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Minutes of General Meeting, 14 May 2003

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room Time 8:00 PM. President Ross Kember presiding. Ross gave birthday wishes to members as listed in the Reel Talk.
- Present:-** 34 senior members, 1 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Mal Harris, Roy Killick, Dave Maxted, Mat Sneddon, John Barnes, Tom Lund, Peter Mahony.
- Visitors:-** Neil Quinn.
- New Members:-** None.
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Chas Riegert seconded Peter Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Ross Kember outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. AGM will be in July as published in Reel Talk. No business arising.
- Correspondence In**
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| Maureen Lissiman, Joy Brann | resignation from the club. |
| Planning and Infrastructure | Trailer license disc. |
| AON Risk Services | Unable to renew Public Liability Insurance. |
| Ray White Kalbarri, | Statement for April 2003 plus cheque for \$59.08 |
| Seniors Recreation Council | Have a Go Day Expression of Interest 11 November. |
| Challenge Bank | Statement for April 2003. |
| Mark Holdsworth | Application for Membership. |
| BT Financial Group | Statement for March Quarter. |
- Correspondence Out**
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| Tom Lund | Progress with application for membership. |
| Martin and Leslie Johannesen | Progress with application for membership. |
| AON Risk Services | Payment for Club Personal Accident Renewal. |
- Business arising. Les Hawkins, Aon still trying to arrange Public Liability Insurance.
Moved Jim Strong, seconded Terry Willison, that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-**
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| John Hall reported. Account Balance, 13 May | \$7,777.09 | |
| Quarterly statement from BT Funds balance 31 March | \$6,191.05 | |
| Accounts for payment – | | |
| Water Corporation | Water at Kalbarri | \$8.05 |
| AON Risk Services | Club Personal Accident extra | \$15.61 (\$480 already paid) |
| Jiffy Instant Printing Pty Ltd | May Reel Talk | \$165.55 |
| JY Signs Screen Printers | 3 Club shirts | \$83.71 |
| Social Organiser | | \$15.08 |
- Moved** Terry Willison, seconded Andrew Aubrey, accounts be passed for payment - carried.
- Property Officer:-** Vix Alexander reported on new bookings for Kalbarri. House is available as in Reel Talk. Bob Henderson has reported on the house. Cleaning may not be being done properly – to be followed up. Booked for the club for the September long weekend for the AAA Rock and Beach. Apology received from Ray White for the actions of a former employee. Suggestion to put a ceiling fan in kitchen area not being done.
- Field Day Officer:-** Arrangements for the May Rottneest field day were discussed. Due to very rough weather forecast for Thursday and Friday, concerns if ferry will be running. Ian Cook to check on Friday and advise everyone who has booked to go. Last year's May field day started rough but turned into a very good field day.
He reminded people at the club pays for the Sunday night accommodation and anybody who wishes to stay over should contact Ian Cook.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson gave details of the May Dry Casting as in Reel Talk.
July meeting – sausage sizzle after, and State Team will be present.
Monday 9 June – State AAA team meeting at George Holman's to collect uniforms, final details of AAA convention.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman reported on unsatisfactory reply received from Fisheries Minister to AAA's letter on management plans for commercial fisheries. This has been discussed by Recfishwest who will ask Fisheries Minister to act or they will withdraw RFW support for recreational fishing changes and start a publicity campaign.
George reported on AAA submission objecting to the size of the proposed fishing exclusion zone at the end of the Busselton Jetty. This topic also discussed by RFW which supports keeping some length at the end of the jetty for recreational fishing.
George advised plans for the fishing clinics in July and September,
- Social Organiser:-** Club shirts and jackets and hats are available. Annual dinner and trophy presentation night is 14 June. Club has decided to subsidize costs by about \$20 so ticket costs will be \$35.
- Recorder:-** Nothing to report.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Nothing to report.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** Mal Head donated \$180 from sale of cans collected.
Ross Kember said he had been disappointed at the response to the Car Rally at the last meeting, but was very pleased at the attendance of 32 people including a number of visitors. A great day, perfect weather, and everyone had a great time.
Spencer King knows of a hire firm reducing stocks, which has 40 litre gas/240 volt fridges, canoes, and barbecues.

Andy Thorgersen reported on people who had been caught recently with undersized fish by Fisheries Inspectors and fined.

Peter Stoeckel reported on arrangements for AAA Rock and Beach in September as in Reel Talk. Accommodation is very short in the area and people need to book very soon.

Spencer King said club members should organise accommodation for the Anzac Day 2004 field day Denmark/Walpole and suggested Peaceful Bay.

Instruction Period:- Ian Cook reported on Rottnest and the Emu Springs, Flinders Bay area for the next two field days.

Meeting closed. 10:00 pm

Coming Club Events.

June Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 8 June, casting starts at 8:30 am. Not the first Sunday.

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.

Club Events:- 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait, Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

June General Meeting (At new venue).

When:- Wednesday 11 June 2003, 8:00 pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

Don't Forget to buy your Dinner Dance Tickets, and book for August Field Day at Rottnest

Instruction Period:-

June Field Day - Emu Springs in Flinders Bay.

Dogs are not allowed without prior permission.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 31 May, 1, 2 June 2003.

Sign On:- Saturday 12.00 midday.

Barbecue and Stop Fishing 12 noon to 2 pm Sunday.

Weigh in:- Monday 10.00 am at the camping area.

Boundaries:- White Point to the real Emu Springs which is about 8 km west of the camping area.

Tides for	Saturday 31 May	1.33m at 9:33 am	0.59m at 6:49 pm	Sunrise:-	About 7:17 am
Augusta	Sunday 1 June	1.35m at 9:59 am	0.59m at 7:35 pm	Sunset:-	About 5:18 pm
	Monday 1 June	1.36m at 10:30 am	0.60m at 8:48 pm		
Moon	Saturday 31 May	Moonrise:-	About 7:10 am	Moonset:-	About 5:20 pm
	Sunday 1 June	Moonrise:-	About 8:10 am	Moonset:-	About 6:00 pm
	Monday 2 June	Moonrise:-	About 9:05 am	Moonset:-	About 6:50 pm

How to Get to Emu Springs, Flinders Bay. There are no towns and possibly no service stations on this route after you leave the Capel area, unless you deviate via Nannup, so make sure of your fuel, water and other supplies.

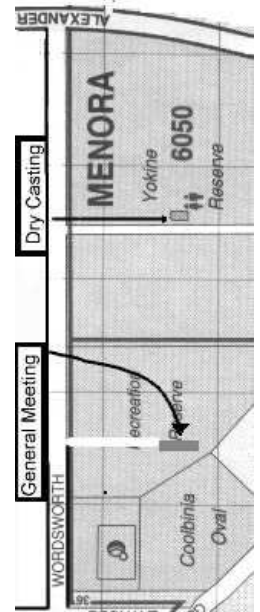
As shown on the RAC "Lower South West" road map, travel about 18 km south west of Capel along the main road to Busselton, then south via Sue's Road, then 13 km east along the Brockman Highway, at Cane Break picnic area turn south west down Milyeannup Coast Road (previously called Cane Break Road). This quickly turns into a gravel road. Head towards the coast for about 20 km. You will cross a narrow bridge over the Scott River.

About 2km on there is a road to the left, veer right and go on a further 2 km on a sandy road. The access gate to the property is tucked away on the left hand side. Follow this track through the peppermint trees till you reach the camp site. A club sign will be put near the access gate. Please pick up a map for details of how to get there at the May General Meeting. Instructions for access through the locked gate will be also given at the May General Meeting to people who are going. I will probably be going down on the Thursday afternoon so access will be available from Friday morning onwards.

This is a really great field day to take the whole family. The camping area is native grass and is well sheltered from the wind with large peppermint trees. Those who have been there previously with remember the good fishing and great social atmosphere. There will be a get together and barbecue on Sunday between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm. Fishing will be suspended during this time.

The area allows for children to fish as easily as the senior members if there is no wind. Fish caught range from Skipjack Trevally, Herring, Bream, Whiting, through to Tailor, Mulloway and School shark. There has been good catches of large tailor, mulloway and sharks since Christmas. So we can live in hope of some rewarding results.

The property and camping area is accessible to conventional vehicles with a camper unit or trailer. Driving on the beach is usually very difficult and is not recommended. There is a 4wd track behind the first sand hills, which gives access to the fishing spots with a short walk. You can drive about 8 km west and east of the camping site. Access to White Point is via the Scott River road. People without a 4wd should make prior arrangements to get a lift to fishing locations, or fish in front of the camping area.



There is no drinking or washing water available at the camp site - so bring all you need. No firewood is available so bring your own. Care must be taken with open fires as Peppermint trees and leaf litter is full of oil and burns easily.

This is a private property which the Club has been given permission to use. All members and visitors need to show extra care and observe the Club's Code of Ethics for vehicles and camping so that we will be welcomed back for future field days. The Club's Code of Ethics were printed on page 21 of the May Reel Talk. If you bring a visitor, you must make sure that person's activities meet our Code of Ethics or you must do whatever is necessary to prevent any problems. Make sure that vehicles do not disturb Dave's cows and calves because we camp in the calving paddock. Remove all rubbish and dispose of it in a local dump.

Dogs are not allowed on this private property unless **prior permission** has already been arranged, as advised in the May Reel Talk. If you take a dog without permission, you and/or your dog will/may be refused entry.

Please dig yourselves a deep pit toilet some distance from camp site.

Ian Cook.

Local Field Day for June.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 31 May, 1, 2 June 2003.

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

Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.

Weigh in:- Monday 10:00 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written 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 Two Rocks, including the Swan River.

Tides for	Saturday 31 May	1.22m at 9:00 am	0.61m at 6:45 pm	Sunrise:-	About 7:10 am
Fremantle	Sunday 1 June	1.24m at 9:30 am	0.60m at 7:25 pm	Sunset:-	About 5:20 pm
	Monday 2 June	1.24m at 10:00 am	0.59m at 8:05 pm		
Moon	Saturday 31 May	Moonrise:-	About 7:00 am	Moonset:-	About 5:20 pm
	Sunday 1 June	Moonrise:-	About 8:00 am	Moonset:-	About 6:00 pm
	Monday 2 June	Moonrise:-	About 9:00 am	Moonset:-	About 6:50 pm

July 2003 Field Day - Cape to Cape.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 July 2003.

Sign On:- Saturday 12.00 midday at Busselton Jetty parking area, west of the shops.

Weigh in:- Sunday 12.00 midday at Busselton Jetty parking area.

Boundaries:- Busselton Jetty to Blackwood River.

Tides for	Saturday 12 July	1.37m at 8:10 am	0.42m at 5:53 pm	Sunrise:-	About 7:25 am
Gracetown	Sunday 13 July	1.40m at 8:45 am	0.43m @ 6:39 pm	Sunset:-	About 5:27 pm
Moon:-	Full moon Monday 14 July	Moonrise:-	about 3:45 pm Saturday	Moonset:-	about 6:45 am Sunday

Local Field Day for July.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 July 2003.

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

Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.

Weigh in:- Sunday 12:00 noon 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 Two Rocks, including the Swan River.

Tides for	Saturday 12 July	1.25m at 7:54 am	0.45m at 6:00 pm	Sunrise:-	About 7:15 am
Fremantle	Sunday 13 July	1.26m at 8:36 am	0.44m at 6:44 pm	Sunset:-	About 5:30 pm

Local Field Days.

All local field days for 2003/4 will have boundaries from Penguin Island to Two Rocks, including the Swan River. Fishing times are the same as for the away Field Day venue.

2003/2004 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 8 June 2003 (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 6 July 2003

Sunday 7 September 2003

Sunday 2 November 2003

Sunday 4 January 2004

Sunday 7 March 2004

Sunday 3 August 2003

Sunday 5 October 2003

Sunday 7 December 2003

Sunday 1 February 2004

Sunday 4 April 2004

2003-2004 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Saturday/Sunday/Monday 31 May, 1/2 June 2003 LWE

Emu Springs, east of Augusta.

Dogs need prior permission, see page 4.

Saturday/Sunday 12/13 July 2003

Cape to Cape.

Saturday/Sunday 16/17 August 2003

Rottneest. **See article on page 6 if you want to go.**

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 September 2003

Moore River.

Saturday/Sun/Mon 27/28/29 September 2003 LWE

Horrocks to Kalbarri / AAA Rock and Beach Angling Championships is over 2 days, 27/28 September.

Saturday/Sunday 15/16 November 2003

Cervantes.

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 December 2003

Local, Penguin Island to Two Rocks including the Swan River, plus Christmas night cast.

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 January 2004

Dawesville Cut to Binningup.

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February 2004

Open - all WA tidal waters.

Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29 February /1 March 2004 LWE

Bluff Creek.

Saturday/Sunday/Monday 24/25/26 April 2004 LWE

Denmark to Walpole.

2003/2004 General Meetings.

All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 11 June 2003

Wednesday 9 July 2003 **also Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 13 August 2003

Wednesday 10 September 2003

Wednesday 8 October 2003

Wednesday 12 November 2003

Wednesday 10 December 2003

Wednesday 14 January 2004

Wednesday 11 February 2004

Wednesday 10 March 2004

Wednesday 14 April 2004

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.

8 Dry Casting							18 General Meeting							1 2 Field Day							18 Committee Meeting						
June 2003							July 2003							August 2003													
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun							
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31				27	28	27	28	29	30	31							

2003 Presentation of Trophies Night.

SCAC Annual Dinner & Dance Saturday 14 June 2003 at Marmion Angling Club West Coast Highway Marmion (Closest Street is Marine Terrace) commencing at 6.15 PM

Book your Seats! Tickets are available at the next General Meeting on Wednesday 11 June or remit your cheque to Treasurer John Hall and secure your seat or table for self, family & friends

The total cost is \$35 per person, which includes: (SCAC is subsidising cost by \$20.00 per ticket)

The evening commences with drinks upon arrival followed by entree, main meal and sweets. Each table has two bottles of wine and two jugs of cool drink and seats six persons (please advise if your table consists of more than 6 persons) with presentations of trophies concluding shortly before or after sweets and/or tea/coffees. Attendees can purchase wine, beer and spirits over the bar at Marmion's prices. Festivities continue throughout the evening with door prizes, spot prizes, raffles & our old favourite "sliders". This is the opportunity to bring both families & friends, socialise with all members whilst overlooking the magnificent ocean view at the Marmion Angling Club which is situated at the ocean side of West Coast Highway providing an excellent venue including dance floor and entertainment facilities. This is the premier event of the year when we acknowledge the achievements of our friends. Please make the time so we can enjoy your company and socialise with family and friends; it could also be you who will receive a trophy.

Derry Barber.

2003 Annual General Meeting.

The club's Annual General Meeting is usually held in August. This year, many of the active club members and committee will be going to Yamba for the AAA National Championships, and many will not be back in time.

The Committee has decided that the club's Annual General Meeting and election of the new committee for 2003/4 will be held on 9 July this year.

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 the next article.

Several committee members will not be standing for the jobs they have done this year 2002/3, 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.

Membership Fees Are Due After 1 July.

Club membership fees paid for past years were for the year from 1 May to 30 April, but the financial year is from 1 July to 30 June. This made it difficult to know how the club was going financially.

The February General Meeting changed the Constitution so that membership fees for the ensuing year become due and payable on the 1st of July in each year, and must be paid by 31 July. This change was so that money was received and paid out for services to members over the same financial year period.

The Committee decided that just for this year, the "missed" two months membership from 1 May to 30 June would be paid for after 1 July pro rata with the 2003/4 fees. The fees for 2003/4 will be set at the June Committee meeting and advised in the Reel Talk which comes out by early July.

You don't need to pay any fees until after 1 July, but you will need to pay a bit extra to cover those extra two months. At last year's rates, this will be about \$12.50 for a single membership and about \$14.15 for a family membership, plus the year's membership fee. This must be paid by 31 July, or the July General meeting if you want to vote at the Annual General meeting. This will take your membership up to 30 June 2004.

August Rottnest Field Day.

The August Field Day will be Rottnest on 16/17 August. Any trip to Rottnest must have accommodation and transport booked and fully paid to the Rottnest Island Authority about two months in advance.

The total cost is likely to be around \$105 per person, but that depends on the number going to share the cost of the accommodation, transport around the Island, etc. Some people will be away at the Yamba AAA National Championships, so the number going to Rottnest may be down. Any excess will be refunded after the field day.

If you've ever tried to book accommodation at Rottnest, you'll understand the amount of work Cookie has to do to organise these trips. He has organised plenty of Rottnest trips and knows what's involved, and it never gets any easier. So he needs to get the number going early enough so that it can all be done properly. It simply isn't possible to leave it until close to the field day weekend and expect him to be able to organise it.

Contact Cookie for any more details, but don't pay him. All payments must go to Treasurer John Hall, please, directly at a club event or by post to PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020.

If you want to go to the August Rottnest Field Day, you ***MUST*** have paid \$105 by the ***final closing date*** of 11 June General Meeting, or you won't be included, no exceptions.

A reminder that under the Constitution, visitors are allowed to attend no more than three club events in any one competition year. After that, we would expect some commitment from them to be part of the club. Some potential visitors were turned away from the May Rottnest Field Day because the numbers were getting to the limit which could be handled by the transport on the Island. If it has to come to a choice between new visitors who may join the club and become active members, and past visitors who have shown no interest in joining the club, the choice would be obvious.

AAA and Affiliated Club Coming Events.

This information has been updated from the November 2002 AAA report. Some dates are still being finalised so check for updates in later Reel Talks.

May 31/June 1/2 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Albany area.
July 19/20, 2003	Fremantle AAC Field Day	Rottnest.
September 27/28, 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Horrocks to Kalbarri. LWE, AAA competition is over two days only.
October 26, 2003	AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve.
March 27, 2003	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Mandurah OFSC.
March or April 2004	AAA State Estuary Championships	Collie River / Leschenault Estuary.

Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.

Field Day Fees:- \$7 for an individual, \$9 for families.

Dry Casting Fees:- \$6 for an individual, \$8 for families.

Happy Birthday to:-

Luke Agnello, 21 June

Andrew Aubrey, 8 June

Robyn Krygsman, 29 June

Geoff Raftis, 13 June

Emily Woodford, 13 June

A lot of members haven't told us their birth date, so there may be more birthdays.

Wanted – Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General 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.

Mal will be away for a while after the April General Meeting, so please hold them until he returns. RTFRT for when that will be.

New Member Acceptances.

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

Martin and Lesley Johannesen

Tom Lund

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.

Mark Holdsworth

Life Members of the Club.

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

Kalbarri House For Rent.

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc.

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

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

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. Club members need to do their own cleaning on departure, or we can arrange cleaners at around \$49 per clean, extra on the rates above.

Check in time is 1pm. Check out time is 10am. Keys can be picked up from Ray White, Shop 1, Kalbarri Arcade. If people arrive after hours, they leave a note on the door of their office with a map of how to get to the house and telling them where the key will be.

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

As at 22 May, the house is available in 2003 from 2 May to 9 May, 17 May to 13 July, 18 July to 25 September, 30 September to 17 October, 22 November to 13 December, and in 2004 from 10 January to 9 April, 17 April to 15 October and 6 November 2004 on. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

If you have a bond which has been deposited with the club for a long time, please contact Vix Alexander with the details. The Committee decided recently that all bonds should be refunded after using the house to be sure that the club's financial position is reported accurately.

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. Past member Ted Horsley holds the record for the earliest Reel Talk donated - October 1952. Thanks also to past member Vern Pocklington, the designer of the Reel Talk logo, for copies of the March and June 1953 issues.

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.

June 1954 Reel Talk

Here's the June 1954 issue of Reel Talk, when the Club was the Surf Casting and Angling Association of WA.

Annual General Meeting and Dinner. The Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held on Friday, 11th June, 1954 at 7 pm, at Marlborough House, Cnr. Hay and George Streets, Perth.

It is most essential that all members participate in this meeting. The overall cost for the dinner and refreshments is 15/-. Members are reminded that prospective members are welcome to attend.

We Started Something (June 1954).

Almost three years ago about half a dozen rod and reel enthusiasts sat and waited for the fish to bite. As usual we were "shooting a few lines" as well, and before the evening was over a club was formed.

We had amongst us an extraordinary personality; a chap by the name of Gordon Hume. Gordon was a man of no mean ability. He did most of the spade work on the constitution for the club, and, in his position as secretary, was a tower of strength in our early days. He was gifted with an amazing imagination and could tell fishing tales so well that he, believed them himself,

Then there was Dudley Brown. Dudley would take the biggest hook, line and sinker that he could find and throw it so far out to sea that the bait was stale before it hit the water. To see Dudley wind his rod and 14 ozs of lead three times around his head was enough to clear the beach for miles,

Nelson Smith, who always thinks that some place four miles away is the best place to fish; Noel Knight who gets so scientific the fish die laughing; Vic Davis, the only man who ever had to set fire to 200 yards of overrun to get it off his reel, and Lloyd Dunn, who took over the secretary's job, were among the early members.

We really had some rare times and some of those warm summer nights when we fished from sunset till dawn will always be remembered.

Aussie Cycles were good enough to let us use their premises as a meeting place and one by one we recruited some of the finest and most knowledgeable rod and reel exponents there are in the State; chaps like Bob Agnew, Bill Griffiths, Bill Bridger, Vern Pocklington and Felix Holywell. I sometimes wonder if the younger members of the club appreciate how much specialised knowledge and how many years of experience are at their service in the form of advice that veteran fisherman can give them.

We started early to organise our field day trips and some of these, for various reasons, have been really memorable. There were the Rottnest trips (Blue with the tame jewfish, and Lloyd with his pet groper), Mullaloo, one of the maddest shambles of lines, sharks, rays, rods, tailor, gaffs, and of course, Noel, that we ever saw.

And who could forget Penguin Island? Lord Nelson (Captain Carlsen) Smith and the boys chasing a rabbit for three days in a tempest and eating burnt wobbegong. The 14 mile trip by truck with Lloyd's driving? Noel, Reg and Vic perched on a sand hill all night?

Like all really good trips we remember, these as much for the good comradeship as for the good fishing.

All the time our gear was evolving from the crudest to the most refined. Split canes replaced bamboos, geared reels and light lines instead of drum reels, star drag instead of skull drag. This is no reflection on the old gear. It caught, and catches some good fish, but progress is inevitable.

Gradually new clubs were formed, in other centres; Bunbury and Geraldton having thriving clubs and undoubtedly there is a great future for surfcasting in this State.

So we come to the dinner, general election of officers next month and the end of the road for most of the original committee. We have worked hard and, we hope, well, for the club, and we are seeking a rest. It is up to the ordinary members to come forward and accept nomination for office. We want new ideas and a new committee to use them. Never has the club had a more propitious moment. We can go forward to brighter and bigger club activities. With a little organisation we can have a lot of good times; but you as individuals must do it. So, be at that election and if nominated, BE IN IT.

Vic Davis, President.

Where Are They? (June 1954)

Where are the lads of the old Brigade?

Where is the beach where they all parade?

Where's "Gaffer" Mac and "Kingly" Knight

Where do they roam to fish tonight .

And where is Vic the wily one?

And old "Felix" that fishing son?

Old "Gramophone" Smith and "No Fish" Dunn

And Kev Hanson with Bream by the ton?

So come on you lads whose names are not here

Roll along to your club and turn on the cheer,

Come along to the meet and show us the way

And join in the fun on our next Field Day

Noel Knight.

Cosy Corner (June 1954)

Situated approximately seven to ten miles this side of Augusta, and five miles from the turn off at Karridale, nestles Cosy Corner, the rod fisherman's dream. The main highway down is perfect, and one can travel at any speed in complete comfort. The five miles of track to the beach is in very good condition, making the journey from Perth and return a pleasure.

Vic, Mac and myself left on Thursday afternoon at 2 pm, and had set up camp by seven. A stroll over to the beach to wet the lines produced only a few herring. Friday am saw us fishing from the "honeycomb" rocks, and as usual Vic goes to town on the first salmon that goes by, and as usual poor old Mac takes up his exalted position of gaff boy. If anyone tells you salmon are not delicious to eat (and this is for Noel Knight in particular) ask Vic to cook the next one for you.

Between the three of us we landed a good bag of herring, skipjack, and garfish. Friday night unfortunately produced nothing, as we were not familiar with the surroundings. We did however, see one chap coming along who was the nearest thing to the character on a bottle of Scott's Emulsion that one could wish to see. This character had landed a silver kingfish (mulloway) so large that with a piece of rope through its gills, and carried over his shoulder, the tail was flapping against his ankles. Weight approximately 50 lbs.

We also watched another chap who had set a line overnight bring in a Dhufish 35 to 40 lbs. Another fortunate person landed a 50lb sea kingfish with the greatest of ease. The three of us had a wonderful morning on Saturday catching herring, and in no time we had six dozen good ones. Vic and Mac had the time of their lives pulling them out with spinners. Saturday afternoon we had a long walk to a beach which we thought may produce a kingfish or two, but on this occasion Mac took the laurels with the only Kingie, of 14 lbs, and a sea tailor, 3 - 4 lbs.

To anyone looking for a few days away, I can really recommend Cosy Corner. The camp site is well protected, there are no flies, but unfortunately, no water. The most important part being that there are plenty of fish.

Doug Edward.

To Be a Successful Angler (June 1954).

To be successful, a surf angler must be prepared to put more than casual thought into the whys and wherefores of the sport. Those who live close to the sea have the advantage of constant observation. Others must rely on information in respect to weather reports and Fisheries reports.

It is not possible to give advice with any degree of certainty but there are obvious indicators which will allow the travelling angler some promise of success.

First choose a rising tide, either early morning or evening. Bright sunlight is not always a condition to be avoided, but mid day flood tides do not usually produce best results. Beaches in the vicinity of estuaries are surf angling beaches

By fishing as close as possible to submerged reefs, or from the rocky approaches, the surf angler will often be rewarded for his efforts. When working the beaches after dark, short casts are most advisable.

During rough seas, watch the amount of sand lifted in the breakers. Where constant sand curtains exist, it is unlikely surf feeders will be present. Choose the edges of sand bars bordering channels to place your bait, and where fast drifts and sweeping currents are present, look for where such conditions become less active.

Fresh bait is almost essential though salted varieties will be found successful when small fry are scarce and when fish are working the surf. Heavy seas are not a deterrent, but, on the other hand often bring in surf feeders to dine on the disturbed food.

We often wonder if we enjoy catching fish as much as we relish the fact that we are going fishing. If it were just a matter of going out and dragging fish out of the water, present day fishing tackle would be as it was a hundred years ago. Our main object is certainly to get among the fighting fish of the surf, but it is also to use modern tackle that requires a little skill to manipulate.

The use of such tackle will not reduce the quantity of fish you will land but it will increase the qualities that go towards creating sportsmanship. Surf angling is a sport which calls for a knowledge of fish and the elements that favour their presence. Experience is the only tutor. Learn the use of the implements of their capture and the hours spent in gaining the experience of locating them is the most enjoyable aspect of the sport. Doug Edward.

Bobby Corking For Tailor (June 1954)

Bobby corking can be a fascinating and interesting means of catching tailor or salmon.

It has the advantage of presenting the bait to the fish in the same manner as it would expect it, ie, a small fish moving in the water.

The best place to use this rig is off the reefs into the broken white water, or to endeavour to place the bait in one of the gutters or draw along the beach.

One can expect to get a bit damp wading on the reefs, but the promise of hooking a good fighting fish should offset this to any true angler. And as any experienced tailor or salmon fisherman will tell you, the best fish hang around the reefs.

The rig consists of three or four 6/0 hooks on about six inches of wire. Tailor and salmon when on the rampage are voracious eaters and the big hooks are so that the barbs of the hook are clean through the bait.

About 4'6" up the line we have two bottle corks opposed to each other.

These must be able to slide up or down the line and are fixed in the desired position by inserting a match which presses against the line and secures it.

For bait, the Scaly Mackerel in my opinion reigns supreme closely followed by Blue Mackerel or Garfish. The average scaly weighs about 2 - 3 oz and when combined with hooks and cork, makes a nice casting weight

This gear may seem unbalanced to some of us but quite good casts can be made by using a long drop and swing.

After having made your cast, take up any slack and retrieve very slowly; this, combined with the action of the small corks which just make the bait buoyant, produces an action that a taller or salmon if present just can't resist.

Dawn or dusk seem to be the best times, but on dull overcast days a strike can be expected any time, particularly in the case of salmon.

Well, there you are, fellows, if you haven't tried it, have a go, and I'll warrant it pays off.

Always remember - the best spinner is a drop of the real thing - a fresh Scaly Mackerel or Garfish. Noel Knight.

Just Spinning (June 1954)

Vic Davis is not a believer in anti-backlash devices on reels. To quote him: "An educated thumb is all that is required to overcome backlash". Makes one think that maybe some thumbs are a bit backward and in some cases downright illiterate.

Heard Noel Knight thinks the chappie with the new aqualung is a sissy, he goes down without one.

Someone says in regard to a place to hold our drycasting "You only want a long straight strip of ground". I agree with him, as long as its clear both sides and your sinker cooperates and goes where it's supposed to.

They say Doug Edward has a manicure set in his fishing tackle and uses it to manicure the fishes' fins as he cleans them.

Now Noel is getting a few fish I advise all who may come into contact with him to (a) get caps with good ear flaps; (b) leave town; (c) make sure he has lead boots on next time he falls in.

Believe Vic Davis has not only lost his gaff boy (he is now catching fish), but also the gaff that went with him.

Try to imagine three men all trying to eat the same piece tinned fruit off one tin opener; Vic left the eating gear home

They say Doug Edward reckons that when you walk round the beach with a Davis you want seven league boots or a saw to take Vic off at the knees.

There seems to be some doubt as to whether our president is a hard working and conscientious electrician, or just goes to Rottneest to catch fish.

I believe those strange noises Noel makes when he gets an overrun are not really profane, but just the lad practicing his Spanish so he can call in more Mackerel.

Congratulations to Vern Pocklington on his fine effort on his single handed rod and to Lloyd Dunn on his double hander. Both fine efforts an 8lb (unconfirmed) and a 7lb (confirmed) respectively.

Club Badges Now in Stock.

We now have new supplies of Club Badges. If you are recent new member and didn't get a club badge, contact the Secretary at any club meeting and get yours now.

Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.

Derry Barber now has some stocks of short and long sleeved Club Polo shirts, long sleeved Club Jackets and baseball style caps with a club logo for sale to members. These are in the club colours of Gold (Yellow) and Black, and help to identify you as a "Surfcaster" member.

Social Officer's Report.

SCAC Annual Dinner & Dance Saturday 14 June 2003 at Marmion Angling Club West Coast Highway Marmion (Closest Street is Marine Terrace) commencing at 6.15 PM

Book your Seats! Tickets are available at the next General Meeting on Wednesday 11 June or remit your cheque to Treasurer John Hall and secure your seat or table for self, family & friends

The total cost is \$35 per person, which includes: (SCAC is subsidising cost by \$20.00 per ticket)

The evening commences with drinks upon arrival followed by entree, main meal and sweets. Each table has two bottles of wine and two jugs of cool drink and seats six persons (please advise if your table consists of more than 6 persons) with presentations of trophies concluding shortly before or after sweets and/or tea/coffees. Attendees can purchase wine, beer and spirits over the bar at Marmion's prices. Festivities continue throughout the evening with door prizes, spot prizes, raffles & our old favourite "sliders". This is the opportunity to bring both families & friends, socialise with all members whilst overlooking the magnificent ocean view at the Marmion Angling Club which is situated at the ocean side of West Coast Highway providing an excellent venue including dance floor and entertainment facilities. This is the premier event of the year when we acknowledge the achievements of our

friends. Please make the time so we can enjoy your company and socialise with family and friends; it could also be you who will receive a trophy.

Recent Car Rally held ending up at Golden Ponds:

We had 32 navigators and fisher persons who attended and made a great fun day (see story in this Reel Talk issue). Thanks for your attendance, looking forward to seeing you at the next event

Advance notice of a future proposed Social Club Event

A Movie Meal package designed to coincide with a blockbuster premiere anticipated to be September 2003, watch this space!
Derry Barber.

Car Rally – Sunday 27 April.

What a beautiful day! It makes for a great feeling to the organisers who give their time willingly to think up events for members to participate in.

As a lady is writing this, I would be remiss not to thank Doris (Bob's lady) for her efforts.

The route was interesting with questions posed by Bob which kept us on our toes. The rally result went something like this - 5 points between first and last. What a clever bunch we were!!

1st - Nick and Tessa Allsworth 37 points, Last - George and Kaye Holman 31.5 points, Terry Fuller managed to get lost, however he insisted he wasn't competing. (*Actually a detour along the way, but that's another story. TerryF*)

We made a few stops on the way, with vouchers for icecreams, pit stop for nature call and a cuppa provided and then a stop at the Spud Shed for fruit and veg if you so desired.

Lyn Willison wrote almost an essay for each of the questions.

We ended up at Golden Ponds, where we barbequed, relaxed in the autumn sun and if you wanted lunch could be bought at the café. The guys and girls went off to catch their bream, silver perch, etc.

I speak for Derry and myself when I say we had a relaxing and enjoyable day. We headed for home about 3 pm ensuring we had time to get home to watch our beloved Eagles kick ass.
Dianne Barber.

2003/4 AAA Beach and Rock Angling Championships.

The following information has been taken from the minutes of the latest AAA Rock and Beach sub committee meeting.

Date September LWE (27 and 28 September 2003)

Registration and weigh-in Port Gregory Caravan Park.

Boundaries North of Bowes River and south of Murchison River.

The AAA Rock and Beach organising committee believe that there should be strong encouragement for competitors to stay overnight after the weigh-in. As such, the following times were proposed to be taken back to clubs for discussion.

Sign-on 1pm - 2pm Saturday. **Lines down** 3pm Saturday **Weigh-in** 3pm Sunday.

BBQ 4pm Sunday **Presentations** 5pm Sunday

At this stage the Port Gregory beach championships is planned to start and finish a little later than the usual times. The later start allows for extra travel time to get to Port Gregory. A barbecue is planned to be run immediately after the event and the late finish will link it into being the evening meal. The intention is for participants not to travel after the event, but stay at Port Gregory overnight and travel on Monday. The barbecue should provide the basis for a simple social function.

The caravan park has a limited number of cabins and early bookings will be necessary. The park will be able to accommodate a quantity of tents and these too should be booked in early. When making bookings, mention AAA and John Ward so that the owners can put us in the same area.

The Surfcasters have their "October" Field Day at the same location to fit in with the AAA competition, but the club competition will include the Sunday night and Monday morning, as well as during the AAA times.

AAA Report.

The Australian Anglers Association is concerned at the delays in the plans for management of professional catches of finfish species shared with recreational fishers. We sent a letter to the Minister for Fisheries, Hon. Kim Chance, as summarised in the April Reel Talk.

We hope the message received was:- "AAA agree management is needed, so please do whatever is needed to manage the professionals' catches of finfish stocks shared with recreational fishers by 1 July 2003, but if you can't or won't do that, then please defer the changes to Recreational limits." This was not just a claim to defer the changes to Recreational limits.

It was always everyone's understanding right through all of the discussions on the Gascoyne and West Coast recreational fishing reviews over the last 5 years or so that recreational and commercial fishing changes would come in at the same time. People went through the recreational fishing review process expecting that to happen.

AAA has had a reply, but not a positive response from the Minister, which does not offer any early extra management of commercial fisheries, or any deferment of changes to management of recreational fishing as AAA suggested would be fair.

The Minister's reply is 3 pages, and could be summarised as justifying the proposed changes to recreational rules and their timing, and saying that the management of commercial wetline fishing is going ahead, so we should wear the recreational changes and wait for the commercial changes to happen at the rate decided by the processes (or in other words "trust them, it's happening" ?).

It seems pointless now to push the view that the work on the commercial changes should have started earlier, even though that's very obvious now when the Minister talks of "complex issues and require widespread consultation", so the emphasis needed from now on would seem to be to push the process and the timetable for the wetline review and it's implementation so that it all happens in as short a time as possible.

When Fisheries' Lindsay Joll talked to the AAA Delegate's meeting back in February, he said the latent wetline effort was a real concern, and they could, if necessary, do some things in advance of any of the formal processes to keep the lid on that latent effort until the final answers, objections etc, were resolved.

AAA had hoped that the Minister might have initiated some of those things, but that doesn't come out in his reply. Shifting just two people from the recreational program to the commercial program doesn't seem like a big allocation of resources to move the commercial review along quickly.

The recent reports on the poor returns from rock lobster has raised alarms that the effort on wetlining from now on will increase to make up the income. AAA have had some reports that this is already happening, so controls are really important.

You'll see much more about all this in the media in the near future, and it has already started.

Getting something done depends on how much public pressure gets put on to the Government to make them do what seems to be the right thing. You'll see much more about all this in the media in the near future, and it has already started.

That's where you all will come in. Get ready.

You might have seen the several articles in the West Australian in recent weeks saying what problems the salmon fishers are having this year with returns at about \$430 per tonne but needing \$600 to \$700 per tonne to make it worthwhile. Some said they may not be fishing next year unless the prices go up. Will be interesting to see if they fish next season. Looks a bit like a Media campaign???

Did you see the recreational fishers versus commercial fishers programme on Stateline ABC on Friday 16 May? The black bream issue has hotted up with some recreational anglers stepping over the line and using their media to attack a commercial fisher in the Blackwood River. They seem to have lost sight that he is working within the rules, and if you don't like the rules, then the Minister and Fisheries Department are the ones who should be feeling the pressure.

One day it may be them who are on the receiving end of unfair pressure if they are targeted by an anti fishing group, despite fishing within the recreational fishing rules. If those people get serious, watch out !!! TerryF

Busselton Jetty Fishing Exclusion.

A public meeting was held on 16 May 2003 at Busselton. Shire President Troy Buswell told the meeting that the Shire have been approached by the Busselton Jetty Management Committee and asked to support the application for a Fish Habitat Protection Area, and ultimately a Marine Sanctuary, so read that as a "fishing exclusion zone". The proposed area is the final 293 metres of the jetty, 100 metres east and west of this entire section of jetty and 100 metres north of the jetty's northern end. Around 110 people attended. Several people gave presentations and answered questions.

Eight groups of 10 to 15 people then talked over the issues and gave their views to the whole meeting. The meeting was recorded and will be used by Busselton Shire to decide on their level of support for the FHPA proposal.

Busselton Shire Technical Services advised that the last 193 metres at the end of the jetty was in poor condition, and that even if or when access was possible, the Shire would need to close this part of the jetty because of public liability. There were no plans to upgrade this part of the jetty. Repair costs ranged from \$7,000 to \$12,000 per metre, or around \$2 million for the end section.

This statement caused a lot of comments from local people who believed that money donated would be used to repair the jetty. Some thought that too much money had been spent on the repairs and upgrades to the rest of the jetty, and that the money should have been spread over the whole jetty.

A speaker for the FHPA showed large photographs taken underneath the jetty. He said that people who had never snorkeled might not realise there are corals, sponges, and lots of other marine life under the jetty, and not just fish. The committee's objective is the protection and enhancement of the natural marine environment in the vicinity of the Busselton jetty, which has an incredible array of aquatic life. Anglers still have the rest of the jetty which is 84 percent of the jetty. The Leeuwin current brings tropical and subtropical corals and other species. This is a unique natural asset which is the finest in Australia and probably in the top 10 sites in the world. There are a multitude of activities which can take place off the jetty but some are not compatible. Fishing line damages coral,

and fish need to be protected. Benefits of not having fishing at the end of the jetty are clearly demonstrated in the three years since the fire stopped access, and there has been an explosion of fish life. The FHPA will boost fish stocks and improve fishing in other areas of the jetty.

Some Busselton people said that those photos which had been taken two years ago could have been taken 25 years ago because they had dived in that area and seen exactly the same corals and fish at a time when the jetty was used for recreational fishing. The jetty had been shared by anglers and divers for many years without any problems. Careless divers can also damage coral.

Some said if the end of the jetty is in poor condition, then it is at risk from severe weather, and the corals and protected area could be lost unless it is repaired. That was a very relevant comment considering the severe storm which had raged in the previous 24 hours.

In the public group presentations, all rejected the proposed 293 metre of jetty and 100 metre east, west and north Fish Habitat Protection Area. All groups accepted a 50 metre Fish Habitat Protection Area or fishing exclusion zone, with most saying that the end of the jetty must be repaired and access provided so that it is available for recreational fishing. Apart from a few vocal hecklers, no one objected to the underwater observatory.

A typical presentation, which was a good summary of all the rest, said that the jetty is not significant to fish stocks for the type of fish caught by anglers, which are pelagic and not residents. Restricting professional fishing in Geographe Bay would have much more positive impact on fish stocks. The end of the jetty should be repaired. A walkway around the observatory should be provided for fishermen. The proposal for a FHPA is limiting the enjoyment to a few divers. Everyone pays for the jetty and everyone has rights to use the jetty.

It seems to me it would be a very brave Council which could support the 293 metre etc proposal. TerryF

Trophies Wanted.

We need trophies for this competition year. Times are tough in the tackle trade and the club can't expect the same level of support we have had in the past.

Please consider donating a trophy or some money to be put towards a trophy. Everything welcome. Thanks to:-

Derry and Dianne Barber	donation of \$100,
Terry Willison	four hats,
Roy Killick,	three lures, a watch and a torch.

State Team Meeting.

A final meeting of the State Team will be held at George's place on Monday 9 June, 7:30 pm to keep all competitors up to date on the Yamba convention.

All State Team members are asked to attend to receive their State uniform. Anyone unable to attend can collect their uniform at the July Dry Casting. Hendo.

No Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle in June.

We usually hold a sausage sizzle on every Sunday after the dry casting, but will not hold one in June, because the Committee has an appointment straight after the dry casting.

Dry Casting Report, 4 May 2003.

It was good to see at least a dozen casters put their lead down over 120 metres this month to earn points towards the 2003-4 Sportsman of the Year award. It's consistency that wins awards so I hope all casters concentrate on their techniques when they step up to the kickboard.

Well, we can be serious for at least a minute at a time for 16 times during the day without interrupting our fun and games.

A reminder that a special event, (will be explained at the June meeting) will take place at the July dry casting day and I encourage all club members to attend. More information at the June meeting so come along.

Congratulations to Chas and Nick for winning the 112 gram event, George for taking out the 56 gram, our illustrious Alphonse won the double handed accuracy, and the "quiet achiever" won the single handed accuracy and was top dog for the day. Vix won the Ladies against a lot of competition and Rhys took out the Junior section.

Gentleman Jim Strong was recovering from a hernia repair and couldn't cast a double handed rod, but came along and cast in the single handed accuracy.

The AAA Artificial Bait Distance scores are shown at the right hand side of the score sheet on the next page.

Thanks to all for another great day. Keep it straight and long. Hendo.

Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 8 June 2003, Yokine Reserve, 8:30 am start.

Events:- 112 gram Distance, Artificial Bait distance. Double Handed accuracy, Single Handed accuracy.

May 2003 Field Day, Rottnest – no, local.

It was just like the May Rottnest field day last year. It rained and it blew except this time it was worse. We all knew the bad weather was coming and had decided to just grit our teeth and bear it. What we didn't expect was the high seas to wipe out Narrow neck and access to the west end of Rottnest. The high tide was 1.97 metre on Friday.

So late Friday afternoon Ross had the unenviable task of informing everyone that they now had the opportunity to attend to all those odd jobs around the house. Faced with this awful truth, Vix and I decided to try local. Paul Thompson had reported that Floreat was a wipe out with the surf breaking a long way out and dirty water extending even further, which meant that all that coast line was probably going to be the same.

At Paul's suggestion the three of us headed to Point Peron to escape the wind. We fished the rocks at the very end of the point. There is some seriously fishy water out there, deep water, low reef and patches of white water, it screamed tailor. But all the tailor and every other fish had screamed off some place else. Not even a herring was caught between us. Paul thrashed the water with lures while Vix and I did the same with baits. Weighing in was not going to be an issue for us.

The only person to weigh in was Tony, who managed to bag his usual 30 fish, mostly herring with one tailor and a flathead. This makes the allocation of points for this month quite easy, not something I would like to see again.

A consolation to all this is that the next field day is Emu Springs which is only a couple of weeks away and we're about due for some good weather.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer.

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Fish species caught on this field day were:- herring, tailor, and flathead.

Results for the May Field Day:-

Field Day prizes for May and Sportsman of the Year Sections for May.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	0.375 kg.	
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed bag	3.875 kg.	
Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	3.875 kg	3	30	88.75
Paul Thompson	0 kg	0	0	20
Vix Alexander	0 kg	0	0	20
Malcolm Harris	0 kg	0	0	10
Other members who didn't know the local field day was still on.....	0 kg	0	0	0

President's Notes May 2003

This year because of the National Titles in Yamba NSW we are holding our AGM one month earlier in July. This is the time for YOU to implement those strategies that you have been nurturing all year but have not had the opportunity to bring them to fruition. The AGM is when you select the administrators of the club for the 2003/2004 seasons. NOW is the time when you have the opportunity.

This will be my penultimate "Presidents Notes" for this year and to date I haven't heard any adverse feedback as to the quantity or indeed the quality of the content. Of course this could mean any number of things. One, nobody reads it. Two, what I have to say has no relevance. Or three, nobody cares either way.

When I first came to the club the AAA was in constant battle with RFW over differences in philosophies, now it would seem that there has been a coming together of the two groups over plans by our regulators to implement a "Resource Management Plan" for the "Recreational" angler but carry out a STUDY into the management of the "Professional" fishing industry. Both groups have a place in the wider fishing community, however the thought of implementing a Resource Management plan for the Recreational but not the Professional seems more than a little one-sided. In fact I would term it discriminative in the highest degree. In this coming year you will see and here extensive arguments and reports on the progress of the AAA/RFW fight against this action. Please take notice of what you are given. Both Terry Fuller and George Holman are working extremely hard trying to bring some equitable processes into being with the Minister and the Fisheries Dept and deserve your support.

This month we encountered the problems of Mother Nature with the cancellation of the Rottnest Field day. This is one of our premier field days for the year and one that is planned and looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure and in some cases excitement. I know of one young man who purchased a new wetsuit specifically for the event only to be told at the very last minute that it had been called off. I can certainly understand the disappointment, however what transpired was beyond our control. The Rottnest Island Authority had closed the West End of the Island at the "Narrow Neck" and after consultation with others in the club we made the unpopular decision to cancel the trip. Some members wanted to declare an "Open" however this would have been unfair some so we advised that the "Local" could be fished. Some members may not have received this call and for that I apologise.

Good Day, Good Fishing and I look forward to seeing you at the Emu Springs.

Ross Kember.

Wanted to Buy.

Old fishing reels, wooden, bakelite, metal. Pre 1965. Aluminium drum reels, overheads, sidecasts, etc. Halco, Surfmaster, Graeme, Taylor, etc. Also cane creels, rods, lures, etc.

Phone Mark Farnay on 9246 0898 or 0419 915 230.

Beach Camping Restrictions.

The Shire of Waroona is now cracking down on beach camping following problems experienced over the Easter period. Lots of campers were spotted that according to the Waroona Ranger were becoming a problem with unmanaged rubbish and toilet facilities. Council initially turned a blind eye to this activity but then decided to direct people to move on and keep the beach open.

A brochure has now been produced outlining the camping restrictions where it contravenes the Shire's Local Laws to camp on local government vested property, including beaches and sand dunes.

Waroona Shire does not want to close the beach to anglers but is now enforcing the local law to prohibit any structure such as tents, tarpaulin covers over vehicles or huts from being erected other than a beach shade or windbreak erected during daylight hours and dismantled on the same day.

The brochure refers people to the Preston Beach Caravan Park and CALM's Martin's Tank camp ground in the Yalgorup National Park as preferred locations for campers. Further information on these regulations can be obtained by contacting Waroona Ranger.

The Shire of Waroona should be recognised for supporting anglers' historical beach access rather than closing the beach to 4WDs altogether like some anti-social metropolitan councils have done. At least that way the 90 odd % of the population doing the right thing don't suffer because of the others.

Trophies Wanted.

We need trophies for this competition year. Times are tough in the tackle trade and the club can't expect the same level of support we have had in the past.

Please consider donating a trophy or some money to be put towards a trophy. Everything welcome. Thanks to:-

Derry and Dianne Barber donation of \$100, Terry Willison four hats,
Roy Killick, three lures, a watch and a torch.

Safari 2004.

Time to think about the next fishing safari in 2004. Warroora Station or the Esperance south coast area have been suggested so far. Anyone have suggestions for other places? Chas Riegert has found out the following:-

Warroora Station is 200 km north of Carnarvon. Probable timing, April - July 2004. Three accommodation options:-

1. Completely self contained camping on the beach area. Need to take absolutely everything you need. \$5 per person per night, \$25 per person per week, children free.
2. Shearer's quarters, twin share rooms, \$18 per person per night, community kitchen and ablutions.
3. Two houses, self contained, can sleep up to 30 people between them. Standard rate is \$30 per person per night. May be negotiable for a large group and a week long booking.

Can work out the details with some confirmed number of people going.

Details of the fishing at Warroora will get you planning and packing. More details, and description of the Esperance option to come. Contact Chas Riegert for any more information or to put your name down.

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This is your personal invitation! Make up a party!

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2003 Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Trophies.

The Surfcasters Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Trophies for 2002/3 will be held on Saturday 14 June 2003.

Where:- Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club (licensed so no BYO drinks, please).

Time:- 6:15 pm start with pre dinner drinks, sherries and orange juice.

Food:- Entree, main meal and sweets. Each table has two bottles of wine and two jugs of cool drink.

Close:- Midnight.

Entertainment:- Presentation of trophies for 2002/2003, door prizes, music, dancing, raffles, sliders and good company.

Cost:- \$35.00 per person, subsidised by the club.

Tickets:- From Treasurer. Must be bought by the deadline, the General Meeting 11 June.

Family members are welcome, and visitors are welcome 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.