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Minutes of General Meeting, 8 June 2005

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Time 8:00 pm. Vice President George Holman presiding.
- Present:-** ?? members.
- Apologies:-** Terry Fuller, Ian Cook, Paul Thompson, Andrew Aubrey, Trevor Stam.
- Visitors:-** Dion Damon, Craig Wantenaar, Dale Coates.
- New Member:-** None.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Peter Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** George Holman outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No other business arising.
- Correspondence In:**
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| Westpac Bank | Bank statement for May. |
| Dept of Fisheries | Integrated Fisheries Management brochures. |
| Conservation and Land Management | D'Entrecasteux National Park Management Plan |
- Correspondence Out:-** None
- Moved** Jim Strong seconded Peter Stoeckel correspondence be accepted - carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Paul Thompson has given an apology.
- Property Officer** Vix Alexander reported on the Kalbarri House. Thanks to Roy Killick for his work up there and he has provided a report which will be discussed at Committee.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported on the May Field Day, run with the AAA State Rock and Beach Championships at Cape to Cape, and the June Field Day run at Rottneest on the long weekend. Details in the July Reel Talk.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** George Holman reported June dry casting will be held next weekend - details will be in Reel Talk.
- He reminded members help to set out and pull down the dry casting courts would be needed at each dry casting day in future.
- AAA Report:-** Peter Stoeckel reported on the AAA Rock and Beach Championships, results in Reel Talk. Surfcasters team didn't act as a team. A meeting is needed before the event so that everyone knows what has been arranged, where and how to fish, and the rules of the event.
- Fishing Clinics have been arranged at the Hillarys Yacht Club for the first three Mondays 4, 11 and 18 July. Assistance from members would be appreciated.
- Nineteen people, most from the Surfcasters, will be going to Yeppoon. Final meeting at George Holman's on Monday 1 August.
- Social Organiser:-** Peter Stoeckel gave details of the dinner and Presentation night, Saturday 18 June 2005 at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club. Peter Stoeckel and Andrew Aubrey have organised this. Donations for prizes are wanted.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook has given an apology.
- Secretary's Report.** Terry Fuller is away and has given an apology.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Away.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** July meeting is the Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers. Members please bring a plate of food. Club will supply soft drinks, tea and coffee.
- George Holman will not be standing for President in 2005/6. Members, please consider helping on Committee.
- Mal Head presented \$53.50, money from the sale of aluminium cans. He offered apologies for some General Meetings due to his travel to Yeppoon.
- A vote of thanks was given to Vix Alexander for the work on the Kalbarri house.
- Membership Fees are due from 1 July 2005 and must be paid by 31 July. Members who want to vote at the AGM need to pay membership fees by or at the July General Meeting.
- Instruction Period:-.** Spencer King gave a demonstration of two different versions of slide baiting rigs, which allow the bait to swim one way or both ways.
- Meeting closed:-** 9.35 pm.

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Coming Club Events.

July Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 3 July.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance, **PLUS** Single handed open.
All casters please assist with the setting up at the beginning of the day before setting up your own gear.
And please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

July General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 13 July 2005, 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:- Food and drinks after the Annual General Meeting and Election of Committee.

Annual General Meeting and Election of Committee.

When:- Wednesday 13 July 2005, 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.
Please bring a plate of food.

Please Note. Under the Club's Constitution, only financial members can vote at an Annual General Meeting or stand for Committee. If you come to the AGM, make sure you have already paid or have brought the money for your membership fees - see full details on page 6.

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New President and Committee Members Needed.

Some committee members and the Acting President will not be standing for the jobs they have done this year 2004/5, so replacements will be needed. Please consider standing for Committee. You will find the work interesting and it will help you to be part of the club and get more out of being a club member. Remember you get out what you put in.

The responsibilities of all committee positions have been listed, so you can easily find out what's involved in any job. Contact the Secretary or any committee member for more details.

Most importantly, if there aren't enough workers, the workers we do have will get burnt out and will not be able to carry on, so there'll **HAVE** to be new people, or.....

There has been subtle blackmail and pressure on the existing workers. No one volunteers for some of the jobs, so one of the few workers takes on an extra load and **gets closer to an inevitable burn out.**

Well crunch time is here. The existing volunteers won't be taking on any extra work. In fact they want to do less, and they do deserve a break.

If there is no one prepared to do the work to run some club activity, one option is to **cancel the activity.**

Imagine if we said "there's no dry casting officer, so all dry casting is cancelled" or

"there's no field day officer, so all field days are cancelled" or

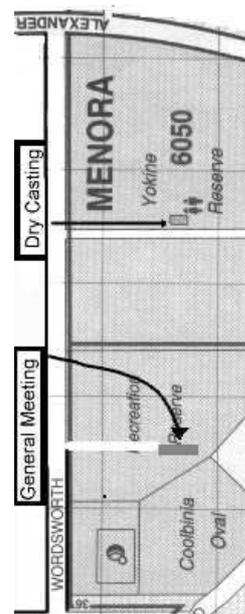
"there won't be any more Reel Talks" or

"there's no Social organiser, so no Trophies, Presentation Night or Dinner, and no food or drinks or raffle at the General Meetings"

"there's no President, or Secretary or Treasurer, or so the club will have to be wound up, dissolved, cancelled, gone, ended, no more....." **It could happen – unless you help.**

Your Club's Future

The Club elections are in July. Who is going to be on the Committee? Who is going to be President, etc? It only takes a phone call, a note on a piece of paper, a new fandangled email, but most of all, it's just **DO SOMETHING.**



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

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

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

Well, we need your input so we can guide the club into the future.

Got any new ideas to improve our Club

Any ideas on fund raising etc.

Are you prepared to put your hand up and assist.

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

What we should not do.

July 2005 Field Day - Cape to Cape.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 July 2005.

Sign On:- Saturday 12:00 noon, at Busselton Jetty car park, west of the "Equinox" café and kiosk.

Lines Down:- After sign on

Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 am At Busselton Jetty car park, west of the kiosk.

Boundaries:- Busselton Jetty to Cape Leeuwin.

<u>Tides for</u>	Saturday 16 July	1.03m at 5:37 am	0.64m at 4:15 pm	Sunrise:-	About 7 22am
<u>Cowaramup</u>	Sunday 17 July	1.11m at 6:07 am	0.53m at 4:08 pm	Sunset:-	About 5:30 pm
<u>Moon</u>	Saturday 16 July	Moonrise:-	About 12:30 pm	Moon First Quarter:-	15 July
	Sunday 17 July	Moonrise:-	About 1:10 pm	Moonset:-	About 2:50 am

Local Field Day for July 2005.

When: Saturday/Sunday 16/17 July, 2005

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

Lines Down:- 2 pm Saturday.

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 in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

Boundaries:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

Rottnest Field Day August 2005

When:- Saturday/Sunday 13/14 August 2005.

Boat Times:- Must be at the C Shed ferry terminal no later than 6:45 am

Ferry tickets will **not** be purchased after 7:15.

Boat leaves 7:30 am

Come to the General Meeting on 10 August or contact Field Day Officer for any more details.

Return Boat:- Rottnest Sunday 4:30 pm

Sign On:- At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).

Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon

Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon at Rottnest (or when the bus returns) at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.

Boundaries:- All of Rottnest Island !!

Sign On: At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).

Lines Down: Saturday 12:00 noon.

The format for the Rottnest field day on the 13/14 August will be the same as we have used before for normal 2 day trips. Cost estimated at \$120 per person. The actual amount will be advised after all the accommodation and transport charges are known.

The Committee has set a deadline for people to say they are going on the field day and to pay their deposit, and that **deadline was the 8 June General Meeting and that deadline has passed.**

Full payment is required by the 13 July General Meeting.

Ian Cook had problems getting the payments and commitments from people when he was organising the June Rottnest trip, and for Rottnest trips in previous years. He always has to use a lot of his time chasing up people and hanging on the phone to Rottnest arranging and changing bookings, and he's got better things to do.

No further bookings will be taken after the June General Meeting and the accommodation and transport will be booked only for the members who have paid deposits.

If you hadn't paid by then, you will need to make your own arrangements for ferry, accommodation and transport on Rottneest.

Local Field Day for August 2005.

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Sign On: At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
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<u>Tides for</u>	Saturday 13 Aug	0.95m at 3:02 am	0.60m at 4:57 pm	Sunrise:	About 6:55 am
<u>Fremantle</u>	Sunday 14 Aug	1.00m at 3:58 am	0.52m at 3:17 pm	Sunset:-	About 5:45 pm
<u>Moon</u>	Saturday 13 Aug	Moonrise:-	About 11:05 am	Moon First Qtr	13 Aug
	Sunday 14 Aug	Moonrise:-	About 11:45 am	Moonset:-	About 1:30 am

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Calendar for Next Three Months.

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

27	AAA Event																
1	Dry Casting						11	General Meeting		14	15	Field Day		18	Committee Meeting		
July 2005							August 2005							September 2005			
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun				
				1	2	<u>3</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	<u>7</u>				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>				
11	12	13	14	15	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31								

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.

2005/2006 Field Day Dates and Venues.

This list was decided at the April General Meeting.

Saturday/Sunday 16/17 July 2005	Cape to Cape.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 August 2005	Rottneest.
Saturday/Sunday 10/11 September 2005	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 October 2005 LWE	S-Bend. Southgates to 10km south of Dongara.
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 November 2005	Cervantes / Jurien to Sandy Cape.
Saturday/Sunday 10/11 December 2005	Golden Bay to Seabird. (An extended local.)
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 January 2006	Preston / White Hills.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February 2006	Cervantes.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 4/5/6 March 2006 LWE	Split Field Day Bremer Bay / Bluff Creek.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15/16/17 April 2006 Easter	Emu Springs and Denmark.

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 chosen 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.

2005/2006 General Meetings.

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

Wednesday 13 July 2005 and <u>Annual General Meeting</u>	Wednesday 14 December 2005
Wednesday 10 August 2005	Wednesday 11 January 2006
Wednesday 14 September 2005	Wednesday 8 February 2006
Wednesday 12 October 2005	Wednesday 8 March 2006
Wednesday 9 November 2005	Wednesday 12 April 2006

2005/2006 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 3 July 2005	Sunday 6 November 2005
Sunday 7 August 2005	Sunday 4 December 2005
Sunday 11 September 2005, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 8 January 2006 (changed for NY Day)
Sunday 9 October 2005, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 5 February 2006
	Sunday 12 March 2006, (changed for Field Day)
	Sunday 2 April 2006

Sunday 30 October 2005, AAA State Dry Casting Championships

Membership Fees Are Due 1 July 2005.

There are no changes to the membership fees for 2005/6. The amounts due are:-

Single Membership	\$75.00 per year.
Family Membership	\$85.00 per year.
Junior Membership	\$50.00 per year.
Associate Membership	\$25.00 per year.
Concession	\$45.00 per year.
Life membership	No fees required.

Eligibility for the concession membership is covered by the Constitution Section 16(e) "The committee shall set a reduced annual membership fee for members of age 60 years or more. This reduced membership fee will apply to pensioners who make application to the committee. Members in paid employment are not eligible for reduced fees."

You **must pay your fees by 31 July**, or by the 13 July General meeting if you want to vote at the 13 July Annual General meeting. The above amounts will take your membership up to 30 June 2006. Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to pay by installments.

If you do not intend to renew your membership, can you please advise the Secretary or Treasurer as soon as possible.

Can you please update the details of your membership on the form which was attached to the letter inside the front cover of this Reel Talk, attach your payment and post or hand it to the Treasurer. Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to pay in installments.

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.

Donations for Trophies.

We are looking for trophies for this current competition year. Please give us your suggestions for people / companies / etc to contact.

There are some things members can do:-

1. Donate a trophy yourself – particularly if you have been on the receiving end in past years.
2. When buying your gear and getting your services from our trophy donors and advertisers, make sure you let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club, so that if or when we contact them, they will know that this Club's members support them.

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.

Please don't bring cans to the General Meeting because Mal will be away for a while after that.

Open Competition 2005/6.

These are the details of the Open Competition Sections as listed in the Competition Rules. Entries close 30 days after capture.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	No entry
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	No entry
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	No entry
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Black Bream	0.6 kg	No entry
Section 16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 15	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	No entry

Barron Lure Competition.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. No entry

Heaviest Salmon on Lure. No entry.

Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. No entry.

Sponsorship by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

As you can see by the inside front cover, we have a sponsor for 12 months. The Yallingup Beach Holiday Park has provided the club with an accommodation voucher to the value of \$250 for two adults for two nights in one of their Malibu ensuite cabins.

This voucher was raffled at the February General Meeting and was won by Tony D'Alonzo.

The park has a waterfront location with spectacular views over Yallingup Bay. Opposite is a safe swimming lagoon and an excellent fishing beach plus the world famous Yallingup surf break.

On site accommodation includes ensuite cabins and standard cabins (for the budget conscious) plus plenty of well grassed van and tent sites.

This is an ideal base from which to visit the numerous nearby wineries, go whale watching, take scenic drives and walk trails and visit the spectacular Yallingup Ngilgi Cave, or of course, go fishing!!

Check the website at <http://www.yallingupbeach.com.au/>

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.

Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor. Thanks to Bob Henderson and John Lee for the articles in this Reel Talk. And for the ones Bob's already sent to me for **future** Reel Talks.

June Dry Casting Report.

We had a real winter's day for the June casting, with overcast and rainy conditions and again a slight headwind which kept distances down (except for one caster, Keith Heaney) it was a very cold day as well, but despite this we had 21 in attendance.

Keith Heaney and his son Marlin (mini junior) made the trip down from Kalbarri and it was not until the 112 gram distance that he hit his straps having a few break offs and out of court in the 56 gram and artificial bait. His two casts were 188 and 178 metres and the nearest caster to him was Nick Allsworth with 153 and 162 metres.

Later he cast even further in practice which shows his potential as a distance caster. A bit more emphasis on technique and consistency and the results will be very interesting. He is coming down for the July cast. Good to see the young Marlin having a cast as well and he appeared to enjoy himself.

The 56 gram distance saw a tie in the seniors with Malcolm Harris and Mat Sneddon with 25 points. It was good to see Mat back at casting and we hope we see a lot more of him as he cast well all day. Mal Head won the veterans with 23 and Filomena D'Alonzo won the ladies with 17. The longest 56 gram cast was 141 metres by George Holman.

Malcolm Harris and Chas Riegert scored 23 in the artificial bait, and Tony D'Alonzo was top in the vets with 20 points and Filomena D'Alonzo the ladies with 17 points. Longest cast was Nick Allsworth with 121 metres.

As was mentioned before Keith Heaney burned up the court in the 112 gram distance and led the seniors, with Allan Jones showing the vets the way with 25 points and Filomena D'Alonzo the ladies with 19 points. She also cast the furthest for the ladies with 96 metres.

Rhys Jones had all his casts in for the three distance events for the junior section with the longest cast of 126 metres.

Annella Riegert had all heard cast in for the distance events and shows great improvements and consistency. Keep it up Annella.

That smoky Trevor Stam led the field in the double handed accuracy with 139 points with George Holman scoring 132 points. We will not mention the seniors, and in the ladies Vix Alexander won with 111 points.

"Limpy" Willison showed us the way in the single handed accuracy with 31 out of a possible 40 and Nick Allsworth next best with 29 along with Allan Jones in the vets. Filomena won the ladies with 25 points.

Winner of the day was Malcolm Harris with a total of 210 points. Allan Jones was next with 208 points.

Looking at the day overall: Good attendance considering the weather, a lot of casts out of court in the distance (we were all cold - that is the excuse) scores in the accuracy with generally lower than normal, Rhys Jones cast consistently all-day, and young Heaney had a go at everything.

Because of the weather the single handed open will be run next month.

Thanks to Terry Willison and Allan Jones for commencing to put the lanes down at 7 a.m. and Malcolm Harris for putting the perimeter flags out. Also those who helped pack up at the end of the day.

Terry Willison will be having a total ankle replacement at St John's in Subiaco on the second of August and we all wish him well.

The election of officers is next month and we are looking for people to run the casting. Chas Riegert has indicated he is prepared to do the computer scoring and recording which is much appreciated and will make it easier for the organisers.

The sausage sizzle at the end of the casting was much appreciated and we ran out of snaggers very quickly. We will blame the weather!! Thanks to Terry Willison and the boys.

Good to see Paul Thompson come down and have a look at us casting. Next time Paul bring a rod or two!!

See you all on the third of July.

George Holman.

Dry Casting Results, 12 June 2005.

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total
	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					
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points	
	Seniors.	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	
Mal Harris	125	124	25	118	114	23	142	131	27	8	11	2	18	17	24	17	16	113	4	3	7	8	22	210
Nick Allsworth	0	131	13	121	0	12	153	162	32	3	17	22	20	6	20	7	17	112	8	10	1	10	29	198
Gary Gildersleeves	129	0	13	103	109	21	0	139	14	0	19	15	18	7	19	18	23	119	5	8	5	7	25	192
Chas Riegert	133	0	13	110	117	23	149	144	29	15	6	18	14	5	0	15	23	96	1	2	6	4	13	174
Mat Sneddon	117	129	25	108	0	11	0	136	14	0	22	22	22	2	10	12	12	102	0	10	4	5	19	171
Terry Willison	127	0	13	113	0	11	135	135	27	0	10	15	18	0	8	20	14	85	7	8	7	9	31	167
Keith Heaney	0	0	0	0	0	0	188	178	37	2	13	20	9	0	19	17	22	102	3	0	0	0	3	142
Joe Pullella	0	134	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	19	20	18	0	5	10	2	87	4	10	5	7	26	126
Mark Hansen	93	94	19	89	0	9	112	113	23	0	8	5	20	1	0	15	3	52	0	5	1	6	12	115
Veterans																								
Allan Jones	0	116	12	93	100	19	121	126	25	14	18	24	22	2	15	16	12	123	3	8	8	10	29	208
George Holman	0	141	14	119	0	12	0	149	15	21	13	19	13	2	22	23	19	132	8	8	9	2	27	200
Mal Head	118	115	23	96	90	19	119	118	24	13	0	24	15	0	24	17	22	115	1	3	3	6	13	194
Tony D'Alonzo	109	105	21	92	104	20	100	107	21	6	12	20	19	18	9	20	22	126	0	0	0	3	3	191
Geoff Raftis	105	0	11	91	85	18	124	110	23	19	16	7	21	23	17	9	12	124	0	1	6	1	8	184
Jim Strong	87	88	18	68	77	15	95	83	18	12	0	14	14	15	9	22	21	107	0	8	6	4	18	176
Trevor Stam	0	0	0	0	74	7	0	0	0	17	21	11	20	13	24	17	16	139	3	1	4	7	15	161
Ladies																								
Filomena D'Alonzo	84	88	17	80	85	17	96	94	19	17	0	18	23	1	19	17	15	110	5	10	4	6	25	188
Vix Alexander	0	0	0	75	0	8	93	0	9	14	10	12	19	19	13	10	14	111	0	0	1	9	10	138
Annella Riegert	78	76	15	63	63	13	76	78	15	3	19	5	11	19	0	10	11	78	2	5	0	6	13	134
Juniors																								
Rhys Jones	105	109	21	103	101	20	123	126	25	22	14	18	23	12	0	0	20	109	6	7	4	0	17	192
Mini-Junior																								
Marlin Heaney	45	25	7	0	22	2	35	38	7	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	10	21	0	0	0	0	0	37

Event:	Seniors Winner	Veterans Winner	Ladies Winner	Juniors Winner	Mini Juniors Winner
56 gram Distance	Harris & Sneddon	25 Mal Head	23 Filomena D'Alonzo	17 Rhys Jones	21 Marlin Heaney
Artificial Bait distance	Harriss & Riegert	23 Tony D'Alonzo	20 Filomena D'Alonzo	17 Rhys Jones	20 Marlin Heaney
112 gram Distance	Keith Heaney	37 Allan Jones	25 Filomena D'Alonzo	19 Rhys Jones	25 Marlin Heaney
Double Handed Acc.	Gary Gildersleeves	119 Trevor Stam	139 Vix Alexander	111 Rhys Jones	109 Marlin Heaney
Single Handed Acc	Terry Willison	31 Allan Jones	29 Filomena D'Alonzo	25 Rhys Jones	17
Days High Points	Mal Harris	210			

May 2005 Field Day Report, Cape to Cape.

Our May field day is usually a trip to Rottnest, but this year the membership voted to tie our field day in with the AAA Rock and Beach State Championships held at the end of the month. Eleven of our members took part in the championships making up Junior, Ladies, Men's and Veterans teams.

The weather was kind to us over the weekend especially on the Sunday which developed into one of those warm balmy winter days that seem to soak right through to your bones. It was hard to head back to Perth after the weigh in and award ceremony. This meant that the whole Capes region was fishable for the entire competition. Most of our members fished the lower half of the West coast.

George, Vix and I fished down towards Hamelin Bay and found the going tough mainly due to a building swell and incoming weed. Later that evening we moved further south but then had to contend with a strong side drift. The combination of heavy weed and a strong drift meant that if your rig got entangled in the weed the drift would take you down the beach at a fast walking pace in order to retrieve the line. A few rigs were lost this way.

Big bull herring were there despite the conditions and made a welcome addition to our bags. A different strategy was in order for the rest of the weekend so we left the west coast and tried Castle Rock early next morning.

We weren't the only ones thinking along those lines because we came upon Tony and Filomena who had had some early success with some salmon. I managed to snare a most unlucky salmon a little later that morning. A cormorant had become entangled halfway up my line. I had reeled in enough line to get hold of the bird and untangle it while the remainder of my line remained in the water at the base of the rocks, to become snagged and never seen again, or so I thought. The obliging salmon had picked up the bait from amongst the snags which meant that for a while I had a bird on one end and a fish on the other. Interesting way to catch a salmon and the cormorant flew off full of indignation.

Peter, Brian, Mark and Andrew fished Bob's Hollow but the only remarkable aspect about this location I was told was a very rough track in but never the less had some herring in the bag at the end of the day. Paul and John had more success with the salmon at Indjidup, catching and releasing a number of good fish as well as keeping a few for the bag. Jim Yeates fished close to Yallingup and was rewarded with a good bag of herring and a salmon.

The fish caught for the weekend included Herring, Skippy (which were a very good size and came from Tony and Filomena's bags), Blackfish, Snook, Salmon and Tarwhine.

Another great weekend away was had by all in one of the most picturesque parts of the State.

We will have had another field day to Rottnest before this gets to print, which means that the following field day will be back to this region on the 16/17 July, so there is another chance to fish the Capes and improve on previous efforts.

Best scale fish went to John Romano with a good size salmon.

Best bag of scale fish went to Tony D'Alonzo with his usual healthy mixed bag.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	27.855 kg	5	32	379
Filomena D'Alonzo	22.030 kg	5	28	320
John Romano	15.260 kg	2	18	223
Paul Thompson	7.470 kg	3	13	155
Brian Stokes	5.765 kg	4	30	138
Malcolm Harris	6.660 kg	2	18	137
James Yeates	4.800 kg	3	10	128
George Holman	3.755 kg	1	18	98
Mark Hansen	2.665 kg	1	20	77
Peter Stoeckel	0.855 kg	1	5	69
Andrew Stoeckel	0.990 kg	1	6	20

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for May 2005.

Best Scale Fish	John Romano	Salmon	3.85 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	27.855 kg

Field Day prizes for May 2005.

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June 2005 Field Day Report, Rottnest.

Although looking forward to the Rottnest Field Day with eagerness, I was also a little apprehensive about the conditions we would encounter. Predicted high tides of 1.22m in the mornings and predicted winds after Saturday of 20 knots and a swell to 2.5 metre. Relief! The conditions could not have been better with light winds, low swell, warm and sunny periods. The tides were high as predicted in the mornings which caused some difficulties in fishing without being up to your armpits in water. In the afternoons the tide was low enough to fish the usual locations of Wilson's, the Tailor Hole and Radar Reef.

Saturday. Malcolm and Vix fished off a high rock at Cape Vlaming till they could fish off a low ledge later in the day. The bulk of the members and guests fished Wilson's and the tailor hole till about 16:00 when most people gravitated to Radar Reef. The anticipated Yellow Tailed Kingfish failed to turn up.

Sunday. Sunday morning was a challenge for most people. Tony D'Alonzo perched himself on a rock at Wilson's whilst the others battled the swell standing on the reef flat or at times tucked around the corner for some shelter from the swell.

A member of the public turned up to fish the Tailor Hole about lunch time as he had seen the club members fishing the area and thought this looked promising.

His attire was sneakers, shorts and t-shirt! His gear a short rod with an unweighted popper! His casting technique a round arm swing!

He was attempting to fish while the rest of our group sat on the rocks as we felt it was too rough to fish safely. Needless to say he gave it a miss very soon as he had to run back as every big set came across the reef. Ian, Spencer and Bretton fished the Tailor Hole when the tide started to drop. There were no fish caught at this location.

Again members moved to Radar Reef late in the afternoon. No fish of any size were caught. I hooked into a very large fish (Shark or Yellowtail) which ran me round for 5 minutes till it headed out to sea and cut me off on the reef. A number of large Buff Bream were landed at various spots over the weekend. Tony seems to enjoys catching quality Bluff Bream

Monday. Tony picked up some very good sized Western Rock Black Fish

With the predicted inclement weather and high tides only about 6 members fished the Monday morning session. Some members took an early ferry home. The rest lazed round or slept in.

Unfortunately we had an attempted theft early Monday morning but the thieves were disturbed and ended up with only keeping some fish. The weekend was a success as there was not the usual pressure to fish with such desperation, as we had the equivalent to two full days fishing. If we could utilise another LWE without the early high tides it would be a magnificent weekend. Food for thought and discussion for next year.

The catch of the weekend was the 1.060 kg King George Whiting that Ian Taggart caught on the Sunday at Wilson's. This was a magnificent fish. The club record is 1.134 kg caught by Vic Davis on 1/2/1960 at Rottnest Island.

We had five members catch Masters Fish on the Rottnest Field day

Tony Ong	Tarwhine	0.700 kg	Tony Ong	Trevally, Skipjack	0.825 kg
Peter Osborne	Tarwhine	0.600 kg	Ian Taggart	Whiting, King George	1.060 kg
Bretton Stitfold	Tarwhine	0.900 kg			

I apologise to members for missing the June General meeting and not giving the instruction period.

Tight Lines

Ian Cook

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	16.24 kg	6	30	272.4
Peter Osborne	5.7 kg	5	30	157
Tony Ong	6.05 kg	4	30	150.5
Vix Alexander	3.925 kg	3	18	119.25
Ian Cook	3.575 kg	4	9	115.75
Dale Coates	5.15 kg	2	25	111.5
Malcolm Harris	2.35 kg	3	17	103.5
Grant Taggart	2.225 kg	4	5.75	102.25
Ian Taggart	2.86 kg	3	4	98.6
Paul Berry (visitor)	2.75 kg	3	14	97.5
Bretton Stitfold	2.65 kg	2	15	96.5
Scott Maloney (visitor)	2.1 kg	2	7	81
Steve Breabry (visitor)	2 kg	1	18	70
George Holman	0.4 kg	1	2	64
Spencer King	0 kg	0	0	50

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for June 2005.			
Best Scale Fish	Vix Alexander	Yellow tailed Kingfish	1.775 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	16.24 kg
Field Day prizes for June 2005.			
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Field Day Top Ten for 2004/2005 up to June 2005.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	651	6	Peter Osborne	157
2	Filomena D'Alonzo	320.3	7	Paul Thompson	154.7
3	Malcolm Harris	240.1	8	Tony Ong	150.5
4	John Romano	222.6	9	Brian Stokes	137.7
5	George Holman	161.6	10	James Yeates	128

Field Day Sections up to June.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	John Romano	Salmon	3.850 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritous Fish	Decided by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)		No entry	
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)		No entry	
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)		No entry	
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	John Romano	Salmon	3.850 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony Ong	Trevally, Skipjack	0.825 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)		No entry	
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Vix Alexander	Yellowtail Kingfish	1.775 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	27.855 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)		No entry	
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	5.340 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)		No entry	
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod		No entry	

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More Youthful Adventures.

My early business venture put me onto bream fishing and it was when I brought home a few plump fish for Mum or for a couple of neighbours that my popularity improved just a bit. Because others had jumped onto the band wagon and were also hammering the old train bridge for mussels I was forced to look for other alternatives. Bream fishing was easier, drier and safer. Another adventure was taking up quite a bit of my time.

Down East Fremantle way on the river foreshore (just up from the Red Herring Restaurant) there was a market garden run by a couple of old, skinny Chinese blokes. Alongside there was an old shack, behind which there was a huge fig tree entwined with a magnificent mulberry tree and nestled up against the high limestone cliffs. Boy, did those trees produce magical crops when in season. High fences were on each side to keep others out.

Those old so & so's wouldn't let anyone in and as they were unable to collect the fruit up high, most of it was left to rot and fall on the ground. Environmental responsibilities forced our hand to clean up this mess. So, in the very early hours of the morning, when even the roosters were still in bed, a couple of youthful adventurers would lower themselves down those cliffs by rope and gain entry to the upmost branches of those trees. Caution and stealth were used on the first few trips until gluttony overcame sensibility.

I reckon it was on the third or fourth trip when we were discovered up in the tree tops. You could say that the resulting 'fruit fight' was even and we lads got away cleanly. Laying low for a couple of weeks was a waste of time because on our next sortie they were waiting for us. Boy those old codgers were pretty accurate with a fig or rock and desperate measures were called for. Ammo was thinning out so we had to venture further out onto some quite thin branches which bowed under our weight. Swinging like monkeys

and tossing fruit was great fun until a branch gave way. A few close calls came for each of us and any sensible kid would have realised that sooner or later a fall was on the cards. Guess who fell!

Crashing through the branches, I landed in a heap at their feet and was soon hauled by the ears into their shack. A few cuffs across my numb ears and a couple of boots up the bum and I was shoved into a darkened room. I heard the tinkling of a phone bell, some mutterings and curses then it wasn't long before the door opened and a huge policeman ordered me out.

Interrogation by this copper was soft as it was continually interrupted by those two chattering Chinese blokes squawking their box off and waving their hands and arms around. The brothers also chipped in with a couple of their own threats - "Tie the brat up - give him a hiding - who were the others - etc etc." I was scared stiff, my vocal chords had a seizure and my knees were knocking so bad that my shorts were getting close to my ankles. It seemed ages before I was marched outside, placed in the paddy wagon and taken home. Was put under house arrest for a month, collected a few ticklings across the bum with the belt, locked in my brother's bedroom (because I slept out on the veranda) and also copped a tongue lashing from him for invading "his" room.

Failure to identify my accomplices, not acknowledging the taking of someone else's property, giving lip and whatever other complaints that were made resulted in me being escorted to school and back, extra chores around the house (including my brother's chores) and the final insult was that I had to go back each Saturday to the scene of my crime and clean up any rotting fruit and weed the area. My "mates" didn't want to know me.

I served my first two Saturdays penance with my trap shut and worked tirelessly. You see, I had noticed two barges moored off the river bank and the locked up jetty that just screamed "I need to be fished from". On the third Saturday I sucked up to one of "the brothers" when they had returned from a fishing trip. I learnt that they also operated an old clinker boat to carry out fishing charters off the Freo foreshores, trips around the sound, Garden and Carnac Islands and up coast as far as Quinn's.

The old wartime haulage barges had hundreds and hundreds of lengths of rope dangling off the sides and were totally covered in mussels. ("The brothers" also had a sideline business). Being a model repentant it wasn't long before I was allowed access to the jetty first thing in the morning for an hour or so. It didn't take long before I gained access to the barges too. A stern warning was given to not snag any rope and leave a hook imbedded in it, so I just had to lift a couple of ropes to snaffle some bait.

"The brothers" inquired if I would like to spend more time fishing and catch some yellow tail and slimy mackerel and keep them for live bait. Getting out of work and going fishing was a real punishment! I even ended up being paid for my catch. I was invited to join them on a fishing trip to the whiting patches just off the cable station at Leighton. Trying to sleep on the Friday night was useless and I made my way down to their jetty well before anyone else.

Around 4am we cast off and chug chugged out thru the harbour and swung north. The tub started to "pitch and toss" and along with the diesel fumes and smelly blokes I headed for the bow to get some fresh air. "Feel crook young fella" said one of them - "ere, get this into ya". He handed me a thick sandwich and as I gobbled it down I asked "what's in it?" "Baked beans" he said, "chew it thoroughly cos the fibre in it's good for ya". I didn't need to be told twice. "Finished! - ere, have this beetroot one too 'cos it's acidic and will line the guts". I chomped on their offerings and even felt real good. "Want more?" - "Nah, I'm full".

Heaving the anchor, I was directed to the rear of the boat and along side of me, a real terrible smell rose up from a bucket of burley. Digesting that aroma and inhaling diesel fumes created a reflux that carried far and wide with the assistance of the wind. Laughter rang in my ears as 'orrible 'orrible men fed lines over the side. "Colourful berley junior" said one. "Next time you can go on a sardine sandwich also". Funny buggers. I never put a line in, never got my head off the gunnels and never went boat fishing again for a long long time.

Still, I hooked into some real monster bream off those barges. I did my time (about 4 Saturdays), I lost a couple of "mates", and learnt a lesson in life (can't remember what). Those "old brothers" and that couple of "sweet and sour" from the boat weren't so bad after all and I ended up being given access to some "u beaut" fruit.

Another adventure was around the corner and I moved onto bigger and better things.

PS. It was originally the Oyster Bed Restaurant (now the Red Herring). The barges are now all gone, as has the little jetty, the market garden, little shack and the fruit trees. Now there is just a windy road and grass verges. Then again, it's still good fishing off the banks at night time. Hendo.

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Local Fishing

Contrary to popular opinion and in contradiction of my own cynicism, I went fishing at a Perth beach and found that it is still possible to catch a feed of fish. These days when I finally get around to going fishing it's usually in my boat but because of some recent short term health problems associated with heat and motion sickness, I haven't been for eight months or so.

I also usually try to get to Kalbarri at least once a year but due to the scarcity of a house/cat sitter for the last couple of years that hasn't been possible either. So I'd been left cooling my heels waiting for the opportunity and the motivation. This is a bit long winded but bear with me – I'll get to the fishing part shortly. One day whilst biding my time, I decided that a clean up and review of my fishing tackle was long overdue. To my consternation I discovered that my Ambassadeur 10000CA purchased in Sweden 27 years ago was shortly going to need extensive repair. I once owned two Penn Squidder 140's but they were stolen along with most of my other beach fishing gear about twelve years ago. I got to thinking what great overhead reels the Squidders were – they were robust, easy to maintain, had great longevity and were easily taken apart. Sure, ABU's are also great reels but try dropping one in saltwater and or sand and restoring it to working order in under an hour.

Anyway, I decided I would try to get hold of at least one Penn Squidder somehow – knowing that Penn stopped making them over ten years ago. Well, to make a very long story just long, I discovered what most people who are computer savvy have known for years – Ebay.

In the US and to a lesser extent the east coast of Oz, there are people who do nothing else but collect fishing reels or speculate in them especially old Penn models. In a short time I had purchased a Squidder in very good condition and a Penn Surfmaster in fair to good condition.

It was only after I'd gone through the rather tedious bidding process to procure them that I came across a website for a tackle dealership in the US that had bought a heap of them new from the Penn company before they stopped making them – (what foresight). So I quickly ordered one and although shipping, customs and GST were nearly as much as the reel itself, at least I now have a brand new Penn Squidder. The next thing of course was to test them under genuine fishing conditions and what better way to do that but go fishing.

I thought I'd see if it was still possible to catch Tailor in the metro area that aren't under size.

Where to go? I don't favour beaches that are backlit by street lights so that left one place reasonably close to where I live – Swanborne, in front of the rifle range. The problems kept mounting – where to park? The last time I fished locally at night my vehicle was broken into therefore because there are few places to fish close to a safe parking spot, it would have to be brightly lit. So the parking options were Branksome Gardens in City Beach or Marine Parade in Swanborne. The problem with City Beach is although it's closer to get to the beach, it is no longer possible to park in Challenger Parade which means Branksome and run the risk of being bum shunted because of the fairly high level of fast moving traffic.

Anyway, despite the risk I thought I would try walking from the City Beach end, skirting along the northern border of the rifle range and end up at the site of the old Swanborne sewage outlet. If it didn't work out I'd try parking at the Swanborne end and walking from there another night.

Thus one afternoon in mid February when the Solunar index perfectly matched a strong sea breeze at dusk, I took off for the drain with my new tackle. I should mention that I also purpose built a new rod to accommodate my new reel. Approaching the drain I stopped to talk to a bloke who said he'd caught a few average sized Choppers of late. With my hopes now high I rigged up, cast out and settled in to wait for the bites I was sure would come.

After my second bunch of grapes (tangles) I wasn't so sure. As a younger man in my early days with Surfcasters I quite often fished with overheads in the dark and had little trouble with overruns. My ego was deflating rapidly – I now had to acknowledge that with age and failing eyesight, my tactile sense was failing too. I was not able to sense the lack of spool impetus sufficient to tighten the feathering thumb on it in time.

After a while, by damping down the free play in the spool end screw and by putting less force behind the cast I think I was achieving a halfway reasonable distance – but in the dark ... who knows? Two hours later, with one Silver Bream in my bag and a small Port Jackson returned to the water, I trudged back to the car and drove home - cowed but not yet beaten. A week later, with the sea breeze in early I thought I would try a mid afternoon sortie at the Swanborne end.

Setting off, confident that my new gear and old spool thumb would not give me trouble in broad daylight, I sauntered north along the beach from the Swanborne Surf Lifesaving Club trying very hard to look straight ahead as a couple of naked maidens ran in front of me and dove in the surf.

About half a kilometre north of the main nudist beach I noticed people were being turned back by a young fellow with a two way. Sure enough – when I got there I was told the beach in front of the rifle ranges was closed due to live firing. I hadn't bothered to ring the Army info centre; I'd failed to notice the b...y red flag which adorns the pole in front of the guard post and is visible from the car park. Annoyed, I talked to a local beachgoer (a clothed one) who said that they usually finished shooting at 6pm. I slogged back to my car

determined to give it another try after 6.30. Shortly after 6.30 I was again stopped at the same spot – they were shooting 'til 9pm!

After a few well chosen but ill advised expletives from me, the guard, in no uncertain terms said that had I asked he would have told me they were shooting later that day. Anyway, stubbornly I decided to fish right there at the boundary with the guard staring straight at me. After a while when I had been fishing for fifteen minutes, the guard went back to his sentry lookout seemingly confident that I didn't pose a threat to National security and that I wouldn't attempt to sneak along the beach under cover of darkness.

By then I'd caught a couple of choppers anyway so I wasn't too unhappy about staying put. By about 8.30 I had my bag limit of Tailor that were all legal size but only after throwing back the same number that were not. By the way, I had dispensed with the idea of trying to use the Squidder in the dark in favour of an easier to use eggbeater. Two weeks later with the solunar index at its lowest and a light southerly becoming zephyr like at dusk (not exactly ideal conditions), I tried again. By now I had accepted my age induced shortcomings and just matched a Mitchell 499 with a lightweight multitaper.

With the experience of my last trip fresh in my mind, I did my home work and knew that as shooting was not being conducted this time, I could walk as far as I wished. As I walked, I noticed a couple of young blokes fishing about halfway between the nudist beach and the concrete structure which marks the position of the old sewage drain. Watching them cast I could see by their actions that they were not rank amateurs and seemed to know what they were doing. If such was the case, I thought they may have previously caught fish at this spot.

Therefore, I gave them the benefit of fishing savvy, the courtesy of about a hundred metres and fished to their north in whatever berley trail was available. Shortly after sundown the young fellows surprisingly packed up and left, leaving me pondering my decision. However, my spirits were lifted when in the last fading light the water in front of me exploded – baitfish leaping in all directions pursued by an equally aerobatic large Tailor!

After about ten minutes I got a bite - or should I say a hit. The rod tip jerked violently and whatever caused it took off. Within seconds the rod tip sprang back to neutral and the line went limp as I stood there slack jawed in disbelief. I'm accustomed to having that happen at Kalbarri but not here in the metro area. It was then that I realised I had only rigged up a smallish gang thanks to my experience of a fortnight previous. I had to force myself to remain calm; it shows how often I go beach fishing these days. I rerigged with larger hooks and into a dying southerly, cast in. Inside a minute I had another thumping bite and after a longish struggle in a surprisingly heavy surge, pulled a nice Tailor of about a kilo onto the beach. Next a bank of weed moved in front of me and after several fruitless weed filled retrieves, I moved south to where the young blokes had been.

In about five minutes I had another Tailor roughly the same size flapping at my feet. After that I felt mainly timid bites but about every fifteen minutes for the next hour I'd hook one – each time a superbly conditioned oceanic blueback.

By about 9.15 with no further action, baits shredded by crabs, I packed up and with a heavy bag, made the long walk back to my car. I ended up with a bag of six - a couple probably weighing around 1.5 kilos. I didn't really get to test my new reels and as I write this, I still haven't. However I proved that with a little persistence it's still possible to catch a nice feed of fish in the metro area. Whether this was just a one off or it happened every night I don't know but I did notice an article in Mike Roennfeldt's column a couple of days later about someone else catching some better than average metro Tailor in the same area.

I'd be surprised but happy if history repeats itself next year at the same time – you see, on those two nights I caught fish, a crayboat with a noisy crew (they were so close I could hear them talking and laughing) cruised up and down within a hundred metres of shore obviously trolling successfully for Tailor. I thought to myself – I bet they end up as craybait but a couple of weeks later whilst buying some prawns in Kailis's for a barbecue, I noticed several dozen Tailor on display with hook wounds and all about the same size as those I had caught. Kailis nearly always have a few but I've never seen so many before.

Without direct evidence I guess it's not possible to blame the pro's but I couldn't help thinking – imagine that one boat with say - a crew of four each picking up their bag limit every night for as long as the fish are schooling.

John Lee

The Sportsman.

"Wanna go in the Jabiru 5th Annual Barrathon next weekend?" said Jamie, my son. "We need your expertise at golf and fishing to make up a team". I asked "What's a Barrathon?" It's a team competing in a fishing competition to catch the best sized fish to determine their golf handicap - then a 9 hole, 4 ball, best ball golf game. You can fish from midnight on Friday night to 6 pm on Saturday. The golf game starts at 10.30am on Sunday followed by a barbecue lunch and presentation.

"Who's in our team" I asked. "Well, there's you and I and Nugget" said Jamie. "Can't find anyone else". "Well what time are you contemplating going fishing?" said I. "Midnight, and coming home as soon as we get over 90cm" was the reply. Forewarnings on night fishing flashed through my brain. "Where are we going?" said I. A story was told how others intended to head for the South Alligator River, to Shady Camp

Barrage on the Mary River and to Corroboree and Yellow Waters Billabong. Jamie said we would go down the East Alligator River and up into Magela Creek to the junction - (where the croc attack was). The tides were right, the croc had been removed and it wasn't as far as the other spots.

Friday morning was spent preparing the gear and the boat. The esky filled with ice, drink and food. Any attempt to snooze was a failure and my nerves were on edge as we left Jabiru at 11.30pm. Dodging a couple of brumbies and dingos on the way, we had fun swerving over the road and popping bloody great cane toads. It was pitch black at Cahill's Crossing boat ramp and I didn't need to be told to keep my feet out of the water because "Big Eric" was still around - (all 16 feet of him). "Clear your bowels now" said Jamie, "because there's no getting off the boat once we head off." Blimy, I had cleared three or four times by then.

The first 5km down the river was a slow trip, due to rocks, snags and sandbars. The flood lamp mounted up front showed the way. The swooping bats, the heavy mist engulfing the river AND so many pairs of glowing red eyes, you could swear you were driving round a bend and counting the cats eyes on the verge poles.

Now Nugget says that you use the 'Mick Dundee' style of measuring to gauge the size of a croc. Use both outer fingers on one hand, (you know, how Mick hypnotised that Water Buffalo), and if you don't go over, then they're no more than 15 feet long. I gave every one of those eyes the finger. Especially if they were in the water.

It was still pitch black when we dropped anchor just off "White Woman's Business Creek" and the tide was still heading up stream. The creek has access to the banks which are not too slippery, and some shrubbery for ablutions. We tossed assorted lures all over the place for a couple of hours but failed to get a decent sized fish. Every now and then we felt a bump on the side of the boat and put it down to flotsam in the water. Jamie fell asleep on the floor for most of the time and when we decided to move we woke him up to assist in pulling the anchor. Turning the light on, we observed two huge red eyes about two metres away. We departed pdq.

Sorry, did I say that I was warned that there would be mossies around, so rug up and lather yourself in repellent? Can I tell you that they lick off the repellent as an entree, that they can bite through lots of clothing, that they have a bite just like being hit with a whip, that they have team mentality and that they only attack in the hundreds and are BLOODY NOISY. Flick, slap, miss, slap again and again, stomp, curse, slap some more etc. etc.

Meanwhile, as we moved further down river we put out our lures and trolled a few spots that showed fish on the sounder but failed to get a hook-up. Well actually I did, but the snag busted me off! Arriving at the Magela Creek entrance we dropped anchor and tossed lures until the dawn gave enough light to move up the creek. Things had to get better because so far our best catch was 68cm.

A slow and cautious trip up the creek (tide on the run out) to the junction and we were happy that no-one else had arrived. We maneuvered and anchored in the best position to hit all areas. Our first efforts were encouraging and hook-ups numerous and we had a keeper at 82cm. Three way hook-ups were common and it was a fight to gain access to the landing net because you reckoned that your fish was the biggest. Around 9am, the first boat of fellow competitors arrived.

The unwritten rule is that you slow right down and crawl past so that you don't disturb your fellow fishermen. Did you know that rule does not apply to arseholes? We copped one and he tried to speed past. Three fishermen tossed lures - one hit and connected but pulled out, another whistled past an ear and the other banged into the centre console. A swearing competition erupted, some idle threats were cast to the breeze and a couple of finger actions gave an indication of which direction they could go. There was another dingy moored behind us and they joined in to assist us.

The air and area cleared quickly and our neighbourly fisho's joined us for a drink and chat. We were passed by others and inquiries as to how we were getting on led to a small exaggeration of our fish's length. By this time the tide had slowed right down so a feed and rest was needed.

The turn of the tide was the key that turned the fish on the bite and multiple hook-ups and losses were experienced. The sun beat down on us without any mercy and we were dripping in sweat. Quite a few fish ran close to our 82cm then Nugget pulled in an 89cm Barra. Up this creek we had fished for 5 hours and only one decent sized fish was all we had. Tired, buggered, exhausted, hot, sweaty and dry of throat had taken its toll so we called it quits and headed for home.

The run back to the boat ramp gave us a cool breeze in the face and the coldies hardly touched the sides. Slowing down to pass other boaties, any inquiry as to how big a fish we got, received the reply "Excellent - try and beat one over 1m". Of course they believed us.

At the weigh-in our 89cm put us in equal second spot with four more teams still to weigh-in. Back home, we cleaned down the boat and engine, filleted our fish, packed away our gear, enjoyed a cool shower, a satisfying tea and an early night. Tomorrow the golf game!!!

ps. "Nugget" - so named because someone once said he was a small lump that could be precious. Can't fish, can't play golf ,so must be Fool's Gold!!
Hendo

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The Golf Game

Arriving at the Golf Club we learnt that our position on the leader board had dropped to equal fourth. A couple of barra were weighed in 96cm and 1.12m. both caught down near the mouth of the East Alligator River. "Don't worry" said Jamie, "Dad's been playing good golf lately so we have a chance".

Our double group was selected to play off first and Jamie suggested that I tee off to put a bit of pressure on the other group. With sheer brilliance, I selected my number 2 wood, produced a perfect swing and hit the ball so precisely that it headed directly down the fairway. Alas it must have hit air turbulence because it swung wildly left and disappeared out of sight into the scrub, never to be found. When the laughter died down and some wiped the grass stains off their shirts, I pointed out that the strain of the previous day's competition had drained me and I wasn't quite as flexible as I should be.

I suggested a couple of times to Jamie, (nudge, nudge, hint hint) that a good stiff drink would be nice and my whingeing got him into the Club House and back with a couple of UDLs. On his insistence I downed the first one and it didn't touch the sides. Everyone hit off and we wandered down the fairway, well, the edge of it. It was such a long hole that I had finished my second UDL before we had putted out. A double bogey on the first.

We bogeyed the next two holes and were met at the fourth tee by the drinks cart. Another two UDLs were 'forced' into me over the next hole and something must have happened for my approach chip shot gave us a par for that hole. Some more good golf shots gave us pars on the fifth, sixth and seventh, but we saved our best for the last two holes.

First up to the tee on the eighth (par 5) and my drive put us down the middle of the fairway and gave us a direct shot towards the green. The drinks cart arrived as the others were teeing off and a couple more UDLs were purchased. "Are you loose enough?" asked Jamie. "Hot work this golf" said I and another was polished off before my next shot. It's a heavy burden to bear, carrying others, and my next few hits weren't of the best. We double bogeyed this hole.

I drowned my sorrows with another UDL and was determined to pull something out of the hat for this final hole. For this par 3 final hole, not one 'golfer' had put a ball onto the green. It was up to me.

Stepping to the tee, I placed my ball on the tee and as I stood up, I felt a little light headed. I put it down to the heat of the day!!! With determination I drew a full back swing and followed through with what I thought would be a brilliant stroke. It must have been sweaty palms because the golf club flew out of my hands to land near the Ladies tee off marker. My ball dribbled forward just off the mound and I lost my plastic tee. It's a humble man that holds his hands up high and accepts the ridicule.

One lousy shot cost me a couple of jugs of Scotch and coke for others to drink. I was blamed for our loss both in golf and fishing. I copped heaps of flack from everyone when word got out so I consoled myself by quietly sipping a few more drinks. We ran sixth.

Can't recall what I had for lunch or what time I got home. Woke up the next day and felt below par, Put it down to mozzie bites. Told Jamie to stick his night fishing. My ego needed molly-coddling and my head screamed for an Aspro or three. Hendo.

AAA Fishing Clinics.

If you want to learn.... How to fish better. How to catch your preferred species. What gear to use and where to use it.....

Make sure you're at the Australian Anglers Association 2005 Fishing Clinics on Mondays, July 4, 11 and 18, 2005 commencing 7:30pm at Hillarys Yacht Club, Hillarys Marina, (north side)

- Bait presentation and rigging for all species.
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- Catch and Release and Tagging for research.
- Inshore small boat fishing for King George Whiting, Trevally, Tailor, Mackerel, Tuna, etc.
- Offshore deep sea fishing for Jewfish, Snapper, Baldchin Groper, Breaksea Cod, etc..
- How, when and where to fish the Swan River for Black Bream and other species, boat and shore.
- Fishing for tailor and herring from the shore.
- Reading the beach and water, when, where and what to look for to help catch those fish.
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Admission:-	Adults	All three nights	\$22.00	Per night	\$11.00
	Juniors (under 16)	All three nights	\$11.00	Per night	\$6.00

Door prize and great raffle prizes each night.

AAA State Rock and Beach Championships

The Australian Angler's Association ran its State Beach Championships for 2004-2005 year from Cape to Cape with the boundaries set as Busselton Jetty to Blackwood River.

The Management of the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park offered the use of their facilities for the event's Headquarters and also sponsored a prize of a chalet for two nights. The organising committee is grateful for the use of the facilities and recommends the high class facilities right on the beach front at Yallingup.

Seventy one participants from eight clubs registered. This is a typical participation for a State Beach event. A promotional book was printed and distributed widely to AAA affiliated clubs.

The contingent from the Naturaliste Game and Sportsfishing Club were a welcome addition to the participating clubs. Heaviest fish of species caught were:-

Species	Weight	Caught By	Club
Skippy	1 kg	Janet Hughes	Bunbury Angling Club
Whiting	340g	Rory King	Bunbury Angling Club
Snook	1.875 kg	Tony D'Alonzo	Surf Casting & Angling Club
Salmon	4.225 kg	Danny Ariti	Fremantle Angling Club
Tarwhine	500g	Frank Caccamo	Fremantle Angling Club
Tailor	880g	Danny Ariti	Fremantle Angling Club
Mystery Fish	450g beardie	Dave Kinnell	Bunbury Angling Club

Individual Winners

Men	Jason Pember	Melville Angling Club
Ladies	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surf Casting & Angling Club
Veterans	Tony D'Alonzo	Surf Casting & Angling Club
Juniors	Emily Hughes	Bunbury Angling Club
Mini Juniors	Jessica Hughes	Bunbury Angling Club

Individual Runners Up

Men	Kevin Hughes	Bunbury Angling Club
Ladies	Janet Hughes	Bunbury Angling Club
Veterans	Peter Osborne	Whitfords Sea Sports Club
Juniors	Katelynn Kinnell	Bunbury Angling Club
Mini Juniors	Mitchell Bell	Whitfords Sea Sports Club

Teams Winners

Men	Bunbury Angling Club
Ladies	Bunbury Angling Club
Veterans	Surf Casting & Angling Club
Juniors	Bunbury Angling Club
Mini Juniors	Bunbury Angling Club
Patrons Cup	Bunbury Angling Club

Teams Runners Up

Men	Melville Amateur Angling Club
Ladies	Surfcasters Angling Club
Veterans	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club (1)
Juniors	Surf Casting & Angling Club
Mini	Juniors Whitfords Sea Sports Club

State of the Fisheries Report.

The State of the Fisheries Report is normally released by December each year. The 2003/04 report has finally been released after a very long delay. This delay has increased a problem that the data is out of date, with this issue covering catches etc for 2002/3, which means the data is already 2 to 3 years old. So even though the Report is headed 2003/4, that should really be 2002/3 because that is what is covered.

This year's State of the Fisheries Report says it *"takes the next step in the Department's development of a full ecologically sustainable development (ESD) approach to managing the state's fisheries.. The report structure now deals with fisheries and fishing-related activities on a bioregional basis, enabling ecosystem-based fisheries management to be more efficiently considered."*

The report is available in hard copy from the Department of Fisheries or on the Fisheries website at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/sof/2003/index.html> It's worth reading.

Recreational Tailor Fishery Status Report.

The latest State of the Fisheries Report has a "Recreational Tailor Fishery Status Report". The following is a copy of the report, lightly edited for space, readability and layout in this Reel Talk.

Tailor (*Pomatomus saltatrix*) are a key target species for recreational anglers in the lower west coast estuaries, along the beaches and around coastal reef systems.

This accessible distribution coupled with strong schooling behaviour makes the stock relatively vulnerable to growth over-fishing and potentially also to recruitment over-fishing. These risk factors, together with

naturally variable recruitment and growing inshore fishing pressure, were first recognised in the early 1990s. Since that time, daily bag limits have been reduced from unlimited to 20, then to 8 per person.

The majority of the recreational catch is taken from the metropolitan area in the west coast region, whilst the majority of the commercial catch comes from Shark Bay in the Gascoyne region.

Tailor inhabit coastal and offshore waters between Shark Bay and the lower west coast, with most of the fishing occurring in the west coast bioregion. The recreational proportion of the total tailor catch on the west coast in 2000/01 was 94%.

The recreational component of the fishery for tailor is managed under a suite of broad input and output controls for inshore species common to the west coast. Following the west coast regional review, which examined a range of issues including those associated with the sustainability of tailor stocks, new recreational fishing management controls were implemented for the West coast and Gascoyne bioregions from 1 October 2003.

Under the new arrangements, tailor is assigned to the 'medium risk' category. The daily bag limit remains at 8, with the additional proviso that only two of these may be fish over 600 mm, while the legal minimum length has been increased from 250 to 300 mm.

Research summary. Concerns about increasing recreational fishing pressure on tailor in the greater Perth metropolitan area in the early 1990s initiated the change in the daily bag limit from 20 to 8 fish per angler, and prompted two research studies, a tagging and a short-term hooking mortality study. Further research has been undertaken which investigated the basic biology of tailor to provide information on the age structure, growth and reproduction of this important recreational species. Once finalised, these data will be included in future modelling of the dynamics of tailor populations to support management needs.

Research to support the management of tailor stocks was undertaken during the early 1990s. This research identified genetically homogeneous populations along the west coast of Western Australia, between Shark Bay and Cape Naturaliste. However otolith carbonate analysis suggests that the inner Shark Bay populations may remain separate after recruitment from populations outside of Shark Bay. Thus from a management perspective tailor located south of Shark Bay and within Shark Bay should be managed as separate stocks.

Having established that tailor from the Swan River estuary interchange freely with those in marine waters of the lower west coast, a long-term monitoring program was initiated to investigate the change in relative abundance of the 0+ and 1+ juvenile year classes in the Swan River. A volunteer angling program for this purpose began in 1995 and is ongoing at Point Walter between February and April of each year. These data, coupled with similar information from the near-shore marine environment of the lower west coast, provide an indication of the strength of annual recruitment to the lower west coast population.

Further work on factors influencing the distribution and abundance of larval tailor off the lower west coast is currently being undertaken by an Honours student at Murdoch University. Once completed, this will contribute to an assessment of the significance of environmental influences on recruitment to the fishery. The scientific information from these research projects has been used to compile this status report.

Recreational catch estimate. Comprehensive recreational tailor catch estimates are not available for the current year (2003). The most complete recent estimates (all areas, all methods) for tailor catches are available from the National Recreational Fishing Survey funded by the FRDC. This survey was completed between May 2000 and April 2001 and estimated that a total of 587,000 tailor were caught in Western Australia during this period. The average weight per tailor measured during this survey was 0.319 kg. Therefore, the recreational catch for the state was estimated at 187 tonnes. (Henry and Lyle 2003).

The catch of tailor occurred in three bioregions, with the majority of the catch (182 tonnes or 97%), including boat and shore fishing, occurring in the west coast region. An estimated 87% of the catch was from shore-based fishing. The estimated boat-based catch from this survey is possibly an over-estimate and may be revised at a future date.

Region	Inshore		Offshore	River/Estuary		Total (tonnes)
	Boat	Shore	Boat	Boat	Shore	
Gascoyne	2	1	1			4
West Coast	15	143	1	5	17	181
South Coast		0.5		1	0.5	2
Total (tonnes)	17	144.5	2	6	17.5	187

Recreational Tailor Fishery Table 1. Estimated recreational catch (tonnes) of tailor by boat and shore fishers between May 2000 and April 2001 by region from the National Recreational Fishing Survey (Henry and Lyle 2003).

More recent recreational tailor catch estimates are available for the current year (2003) from the Shark Bay region. An estimated take of 0.7 tonnes was reported from a survey of boat-based fishing for the calendar year 2003, compared with an estimated take of 1.4 tonnes in 2002. This survey covers fish caught in the inner gulfs of Shark Bay and landed at the boat ramps at Nanga, Denham and Monkey Mia. These data can

be compared with previous surveys in this bioregion. For example, recreational catch information from a boat- and shore-based angler survey in the Gascoyne region (Steep Point to Exmouth Gulf) between 1 April 1998 and 30 March 1999 produced a total recreational catch of 6,600 tailor kept (5 tonnes) (+ 1,300 fish) with 1,600 tailor released. The greatest proportion of the Gascoyne tailor catch (87%) was taken from the Shark Bay Marine Park (Sumner et al. 2002).

A similar 2001 boat-based-only creel survey from Nanga, Denham and Monkey Mia, within Shark Bay Marine Park, reported a boat-based tailor catch of 1,800 fish (1.1 tonnes) with 130 released, while 1,100 fish (0.8 tonnes) were caught and 70 released during the equivalent 2000 survey (Sumner and Malseed 2002).

Fishing effort/access level. The national survey for all methods and regions for the 2000/01 period provides the most comprehensive information on tailor fishing effort. The relevant data for the west coast tailor fishery is the line fishing effort. For the 12 months of the survey, line bait fishing effort totalled 1,605,400 'fishing events' and line lure effort 82,800, while line (both) accounted for a further 80,600. Earlier data is available in the State of the Fisheries Report 2002/03.

Commercial share. Of the combined recreational catch of tailor for 2000/01 (from the National Recreational Fishing Survey) and commercial catch from the whole state in calendar year 2000, the commercial catch comprises 24%, the majority of which was taken in the Gascoyne region. In 2003, commercial catches of tailor were recorded from the coastal fishing areas and three major estuaries along the lower west coast (Swan/Canning, Peel/Harvey and Hardy Inlet). Wetline fishers in the coastal fishing areas between Kalbarri and Cape Naturaliste reported a catch of 0.7 tonnes, representing approximately 21% of the total 2003 annual west coast commercial catch. The three estuaries reported a combined catch of 2.6 tonnes, which is approximately 79% of the total 2003 annual west coast commercial catch. Approximately 95% (28.7 tonnes) of the 2003 total annual Gascoyne commercial catch was recorded from the Shark Bay Beach Seine and Mesh Net Managed Fishery. The remaining 5% (1.6 tonnes) was recorded from wetline fishers in the Gascoyne region.

Exploitation Status: Not assessed.

Stock Assessment. A full assessment of the status of the stock is not yet possible, although previous tagging studies have provided a basis for preliminary assessments. These studies provided data on growth and migration, and indicated that the stock experiences a mortality rate of approximately 10% of sub-legal-size fish on release (Ayvazian et al. 2001). They also showed that about 21% of the total stock in the metropolitan region is located offshore, and consists primarily of mature fish. Utilising these data, together with an age at first capture (based on survey data) of one year and preliminary estimates of fishing mortality rates undertaken in 1996, assessment modelling indicates a level of egg production at that time of around 36% of the unexploited stock's egg production.

The recent trends observed in the Swan River and the lower west coast recruitment indices strongly suggest that the lower west coast population has experienced consistently low recruitment since 1997/98. Anecdotal evidence from recreational fishers suggests poor catches of mature fish in the metropolitan region over recent years. This, combined with an absence of the run of juvenile fish from beaches in spring/summer over recent years, is of serious concern and is consistent with the trends in low recruitment reported above.

Breeding Stock Levels: Not assessed. Adult tailor contributing to the breeding stock are distributed from Shark Bay to the lower west coast where they are caught predominantly on offshore reefs. For this relatively heavily fished sector of the stock, the above assessment indicates that the breeding stock in 1996 was above the 30% minimum level generally accepted for this type of fish.

Further information is still required on the more northerly (Gascoyne) components of the stock, to determine the overall breeding stock status. Anecdotal evidence also suggests that recreational fishers are increasingly targeting the large breeding individuals along the lower west coast. Given the consistently low recruitment on this section of the coast over recent years, there is now an urgent need to obtain more current data on the size of the breeding stock on the lower west coast.

Bycatch Species Impact: Low. The line fishing methods used to fish for tailor result in catches of other finfish species that are generally sought after by recreational fishers. Very limited discarding of unwanted species occurs. Recreational fishers angling for tailor are unlikely to capture any protected species. Swans in the river do occasionally take hooks accidentally.

Food Chain Effects: Low. Excessive removal of tailor from the food chain could potentially allow for some increase in the numbers of its prey species.

Habitat Effects: Negligible. The line fishing methods used to fish for tailor have a negligible impact on the substrate of the river or ocean. The greatest potential for impact is from trampling of the riverbanks or beds and from pollution through the discarding of rubbish associated with fishing activity.

Social Effects. The annual spring–summer appearance of tailor along metropolitan Perth beaches has historically been targeted by thousands of shoreline anglers each year, however recent low catch levels have limited this activity.

Fishery Governance. At this time, control of the exploitation rate is managed through a daily bag limit and a legal minimum size limit, however there is no limit on the overall catch taken by the recreational sector. Commercial catch is limited to south-west estuaries and Shark Bay where strict license and gear limits apply. New management initiatives (2003/04). Management has requested a further creel survey of boat-based recreational fishing, and this survey, scheduled for 2005, will provide up-to-date estimates of this component of the tailor catch. This is important, as historically offshore tailor stocks have not generally been targeted by recreational fishers; however, anecdotally this practice has been increasing in recent years.

External Factors. It is likely that yearly variation in coastal currents influences settlement of juvenile tailor and thus their subsequent recruitment into the fishery.

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Recfishwest Submission Western Rock Lobster IFM.

Recfishwest has provided comments on the long awaited Western rock lobster integrated fisheries review process. Although not of much interest to most club members, it is a very, very important first step and sets precedents for the species which are very important to us and to which Integrated Fisheries Management will be applied. Some extracts from <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubIFMLobsterFMP192.htm> are:-

While we recognise the importance of progressing this matter, Recfishwest firmly believes that it is essential to consider the consequences of making an explicit catch allocation at the principle and applied levels before finalising a position. Any recommendations that the committee makes will be critically assessed by at least some sectors of the community and the basis for the decision must be carefully derived and defensible.

Recfishwest will provide comment at three levels in this submission. Firstly we will discuss the important principles for resource allocation as they pertain to all fisheries in Western Australia. Secondly we will comment on the 'facts' as they are presented in Fisheries Management Paper No 192. Finally we will comment on proposed solutions for the Western Rock lobster allocation issue.

Principles for Resource Allocation. Given that this is the first formal resource allocation under the long awaited Integrated Fisheries Management regime, it is essential that the principles for this and future allocations are clearly understood.

Recfishwest has made numerous submissions on these principles over the last four years. Full copies of these submissions have been distributed to the IFAC and we take as a given that the committee members are familiar with the arguments which have been put forward. Recfishwest would not like to bore the committee with a repetition of our submissions to Justice Toohey or the Statutory Management Review Committee. However, we must continue to stress two key facts.

Firstly, all fisheries resources in Western Australia are common property. They are owned by the entire community and administered through legislation by the Department of Fisheries which is required to ensure that there is an optimum community return from the available resource.

While this seems an obvious point, the needs of the community are, and must be, the key driver for determining the allocation of the common property resource. An allocation which clearly disadvantages the wider community to benefit the needs of a small section that uses the resource is illogical and indefensible and would be strongly disputed by Recfishwest and other groups.

The Statutory Management Authority review committee eloquently described that a cost recovery system disadvantages the community by denying them a dividend from a profitable activity. Recfishwest would not like to see a narrow, 'commercially friendly' view taken by the IFAC.

Many other parts of the world have also faced a similar allocation dilemma. There have been varying degrees of success but the ones known to Recfishwest have developed a hierarchy of access priorities which is - indigenous, recreational and finally commercial.

The indigenous access recognises a longstanding historical traditional access to the resource and has mainly concentrated on artisanal or subsistence fishing. Recreational fishing priority recognises the community nature of the resource and gives priority to those who wish to access their share of that common property resource themselves. It is also recognised that increasing use of catch and release and bag limit controls means that recreational fish are being 'used' more than once which optimises the social and economic dividend from a smaller level of fishing mortality. We recognise that this multiple use applies less in the case of Western rock lobster. Finally an allocation is made for commercial fishing interests.

Secondly, Recfishwest insists that the natural community growth be accommodated within the allocation process. Ignoring this natural growth automatically disadvantages the wider community and specifically the recreational fishing sector.

Capping the recreational sector allocation at current, or even worse, historical catch levels automatically forces intra-sectoral resource sharing issues to emerge. Recreational fishers must compete amongst themselves for a smaller portion of the catch simply because there is natural population growth. Those who wish to access their share of the common property resource should not be disadvantaged by having to compete against other recreational fishers, particularly given the spatial constraints regarding access in many recreational fisheries.

To make this section of the community pay to claim their share of the resource is not acceptable and would require a very strange interpretation of the 'market' to be proposed. This would be more controversial given that the recreational sector already makes a significantly higher relative contribution than does the commercial sector for its small share of the catch.

The extent to which the IFAC considers the spatial and temporal implication of its determinations needs careful consideration. While the allocation process must be aware of issues such as the importance of the inshore whites rock lobster catch in C Zone as part of the allocation question, the extent to which this is the role for applied management after the allocation has been made has yet to be fully defined.

As an example, Recfishwest would be very disappointed if the IFAC made an allocation of rock lobster across all zones and times without recognising the very small take in A zone by licensed recreational fishers and the much larger take in inshore C Zone before 1 February.

2004/5 Competitions Winners and Prizes.

2004/5 Open Competition

Section 1 Most Meritorious Fish	Tony Ong, 10.5 kg Golden Trevally, Exmouth	Barron Lures and Club
Section 2 Best Shark	John Jardine 5.0 kg (estimated)	Barron Lures and Club
Section 3, Best Mulloway.	Tony D'Alonzo, 9 kg Mulloway Jurien Bay	Barron Lures and Club
Section 4, Best Salmon.	John Jardine 4.6 kg	Club
Section 6, Best Tailor.	Alistair Jardine 2.1 kg	Club
Section 11, Best Mackerel.	John Jardine 12.5 kg. Quobba	Club
Section 14, Best Snook or Pike	Alistair Jardine 1.8 kg	Club
Section 15, Best Scale Fish (other than Sections 2 to 14)	John Jardine 12.0 kg. Cobia, Quobba	Club
Section 16, Best Fish caught on a fly rod.	Tony Ong, 10.5 kg Golden Trevally, Exmouth.	Club

2004/5 Barron Lures Competition

Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	John Jardine, 4.6kg. Conto Springs.	Barron Lures
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2004/5 Dry Casting Competition.

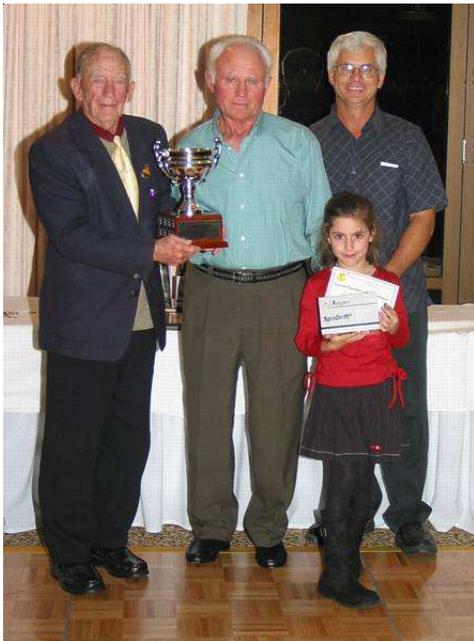
First 112 gram Level Line Distance.	Chas Riegert 339 points	Tackle Box and Tackle. Donated by Oxflex and Club
Second 112 gram Level Line Distance.	Malcolm Harris 322 points	Gift Voucher donated by Fleets Lure and Leader - Club
First 56 gram Level Line Distance.	Chas Riegert 328 points	Rod Donated by George and Kaye Holman
Second 56 gram Level Line Distance.	Malcolm Harris 277 points	Gift Voucher - Club Lures donated by Spencer King
First Artificial Bait Level Line Distance.	Chas Riegert 286 points	Gift Voucher donated by Roy Killick Leader - Club
Second Artificial Bait Level Line Distance.	Malcolm Harris 232 points	Lure bag and lure Donated by Ian Pereira
First Double Handed Accuracy.	Gary Gildersleeves 1653 points	Tackle Box and Tackle. Donated by Oxflex and Club
Second Double Handed Accuracy.	Tony D'Alonzo 1567 points	Gift Voucher – Club Leader donated by Ozflex
First Single Handed Accuracy.	Chas Riegert 258 points	Lures Donated by Spencer King
Second Single Handed Accuracy.	Gary Gildersleeves 254 points	Lures Donated by Spencer King
First Seniors Drycasting.	Gary Gildersleeves 2804 points	Petzl Head Lamp and Lure. Donated by Trevor Stam
Second Seniors Drycasting.	Chas Riegert 2638 points	Reel and Line Donated by Tony D'Alonzo
First Veterans Drycasting.	Tony D'Alonzo 2699 points	Sea Martin Reel and Line Donated by Morris Kolman

Second Veterans Drycasting.	Malcolm Head 2466 points	Handy gadget and Lure Donated by George and Kaye Holman
First Ladies Drycasting.	Vix Alexander 1923 points	Anglers Tackle box Donated by Tony D'Alonzo
Second Ladies Drycasting.	Filomena D'Alonzo 1535 points	Savoury Server, Line and Lure Donated by George and Kaye Holman
First Juniors Drycasting.	Rhys Jones 893 points	Casting Rod and Reel, Lure and Line Donated by Trevor Stam
Second Juniors Drycasting.	Andrew Stoeckel 181 points	Reel, Lure and swivels Donated by Roy Killick
Winner Open 112 gram.	Nick Allsworth 354 points	Gift Voucher, lure and leader Donated by Roy Killick
Winner Open Single Handed.	Chas Riegert 184 points	Gift Voucher and lures Donated by Mal Head
Most Bullseyes in Double Handed Accuracy	Gary Gildersleeves 8 bullseyes.	Roof Rod Holders, line and lures Donated by Roy Killick
Most Improved Caster.	Mark Hansen	Reel Donated by Tony D'Alonzo Tackle Donated by Ozflex and Club
Caster of the Year.	Chas Riegert 20 Points	Vest, Line and Lure Club

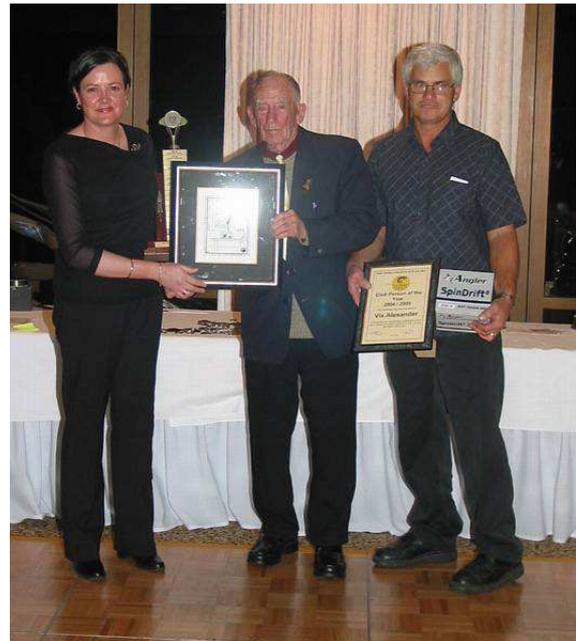
2004/5 Field Day Competition

Section 1A. Ken Matthews Trophy for Heaviest Scale Fish, First Six Months.	Tony D'Alonzo 10.05 kg Mulloway	Replica. Back Pack and Line, donated by Trevor Stam
Section 1B. Ken Matthews Trophy for Heaviest Scale Fish, Second Six Months.	Spencer King 4.985 kg Salmon.	Replica Gas Stove donated by Andy Thorgersen Cap and shirt donated by Trevor Stam Hooks and Line - Club
Section 3. Best Shark.	Tony D'Alonzo 24.45 kg Shark.	Sections 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 Gift Voucher Tackle box and tackle - Club
Section 4. Best Mulloway.	Tony D'Alonzo 10.05 kg Mulloway.	See section 3
Section 5. Best Tailor.	Malcolm Harris 1.70 kg Tailor.	Tackle box and tackle Donated by Ozflex and club
Section 6. Best Salmon.	Spencer King 4.985 kg Salmon.	Tackle box and tackle Donated by Ozflex and club
Section 7. Best Skipjack Trevally.	Tony D'Alonzo 1.15 kg Skippy.	See section 3
Section 9. Best Scale Fish (other than sections 3 to 8.)	Tony D'Alonzo Snook, 2.0 kg.	See section 3
Section 10. Best Bag of Scale Fish.	Tony D'Alonzo 26.045 kg of mixed species.	See section 3
Section 11. Best Bag of Mulloway.	Tony D'Alonzo 19.85 kg of Mulloway.	See section 3
Section 12. Best Bag of Tailor.	Tony D'Alonzo 7.3 kg of Tailor.	See section 3
Most Species Caught for the Season.	Tony D'Alonzo 20 species.	Food Flash Donated by Jim Strong Line, leader and hooks - Club
Junior Field Day Points First.	Andrew Stoeckel 250.4 points.	Assorted Tackle Donated by Allan Jones
Junior Field Day Points Second.	Daniel Stoeckel 80 points.	Assorted Tackle Club
Ladies Field Day Points First.	Filomena D'Alonzo 1030.2 points.	Tackle box and tackle, donated by Ozflex and club Single Handed rod, donated by Trevor Stam
Ladies Field Day Points Second.	Vix Alexander 990.1 points.	Braid and line, donated by Kaye and George Holman Lures donated by Dave Maxted
Field Day Points First.	Tony D'Alonzo 3394.6 points.	Jacket donated by Terry Willison Fishing line and lure, donated by Ozflex and club
Field Day Points Second.	Malcolm Harris 1057.7 points.	Anglers tackle box Donated by Tony D'Alonzo

2004/5 Club Awards



Tony D'Alonzo receiving the Hans Wytenberg Memorial Trophy from Jim Strong.



Vix Alexander receiving the Club Person of the Year award from Jim Strong.



Tony D'Alonzo receiving the Sportsperson of the Year award from Ron McPhee of Ozflex.

<p>Hans Wytenberg Memorial Trophy. Winner of the March Long Weekend Field Day.</p>	<p>Tony D'Alonzo 7 species, 30 fish, 26.045 kg, 380.45 points</p>	<p>Perpetual Trophy. Reel - Club.</p>
<p>Club Person of the Year</p>	<p>Vix Alexander.</p>	<p>Perpetual Trophy donated by Jim Strong. Framed Cross Stitch, donated by Jennie Stoeckel. Reel – Club.</p>
<p>Sports Person of the Year</p>	<p>Tony D'Alonzo 143 Points</p>	<p>Perpetual Trophy Framed certificate – Club. Jacket, donated by Ozflex.</p>

Trophy Donors 2004-5

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