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The dry casting sausage sizzle will be available AFTER the main dry casting events have been run, so please try to keep the dry casting moving along. Cool drinks will be available during the day.

Drinks are \$1.50 each. Sausage and onion in a bread roll \$2.50 each.

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BBQ and night cast

Barbecue and night cast at Kaye and George Holman's place on Saturday 21 January 2012 starting at 6pm. BYO everything including a chair and a single handed rod and reel.

PLEASE DO NOT GET THERE ANY EARLIER THAN 6 PM



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Life Members of the Club

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

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Minutes of General Meeting 14 December 2011

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

Present:- 26 members.

Apologies:- Mal Head, Geoff Raftis.

Visitors:- None.

New member:- None this month.

Minutes of previous meeting:- **Moved** Trevor Stam, seconded Jim Strong the minutes of the previous meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

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

Secretary's report:- Secretary Eric Parker reported.

<u>Correspondence In:-</u>	Westpac Alan Chapman Peet Wessels Extreme fishing John Curtis Swan Canning Recfishwest City of Stirling Jarrod Walker Luca Trifelli Ian Stagles	Bank statement to 30 November 2011 Club membership enquiry Field day suggestions Robson Green, suggestions for fishing locations Obtain copies of recent Esperance area lift out River park aquatic review Calendar of events 2012 Kids sport information Information about Club Invitation to December meeting Support for WA Fish Foundation.
<u>Correspondence out:-</u>		

Moved Peter Osborne, seconded Andy Thorgersen that correspondence be accepted, carried.

Treasurer's report:-

Accounts for payment.

To	For	Amount	
Terry Fuller	Stamps for Reel Talk	\$66.00	
	Printing of December Reel Talk.....	\$109.80	
	Brother printer cartridge TN2025	\$83.80	
	2 reams A4 Optix Terra Yellow for Reel Talk covers	\$41.05	T Fuller total
	Duplicate key for cupboard at Kalbarri plus key tag	\$10.70	\$311.35
Water Corporation	Water at Kalbarri 22/8 to 22/11/2011.....	\$19.05	
Elizabeth Pett	Cleaning Kalbarri 12/11, 24/11/2011	\$120.00	
Jeffrey McDonald	Kalbarri bond refund	\$100.00	
Dave Maxted	Kalbarri bond refund	\$100.00	
Pat McKeown	Harvey Fresh milk 1lt @ \$1.79 Nov Gen meeting	\$1.80	
	Arnott Classic asst. biscuits Nov Gen meeting.....	\$5.50	
	Bonbons pack12 Dec Gen Meeting Xmas Crackers	\$10.00	
	Harvey Fresh milk 1lt Dec Gen meeting.....	\$1.79	
	Foam Cups 2 x packets @ \$1.73 each restock.....	\$3.46	
	Pepsi Max 2 x cartons 24pk @ \$12.00 each restock	\$24.00	
	Kirks drinks Ginger Beer 10 can restock	\$8.17	
	Kirks drinks Club Lemon 10 can restock	\$8.17	
	Handee Ultra Paper Towel restock.....	\$5.20	
	Onions brown Dec Drycasting	\$2.55	
	Aussie Beef sausages Dec Drycasting	\$8.70	P McKeown total
	Bread rolls extra soft 18 pack x 2 @ \$4.95 ea	\$9.90	\$89.24
Total new accounts for approval at December GM		<u>\$739.64</u>	

Bank account summary

Bank balance as at 14 December	\$8,888.32
Includes direct deposits	\$1,280.00
Accounts for payment	\$739.64
Available balance after payment of new accounts	\$8,148.68
Direct deposits included in bank balance	\$1,280.00
Cash and cheque held for banking.....	\$761.00
Outstanding cheques.....	\$0.00
Available total	<u>\$8,909.68</u>

Income / money received since November

General meeting

Kalbarri house deposits and rent	\$1,673.00
Donation.....	\$7.00
Field day fees November 2011, Cervantes	\$78.00
Dry casting fees December.....	\$186.00
Dry casting weights	\$10.00
Sausage sizzle Dec Drycasting	\$87.00
Total income received since November General meeting	<u>\$2,041.00</u>

Moved Marcia Pekaar, seconded Peter Pekaar the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment, carried.

Property Officer:- Ray Walker gave some information on bookings. The washing machine bought with money from Trevor Stam's generous donation has been installed by Pat McKeown and Allan Jones. Allan donated a TV cabinet, and the cupboard and rod racks have been installed.

Field Days:- Peet Wessels gave out certificates, and gave some details for the November field day and coming White Hill field day.

Sign on for the January field day will be by phone. Weigh in point to be at George Holman's at 1pm, to be confirmed subject to check of sporting fixtures on the oval which can fill the parking area.

AP GM12/11 #1

Peet asked members to pay deposits for the May Rottneest Field day. **Existing AP GM10/11 #1**

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

Peter Pekaar has suggested that the leader length be increased to about 500mm, and that the leader line breaking strain be increased to help drag buried sinkers out of the ground. Peter Osborne commented that longer leaders may invalidate any State records cast because the leader would not comply with AAA rules. Terry Fuller said that stronger leaders should still be used. Any change in length or mandatory minimum strength or diameter of leader would need a change to the appropriate sections of the Club's Competition Rules.

Trevor Stam has donated three two-piece single handed rods and reels for use at dry casting. John Curtis has rebuilt a rod donated by Trevor.

AAA report:- George Holman advised the AAAWA State Estuary event had been held at Walpole on 26/27 November. The State Boat fishing championships would be held at Jurien on the Saturday of the March long weekend, and the Rock and Beach championships on 24/25 March, also with headquarters at Jurien.

Social Organiser:- The night cast will be held on 21 January 2012, at Kaye and George Holman's. BYO everything. Pat McKeown presented some rigs donated by Peter Osborne to Sarah Wignell, Wayne Collis and Chris Stickells.

Recorder:- John Curtis said the digital scales need to be calibrated only every 2 years. He has an application from Allan Jones for the Barron Lures competition of a 2.5kg tailor. Mal Head has entered an 11kg mulloway in the open competition.

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

Recfishwest report:- Terry Fuller reported that Frank Prokop has more health issue and has resigned from Recfishwest effective from 6 January. Moved Bob Henderson, seconded Mark Hansen that the Club write a letter to Frank wishing him all the best, carried. Remainder of the RFW report will be published in Reel Talk.

AP GM12/11 #2

General business:- Jim Strong reported that he has corresponded with past member Hugh Gregory, but recently received a letter from Hugh's wife saying he had passed away in March. Club to send a card apologising for missing the notice.

AP GM12/11 #3

Bob Henderson asked if members had any fishing video tapes which he could convert to DVD.

Peter Pekaar advised the Offshore Angling Club Beach had issued a Certificate of Appreciation to the club for supporting their club magazine with an advertisement for our Kalbarri property. To be passed to Ray Walker.

Members were reminded of the request for their suggestions for Field Days for 2012/13. Suggestion forms are in the December Reel Talk and extra copies were handed out.

AP GM12/11 #4

John Curtis advised that he had scheduled training sessions for new and not so new members as advised in Reel Talk.

As AAAWA President, John had investigated running a National Championships in WA in 2015 or 2017 but did not have sufficient support from volunteers/workers, therefore it is very unlikely to proceed.

Raffle:- First prize, bag, won by Eric Parker. Second prize, veiled hat, won by Bob Henderson. Prizes provided by the Club.

Meeting closed:- Formal meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Instruction period:- Christmas get together, nibbles and drinks.

Action points from December 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM12/11 #1	Check sporting fixtures on the oval on Sun 15 Jan	George	
AP GM12/11 #2	Send Club's best wishes to RFW's Frank Prokop	Secretary	
AP GM12/11 #3	Send card and apology to Hugh Gregory's wife	Secretary	
AP GM12/11 #4	Give suggestions for Field Days for 2012/13	All members who intend fishing	

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

Action points from September 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM9/11 #2	Prepare an article on AAA club member insurance for Reel Talk	John Curtis	Ongoing

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

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

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Action points from November Committee meeting

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

Future Instruction periods.

- January Choosing and looking after frozen bait, and Using the laser measure. Terry Fuller.
- February Bluff Creek. Peet Wessels or Peter Osborne.
- March AAA Rock and Beach Championships, Jurien, 24/5 March.

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

Action points from 21 December 2011 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM12/11 #1	Members to be advised not to arrive before 6 o'clock for the BBQ and night cast.	Pat McKeown	In January Reel Talk
CM12/11 #2	Provide Ray Walker with the contact details of someone who may be able to install the BBQ	Eric Parker	
CM12/11 #3	20% discount for public bookings for July, August and September to be offered again. Website and advertisements to be updated.	Terry Fuller	Website and Reel Talk done. Fish Tales ad updated

CM12/11 #4	AAAWA Rock and Beach Championships Jurien on 24/25 March to be advertised in Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	In January Reel Talk
CM12/11 #5	Club should apply for funding for computer and First Aid training. Locations of courses need to be researched.	Terry Fuller, John Curtis	
CM12/11 #5	Prepare motion to amend club rule 3.3.4 to read "A leader with a minimum breaking strain of 50 pounds is compulsory for all events."	Terry Fuller	

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events

January Dry Casting

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

When:- Sunday 8 January 2012. Competition casting starts 8:30am. **Note** Not first Sunday, that's New Year's Day.

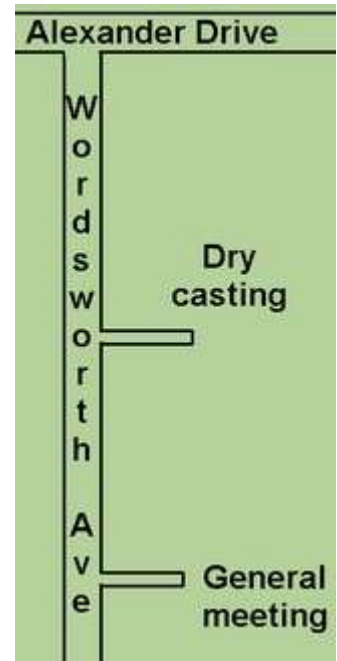
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

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

Casting order:-

Month	Seniors, Ladies and Juniors	Veterans
8 January	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
5 February	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
11 March	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
1 April	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance

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



January General meeting

When:- Wednesday 11 January, 8:00pm.

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

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

Instruction period:- 1. Choosing and looking after frozen bait. Terry Fuller.
2. Using the laser measure. Terry Fuller.

January Committee meeting

When:- Wednesday 18 January, 7:30pm.

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

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

Field Day fishing times

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

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

Reel Talk Editor

January Field Day

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

Where:- Mindarie to Yanchep.

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

Sign On:- At the General Meeting, by phone, message or email before 8pm on Thursday 12 January.

Lines Down: Saturday 12 noon

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

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

Weigh in:- Sunday 12 noon at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento.

Tides for	Sat	0.78m at	0.75m at	0.77m at	Moonset	About 10:15 am at 268 deg
Two Rocks	14 Jan	2:31 pm	5:38 pm	8:27 pm	Moonrise	About 10:25 pm at 95 deg

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

Sunrises	About 5:25 am at 116 deg	Sunsets	About 7:25 pm at 244 deg
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No Local Field Day for January

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

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

BBQ and night cast

Saturday 21 January. Details in the Social Organiser's report.

February Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February.

Where:- Cervantes.

Boundaries:- Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes. New members are encouraged to fish with older members for guidance and help.

Sign On:- Saturday 11 am at Cervantes Hill River car park.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon

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

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am at Cervantes Hill River car park.

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

Tides for Jurien	Sat 11 Feb	0.83m at 12:52pm	0.68m at 6:00pm	0.73m at 11:53pm	Moonset	About 9:14am at 264 deg
	Sun 12 Feb	0.56m at 5:37am	0.88m at 1:23pm		Moonrise	About 9:07pm at 99 deg
					Moonset	About 10:19am at 257 deg
Sunrises	About 5:55 am at 107 deg			Sunsets	About 7:12 pm at 253 deg	



Local Field Day for February

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February.

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

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon.

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

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8 pm the following night.

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


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


Tides for Fremantle	Sat 11 Feb	0.84m at 1:14pm	0.69m at 5:38pm	0.75m at 11:00pm	Moonset	About 9:12am at 264 deg
	Sun 12 Feb	0.57m at 5:24am	0.88m at 1:45pm		Moonrise	About 9:03pm at 100 deg
					Moonset	About 10:18am at 257 deg
Sunrises	About 5:50am at 108 deg			Sunsets	About 7:11pm at 253 deg	



Calendar for next three months

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

<u>24</u> AAWA event	 BBQ and Night cast		
<u>8</u> Dry Casting	<u>11</u> General Meeting	<u>14</u> <u>15</u> Field Day	<u>48</u> Committee Meeting

January 2012							February 2012							March 2012						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					1			1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>				1	2	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
2	3	4	5	6	7	<u>8</u>	6	7	8	9	10	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	6	7	8	9	10	<u>11</u>
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29					26	27	28	29	30	31	

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

New member applications

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

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

New member acceptances

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

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

December 2011 Field Day,

Field Day report for White Hills to Preston.

What a pleasant week end it was, with absolutely beautiful weather conditions. Saturday saw quite a few members and visitors at the sign on at the famous Miami bake house. After we all had a fresh and delicious pie we headed towards the White Hills beach. Soon we all had our tyres deflated and were ready to drive south in the direction of a nice little reef area. The beach was pretty soft at places but nobody had any problems negotiating the tricky spots.

This is a fantastic little beach section close to Perth and it is always enjoyable to fish this area. The beaches are nice and clean with some rather deep channels close to shore. The reef area we fished had a steep drop off with quite deep water. We did lose a couple of rigs, but this is always a sign that you are fishing a fish holding area.

Most of us had an encounter or two with the resident Ray population, but that was mostly when you had a nice piece of fish fillet as bait out there.

Our group of ten fished close together and it was good to see plenty of action.



Peet fighting a Stingray



Sarah with a Gardie

The Herring were very active early in the afternoon but then the blowfish discovered us and they plagued us for a couple of hours.

As the sun started to dip in the west the Tailor came in strong for an hour or so, and then it was dark and they went quiet again. With darkness a huge school of small Tarwhine got active and started to destroy any bait we presented out there. This forced us to an early retirement and by 9 pm most of the lines were out of the water. We started to clean fish and settled in for a well-deserved rest.

Early Sunday morning we all got back into the action again. The Tailor were very scarce but a hungry school of Herring and small Tarwhine was present. By 9 am we started to pack up and head off to the weigh in at the Miami bake house. Those lovely pies are always a highlight of this field day and one can just not limit yourself to a single pie for the weekend.

Most people weighed in Tailor and Herring with the odd Salmon, Skippy, Whiting and Gardie.

Five people also signed-on for the Local Field day. Some had more success than the others. Leighton beach was a hot spot and delivered quite a few Tailor just on dusk.

The Swan River also produced a number of good Flathead. Swanbourne was the disappointment of the Local with only one Tailor coming from this area.

Our next Field day is also close to home with Mindarie to Yanchep (Two Rocks). This Field day will take place on 14/15 January 2012.

We will do the sign-on at the General Meeting or by phone, message or email. The weigh in will be on the Sunday at George Holman's house. There will be no separate Local field day for January.

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

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer



Mark with a Swan River Flathead

Catch results and points for the December Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peet Wessels	6.12 kg	4	22	151.2
Sandra Wessels	4.67 kg	4	19	136.7
Shane Wignell	2.93 kg	4	14	119.3
Liam Wignell	1.89 kg	3	6	98.9
Sarah Wignell	1.72 kg	3	10	97.2
Justin Rose	2.46 kg	3	12	94.6
George Holman	3.2 kg	3	10	82
Ray Walker	0.47 kg	1	1	64.7
Dean Stewart	0	0	0	50
John Crompton	0	0	0	50
Mark Hansen	1.52 kg	1	4	45.2
Chris Stickells	0	0	0	40
Pat McKeown	0.58 kg	1	1	35.8
Peter Osborne	0.56 kg	1	1	35.6
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	20

Points include Field Day and December General Meeting points. Species weighed at the White Hills Field Day were:- Tailor, Herring, Skippy, Yellowfin Whiting, Salmon and Garfish. Species weighed at the Local Field Day were:- Tailor, Herring, Flathead, and Pike.

Sportsperson of the Year and Field day section winners for December 2011

Best scale fish	Justin Rose	Tailor	0.67 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	6.12 kg

Field Day top scores for 2011/12

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peet Wessels	1277.6	1	Peter Pekaar	196.9	15	Chris Stickells	90	29
Peter Osborne	1179	2	Frank Gaudin	187.4	16	Geoff Raftis	85	30
Sandra Wessels	1005.2	3	Allan Jones	183.2	17	Melvin Wee	84.3	31
George Holman	879.3	4	Ian Taggart	174.2	18	Malcolm Head	67.2	32
Mark Hansen	633	5	Sabby Pizzolante	156.4	19	Morgan Keet	66.3	33
Shane Wignell	388	6	Marcia Pekaar	150.7	20	Felicity Keet	62.5	34
Justin Rose	336.1	7	Sumarie Gaudin	148.5	21	Shane Becu	60	35
Theo Van Niekerk	327.7	8	Michael Gaudin	123.5	22	Wayne Shaw	57	36
Greg Keet	324.7	9	Stuart Spickett	108.8	23	Dean Stewart	50	37
John Crompton	316.9	10	Nick Edwards	103.6	24	Des De Villiers	40	38
Wendy Hansen	304.5	11	Ron Lindsay	100	25	Lachlan Spickett	40	39
Sarah Wignell	283.9	12	Liam Wignell	98.9	26	Olivia Keet	40	40
Pat McKeown	255.3	13	Aniello Pizzolante	97.8	27	Sharon Osborne	40	41
Ray Walker	250.3	14	David Maxted	92.5	28	John Curtis	20	42

Fishing Local

It was the club's weekend fishing comp for December 2011. As I had decided not to go away but to fish local, I decided on Floreat which is always a good spot to fish.

Started to set up for fishing when Bob and his wife Leonie arrived. They also started setting up for a fishing session. The tide was starting to come in and the southwester was just starting to come in causing chop on the water. Looked very fishy.

Another guy with his girlfriend set up just south of me, we nodded and set about fishing.

Bob got the first, a flathead, not much bigger than his bait, casts out then gets only what can be described as the smallest of flathead, not much bigger than a tadpole.

Not much action a few nibbles and that's about it. Looking around the women are having a great time watching. The sea breeze is now quite strong and stirring the sand.

George arrived later. Bit of a chat as you do in times like this, about bait, fish, etc. Very important info in the world of fishing. Sun is just starting to set, what an awesome sight.

As it got later the breeze settled and made a glorious night to be on the beach fishing, club camaraderie at its best.

Well after a while the other bloke, George, has a grin on his dial like the cat that got the canary. Catching at will, tailor, snook, etc making for a good bag of fish .

Bob Henderson came up and bid his farewells as time was getting on. George and I decided one more cast was the order of the day. After several bites I finally hooked onto a tailor. About time, I thought!

Me old mate alongside is still bringing in fish. Must get some of those magic hooks that make fish queue up to jump on. One more cast is still working and another fish comes ashore. I looked at it and it looked at me and said "I am too small to keep, put me back." So fish for the future I did.

Time marches on and it is time for one last cast only. No more fish left out there. We decide time to pack up and get off the beach which is a feat in itself .Sounding like two old Puffing Billies, we finally get off the beach and get our wind back. Good fun this fishing, clears the lungs and makes the joints creak.

What a good night's fishing, good company and a great location.

Pat McKeown

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches during the December Field Day.

Name	Black Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Justin Rose				1	1		1						1		1	1		6
Shane Wignell		1	1		1								1		1	1		6
Sarah Wignell		1		1	1								1			1		5
Liam Wignell					1					1			1		1			4

Recorder, John Curtis

Field Day sections 2011/12

Up to and including December Field Day.

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

Open fishing competition 2011/12

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

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

Barron Lure competition 2011/12

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

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

Bluff Creek Field Day 3/4/5 March 2012

The March long weekend Field Day will be at Bluff Creek, east of Albany.

DO NOT MISS THIS FIELD DAY!!. If you don't own a 4WD then ask another member for a lift. This is a FAMILY Field Day location so bring your wife or partner, 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.

In past years, a barbecue has been held from 12 noon Sunday to 2 pm Sunday. It's a great time for socialising with your fellow club members and yet another highlight of the Bluff Creek field day when we go back to how field days used to be "in the good old days".



Miles of beaches like this !!!!

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 washing. You do need to take fresh water for drinking, tea making, etc.

The weather can vary from drizzle to perfect to very hot, but most days there's a strong breeze and that's usually from the left along the beach.

There are kilometers of open beach for fishing. Some reef fishing spots are within easy distance of the camping area. There have been some great catches by people who have walked from the camp site to the nearest part of the beach.

A long rod is essential as the skippy 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 and the fishing.

Bluff Creek is only accessible by 4WD and is east of Albany. Once there, access to the camp site can be along the beach or through the dunes above the beach, which is usually reasonably easy, although getting off the beach to the camping area with a loaded trailer can need a good run up.

We 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 go down in convoy to Bluff Creek on the Friday morning so anyone wishing to join in please raise this at the General Meeting.

The Instruction period at the 8 February General Meeting will be about the Bluff Creek area, fishing, camping, road and track details for getting there, and more. Put that date in your diary so you don't miss it.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Field days 2011/12

Venues and boundaries for the year were decided by the members at the April General Meeting. Now these venues and boundaries have been decided and confirmed by the members, they will not be changed. The FDO will still have the option, on the day, with the agreement of the people who have signed on, to make changes to cater for unfishable conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

Month	Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details /
Jan 2012	Mindarie to Yanchep	14/15 Jan	<i>Short.</i> North wall of Two Rocks Marina to Mindarie Marina south/west rock wall
Feb 2012	Cervantes	11/12 Feb	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Mar 2012	Bluff Creek	3/4/5 Mar LWE	<i>Long.</i> Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.
Apr 2012	Capes	14/15 Apr	<i>Medium.</i> Busselton Jetty to river mouth at Augusta

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Recfishwest report

Recfishwest change of physical address

Recfishwest has moved office to Unit F2, 45 Northside Drive, Hillarys. Postal and email addresses and phone numbers have not changed.

Proposed sites for artificial reef in Geographe Bay

with the local community with input from the Department of Fisheries to determine some preferred locations for reef deployment. The Artificial Reef Reference Group, which is composed of local recreational fishers of all ages, backgrounds and experience, held a workshop in Busselton on 29 November, and three priority locations were agreed upon. These are the area of the original tyre reef near Quindalup; an area north west of the wreck of the Lena near Bunbury and an area north of Abbey boat ramp. Considerations included:-

Placement in waters accessible to small to medium sized vessels to support safe boating.

Deployment in depths between 20 and 30 metres.

Placement outside of the proposed Ngari Capes Marine Park (i.e. outside State waters or 3 nautical miles) as the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority does not support artificial reefs.

Placement of reefs outside the South-west Trawl Fishery, so as not to disrupt operation of the fishery.

Changes in the WA Marine Parks and Reserves Authority

Prominent Western Australian scientist Tom Hatton has been appointed chairman of the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority. Other appointments are Kellie Pendoley, executive director and principal scientist with Pendoley Environmental and Jeff Cooper, manager of marine studies at the Kimberley Training Institute as the recreational fishing representative. One further vacancy is still to be filled. These replace former chairman Eric Streitberg, Angus Horwood, Dr Trevor Ward and Emeritus Professor John Penrose.

An article in Monday's West Australian said "In his first interview as chairman of the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority, Tom Hatton said "There's enough potential merit in (sanctuary zones) from place to place that they should be seriously considered," Dr Hatton said. "But they need to be based on the best available scientific evidence and an understanding of potential impacts on recreational and commercial fishing and other users."

Not surprisingly, the article also reported:- "Conservation Council of WA executive director Piers Verstegen said the appointments could weaken the resolve of the MPRA to establish marine parks with sanctuary zones." One can only wonder what possible problems there can be with using "the best available scientific evidence..."?

Recreational Fishing Licence Grants - call for applications

Recfishwest has been working very hard to get a point where recreational fishing licence funds are going to be directed back towards initiatives supported by the recreational sector.

The Hon Norman Moore, Minister for Fisheries and Recfishwest launched the recently established Recreational Fishing Account Advisory Board (RFAAB), with the intention to delegate approximately \$1.2 million per year in recreational licence funding commencing in June 2012. Funding will be injected into community initiatives such as habitat enhancement, stock enhancement, research and data collection, and development of socio-economic benefits in recreational fishing.

The RFAAB will provide advice on the distribution of recreational licence money, prioritise project applications, call for expressions of interest against strategic priorities, ensure the most effective expenditure of funds, and identify gaps and future needs for the recreational fishing account. Applications for funding are now open and will close for assessment by RFAAB on 15 February 2012.

Instructors wanted for Recfishwest fishing clinics

Due to the growing demand and popularity of Recfishwest's fishing clinics, Recfishwest is looking for more fishing instructors. See Reel News issue 37 or contact Yvette Guy on 9246 3366 or yvette@recfishwest.org.au

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

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2012

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

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

A **20% discount** on public rates will apply for the months of July, August and September.

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

This list is at 26 December and does not include any bookings or changes which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

2012		2012	
January	1 Jan to 7 Jan, 14 Jan to 22 Jan	February	24 Feb to 28 Feb
March	17 March to 24 March	April	5 Apr to 15 Apr, 21 Apr to 30 Apr
May	1 May to 11 May	October	9 Oct to 16 Oct, 20 Oct to 31 Oct
November	1 Nov to 10 Nov		

Property Officer, Ray Walker

Wanted - aluminium cans

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

Malcolm Head

Happy birthday to

John Lee, 9 January

Pat McKeown, 18 January

Nick Edwards, 22 January

Andy Thorgersen, 26 January

Emma Wignell, 27 January

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

Can I please have general articles and reports for the January Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Thursday 27 January. Please contact me if any item will be late.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Future AAWA State Championships

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

AAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

Suggestions for field days for 2012/13

Please see the article, draft calendar for 2012/13, lists of possible dates and suggestion form in the December Reel Talk.

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

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Calendar for 2011/12

See the full 2011/12 calendar on page 20 of the May 2011 Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Win free Club membership for a year

The Committee has decided to extend the offer of one year's free Club membership to the 2011/12 year as an added incentive for new members to join the Club. In the draw to be held at our Presentation night in June 2012, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2011 and June 2012 will be in a draw to receive 1 year's free membership. The free membership will be for them and be the same type as they held in 2011/12, that is, single or family, etc.

Please let your fishing friends, relatives, workmates, neighbours or acquaintances know about this "***win free club membership for a year***" offer, what the Club does, and the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members. Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

Heavy duty sewing

Contact Terry Fuller if you need some heavy duty strong sewing. The sewing machine can handle reinforcing or repairing tarpaulins, rope edging, plastic, canvas, leather, shade cloth, webbing, straps, buckles, etc, for tent flies, windbreaks, bags, fish bags, covers, etc.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Rod building, rod and reel repair and servicing

I am now able to build and repair fishing rods and able to assist with repair and servicing of reels. Please contact me, details in front page.

John Curtis

Induction / information / training sessions

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

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

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

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

Re:- Training night on last Friday in January at my place, can members wishing to attend please advise me prior to the event and also bring items as above.

John Curtis

Social Organiser Report, December 2011

Hello fellow members.

There we are as another Christmas arrives, the kids and big kids jumping out of their skin at what to expect. Let's hope all your wishes come true, maybe the kids big and small will want to try that new gadget have fun and stay safe.

The year to date has been mostly kind to us at the club. Spare a special thought for our members on the not so well list

The response to activities organised throughout the year has been good, it's very rewarding to see smiles on people's faces.

The Christmas function seemed to go down well with all members enjoying the gifts on offer. Many thanks to you all for making it a success.

The next event is the barbecue and night cast at Kaye and George Holman's place on Saturday 21 January 2012 starting at 6pm. BYO everything including a chair.

PLEASE DO NOT GET THERE ANY EARLIER THAN 6 PM as things have to be done and organised, including George having to get ready and that won't happen with people hanging around him as George is very social and has been known to stop for a chat and that stresses Kaye, not good.

Remember BYO everything including plates and utensils for eating, and most importantly, your single handed fishing/casting rods and a good sized glow stick.

Dads to cook all around the BBQ. Mums and partners can have the night off and enjoy a relaxed evening. All kids on the park for some games and maybe even a prize or two.

On dark, we venture out onto the oval and run a night cast. This event involves casting in the dark using a single handed rod with a glow stick on the weight and on the target. This a fun event so bring along a sense of humour and a big smile.

For those of you who would like a dark night:- Sunset is about 7:25 pm, and the Moon will have already set before then.

John Curtis has been seconded into scoring for the night, with George to organise teams. So bring a big smile and enjoy this family night. Trophies and prizes on the night. See you there.

Later in the year the Maze will be on the agenda followed by a visit to the Golden Ponds Baldivis which comes highly recommended for a good family day out. Any more ideas welcome.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Tailor fish cakes.

Before joining Surfcasters the problem of having too many tailor was not something I had ever faced. However on the last few field days, with three of us fishing, Sarah, Liam and I have managed to catch too much to eat at one sitting. We therefore scurried to the cookbooks looking for a solution. My wife found a recipe for Thai Fish Cakes in an old Women`s Weekly Cookbook that we have now used on 3 occasions and feel is so good it deserves to be shared with others.

Ingredients, make about 16 cakes.

500 gm fish fillets
2 tablespoons red curry paste
2 fresh kaffir lime leaves, torn
2 spring onions chopped coarsely
1 tablespoon fish sauce
1 tablespoon lime juice
2 tablespoons fresh coriander
2/3 cup frozen peas
Chilli if you like

Method, makes about 16 cakes. Cut fish in to small pieces and process with curry paste, lime leaves, spring onions, sauce and lime juice until forms smooth paste. Combine in a bowl with peas, coriander and chilli if using. Shape into a patty. Can be either deep fried or shallow fried until lightly browned.

We eat it with either rice or couscous but of course many options here. There are also many condiments that can be used. I especially like Trident sweet chilli sauce. When shallow fried, the fish cakes are not only delicious to eat but also low in calories and fat.

Whilst I am sure there are many of you out there with favourite fish recipes (incidentally I for one would like to hear about them) I am equally sure you will find the above to be a worthwhile addition to your repertoire.

Shane Wignell

Venue for 2012 Presentation night

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

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

Please contact Social Organiser Pat McKeown with any suggestions.

Dry Casting report 4 December 2011

The weather was a light south easterly, then it turned to a north easterly and became quite strong which gave the casters some trouble with their distance and accuracy.

We had 22 casters including 2 visitors, Brett Anderson and Ron Thomas. Many thanks to all of the people concerned who helped set up for casting then helped pack up afterwards. Thanks also to the markers and scorers.

There were 3 bullseyes, all by the Veterans. Peter Osborne had 1 in double handed accuracy and 1 in single handed accuracy. Trevor Stam had 1 in single handed accuracy. Well done Trevor.

A great effort by Ron Thomas who had a total score of 136 points in double handed accuracy with 5 scores of 20 or more. Well done Ron.

Best distance casts	Seniors	Peter Pekaar	138 metres	56 grams
	Veterans	Bob Henderson	129 metres	112 grams
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	75 metres	112 grams
	Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	79 metres	56 grams
Section winners	Seniors:	Peter Pekaar	196 points	
	Veterans:	Bob Henderson	252 points	
	Ladies:	Marcia Pekaar	149 points	
	Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	92 points	

January Casting will see the Seniors, Ladies and Juniors start with accuracy then distance. Vets have distance first then accuracy

Garry Gildersleeves has been unwell. Hope you are soon on the mend and back at casting, we are all thinking of you.

Happy New Year and good health for the coming year. See you at the next dry casting.

Dry Casting Officer Allan Jones

Seniors, Ladies, Juniors and Mini-Juniors

Conditions? What conditions? As with any Club dry cast day, you make the best of the conditions that are presented and wind direction/strength is obvious by the way leaves and litter is blown across the oval. However, on this day, with the strong cross-court winds, most leaves just blew through the air. Casters on the day were punished with casts that blew out of court on what would normally be a good cast. Some break-offs added to the carnage.

We welcomed Brett Anderson who was a first time visitor to dry casting. He mentioned that he had attended a meeting or two and was interested in joining us at casting to see what it was all about.

Jeff Hewton started the day well with the highest double handed accuracy score for the Seniors with 94 points. Sadly, the wind prevented Jeff from finishing the day in the Distance events as strongly as he started. The highest single handed accuracy score went to Peter Pekaar with 29 points, followed by Alan Hale with 20 points who now admits he is starting to enjoy the Accuracy events.

Injury prevented Greg Keet from participating in most events. However, we appreciate his enthusiasm and the effort he made by coming down to casting.

Both Wendy Hansen and Marcia Pekaar worked hard for their scores, with Marcia being the eventual winner. A special thank you goes to Wendy for all the scoring she did.

Unfortunately, Marcia is unwell, and Wendy stepped up to the plate to do the lion's share of the scoring.

Brother and sister team, Morgan and Olivia Keet shared wins throughout the day, Olivia beating her brother in the double handed accuracy 39 to 36 points, and Morgan winning the single handed accuracy 9 to 4 points.

Despite the gusting winds the casters had to contend with, Eric Parker had the straightest centre cast, possibly only millimetres off centre. Thank you, Eric, for helping out reading from the laser.

A big thank you to all who helped our group run the day.

Peter Pekaar

Dry Casting results, 4 December 2011

These results have been prepared from the original hand written distances and scores recorded on the day. Marcia and Peter Pekaar copied the scores from the score sheets into an electronic format, adjusted the distance scores for the 20 metre measurement setback, and cross checked all final figures against the original score sheets. Terry Fuller used his computer drycasting scoring program to process the results to calculate the points, add all together, sort into final score order, extract the section winners and year's best as shown on the second page, and progressive scores for use at the end of the competition year.

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	Attendance		Total Points	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target number								Target distance						DC	GM		
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S					Points
Peter Pekaar	122	138	26	115	109	22	132	124	26	0	9	24	6	18	13	7	6	83	8	7	9	5	29	186	10		196
Mark Hansen	95	103	20	104	108	21	124	121	25	14	0	18	2	9	0	2	20	65	0	1	0	3	4	135	10		145
Alan Hale	102	0	10	97	95	19	120	125	25	0	8	4	4	12	8	2	8	46	9	6	5	0	20	120	10		130
Jeff Hewton	0	0	0	104	0	10	0	0	0	0	21	6	10	0	21	24	12	94	0	3	0	0	3	107	10		117
Eric Parker	0	10	1	89	89	18	0	106	11	0	0	19	4	0	11	0	4	38	0	6	8	0	14	82	10		92
Greg Keet																			0	4	0	0	4	4	10		14
Brett Anderson	34		3																					3	10		13

Veterans

Bob Henderson	107	108	22	103	98	20	110	129	24	20	22	20	24	20	23	15	18	162	0	6	3	5	14	242	10		252
Peter Osborne	84	0	8	73	77	15	108	98	21	21	16	23	6	21	19	25	18	149	8	8	10	4	30	223	10		233
Gary Gildersleeves	0	0	0	99	105	20	123	115	24	14	20	22	19	11	17	24	24	151	7	7	2	8	24	219	10		229
Allan Jones	0	0	0	89	87	18	105	99	20	19	18	21	15	17	20	13	23	146	0	9	0	6	15	199	10		209
Ron Thomas	94	103	20	88	96	18	98	110	21	21	20	14	23	2	10	24	22	136						195	10		205
Terry Fuller	86	92	18	89	55	14	101	99	20	12	24	6	19	22	20	5	7	115	5	9	8	0	22	189	10		199
George Holman	0	106	11	0	94	9	124	0	12	10	18	18	18	20	11	10	21	126	7	7	5	5	24	182	10		192
John Crompton	81	90	17	82	78	16	93	0	9	14	0	23	14	10	4	15	12	92	0	1	0	0	1	135	10		145
Ray Walker	0	0	0	57	65	12	66	40	11	10	0	4	0	10	0	4	10	38	0	0	0	2	2	63	10		73
Trevor Stam	52	54	11	54	62	12	66	70	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	47	10		57
Jim Strong																			5	1	0	1	7	7	10		17

Ladies

Marcia Pekaar	62	0	6	56	60	12	75	75	15	20	13	17	4	2	8	9	16	89	5	5	0	7	17	139	10		149
Wendy Hansen	0	24	2	54	61	12	63	65	13	0	5	17	0	0	0	6	2	30						57	10		67

Mini-Juniors

Morgan Keet	76	79	16	0	60	6	78	74	15	4	20	0	12					36	0	4	0	5	9	82	10		92
Olivia Keet	34	33	7	35	31	7	34	30	6	19	20	0	0					39	0	0	0	4	4	63	10		73

These scores do not include points for attendance at the December General Meeting.

Dry Casting winners for 4 December 2011

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	26	Peter Pekaar	22	Bob Henderson
56 gram Distance	138	Peter Pekaar	108	Bob Henderson
Artificial Bait Score	22	Peter Pekaar	20	Bob Henderson, Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Distance	115	Peter Pekaar	105	Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram Score	26	Peter Pekaar	24	Bob Henderson, Gary Gildersleeves
112 gram Distance	132	Peter Pekaar	129	Bob Henderson
Double Handed Acc.	94	Jeff Hewton	162	Bob Henderson
Single Handed Acc.	29	Peter Pekaar	30	Peter Osborne
Section Highest Points	196	Peter Pekaar	252	Bob Henderson

Event	Ladies winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	6	Marcia Pekaar	16	Morgan Keet
56 gram Distance	62	Marcia Pekaar	79	Morgan Keet
Artificial Bait Score	12	Marcia Pekaar, Wendy Hansen	7	Olivia Keet
Artificial Bait Distance	61	Wendy Hansen	60	Morgan Keet
112 gram Score	15	Marcia Pekaar	15	Morgan Keet
112 gram Distance	75	Marcia Pekaar	78	Morgan Keet
Double Handed Acc.	89	Marcia Pekaar	39	Olivia Keet
Single Handed Acc.	17	Marcia Pekaar	9	Morgan Keet
Section Highest Points	149	Marcia Pekaar	92	Morgan Keet

Event	Overall winner for December		Year's best up to December	
56 gram Score	26	Peter Pekaar	31	Alan Hale
56 gram Distance	138	Peter Pekaar	163	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	22	Peter Pekaar	31	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	115	Peter Pekaar	161	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	26	Peter Pekaar	34	Alan Hale
112 gram Distance	132	Peter Pekaar	186	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	162	Bob Henderson	162	Bob Henderson
Single Handed Acc.	30	Peter Osborne	32	Terry Fuller, Dean Stewart, Geoff Raftis
Section Highest Points	252	Bob Henderson	278	George Holman

Dry Casting top scores for 2011/12

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Point	Rank
Terry Fuller	1756	1	Malcolm Head	894	13	Olivia Keet	281	25
Peter Osborne	1589	2	Mark Hansen	786	14	Ray Walker	272	26
Allan Jones	1576	3	Pat McKeown	605	15	Felicity Keet	232	27
George Holman	1479	4	Geoff Raftis	533	16	Ron Thomas	205	28
Gary Gildersleeves	1419	5	Rhys Jones	489	17	Wendy Hansen	129	29
Peter Pekaar	1328	6	Bob Henderson	479	18	Chris Stickells	127	30
John Crompton	1230	7	Morgan Keet	424	19	Martin Wearmouth	44	31
Marcia Pekaar	1080	8	Bev Grigo	390	20	Jim Strong	41	32
Trevor Stam	1028	9	Eric Parker	353	21	Matthew John	14	33
Alan Hale	944	10	Terry Willison	345	22	Brett Anderson	13	34
Dean Stewart	932	11	Greg Keet	319	23	Kevin Selesnew	12	35
Jeff Hewton	910	12	Shane Becu	304	24			

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Marine parks / Sanctuary zones no answer to threats

Members may have seen several articles in newspapers promoting the benefits of and urgency for locking up large percentages of the marine environment into sanctuary / no fishing zones within Marine Parks.

It is clear that in the opinion of the authors of most of those articles, any protection less than complete no take/no fishing doesn't count as "protection", regardless of the actual protection provided by things such as fisheries management and Commonwealth protection of whales and other marine species.

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

A recent article in the West Australian by Colin Buxton, Bob Kearney and Caleb Gardner responded to some of the claims for sanctuary / no fishing zones, and showed where some claims did not stand up to questions such as *"are these necessary and would they be sufficient?"*

Professor Colin Buxton is director of fisheries, aquaculture and coasts at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania; Dr Caleb Gardner is the institute's fisheries program leader; and Professor Bob Kearney is an emeritus professor of fisheries, University of Canberra. The article said:-

Australia's marine environment is extraordinarily diverse, beautiful and needs to be protected for all Australians, now and into the future. This view is shared by most and it's the reason many prominent Australians have thrown their weight behind the current push for more marine parks in WA.

National parks are important for conserving nature on land and it seems logical the same approach would be appropriate for protecting our seas. Those calling for more marine parks also point to scientific research that supposedly supports the establishment of marine parks.

Much of this research has found what we'd expect - that when fishing is prohibited, some species of fish tend to become more numerous, grow older and become larger. And where serious overfishing has occurred, marine parks can also lead to changes in the abundance of some of the animals and plants that aren't fished, such as the recovery of seaweeds when fish predation reduces the numbers of grazing animals like urchins.

The increase in fish numbers on reefs inside no-take marine parks is often clear to anyone who has snorkeled in these areas. It's led to the assumption a total ban on fishing in so-called "sanctuary zones" provides a significant, or even complete, level of protection against known threats to the wider marine environment - threats such as pollution, introduced marine pests and climate change.

This raises a key and frequently overlooked question for the current debate over marine protected areas. Do they contribute in a meaningful and cost-effective way to wider coastal management?

Marine parks as they are being implemented in Australia predominantly provide protection from only one threat - fishing - and they do it only for small parts of the coast.

Is this an adequate or appropriate way to manage our vital marine ecosystems? If we are seriously concerned about the marine environment, should we be more ambitious and aim to protect the wider coast and in so doing deal with all threats facing the marine environment?

Protecting the wider ecosystem rather than a patchwork of marine parks is all the more important when you consider the richness and range of marine species.

We don't even have names for many marine animals, let alone know their distribution, which means we run a serious risk of providing no protection to many species if marine parks are our conservation strategy of choice. So there's a moral obligation and sound scientific reasons to take a different approach to what's used on land.

Marine parks in the form being proclaimed in Australia are unable to protect the marine environment from the major threats of pollution, introduced marine pests, climate change and the specific threat of overfishing.

Pollution and introduced pests don't respect park boundaries.

Any overfishing problems are just displaced from the area that is closed to the wider coast rather than being fixed by reducing the total amount of fish being harvested.

Though marine parks in Australia are officially intended for biodiversity conservation and are not about fisheries management, they are continually promoted by exaggerated claims that global and Australian science has demonstrated sanctuary zones can increase fish catches, improve fisheries value and generate rewarding fishing experiences in adjacent non-protected areas (for example, Meeuwig et al. in *The West Australian*, November 21, 2011).

This concept of marine parks increasing catches in areas nearby is called the "spillover benefit", something research has shown only occurs where serious overfishing exists. In other words where there is adequate fishery management, as is clearly the case in WA and more generally in Australia, it is misleading to espouse there will be a spillover benefit to a fishery.

Another exaggerated claim by the proponents of marine parks is that they will contribute to the "recruitment" of young creatures into surrounding areas, suggesting the current plight of the WA lobster fishery may have been avoided with more marine parks. This is misleading.

The WA lobster breeding stock indices are at near record highs, so it's highly unlikely the failure of recruitment was caused by reduced breeding stock.

In this context it is also important to consider the wider effects of excluding fishing from marine protected areas. Marine parks tend to displace catch to adjacent areas, which means the wider coast is fished even harder.

This displaced catch has been seen to tip fisheries into decline with all of the consequent ecosystem impacts. If breeding stock of western rock lobsters were a real issue then the only responsible approach would be to increase levels of breeding animals.

The best way to do this is to remove fewer lobsters each year by simply reducing the quota. Shuffling the location of fishing catches with marine parks really doesn't help.

This highlights another often held misconception - that terrestrial park management can or should be translated to the sea. Our oceans have not been subject to the same habitat alteration; no marine species have been hunted (fished) to extinction; fences don't exist in the ocean thus parks cannot be easily demarcated and managed against all impacts; and impacts don't respect marine park boundaries - animals and their eggs and larvae move in and out of the reserve, as do pollutants and marine pests.

What we need from government is a greater commitment to coastal zone management and, more specifically, a greater commitment to assess and manage marine threats at their source.

If fishing is a concern, we need better fisheries management across the whole of the State not just in a small percentage of the coast.

If pollution is a concern we need to regulate all sources, not just in a few protected areas.

To suggest marine parks will protect us against oil spills is ridiculous - they won't. Similarly one might question why we need no-take marine parks to reduce the threat of subsea mining.

Ensuring our marine environment is protected requires more critical thinking, a more rigorous examination of the available science and a balanced approach that deals with all threats in all places, not just fishing in a few marine parks.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Buy, sell or swap

Members who want to buy, sell or swap something fishing related can advertise in the Reel Talk free of charge. Contact me with the details.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

President's report

Here we are on the brink of a new year. 2012 is a very special year for the club as it is our 60th year. Serious planning is under way to make this a special event which will culminate at our Presentation night on Saturday 23 June. We are looking at a number of venues as we are anticipating a large roll up, and this is one of the main things we are looking at, as well as catering etc.

You all need, please, to get your Field Day suggestions in as soon as possible as there is a lot to consider when you look at the proposed Esperance Family Safari, Rottnest bookings and the ever increasing restrictions on camping and fishing. If you look at Esperance in September or May, both will have a bearing on whether we use the long weekend nearby. May will also be in conflict with Rottnest so a decision needs to be made as early as possible so that bookings may be made at whatever venue.

Gary Gildersleeves made a dramatic exit after our last general meeting. One minute he was dancing around enjoying himself and then he made a quick exit for home. His wife Mary rang me the next morning and said Gary had had a heart problem and after an exploratory operation he was sent home with a plethora of pills and told to have five weeks off work. Gary is smiling again and planning plenty of fishing and casting as he builds his fitness back to normal. Five weeks off work!!

I learnt this month that one of our past club members in Gus Sussmayer passed away. We have sent a card to his wife Connie. Gus enjoyed a number of years with the club and was involved in both fishing and dry casting. He was responsible for making a dozen sets of moulds for the State and National dry casting which are still in use Australia wide. Vale Gus.

The club has also been contacted by Troy Latto, who is Dave Latto's son, to let us know that Dave and Joy are now in a care facility and Dave constantly thinks of the club as he has fond memories of his time with us. Dave was a competent fisher and dry caster in his day. We extend best wishes to both and he would welcome a visit or two. The club has his address.

Good to see a few tailor appearing on our local beaches so our January field day should be a good one. Give it a go.

Thanks to Mal and Jenny Head for letting the committee use their home for our last committee meeting. We could get into the Coolbinia club premises but there was no power and no lights in the club rooms and help was scarce.

Let's make 2012 a very special and enjoyable year fishing and casting wise but above all enjoy the camaraderie.

Tight lines and good casting.

President 2011/12, George Holman

Bookings for hire of Club alternator

The Club owns a petrol powered Honda alternator type EU20i, 240 volt, with a rated output of 1600 watts. It has an hour meter, protective cover, operator's manual and optional 15 amp dual use link kit for coupling together two **identical** alternators.

The alternator is available for short term hire for use by club members only, when not required for a Club event which has priority. Details were published in page 22 of the November 2010 Reel Talk. Contact the Treasurer for details and an application form.

The following bookings have been made.

Member booking	28 January to 3 February 2012
Club booking, Bluff Creek Field Day	29 February to 7 March 2012
Member booking	20 March to 31 March 2012

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Bring a friend to a Club activity

Please bring a friend, a relative, a workmate, neighbour or an acquaintance to a General meeting, to Dry Casting or to a Club fishing Field day.

Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members.

Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Payment for Rottnest Field Days

The following is an edited extract from an article published on page 31 of the September 2010 Reel Talk.

To secure a place on the Rottnest Field Day, you need to pay a deposit of \$100 for each person for each of the field days you want to attend. You are encouraged to pay these deposits as soon as possible, but not later than 4 months before the start of the Field day.

The outstanding amount needs to be paid not later than 1 month before the start of the field day. This will also be the cut-off date when a decision has to be made if we will cancel part or all of the accommodation should we run low in numbers. The standard Rottnest cancellation fee of \$33 per booked unit will apply for cancellations earlier than 14 days before the arrival date.

Any cancellation will have an impact on cost as the accommodation and bus transport costs will need to be split between the remainder of the members.

Should we get an early interest and we receive more deposits we will do our best to get more accommodation booked. We will however allocate accommodation in the order of how deposits were paid, first come first served. Priority will be given to Club members over visitors if needed.

Deposits paid by members will not be refunded after the cutoff date unless someone else takes their place and pays in full.

Please contact your Field Day Officer should you need any more information on these events.

Up to the end of December, only 1 x \$100 deposit has been paid for the May 2012 Rottnest Field Day.

Treasurer and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

State Rock and Beach and Boating Championships

The State Rock and Beach fishing championships will be held on Saturday and Sunday 24/25 March 2012, with headquarters at Jurien.

The State Boating Championships will be held at Jurien on Saturday 3 March or Sunday 4 March, which is our Bluff Creek Field Day.

AAAWA has not yet published any more details of the Rock and Beach Championships. A flyer and a briefing sheet are usually produced plus individual registration and team nomination forms. These will be placed on the AAWA website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/RockBeachMain.html> as soon as they are available.

The instruction period at the March General meeting will cover these Rock and Beach Championships.

Please consider competing in these Championships as a Surfcasters individual and team member.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Contact from a past member

The Club has received an email as below, edited a bit to remove some personal details.

I am writing this email on behalf of my Dad, Dave Latto, a past SCAAC committee member, Reel Talk editor and fisherman.

We were both once members of the SCAAC and have very fond memories of the times spent fishing with family and friends – times when fish were plentiful and the roads and tracks less travelled. Dad always had a very limited budget and made the most out of his trips away but when the field weekends stretched further from home and the equipment and fuel required to support such long distance endeavors became financially unviable, he was forced to give competition beach fishing away. He made a foray in to small boat fishing for a while and this kept the bug alive until he totally lost interest in active fishing 12 years ago.

Time has gone on and both Mum and Dad's health is failing. They have moved out of their home in Bassendean and are now in a care facility in Bayswater – Mertome Village – and are being looked after in a supportive environment. Mum (Joy) has advanced dementia and no longer knows who anyone is.

Dad has been crippled by Parkinson's disease and now walks with the aid of a walking frame. He is still quite sharp, if given to periods of melancholy and appreciates visits from old friends and family. He still relates tales of fishing at Wedge, Cuvier, Cervantes and Wagoie with George Holman, Eric Parker, Bob Tucker, Brian Leicester, Ron Kildahl, Dick Holland, Tom Smith, Ron Shirley and Jim Strong among others.

Getting stuck in the flour like sand of Didey Bay and having to dig out the Landrover still brings steam to the ears – as does being reminded how he lost the club champion's trophy by two points to a one year member who never showed up again! Highlights include catching at State Record (at the time) Dusky Flathead at Moore River and earning his game fishing badge by catching a Spanish Mackerel in Cockburn Sound – of all places!

By far his favorite memories are those times he spent with the club in its golden years and he always felt privileged to have been able to serve as a committee member and Reel Talk editor between 1966 and 1969.

While clearing out the shed at Dad's place a few weeks back I came across about 30 or so back issues of Reel Talk from the period he was editor up to when we resigned from SCAAC in 1981. If they are of any interest to the club I would like to arrange a pickup/drop-off of them so they can be adequately preserved and made available to all members – past and present. Maybe they can help fill a few gaps in the club's history.

Please feel free to pass this email on to any members who knew Dave Latto in the 60's, 70's and early 80's.

Kindest regards, Troy Latto

New competitions or changes to rules

The Club's Competition Rules for 2012/13 will be decided at, or more preferably, before the April General Meeting.

The rules and the competitions are actually the result of many years of trial and error, experience and refinement, and they work because they actually do the job they are designed to do as decided by the majority of the members. That doesn't mean they are right, or are fixed forever and can't be changed. Why aren't the rules changed? A simplistic answer is "Some rules have actually been changed, others haven't because no one has seriously proposed anything different."

If any member thinks some changes are needed to the rules or the competitions, that member should think them through, discuss them with people both inside and outside the club who know about the topics, and then put in some detailed suggestions.

The challenge for anybody who wants changes or extras is to explain the five topics of how, when, what, where and why in as much details as are needed to sell the idea to the members.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri House for rent - updated

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

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

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

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

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

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

A 20% discount on public rates will apply for the months of July, August and September.

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

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0414 925 538 for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc. Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

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

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

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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