

Reel Talk, June 2002

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

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Dinner Dance, Presentation of Trophies and 50th Anniversary.

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This is your invitation! Make up a party!

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The Surfcasters Dinner, Dance, Presentation of Trophies, and 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday 29 June.

Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine (licensed so no BYO drinks, please).

Time:- 5:30 pm start with pre dinner drinks, sherries and orange juice.

Pumpkin soup, main course, choice of beef or chicken and vegetables, sweets choice of apple crumble and ice cream or cheesecake with caramel sauce, plus selection of fruit. Vegetarian meals are possible if you let us know when booking. One bottle of red wine and one white wine plus a jug of squash on each table of eight people. Buy your own beer and spirits from the bar.

Close:- Midnight.

Entertainment:- Presentation of trophies for 2001/2002, door prizes, music, dancing, raffles, sliders and good company.

Photos:- Will be taken on the night, will be posted on the club web site, and copies or enlargements can be bought.

Cost:- **\$35 per person, \$20 children** (13 years and under.)

Tickets:- From Secretary. Must be bought by the General Meeting 12 June.

Family members are welcome, also visitors provided they come along with a Club member.

All Club members receiving trophies for the Field Day, Dry Casting or Open Competitions are asked to come to the presentation night, or offer an apology, please.

Fill in the form on Page 21, add your payment and send to the Secretary **by 12 June.**

Club Membership Fees are Now Due.

Fees for 2002/2003 were due on 1 May, and definitely **must be paid before 31 July.**

Fees for the 2002/2003 year have been increased by \$5 to help pay for part of the increased Public Liability Insurance, and for Members' personal accident insurance. The club's public liability insurance premium has more than doubled since last year, due to increased charges by all insurance companies. See the details on page 9.

Membership type.	Annual Fee.
Single Adult Membership	\$75
Family Membership, includes partner and dependent school age children under 18, or over 18 if earning less than the tax free threshold per year. see Club Constitution Section 3(f)	\$85
Independent Junior Membership, under 16 years old.	\$50
Concession Membership for a member aged 60 years and over, who has been financial for at least five consecutive years.	\$37.50
Associate Membership.	\$25

We published the current list of members and their membership types (single, family, etc) in the May Reel Talk.

Please complete all the details on the form on Page 19 of the May Reel Talk, change any details which are not correct, particularly for family members to be covered, and send or hand the form to the Secretary with your payment.

If you do not intend to continue with your club membership, please advise the Club Secretary. Contact details are on page 2. The Reel Talk for August will not be sent to members who have not paid by 31 July.

Club Committee for the Year 2001/2002

President
Ross Kember

Drycasting Officer / Social Organiser
Bob Henderson

Assistant Drycasting Officer
Terry Willison

Vice President
Peter Stoeckel

Field Day Officer
John Jardine

Assistant Field Day Officer.
Damian D'Mello

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Terry Fuller

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Contact Secretary.

Recorder
Ian Cook

See Wanted notice on Page 10

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Membership Coordinator
Derry Barber

Committee Person
Chas Riegert

Committee Person
Mathew Sneddon

Immediate Past President.
George Holman

A.A.A. Delegates
George Holman
Bob Henderson

Club Information.

Meetings:- The monthly general meeting is usually held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8.00 pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

Dry Casting:- Competitions are usually held on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is available to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of their casting.

Field Days:- Are normally on the weekend following the General meeting. It is compulsory for safety reasons for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign on.

Entries:- for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture, using the approved club forms.

Members:- Please notify the Secretary of any change of address, email or phone numbers.

Membership:- If any member intends to resign from the club, a letter of resignation should be sent to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the Treasurer, become due on 1st May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31st July.

Club's Constitution and Competition Rules:- cover all the rules under which the club and the members operate. Contact the Secretary for more information.

All Correspondence:- to be addressed to the Club's Postal Address, PO Box 2032, Marmion WA. 6020

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

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Minutes of General Meeting, 8 May 2002

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:00 PM. President Ross Kember presiding.
- Present:-** 31 senior members, 5 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Trevor Stam, Darren Batchelor, Frank Shim, Spencer King, Damian D'Mello.
- Visitors:-** V. Dunstan, John and Natasha Romano, Michael Hermans, Robin Hick, Tony Slate.
- New Members:-** Malcolm Harris and Vix Alexander were welcomed to the Club.
- New Members Applications:-** David John Hall, Basil Marsh, James and Maria Yeates, John, Sharon, Clinton and Justin Barnes, Gerry and Robyn Krygsman.
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Morris Kolman seconded Peter Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.
- Correspondence Out:-** Fred Tubby, Dave Sharp, Tony Slate, letters with info about the club, brochure and application form.
John Romano, Lorna and Roger Mawson, letters with info about the club
John Hall, John Barnes and family, letters acknowledging application and telling of arrangements.
Malcolm Harris and Vix Alexander, advising membership approved.
Challenge Bank, change of details for bank account.
Mark Edmonds, Club Rules and Constitution for use by possible Mandurah Club.
- Correspondence In:-** Seniors Recreation Council, Annual Indoor Bowls Tournament.
Brochure on "Smart Clubs" for discussion at Committee meeting
Winter Flora Ball, Global Conference on Aging
AAA, Delegates Council Meeting Minutes 16 April 2002
Requesting club involvement/commitment for 2004/2005 Beach and Rock Championships.
Ray White Kalbarri, Kalbarri House statement up to 1 May plus cheque \$507.42
Moved Peter Stoeckel, seconded Mat Sneddon that correspondence be accepted: Carried
- Treasurer's Report:-** Account 880334, Challenge Bank, as at Monday 6 May.
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| Balance | \$3,223.85 |
| Plus Cheques deposited 6/5 but not yet shown | \$110.00 |
| Less unpresented cheques | \$414.82 |
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| Balance, | \$2,919.03 |
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- Accounts for payment :-
Jiffy Print, May Reel Talk \$116.40
Secretary, Stamps, Paper, Folders, etc \$112.40
Ross Kember, Frying pan, egg slice, tongs \$16.12
Moved Peter Stoeckel seconded Jim Strong accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- Property Officer:-** Not present. Mal Head advised some fixes required, and white ant damage is visible. Roy Killick will be at the house for a week. Some items are being taken up.
- Field Day Officer:-** John Jardine reported on the May Rottneest and June Bremer Bay field days.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson gave brief details of the May dry casting. June date has been changed from the first Sunday. Details in Reel Talk.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman gave details of the AAA State Boating Championships. He advised of the fishing clinics in July, and the notice of motion for changes to the Beach and Rock fish numbers and gilling and gutting. He spoke of Terry Fuller's efforts and the West Coast Fisherman articles, and on the Dry casting meeting held recently.
- Social Organiser:-** Planning for Annual Dinner dance and 50th celebration is continuing.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook spoke on start of new year for the Open Competitions.
- SubCommittee Report:-** Chas Riegert reported on final arrangements for the Exmouth Safari. Refund of \$90 due to Jill Delary-Simpson
- Sergeant at Arms:-** Fined the DCO for impersonating a glow stick.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** Scoobs Lures competition will run again this year.
Fleets for Tackle Morley offering discounts to the Club members and benefits to the club, and deserves the members' support.
Chas Reigert suggested the club be a sister club to the newly established Cuballing Fishing club – invitation to be sent to attend our Field Days and Dry Casting.
Roy Killick suggested the club should change it's distances for accuracy for Vets, Ladies and Juniors for double handed accuracy to be the same as AAA distances so that club members can prepare for the 2003 AAA competition in Yamba. Terry Fuller advised that the distances chosen for the May dry casting were one of the sets of

AAA distances, so no penalty in adopting the full set this year. A notice of motion and 75% support is required.

Suggestions for Instruction Periods. 1. Knots. 2. What fish, types of fishing, etc might be encountered on a trip up north.

Instruction Period:- Don Batchelor spoke on fishing in the Swan River, where and when different species could be caught, how to get to the fishing spots, and traps for the unwary.

Coming Club Events.

June Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 9 June 2002, 8:30 am start. (**Not** the first Sunday.)
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Double Handed accuracy,
 Artificial Bait distance, Single handed accuracy.
 112 gram Open

June General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday, 12 June 2002, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.
Instruction Period:- To be advised.

June 2002 Field Day – Bremer Bay.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 1/2/3 June 2002.
Sign On:- Saturday 12.00 midday Bremer Bay Fishery Beach Tourist Park.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Monday 10.00 am Bremer Bay Fishery Beach Tourist Park.
Boundaries:- Reef Beach to Point Charles (to be confirmed on the day).

Tides for Albany.

Saturday 1 June	0.59m at 2:24 am	1.18m at 12:21 pm
Sunday 2 June	0.64m at 2:41 am	1.11m at 12:47 pm
Monday 3 June	0.68m at 2:35 am	1.04m at 12:58 pm

Sun Sunrise:- About 7:00 am Sunset:- About 5:00 pm

Moon Moon Phase:- Last Quarter is on Monday 3 June.

Bremer Bay

Moonrise:-	Around 10:30 pm Saturday	Moonset:-	Around 11:55 am Saturday
Moonrise:-	Around 11:28 pm Sunday	Moonset:-	Around 12:28 pm Sunday
Moonrise:-	None	Moonset:-	Around 12:58 pm Monday

Local Field Day for June.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 1/2/3 June 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 1:00 pm
Weigh in:- Monday 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:- "North" Local, South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River.

Tides for Fremantle.

Saturday 1 June	0.63m at 12:17 am	1.10m at 11:31 am	0.68m at 10:53 pm	0.68m at 11:32 pm
Sunday 2 June	0.67m at 12:51 am	1.06m at 12:05 pm	0.71m at 11:29 pm	
Monday 3 June	1.01m at 12:35 pm	0.74m at 11:54 pm		

Sun Sunrise:- About 7:10 am Sunset:- About 5:20 pm

Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Trophies – 50th Anniversary.

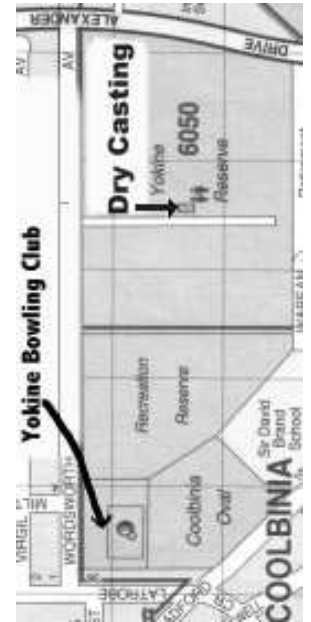
Saturday 29 June 5:30 pm start.

July 2002 Field Day – Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 13/14 July 2002.
Sign On:- Saturday 12.00 midday Dunsborough (map to be provided)
Weigh in:- Sunday 12.00 midday Busselton Jetty (parking area)
Boundaries:- Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin.

Tides for Cowaramup.

Saturday 13 July	1.44m at 10:53 am	0.76m at 8:27 pm
Sunday 14 July	1.34m at 11:17 am	



Sun Sunrise:- About 7:15 am Sunset:- About 5:30 pm
Moon Moon Phase:- New Moon is on July 11.
Moonrise:- About 9:40am Saturday 13 Moonset:- About 8:40 pm Saturday
Moonrise:- About 10:20am Sunday 14

Local Field Day for July.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 13/14 July 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 1:00 pm
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:- "South" Local, Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River.

Tides for Saturday 13 July 1.16m at 10:58 am 0.55m at 8:38 pm
Fremantle. Sunday 14 July 1.09m at 11:35 am

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29	Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Trophies																			
June 2002							July 2002							August 2002						
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Dry Casting Report, 5 May 2002.

What a beautiful morning!. A slight dew on the grass, a very gentle breeze and the sun shining brightly. Add a good roll up of club members and visitors and the day was set for enjoyment.

Having a great roll up provided each division with good competition and some great distances were achieved. The double handed and single handed accuracy events were also very close and the friendly banter helped push each other along. The distinctive "clang" of a bullseye was quite clear at times.

Event winners for the 112 gram were Chas Riegert and Nick Allsworth with great casts over 150 metres. Gary Gildersleeves and Nick also put good casts over 130 metres to win the 56 gram event.

The double handed and single handed accuracy events were won by Mal Head who quietly stole the limelight by producing some excellent casts. It was great having a ladies division with three competing. Young Rhys Jones is now a Junior and is competing with himself – must get a few more kids involved.

Adding up the totals for the day, it was Mal head who took out the honours. For a bloke who always steps up to assist the mini juniors, gives good advice to any of our visitors and gladly helps on most casting days, and only just trails the winners, I say "well done, Mal."

Thanks to Don and Roy, Terry and George, Alan Gary and Mal for your assistance on this day. Thanks to all those others who attended and made it a great day.

Keep it straight and long. Hendo. Results for the day:-

Seniors.	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Points	Cast 1	Cast 2	Points			
Nick Allsworth	156	161	32	131	125	26	13	22	213
Gary Gildersleeves	141	143	28	127	133	26	134	18	206
Terry Willison	0	134	13	103	110	21	119	30	183
Chas Riegert	155	163	32	125	122	25	101	18	176
George Holman	152	157	31	129	0	13	97	24	165
Ric Parker	0	127	13	110	110	22	85	23	143
Peter Stoeckel	99	102	20	89	91	18	86	9	133
Malcolm Harris	106	111	22	106	102	21	67	13	123
Ken Black	0	115	12	107	102	21	52	7	92

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Veterans.

Mal Head	126	122	25	105	0	11	147	32	215
Bob Henderson	135	128	26	131	130	26	131	23	206
Roy Killick	130	132	26	117	123	24	134	20	204
Don Batchelor	135	126	26	114	112	23	137	15	201
Jim Strong	87	100	19	96	85	18	138	23	198
Alan Jones	117	0	12	96	93	19	106	25	162
Terry Fuller	89	0	9	87	84	17	100	15	141
Trevor Stam	95	97	19	86	0	9	100	9	137
Andy Thorgersen	87	82	17	0	0	0	99	9	125

Ladies.

Maureen Lissiman (vis)	55	43	10	60	58	12	64	15	101
Vix Alexander	72	68	14	63	59	12	43	27	96
Elisabeth Verrall (visitor)	36	28	6	-	28	3	26	8	43

Juniors.

Rhys Jones	69	78	15	72	74	15	82	9	121
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Mini Juniors.

Andrew Stoeckel	0	61	6	56	57	11	10	14	41
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Day Winners.

112 gram winner	Chas Riegert/ Nick Allsworth	32
56 gram winner	Gary Gildersleeves/ Nick Allsworth	26
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Mal Head	147
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Mal Head	32
Winner of the Day	Mal Head	215
Ladies winner	Maureen Lissiman	101
Junior winner	Rhys Jones	121
Mini Junior winner	Andrew Stoeckel	41

Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 9 Jun 2002, 8:30 am start.

Events:-

**112 gram distance,
Artificial Bait distance,
Double Handed accuracy,
Single Handed accuracy.
112 gram Open.**

Special Request

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

Hendo

Surfcasters Rottnest Field Day – 11/12 May 2002.

The wind howled and the waves crashed into the rocks sending sheets of spray into the air where it combined with the horizontal rain and lashed the beachside vegetation. The visibility was poor and the sea was a mass of seething waves and white horses as far as I could see. The conditions were atrocious and this was only on the drive down past Leighton Beach to catch the Rottnest Ferry at Rous Head. What was it going to be like on the water?

A stouthearted group of anglers was gathered on the quayside and there were some brave faces put on as we boarded. Seven metre swells were battering the coastline and the wind was on the fringes of gale force. We headed out through the protected waters of the harbour and were hammered by the first swells. The large ferry rose and crashed into the oncoming waves sending plumes of spray over the decks.

The Rottnest Express ferry travelling on a parallel course provided spectacular scenes as it reared on the waves and fell sickeningly into the troughs. The faces of the club members took on rather fixed expressions and the conversation became somewhat forced as we tried to take our minds off the stomach-churning situation. Some faces though reflected the colour of their T-shirts and hunched figures were soon lurching towards the safety of the heads.

It was an awesome crossing in dreadful conditions and no other ferries crossed until late that afternoon. Never have I seen so many people pass by the mandatory bakery visit and head rather for the security and comfort of a stationary bunk.

This trip we were back in the huts of Caroline Thompson and these freshly refurbished units are fantastic and clean and fresh. With the worst of the trip now over we had the fishing to look forward to. A very helpful bus driver arrived promptly on time and by this stage the usual vigour and enthusiasm had been rediscovered. All were now eagerly anticipating the fishing prospects; but the first view we had of Geordie Bay was depressing. White water, spindrift and spray covered almost all of the northern aspect of the Island with only isolated blue water evident and tons of weed banked up on the sandy beaches.

A hopeful bunch of 11 anglers disembarked on Radar Hill overlooking a maelstrom of wild waters. It was futile trying to point out the usual landmarks of the "Tailor Wash", "Radar Reef" and "Tennis Courts" to the four newcomers on this trip as this was a homogenous churning mass of white water. On a positive note however, were the actions of one elderly Italian gentleman and a laconic Scottish detective. Their feet had hardly touched the cold and windswept sand before they had packed and disappeared down the track to Wilson's in the twinkling of an eye. They were followed soon by Ken Black and Brad Zaknich. Did they know something we did not?

Dredging up some enthusiasm I decided it would be best to start off in the relative tranquillity of the reef holes behind the Tennis Courts. The water looked fishy enough with the rocks providing safety from the sea conditions but still rather exposed to the vigorous rain squalls. Rottnest newcomers Malcolm and Vix and visitors Tony Ong and Dale Coates all fished hard but for little reward apart from swarms of hungry herring.

With the fishing slow it was not long before we started exploring. Mark Farnay was the first to go and soon most were headed for Wilson's. It was then we cursed our luck. Brad and Ian had found a pod of salmon up on top of the reef and before long were engaged in hectic activity that attracted the attention of the others nearby. In total more than 12 salmon were landed and many were released. Sadly it had all gone quiet by the time I arrived.

But all was not lost as Wilson's was firing despite the ferocious conditions. Fishing was not easy, but sheltered by the cliffs one could cast out a mile and before long we were getting tailor and occasional salmon. Herring were also about in plague proportions. The going was tough with more than the occasional fish jumping and shaking off or cutting line by diving beneath the reef ledges. Rigs were soon in very short supply. The wind gradually abated and the conditions calmed somewhat and this turned into a good session with a tight group of anglers fishing hard and well together.

The bus picked us up at 7.00 pm and it was a tired and chilly group that headed into the showers to reflect upon the day. Food was prepared and eaten and new strategies planned for the morning and the huts soon resonated to the sound of jarrah trunks being sawn.

Six in the morning can be a cold and cruel time at Rottnest when faced with wild conditions, wind and rain, not to mention a bruised and aching body and an icy wetsuit. But fortitude was not amiss in this group. For the first time many of us can recall all 11 participants were present and correct for round number 2. Most headed for the West End but Ian and Brad along with Dale decided to try Riceys.

Vix and Malcolm targeted the salmon at the spot where they has been caught the day before and the rest of us headed again for Wilson's. The fishing was still good but relatively small tailor were prevalent at times and smaller baits could not get past the herring. Salmon were about but less active. Tony Ong released a few salmon, Mark got some good fish and most got stuck into the tailor. Heading back to try my luck at Radar, I could see Vix's rod deeply bent as I arrived on the tail end of a torrid fight. She had seen and then hooked a good salmon on a floating mulie rig and eventually secured the fish. This was a beauty in prime condition and one very happy angler was rewarded for her persistence.

Heading over to Radar we found Ken soaking baits for some variety. He had already caught some salmon and tailor and had been trying for something different. We all ended up hoping for some yellowtail kings or skippy to arrive on the scene but it was not to be. Even a very wet trip out to Cathedrals proved fruitless. So eventually the time came for us to climb on the bus and head back. The situation at Riceys had not been much better with Dale getting one good tailor on a live herring but there was little else on offer.

At the weigh-in there were good bags all round. Many good catches of tailor and salmon were recorded with Vix getting the best salmon and Dale the best tailor. But it was Tony that won the day and his perseverance paid off with a few extra silver bream, a wrasse, a breaksea cod and a leatherjacket.

It was a great weekend. The weather and sea conditions were atrocious at the outset but the fishing was steady and enjoyable. The group fished well together and we had a grand time. Sitting enjoying a coffee in the warm sunshine and with a slight breeze blowing across the now calm waters, life felt good!

John Jardine, Field Day Officer.

Exmouth Safari Report.

See Chas Reigert's report on page 13. If you have any interesting photos, please send to the Reel Talk Editor.

Membership Fees Are Now Due.

Your Membership Fees are now due. See the item on Page 1.

Rottneest Attendance: Seniors 8 Juniors 0 Mini-Juniors 0 Visitors 3 Total 11

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	20.85 kg	7	30	329
Ian Taggart	14.40 kg	3	10	224
John Jardine	12.90 kg	3	16	209
Ken Black	11.75 kg	4	20	208
Mark Farnay	11.56 kg	4	30	206
Brad Zaknich	9.90 kg	3	27	179
Tony Ong (Visitor)	7.90 kg	3	12	149
Vix Alexander	5.00 kg	3	6	130
Dale Coates (Visitor)	5.33 kg	2	30	113
Malcolm Harris	1.45 kg	1	11	75
Phil Baker (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40

Exmouth Attendance: Seniors 11 Juniors 0 Mini-Juniors 0 Visitors 2 Total 13

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Ron Delary-Simpson	1.25 kg	1	1	73
Terry Fuller	1.21 kg	1	1	72
Peter Stoeckel	0.24 kg	1	1	62
Daniel Chapman (Visitor)	0.5 kg	1	2	55
Bob Henderson	0 kg	0	0	50
Ric Parker	0 kg	0	0	50
Morris Kolman	0 kg	0	0	50
Chas Riegert	0 kg	0	0	50
Derry Barber	0 kg	0	0	50
Ian Cook	0 kg	0	0	50
Ross Kember	0 kg	0	0	50
Rick Dunstan (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40
Spencer King	0 kg	0	0	40

Sportsperson of the Year Sections and Field Day Prizes for May.

Best Scale Fish	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.15 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	20.85 kg

Field Day Sections for 2002/2003 up to May.

Section	For	Angler	Species	Weight.
1a.	Best Scale Fish (1st 6 Months)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.15 kg
1b.	Best Scale Fish (2nd 6 Months)	No entry		
2.	Most Meritorious Fish	Committee decides.		
3.	Best Shark (4.5 kg min)	No entry		
4.	Best Mulloway (2.0 kg min)	No entry		
5.	Best Tailor (1.0 kg min)	No entry		
6.	Best Salmon (3.0 kg min)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.15 kg
7.	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	No entry		
8.	Best Mackerel (2 kg Min)	No entry		
9.	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ron Delary-Simpson	Giant Trevally	1.25 kg
10.	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	20.85 kg
11.	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish min)	No entry		
12.	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish min)	John Jardine	Tailor	5.75 kg
13.	Best Fish On Single Handed Rod (4kg Line max)	No entry		
14.	Best Fish Caught On Fly Rod	No entry		

Increases in Club Charges.

The club provides members with personal accident insurance while on club events. It also has public liability insurance to cover the public (visitors to our events and other people) in case anything happens to them as a result of club events. This is particularly important for dry casting and field days, Kalbarri house, for example.

The club's public liability insurance premium has more than doubled since last year, due to increased charges by all insurance companies. You may have seen many reports of clubs and businesses which have been forced to close or stop doing many things because they can't get public liability insurance at a rate they can afford, if at all.

We are lucky to be able to get public liability insurance at a rate we can afford.

In 2001/2002, the club paid \$5 per member for personal accident insurance for all club members on club events. This was paid after the fees were set for 2001/2002, and so the club absorbed that cost last year. This personal accident insurance has been renewed this year, and with the increases in public liability insurance, these costs cannot continue to be absorbed without seriously affecting the Club's financial position.

So the Committee has decided to find money towards these costs from four separate areas, to spread the impact.

1. Membership fees will rise by \$5 per year for all categories. See the list on page 1.
2. Field Day fees will rise by \$2 to \$7 for an individual, \$9 for families. Some of this comes back to the people on the field day in the form of the field day prizes for heaviest bag, etc.
3. Dry casting fees will rise by \$1 to \$6 for an individual, \$8 for families. These fees have always helped pay for the hire of the oval and for public liability insurance.
4. Rental for the Kalbarri house will rise by \$10 per week for all categories. The Kalbarri house is a place where the club has an obvious public liability. This will raise around \$250 assuming the house is rented for half the year.

AAA Fishing Clinics.

The first AAA Fishing Clinic will be held north of the river, Mondays July 1, 8 and 15 at the Hillarys Yacht Club. Prices are \$22 for all three nights or \$11 per night for seniors and \$11 for all three nights and \$5 per night for juniors. These will be repeated south of the river on Mondays September 2, 9 and 16.

Volunteers from the club to help on the nights would be appreciated.

Topics covered at the clinics will include:-

- Recfishwest:- What is happening and what they are doing to represent the interests of you, the recreational fishers of WA.
- Fishing from boat and shore in the Swan River for black bream.
- Fishing for Pink Snapper and Breaksea cod.
- Rods, reels and casting.
- Fishing for King George Whiting.
- Reading an echo sounder.
- Trolling, Shark and Mackerel fishing.
- Rod Building.
- Dinghy fishing.
- Bait choice and bait presentation for all fish species, large and small.
- Reading the beach, to decide where and when and how to fish.
- Demonstrations of knots, terminal tackle, etc
- Tailor fishing.
- Fishing for Salmon.
- Herring fishing
- Squid fishing
- Gaffing fish.
- Hooks and rigs for common fish.

Details will be circulated to your local tackle shops in the next few weeks, and will be sent to the club, or contact the AAA.

Suggestions for Instruction Periods at General Meetings.

We asked in the January Reel Talk for members' suggestions. We've finally got some suggestions from one member, and they're good ones, too. Thanks for those Mat!.

But that doesn't let the rest of you off the hook. How can we give you what you want if you don't tell us? **We want your suggestions! Do it today, please.**

AAA and Club Publicity.

The AAA had another full page in the May West Coast Fisherman newspaper, covering the AAA Dry Casting Championships in 2001 including several photos, and details of future AAA events.

This included a plug for the Surfcasters, and an invitation for people to attend our dry casting days. We had quite a lot of visitors at the May dry casting.

The June issue will cover the State Boat Angling Championships.

For photos and all the results for all the AAA State Championships, look at the Australian Anglers Association, (WA Division) website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

Kalbarri House For Rent.

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max), has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$220 per week,	On season	\$360 per week	} all
Club Members:-	Off season	\$160 per week,	On Season	\$210 per week	} plus \$50
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night,	\$40 per night for two or more nights		} bond.

Weekly rates have been increased by \$10 per week from 23 May to help cover the 100%+ increase in the cost of the Club's public liability insurance.

As at 28 May, the house is available 10 June to 5 July, 15 July to 18 October, 10 November on. Contact the Secretary for bookings.

New Member Applications.

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

- Martin Eardley
- Elisabeth and Peter Verrall
- Maureen Lissiman
- Joy Brann
- John Romano

New Member Acceptance.

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

- John Hall
- Basil Marsh
- James and Maria Yeates
- John, Sharon, Clinton and Justin Barnes
- Gerry and Robyn Krygsman

Member Resignations.

The following members have resigned from the club, List is up to 28 May.

- Andy Woodford and family.
- Lou Tangaris and family.

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Wanted - Treasurer and Property Officer.

Rob Mitchell's work and other commitments have led to his standing down as Treasurer and Property Officer.

If you can help fill either one or both of these positions, please contact President Ross Kember.

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Bring a Friend to a General Meeting.

Please "Bring A Friend" (*Friend, workmate neighbour or acquaintance*) to either of the next two General meetings. Derry Barber.

SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003.

2002/2003 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 9 June 2002, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 1 December 2002
Sunday 7 July 2002	Sunday 5 January 2003
Sunday 4 August 2002	Sunday 2 February 2003
Sunday 1 September 2002, (change for Fathers' Day?)	Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 6 October 2002	Sunday 6 April 2003
Sunday 3 November 2002	

2002/2003 General Meetings.

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 12 June 2002	Wednesday 11 December 2002
Wednesday 10 July 2002	Wednesday 8 January 2003
Wednesday 14 August 2002	Wednesday 12 February 2003
Wednesday 11 September 2002	Wednesday 12 March 2003
Wednesday 9 October 2002	Wednesday 9 April 2003
Wednesday 13 November 2002	

2002/2003 Field Day Dates and Venues.

These are the dates and venues approved by the members at the April General Meeting.

Saturday/Sun/Monday 1/2/3 June 2002 LWE	Bremer Bay, and "North" Local.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 July 2002	Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 August 2002	Rottneest, and "North" Local.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29/30 September 2002 LWE	Greenough, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 October 2002	Cervantes to Jurien, and "North" Local.
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November 2002	Lancelin to Cervantes, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December 2002	Open.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003	Mandurah 500, and "North" Local
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE	Bluff Creek, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003	Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin, and "North" Local.

Boundaries for Local Field Days.

Local field days will alternate between a "South" and a "North" on successive months, except for "Opens".

South:- Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River, so would include both the North and South Moles.

North:- South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River, so would include both the North and South Moles.

2003 Yamba Carnival and Dry Casting Group Meeting.

The AAA dry casting group will have a meeting on Monday 24 June at George Holman's to continue planning for the 2003 Yamba carnival.

All people interested in going to Yamba in 2003 are welcome.

AAA and Affiliated Club Coming Events.

No Changes to the list in the last Reel Talk.

Membership Fees Are Now Due.

Your Membership Fees are now due. See the item on Page 1.

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Derry Barber.

Wanted – Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the meeting and give them to Mal Head. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Donations for Trophies.

We are still looking for trophies for this 2001/2002 competition year.

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 when we contact them in a few months, they will know that this Club's members support them.

Club donors so far for the 2001/2002 year are:-

George Holman - rod trophy not allocated last year.

Derry Barber - money not used last year.

Terry Fuller - money not all used last year.

Doug Edward

\$50

Trevor Stam

Lots of goodies!

Thanks Trevor

Ian Pilton

Money

Dianne and Derry Barber

Money for the 50th Dinner /
Dance

Don Batchelor

Anniversary Trophy for
Rottnest May Field Day.

George Holman

\$50

Morris Kolman

\$50, and \$30 Voucher

Derry Barber

Barbecue Kit

Roy Killick

Watch, Fishing Videos,
Toiletry Bag

Bob Henderson

Livebait Pool, 6 lures.

Terry Fuller

\$50

If any names have been missed, please contact the Reel Talk Editor.

Our 2001/2002 trophy donors so far are:-

Seaducer Tackle Corporation, Lures. Fish Mate, Filleting stand Western Angler, 1 year subscription and cap

2001/2002 Open Competition and Seaducer Lure Fishing Competition..

The full list will be published in next month's Reel Talk. Come along to the Presentation of Trophies night on 29 June and see for yourself.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

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

See the list in the February Reel Talk.

Happy Birthday to:-

Chris and Chloe Aubrey, 28 June

Chris Saueracker, 30 June.

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Membership Coordinator's Report.

Thank you for your support with the new member "Buddy" induction system. We are enjoying an influx of new members which is positive for the future of the club.

Designated members:- please contact the new member "buddy" allocated to you, and arrange for any assistance they need.

Invitation to New and Prospective Members to 3 hour "Hands On" Instruction Period.

Many of our members attended the Exmouth safari trip, and we are attempting to catch up with the requirements of the Surfcasters new member "Buddy" induction system.

The Hands on Instruction period will cover:-

- What fish are likely at various field day venues, and how to target and prepare to catch those species.
- Making fishing rigs.
- Camping and camping gear.
- New member questions about the Club and it's activities.
- What gear to take on a field fishing trip.

When:- Saturday 8 June 2002, 1pm to 4pm.

Where:- Home of Derry Barber.

If you want to come or need help, please complete the form on Page 21 and send to Membership Coordinator Derry Barber at the club's address, PO Box 2032, Marmion WA. 6020.

If you have a friend who is interested in the club please bring them along.

See you Saturday 8th June.

Derry Barber.

Social Report.

Covered in the articles on the Dinner Dance, Presentation of Trophies and 50th Anniversary.

I have put in a request for members to wear their club colours at State and Club events, and it has been great to see many of the members going along with it. How about buying a window sticker for your vehicle too? All shirts, cardigans, peak caps and stickers can be obtained by giving me a call. Hendo, Social Organiser.

Exmouth Safari 2002.

The Exmouth Safari was an expedition undertaken by 21 members and guests of the Surfcasting and Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.) from Friday 10 May until Sunday 19 May 2002.

The Exmouth 2002 Safari came into fruition about July/August 2001 when it was suggested and agreed upon to undertake this mighty pilgrimage to a Piscatorial Paradise (??).

Yours truly took to task the logistical ordeal of locating accommodation for the enterprising group of travelers, then making all the necessary bookings and financial transactions requisite for the sojourn. To this end thanks are extended to Ian Mascarenhas for his assistance in arranging overnight quarters at Carnarvon enroute to Exmouth and Bob Henderson for the same at Geraldton on the return trip.

A meeting was held at my residence in Hillarys on 24 January 2002 and discussions held as to activities, travel, etc. A report was subsequently published in February 2002 Reel Talk giving details from this meeting.

All the while, more people were adding their names to the list of journeymen, while others were deleting theirs. Deposits were paid, then refunded. Finally 22 people had paid their monies, booked their vehicles, made arrangements for leave, etc, etc, and we were ready to go. Uh-oh, not quite. Ron Delary-Simpson's wife pulled out at the last moment due to family matters over east. (Maybe she had foresight of what was to come...)

In the days leading up to departure on Friday 10 May, frantic packing and preparations were made by all and sundry. Fishing tackle, clothes, food, and many other objects were carefully packed, unpacked, repacked, then the day arrived.

All vehicles had agreed to meet at the Cataby Roadhouse at about 09:00 am on the Friday morning to travel on in a convoy of sorts.

From the Hillarys area, Ron and I had agreed to leave my place at 06:30 am so I could show him the way. 07:00 am comes and still no Ron..... Phone rings... "Ron's on his way" Jill says and I hear the door closing in the background. OK. Ron's excuse. He couldn't fit the 'Rola Racks' he had purchased for his vehicle for the trip. Stow it Ron, we will put them on when we get up there.

7:30 am and we are finally on our way. I am driving and towing Cookie's trailer loaded with all and sundry. Rod tubes protruding both ends of the trailer.

On board with me I have a good old mate, Goldie (Jamie Gouldthorp), Kade Ross and his mate Daniel Chapman. Ron has his mate who flew in from Melbourne just for this trip, Len Paul and a new member for the Club, John Romano with him. Weather is fine, everything looks great. Cataby here we come.

9:30 at Cataby we have a hot drink and generally work out what channel the CB will be on. My personal thanks go to Macca for the loan of his hand held Uniden CB for the trip. It was excellent and operated flawlessly for the entire time.

Next stop, 440 Roadhouse at Geraldton. The time flew by with little incident until Ron disappeared. Where the heck did he get to??? Just a driver change, but without communications in his vehicle it was a little disconcerting until he caught up again.

Refueling motor vehicles, bodies, and spirits, and we were off again. Another stop a couple of hours down the track for a "wee" break at a roadhouse and then non stop to Carnarvon.

"Hey Stokes. Are they some of your relly's over on the right?" booms the message on the CB. All eyes turn right to see a mob of feral goats browsing on the shrubbery and laughter echoes through the vehicle. As the day progresses the number of these animals sighted increases beyond a joke. Any wonder the country side is so barren when this beast that created the Sahara Desert roams uninhibited across our land.

The discussions over the CB turn to Derry and his 'Taj Mahal' with the animal dispersers mounted on the front (Shoo Roo's). As evening was approaching, the 'hopper dogs' started to appear along the roadside. Derry soundly enthused upon us all that the devices he had mounted on the front of his vehicle would scare the kangaroos away from the road and thus keep us all safe.

As I was the last vehicle in the convoy I felt relatively comfortable, that was until I started seeing these confounded animals looking at my front tyres only a metre from the tarred surface. Maurice Kolman (travelling with Derry) assured us that the particular animal we sighted "MUST BE DEAF". A further ten or twenty animals along, the merits of Derry's devices were in a sad state of severe criticism by all and sundry. The defence was that there was a plague of deafness going through the kangaroos in that area at the time we traveled through.

Carnarvon arrived. We located the Wintersun Caravan Park along with Wayne and Rhonda Morris, and Ross Kember. Now all seven vehicles and 21 people were present. A good night's sleep, refuel in the morning and off again to the Minilya Roadhouse for a morning cuppa.

The Wintersun Caravan Park Chalets were excellent. So relaxing were they, that when we left on the Saturday morning, I left my special pillow behind on the double bed I shared with Terry. ☺

Upon arrival at Minilya, all the vehicles pulled up in a row in the large carpark area, so out come the cameras.



Surfcasters line up at the Minilya roadhouse for morning tea.

Off we go again, and around 11:30 am we arrived in Exmouth to beautiful fine weather. All accommodation had been pre-arranged as to who was staying where. That is except for Cookie and his crew who took it upon themselves to go to 43 Kennedy Street instead of 5 Tautog Street. Guess who got given directions on where to go... ☺

Unpacking and tackle preparation were the order of the afternoon as we were expecting guests at Kennedy Street for a briefing on the local situation for shore based fishing at about 6:30 pm.

A drive down to the Marina and we were soon talking to some 'locals' who gave us some directions on where to fish. One in particular "Gus" took us for a drive along the town beach as far as the southern end of the Bundegi Sanctuary pointing out various features. Kade and Daniel were to spend a lot of their time with Gus in the Marina chasing Mangrove Jack.

At the appointed time, Ryan Abbott from Bluewater Tackle and Peter Sharpe a local teacher arrived at Kennedy Street. Now Ryan is a quiet spoken young gentleman with a very good knowledge of local fishing. Sharpy, on the other hand is very entertaining speaker with a vast knowledge of local conditions and generally considered a bit of a guru with what he has successfully landed around Exmouth. Between the two men, a very entertaining and informative evening was had by all. From comments that I overheard, it would probably be worthwhile to fly Sharpy down to Perth for a General Meeting night as a guest speaker. With his mannerisms,

anecdotal capability and sense of humour many people would pay money just to come and listen to him. He was truly entertaining and informative.

Sunday morning dawned with several vehicles in the 'first car park' down from the gravel road into the Mildura wreck. We all walked over the dunes and were greeted with a south easter blowing into our faces and a fair amount of wash over the reef in front of us. Terry Fuller headed off to the south, Daniel and Kade to the north and the rest of us generally found some place where we could cast out into clear water behind the reef. Poppers and metal slices did not prove successful for me. Although I did not lose any, Goldie and some of the others did. After a couple of hours of fruitless fishing I decided it was time to move.

Much to the chagrin of Daniel, who claimed he was just about to hook a shark, we relocated, but not before some discontent over 'wet clothes' in the new Nissan. No matter how much cajoling, sarcasm, or threats even, seemed to make a difference. It's all just a big joke. (Chas:- wait until they have to pay lots of their hard earned money for their own pride and joy – then watch the change, I've seen it with my kids. TF Reel Talk Ed).

Anyway, back into Exmouth, pick up some fresh bait, drop the two boys off at the marina and back out to Mauritius for the top of the tide. For interest sake, Mauritius Beach is a "Clothing Optional" area as adequately displayed by some shapely ladies swimming and sun bathing in our presence there. I am not so sure that Ron, John and Len were actually fishing. I do know that Len did NOT have a fishing rod in his hands whilst on that beach. © Still nothing caught. A couple of rigs lost on the broken bottom.

Return to town. A bit of chit chat with the other crews indicated similar stories. Meanwhile Derry Barber was busy organising a 'charter' for Wednesday with about a dozen of the guys opting for some deep sea fishing.

Sunday evening and Kade & Daniel are back down at the Marina chasing Mangrove Jacks under the pilings. Bust offs occurred but lessons were learned and Jacks appeared on the menu. Earlier in the day, they had both walked out to the end of the north wall of the marina and brought home four Black Spot Tusk fish, a form of 'Blue Bone'. Their reports on how hard these fish fought and the number of bust offs they had instilled an eagerness into all those that heard them.

Monday came and most everyone was down on the north wall of the marina. Sunday night had seen the house at 9 Fyfe Street catch an abundant supply of 'Ghost Crabs' for bait on the marina wall.



John, Jamie, Spencer, Kade, Daniel and Chas at the end of the North Wall, Exmouth Marina.

"Spanner" King had heeded the advice of Sharpy on Saturday evening and was floating a big Gardie bait out along the current line looking for his Mackerel. The rest of us were trying our best to land those damn Tusk Fish. I eventually landed a couple of females in splendid colours but returned them to the water as they were undersized. Then

I actually landed a male well over legal status which was quickly dispatched to the bucket as a keeper.

Time to change tactics. All this time Spencer had been patiently casting his unweighted gardie out into the current line, letting it drift around and slowly retrieving it, all to no avail. No interest. Nil. None. Zip. Nada. I rigged a similar bait, but instead put it under one of those 'Rex Hunt' glitter floats and threw it into the current line, right where Spencer had been casting. Spencer had reverted to chasing Tusk Fish and I made every effort to stand on the sloping rock behind him to stay out of his way.

All of a sudden I was leaning precariously towards the water as some monolithic beast tried to pull me in to join it. What a strike. My predicament was; do I strike the fish and fall into the water, or self preservation and just hang on until I get my balance back?. Self preservation won out and so did the fish. With a rolling splash on the surface, it kindly returned my baitless hooks to me. I did not see the fish, but those who did said it was a Spaniard of approximately 1.5 metres in length. The normally quiet Spencer could be heard muttering various words and phrases as the air around him turned a distinct shade of blue. Hey, that's fishing.

Prime fishing time had come and gone so we all headed back along the marina wall to where we had parked our vehicles. Precarious rocks necessitated careful maneuvering to get back in one piece.



The trek out and back on the north wall is over these rocks, to the car park at the end of the curve. The white stuff is lots of powdery birds' doings, which makes walking on the rocks in sneakers a bit of a challenge. Reef boots are great here.

On the **very last step** before leaving the rocks, guess who slipped and fell flat on his ar... (posterior)? ☺ Yep. That was me, much to the amusement of some and the concern of others. No serious injury apart from a bruised foot and a bruised ego. As the day was very warm and the long walk back to the vehicles made it even more so, I decided that while waiting for the stragglers, a quick plunge into the briny would cool me down a bit. Ric Dunstan and I stripped to our jocks and felt the cool relief of the ocean as we plunged in. I think the rest of the crew were a little concerned about big grey 'taxmen'

taking a piece of the action, or else they were just modest about their looks.

Back to the house, a change of tackle, a bite to eat and our two vehicles decided to head down the gulf for a bit of a look, maybe around Learmonth. We got as far as Kailis where I quickly discovered that 40 lb tyre pressure is a little hard to drive on soft sand with. After some tyre deflation and some back and forward maneuvering, the guys from Ron's car and Goldie managed to push me out of the sand and back onto firmer ground. Bugger. Another ego buster.

With that we rigged up and walked out onto the low tide flats and tried to spin for something, anything... Whilst walking out, I was distracted by a spurt of water near my feet. Upon examining the source it was found to be a small octopus about half a metre from tip to tip of tentacles. The fresh bait was dispensed to the shoreline for collection upon returning to the vehicles. Calf to knee deep water was all that we had with a lot of small fish activity on the surface. I managed three 'Charlie Courts' and another unidentified species that all took small spinners. Well, off home again.

I need to make mention about here of the quality of food that we consumed at 43 Kennedy Street. Ron was asked prior to leaving Perth to make arrangements to feed us all. He has contacts in various areas including the culinary expertise of some magnificent cooks. Chicken patties with coriander, spaghetti bolognaise, fresh herbs & spices, chicken lasagne, lamb dishes, fresh salads, the list just went on and on. All good healthy food that would cost a fortune in any 5 star restaurant. If we didn't catch fish, we sure ate well.

Tuesday rolled around and as we all prepared our gear for the day, our neighbour came over and extended an invitation for a couple of us to accompany him on his boat. Well Daniel and Kade were so fast of the mark a chunk of four by two around the ankles didn't stop them. The rest of us headed off towards Wapet Creek. Just out of town I suddenly remembered I had left my fly rod back at the house. Went back and collected it then caught up with the rest just in time to find that Cookie had turned off at the first entry into Wapet Creek, Derry had gone past the entry that had been described to us and all was amiss as to where to go. Wayne and I went in the correct entry but as I was leading I took a right deviation at the fork instead of the left and ended up on the beach a few hundred metres south of some mangroves.

Back out onto the road, catch up with Cookie and Derry, look at where they were, still not right. Back out to the road again, and in where I initially went only taking the left fork this time and bingo, on the spot. Not to be outdone, Cookie drove around the mud flats towing his boat, slip sliding away as he went. The tide was coming in and everything looked very fishy. The only thing I managed to land was a very small gardie on fly. To be specific, a number 16 nymph hook tied in a 'Mickey Finn' pattern. Cookie claimed my prize and quickly dispatched it back into the water carrying a considerably larger hook. Not a lot of fish were caught.

The best bites of the day were the sand flies. Poor old Ron ("Pimples") has ended up looking like he has chicken pox. He reacted to the bites and come up with little red lumps all over his legs and arms. Still has them even now back in Perth as I write this account eleven days later. The tide changed, and swoffing the mouth of the creek was not successful, so a swim was in order. Ross joined me and we both felt all the better for having cooled off on such a warm day. A short while later walking back in against the flow of the outgoing creek I saw

a splash near a small feeder creek and heard a distinct "boof", albeit slightly muffled. Try as I might, I could not get any response to any lure or bait anywhere in that vicinity. I guess I didn't have the right gear. Ah well. That was the end of that day's fishing as I was then called back to the car to return home.

Upon arriving back at the house we were greeted by two beaming faces. Kade and Daniel had been very successful on the Spanish Mackerel and regaled us with their stories of four way hook-ups, and the number of fillets in the freezer. They each returned with a couple of fish each as keepers, having released the majority of their catches. Their host had injured his fingers on a Mackies teeth and they returned to base earlier than anticipated. Still they kept score and in the short space of time they fished claimed in excess of twenty hook ups.

Tuesday evening everyone was abuzz with excitement in anticipation of Wednesday's charter. Different tackle again being checked, even though everything would be supplied on board the boat. Wednesday dawned a beautiful day, and Steve Salehari's crew duly arrived at the doorstep at 7:20 am to pick us up. A short drive down to Bundegi and we were loaded on board the 'Blue Horizon' and on our way. An hour's steaming put us on our first location to the south of the Muiron Islands. Enroute, we were all allocated a different tub for our fish with none, one or two slashes on the fish to make identification easier ??? In hindsight, it would have been better if we had just allocated a tub to each of the three houses we were staying at as apart from two other people, the Surfcasters took up the entire charter.

Spangled Emperor were the order of the day with a few Red Emperors thrown in for variation. Len Paul who had traveled all the way from Melbourne caught his first ever fish, a nice size Spangly that put a smile on his dial that is still there. This was followed later in the day with a nice Red Emperor as well as a couple of others. If for nothing else, this was one very happy chappy. I reckon he would have paid for everyone's charter at that time if we had asked him, he was so delighted. Biggest Spangled Emperor for the day was a toss up between Maurice Kolman's and mine and perhaps 'Pimples' Delary-Simpson's thrown in for good measure. Everyone caught fish and a couple of us also paid the taxman his fee in hooked fish and snapped lines. The boat supplied heavy handlines to fish with which cost Macca a cut finger when he caught it between the line and the railing with a shark attached to the other end.

I alternated between the heavy handline and my 'Beastmaster' rod, Banax reel and 50 lb Fireline combination. I have to say that the rod and reel combination far and away outfished the handline. Then again, I was also using Mustad 'Demon' circle hooks instead of the smallish Tarpons supplied by the boat, and my bait was sweetened a little with Captain Gordon's Chumline. This was so effective that on the last stop and drop, I challenged Maurice, who was fishing alongside me, to a dollar as to who would have the first fish on deck. I lost my first strike, retrieved, rebaited and dropped a second time and still won the dollar. Needless to say, I must compliment Chumline as a very effective fishing tool.

Two hours it took us to get home from the north west corner of the Muiron Islands. Mind you, we did return direct to the Exmouth Marina rather than back to Bundegi. All the fish were dropped off at Kennedy Street, then the sorting frazzle began. Wouldn't it be marvelous to have hindsight at the start of something rather than after it... ☺ ☺ then it would be called foresight I imagine, something lacking in some areas. Any way, the fish got sorted out and everyone got something, whether it was theirs or not I don't really know, but various persons made their claims and went their way with their prize. The rest of us packaged and froze what we had. All in all, every one ended up with fish to bring home.

A tired crew hit the beds that night and tried to have a bit of a lay in the next morning. Not so with alarm clock 'Pimples' getting up and making his way around while it was still dark. Old habits die hard and trying to get him to stay in bed was impossible.

Thursday we decided to head down the west side of the peninsular and try and locate some places to fish the field day that was to come on Friday. Our neighbour Ian Stewart accompanied us and pointed out several favourable areas south of Five Mile. An excellent location was found with a rock ledge about two metres above the reef that extended for approximately 700 metres in an east-west direction. The reef below the ledge sloped out for about ten metres then dropped into deep water. In the centre section of the ledge there was broken ground and towards either end it became sandy with channels into the broken ground. It definitely looked fishy and we decided that was the location to fish for the field day. With that, we headed back towards Exmouth with dark clouds overhead and a northerly breeze starting to gust.

Then the rain hit. From the lighthouse back into town it bucketed down. No need to wash the rods and reels in fresh water tonight. Not a scrap of salt water would be left on them. As we cruised through town, the floodways were all flowing. Turning into Kennedy Street from the north and travelling past the shops, we came to the 'major' water course through town. This was about axle deep and it is the first time I have had to stop and give way to youths on 'boogie boards' as they shot across the road in front of us. As we later found out, this was the first rain the town had seen in over eighteen months, so the locals welcomed and reveled in it.

A clean up and fresh clothes and we were all off down to the Yacht Club for our Bar-B-Que function. Ian and Jenny Stewart (took Kade and Daniel out on their boat) were our guests and as I cooked, Ian Cook gave the

rules, times and weigh in location for the field day that was to follow. Meanwhile, it continued to rain, and rain, and rain, and then it rained some more ...

I will mention now that during the course of arranging this expedition, costs were run on an estimation at first. Consequently we ended up with about \$140 above what we needed to pay the accommodation. A little extra was gleaned at the Carnarvon overnight stay and a little more from the Bar-B-Que packs. As a consequence I was able to put about \$267 over the bar for drinks for all those present. At the end of the night, there was exactly \$1-00 (one dollar) left in the jug which I kindly donated to the Yacht Club. I must compliment and thank Steve and Vicki Eves (Yacht Club Commodore and Vice) for their help and the use of their facility at the Yacht Club for our function.

Kade and Daniel left the Club early and went home to prepare their gear. Upon arriving back at Kennedy Street, still raining, we found that the two boys had gone to the marina to try and catch some more Mangrove Jacks, in the rain.

Friday dawned, still overcast, so we got our gear together and headed out to our location we had selected the previous day. The breeze was slightly to our backs and the water looked very inviting. I put a squid bait out on the bottom and started setting up my second rod to throw some lures around. Too late, grab the first rod and reel in. Charlie Court. Well that will do for some fresh bait. Out it goes again. This time I managed to get the second rod rigged when the first started bending right over. A short fight later and a nice Spangled Emperor lay at my feet. Ike Jime, gill and gut and into the storage bucket. Back into the water with another bait. Then the bait fish along the edge of the reef started going crazy. Metal slices through the schools had no result. Pimples just kept on chucking his white with red head 'Fat R' popper. Then he hooked and landed a smallish GT. One and a half kilos gilled and gutted was good enough to win the field day though. Mind you, when I said to him to 'gill and gut it' he miss understood my words as 'kill and gut it' and when at the weigh in, had to remove the gills before it could be weighed. A lesson learned.

As the tide changed, we relocated back to Bundegi to catch the outgoing tide. I anchored a nice big gardie on the edge of the current line and watched as Pimples, John and Goldie proceeded to retrieve copious amounts of 'salad'. Ron then moved away from the main channel and immediately brought up success with a little Trevally.

After about an hour of dryness on the sandy quay, I looked over my shoulder towards the ranges and nearly died. As I watched a wall of water obliterated the hills. I quickly called to everyone to pack up and get back to the car as we were all wearing the last of our dry clothes. Too late. Even before we could put the rods in the sand spikes, it hit us. A shower of rain so heavy that I could not see Ron a mere thirty metres away. And so the wet continued. Back at the vehicle, I sat "au natural" in the drivers seat in order to try and keep the vehicle in some semblance of condition for the drive back to Exmouth. Pimples and John put a plastic sheet over the back seat and Goldie still had a dry pair of shorts left. What a mess. The only consolation of fishing at Bundegi was the rather attractive company that came down to talk to us. A tourists from Germany called Nina. Petite, blonde, very attractive and very talkative.

Back at the car another tourist and her girlfriend, also from Germany, and also called Nina laughed with us at the wet predicament we all found ourselves in. Only this Nina was very tall and very well endowed as pointed out by my passengers. These sort of things I don't really notice..... ☺ being the keen fisherman that I am.



TerryF and his 1.21 kg dart.

Back to Exmouth and to the weigh in. Basically only three fish were entered according to the Club eligibility list. Two dart and Pimple's Giant Trevally. The GT took the honours by a mere 10 grams from Terry's Dart.

Time to start packing. Wet and all, the trailer was packed and roped down in preparation for Saturday's return trip to Geraldton. That being completed the bulk of the food that was left over was consumed in an indulgence of satiety. Personal effects left for the morning packing.

Saturday dawned overcast with the odd drizzle still presenting itself. Pack the cars, hook up the trailer, sweep and mop the floors, make sure all the washing up is done, one last check throughout the premises to ensure nothing is left behind. OK. Meet the rest of the crews at the service station. First stop at Minilya Roadhouse for coffee and leg breaks.

Cruising out of town we encountered numerous floodways with water still flowing or just pooled up over the road. Nothing that couldn't be negotiated though. Stokes repeated calls of "Wet One" still echo over the

CB. As his vehicle lead the way towards home.

At Minilya all the crew invested in their respective culinary delights (pie and sauce or egg sandwich) washed down with various beverages. Much to the amusement of Daniel, a Rottweiler type dog presented himself to be fed with whatever anyone was eating. The fact that got Daniel going was that this dog 'burped' rather loudly when it ate. This also got Kade going as well and laughter reverberated around the car park.

On to Carnarvon where it was decided that Daniel and Kade would be shown the mighty Carnarvon Jetty, a fishing mecca of high repute. This was for direct comparison with Kade's home town feature of the Busselton Jetty. A point to mention here was that as we got further south, the weather improved dramatically. As a consequence, this little black duck decided to pull up the kerb when in Carnarvon to await the arrival of some slower vehicles, only to go slip sliding away on the greasy surface. Back onto the bitumen and everyone could follow my directions to the jetty by following the mud trail I left behind.

After a short sojourn to the jetty, vehicles and bodies were refueled and on towards Geraldton we went. On the return journey between Carnarvon and Geraldton, the amount of wildlife observed on the roadsides diminished remarkably.

Into the 440 Roadhouse and I won my bet with Maurice that it was closer than 20 kilometres from Geraldton. Refuel the vehicles and into the adjoining Motel units for the night. Three units were occupied with Spanner's crew getting first dibs on which one they would use. Hendo turned up and was disappointed that the unit he was in had no cooking facilities. Nor did the unit that my vehicle got. However, the third unit Pimples got had everything. Hendo only discovered this after borrowing my gas cooker and Ron's wok to prepare their evening meal. The gardener was not amused.

Sunday and the last few hours to get home. Scheduled stop at Cataby for final refreshments and the trip would be over. Somewhere between Eneabba and Cataby, Ron's vehicle stopped to change drivers and when we were all parked at Cataby, they went sailing past despite the mighty Teletubby 2 standing on the side of the road waving his arms. I guess he knew his way from there.

Cataby gone, only home left. We arrived back at my house in Hillarys just after midday, unpacked the back of the car, then Pimples and his crew arrived. They had gone into Gingin before travelling over to the Lancelin Road to come home. No problems, all's well that ends well.

Fishing wasn't that grand in Exmouth this trip, but I sure would go back there again.

Below is the list of all those who undertook this expedition.

Derry Barber	Bob Henderson	Ric Parker	Wayne Morris
Daniel Chapman	Ross Kember	Len Paul	Pete Stoeckel
Ian Cook	Spencer King	Chas Riegert	Jamie Gouldthorp
Ron Delary-Simpson	Morris Kolman	John Romano	Rhonda Morris
Ric Dunstan	Ian Mascarenhas	Kade Ross	Jim Yeates
Terry Fuller.			

Until next time service your tackle.

Teletubby 2 (Chas Riegert).

Check next month's Reel Talk for more on the Exmouth Safari.

President's Report.

Hello fellow anglers.

As you are now all aware from the earlier article in this Reel Talk, the Committee has set the fees for the coming year and unfortunately the news is not all good.

As a result of the ongoing rationalization by insurance companies world wide we have been struck with a steep increase in our premiums. Luckily, we are able to obtain insurance, unlike some organisations that have been forced to close due to either by their inability to find an insurer or being charged premiums that are considered too high to be economically viable. We may be the lucky ones. Our premiums have only increased by 100%. In addition, last year the club absorbed all of the \$5 premium for the personal accident and death policy that we obtained for all members, and most of the cost of GST. Part of these costs (see the article on page 9) must now be passed on to the members in the form of increased subscriptions.

A further blow to club funds is the realisation that our concession membership is to be 50% of the full membership and not the rate currently charged.

All this means that we as members of the SCAC will have to participate actively in fund raising drives for the coming year. The time has gone when members can sit back and allow the "few" regulars to put their hands out with an offer of assistance. Our funds come from two (2) areas:- subscriptions and raffles/social fundraising events. In the past few years, support of the latter has been most disappointing. Currently we are going through

a minor membership growth spurt, and I encourage both the old and the new members to participate in all club activities.

Remember – Make you subscriptions pay, "You only get out what you put in".

All of you will now know the club is short of a Treasurer. This position has been made vacant due to the pressure of business and family. Should any members wish to assist the club and nominate for that position for the remainder of the year, please advise the committee prior to the next General meeting. Currently the secretary with assistance from myself have taken that role but where the position in isolation is not time consuming, together with his other duties has increased his workload to unacceptable levels.

It is time now to review our responsibilities to our new members and for our new members to understand their responsibilities to their "Host".

We as established members of SCAC have a responsibility to assist our new members in learning the basics or our chosen recreation. Our membership coordinator has laid down some guideline for the "Buddies" to work to, however it does not stop there. Remember the simple things like how to care for your catch. How to clean and present your catch at weigh-ins. What are the unstated rules regarding etiquette, on and off the beach. These are some of the things that new anglers want to know, but in many cases are too embarrassed or reluctant to ask. Offer them the advice in a diplomatic manner that will encourage and not frighten.

Conversely our new members should accept all advice in the manner in which it offered. There are many ways to achieve an end, but unless we are informed of the different roads, then we are unable to make informed choices as to the most suitable method of travel. Remember that most equipment used in providing advice is often expensive or may have significant value to the provider. When its use is offered, treat it with care and respect the wishes to the person or persons who made the offer. It may not be offered again.

Often we encounter incompatibilities either with locations or personalities. This is a fact of life that we deal with every day. Learn to deal with it and accept that not all things are, as they seem.

That place where you encountered uncomfortable conditions may be great in a different season. That person who you thought foolish may be the person to offer assistance when least expected. Everything is different in changing light. Everything and everybody has something to offer.

Fish and Drive safe.

Ross Kember.

Worry Meter

Cookie's "Worry Meter" was in the red line on the way to Exmouth. Headwinds on the way up meant his non turbo diesel Land Cruiser with roof rack on and boat in tow didn't want to go much over 95 kph over some of the trip. But he still managed to wind it up later and sit on the legal 100 kph and keep up with the rest of us, if not actually pass some of us who slowed for the "hopper dogs" near Carnarvon.

The main worry was the engine oil pressure which was reading lowwww at some revs. Worry worry and visions of very expensive damage. What can you do, but keep the revs up where the oil pressure reading looked better.

Back in Perth, he fitted a proper gauge directly to the oil system – and the pressure reading was way up in the expected range, actually very healthy. The bloody oil gauge and/or sender system was telling lies!

Worry meter now down in to the normal area. Now if only all that work that banked up while you are away could be fixed as easily

TerryF

Bearings / Bushes for Threadline Reel Handles.

A couple of messages on the Western Angler Bulletin board gave some interesting info.

Some of the less than top of the line reels have a bearing for the handle winder on the left hand side, and a plastic bush on the right hand side. If you use the handle on the right hand side, this bush wears out very quickly and causes the handle to become sloppy and hit the bail arm. Doesn't do the gears much good either to be slopping around.

As with most reels of this type, the handle is placed on the right hand side in Australia. In many other parts of the world it remains on the left hand side, where the bearing is.

In many reels of this type including Shimano and Daiwa, the bearing and bush should be swapped over when you use the handle on the right hand side. Of course, very few people do this and the problem arises.

The top of the line model of that reel would have had a bearing on the right hand side too. The bearing from the top of the line model may fit in place of the bush.

TerryF

Articles in Reel Talk.

I make up the Reel Talk bit by bit over several days as I get the info. Once I lay out early pages and photos, I try not to add too much into earlier pages because sometimes the photos shift all over the place, and some small articles get split onto different pages. Not that hard to fix, but why redo it when it was already right?

So late articles often end up at the back of the Reel Talk. If you want them closer to the front, get them in early, please. On the other hand, if you start reading books from the back.....

TerryF

Dinner Dance, Presentation of Trophies and 50th Anniversary.

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This is your invitation! Make up a party!

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The Surfcasters Dinner, Dance, Presentation of Trophies, and 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday 29 June.

Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine (licensed so no BYO drinks, please).

Time:- 5:30 pm start with pre dinner drinks, sherries and orange juice.

Pumpkin soup, main course, choice of beef or chicken and vegetables, sweets choice of apple crumble and ice cream or cheesecake with caramel sauce, plus selection of fruit. Vegetarian meals are possible if you let us know when booking. One bottle of red wine and one white wine plus a jug of squash on each table of eight people. Buy your own beer and spirits from the bar.

Close:- Midnight.

Entertainment:- Presentation of trophies for 2001/2002, door prizes, music, dancing, raffles, sliders and good company.

Photos:- Will be taken on the night, will be posted on the club web site, and copies or enlargements can be bought.

Cost:- **\$35 per person, \$20 children** (13 years and under.)

Tickets:- From Secretary. Must be bought by the General Meeting 12 June.

Family members are welcome, also visitors provided they come along with a Club member.

All Club members receiving trophies for the Field Day, Dry Casting or Open Competitions are asked to come to the presentation night, or offer an apology, please.

Fill in and cut out the form and send in with your payment, by 12 June, please.

Secretary, Surf Casting and Angling Club, PO Box 2032, Marmion WA. 6020

I enclose \$_____ for tickets for the Annual Dinner Dance, Presentation of Trophies and 50th Anniversary on Saturday, 29 June 2002, 5:30pm to midnight.

Cost:- \$35 per person, \$20 children (13 years and under.)

Details of people to attend. Please print clearly - these details will be used for listing places to sit.

First Name(s)	Last Name	Contact Phone Number	Amount
			\$
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			\$
			\$
Total			\$

Name _____ **Signed** _____ **Date** __ / __ / 2002

Address _____

Phone _____

More details if required, eg vegetarian meals, _____

New and Prospective Members.

Your Name	Phone	Hands on instruction.	Attend General Meeting	Attend Dry Casting	Making Rigs	Attend Fishing Field Day

Fill in to indicate that you require assistance from a Surfcasters "Buddy" member. Send to Derry Barber, PO Box 2032, Marmion WA. 6020.