'Alonzo	288.0
4	John Romano	381.8	9	Spencer King	279.8
5	Vix Alexander	374.9	10	Bob Henderson	253.0

WARNING - Ross River Virus.

Health Authorities have warned about the high risk of the mosquito borne Ross River virus in the south west of the State. The infection is spread by mosquitoes from infected animals (native animals and livestock) to humans.

They are warning people to avoid outdoor exposure to mosquitoes, especially at dawn and dusk, to wear long and loose fitting clothing, and use personal insect repellent.

There is no cure or vaccine available against the disease. Many people infected with Ross River virus (particularly children) have no symptoms. The severity of symptoms increases with age. Symptoms when present include fever, headache, aches and pains in muscles, rashes and swollen and painful joints resembling arthritis, chiefly the ankles, fingers, knees, and wrists, but other joints may be affected.

In the majority of cases, symptoms disappear within 6 weeks, but 10% of people have ongoing depression and fatigue, and the arthritis can last from months to years.

The peak incidence of the diseases is through the summer and autumn months, particularly from January through to March, when the mosquito vectors are most abundant. Areas under intensive irrigation and localities close to saltmarshes are most productive for mosquito populations and hence tend to result in the highest number of human cases of the disease.

Have you put in your Preferences for the Trophy Presentation and Dinner ?

Please fill in the form on page 25 with your preferences and forward to the Secretary at any club function or **by the 21 January Committee Meeting.**

Have You Booked for Safari 2004 - Warroora Station ?

Have you booked your place for Safari 2004 at Warroora Station yet? **We must have 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.

Have YOU Put in YOUR Field Day Suggestions ?

Do it now, please. Use the tear out form on page 26.

2004 Presentation of Trophies and Dinner Preferences.

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:-

4. Marmion Angling Club, night or day location. Hall hire is \$175 for Marmion (day or night).
5. Hillarys Yacht Club, night or day location. Hall hire is \$150 for Hillarys (day or night)
6. 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.

Please fill in this form with your preferences and forward to the Secretary at any club function or **by the 21 January Committee Meeting.**

Your Name			Date	
Suggested Venue	Date	Day or Night	Comments	
Marmion Angling Club				
Hillarys Yacht Club				
Yokine Footy Clubrooms				

There's another form on the back of this page, so you won't lose anything by tearing it out and filling it in and the details above are repeated in the article on page 23 !

Suggestions for 2004/2005 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Please fill out and send to:- Secretary, SCAC, PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020, or hand to Terry Fuller at any Club event. The **deadline** is before the February Committee Meeting, Wednesday 18 February 2004, but really we want it **as soon as possible, please. DO IT NOW !!**

Your Name			Date	
Month	Suggested Venue(s)	Dates	Boundaries, reasons and more details	
May 2004		15/16 May or		
June 2004		5/6/7 June or		
July 2004		17/18 July or		
August 2004		14/15 Aug or		
September 2004		11/12 Sept or		
October 2004		2/3/4 Oct or		
November 2004		13/14 Nov or		
December 2004		11/12 Dec or		
January 2005		15/16 Jan or		
February 2005		12/13 Feb or		
March 2005		5/6/7 March or		
April 2005		16/17 Apr or		

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

Any other suggestions.

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