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Minutes of General Meeting, 11 May 2005

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Time 8:00 pm. Vice President George Holman presiding.
- Present:-** 26 members.
- Apologies:-** Ian Cook, Tony Ong, Mark Hansen, Morris Kolman, Trevor Stam.
- Visitors:-** None.
- New Member:-** None.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Peter Stoeckel, seconded Andy Thorgersen, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** George Holman outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No other business arising.
- Correspondence In:**
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| Westpac Bank | Bank statement for April. |
| Ray White Kalbarri | Statement for April + cheque \$514.75. |
| AAA | Minutes of April AAA Delegates' Meeting. |
| Shire of Northampton | Proposal for parking earthmoving equipment in blocks opposite Kalbarri House. |
| Water Corporation | Water usage Kalbarri to 18 April \$17.45 |
| Western Power | Power Kalbarri to 20 April \$190.10 |
| Bretton Stitfold | Payment Rottnest \$130 |
| Ian Taggart | Payment Rottnest \$160 |
| Hayway Marine | Offer to members 10% off fishing gear and beat any advertised price. |
| BT Funds Management | Quarterly statement ending 31 March 2005 |
| City of Stirling | Account for Yokine Reserve charges \$225.01 |
- Correspondence Out:-**
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| Gary Norman, Connolly | Information about the Club (Referred by Allan Jones) |
| Keith Heaney, Kalbarri | Information about the Club, membership form, Reel Talk |
| Shire of Northampton | Objection to proposal for parking earthmoving equipment in blocks opposite Kalbarri House. |
| Tony and Filomena D'Alonzo | Thanks for Committee night. |
- Moved** Jim Strong seconded Mat Henderson correspondence be accepted - carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Paul Thompson reported. Accounts for payment as listed in correspondence
Moved Allan Jones, seconded Andrew Aubrey Treasurer's report be received and accounts be passed for payment – carried.
- Property Officer** Vix Alexander reported on the machinery parking proposal as in correspondence.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported briefly on the April Kalbarri field Day, details in the April Reel Talk. The May field day will be run with the AAA State Rock and Beach Championships at Cape to Cape. Members from SCAC are needed and the Club has a good chance of winning if the teams do well.
- Rottnest Field Day:-** Arrangements for the Rottnest Field Day on the June long weekend are in the May and June Reel Talk.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** George Holman reported on the May dry casting - details as in Reel Talk. He thanked people for the help to set out and pull down the dry casting courts, and reminded members this would be needed at each dry casting day in future. Keith Heaney was living in Kalbarri and would join the club and cast for WA at Yeppoon. The January Dry Casting will be on 8 January 2006 to avoid New Year's Day which would normally be the casting day.
- AAA Report:-** Peter Stoeckel reported on the AAA Rock and Beach Championship planned for 28/29 May at Cape to Cape as above. Extra copies of the booklet are available from Peter Stoeckel. George would like to see more Surfcasters at these events. Fishing Clinics have been booked at the Hillarys Yacht Club for the first three Mondays 4, 11 and 18 July.
- Social Organiser:-** Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club has been booked for the Presentation night, Saturday 18 June 2005. Tickets are available at \$40 per person. Details in Reel Talk. Peter Stoeckel and Andrew Aubrey will organise this. Donations for prizes are wanted. Lynne Willison has been doing the sandwiches for the General Meetings, but will not be able to do them for several months. A volunteer to make sandwiches is required.
- Recorder:-** John Jardine has entered a 5 kg salmon caught at Swanborne in the 2005/6 Open Competition.
- Secretary's Report.** Nothing else to report other than covered by correspondence or in general business.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Terry Fuller reported on arrangements for the next two Reel Talks due to the late field days.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.

General Business:- John Romano advised of a trip to Cervantes where he encountered CALM signs which he interpreted as saying the area north of Cervantes towards Hill River was closed to fishing. Terry Fuller advised that the Jurien Bay Marine Park did not close that area to fishing from the shore and he would get more information. Spencer King asked about the choice of Emu Springs for the Easter 2006 Field Day venue. After some discussion, it was agreed that Denmark would be added to the venue in recognition of this being Easter long weekend. It was noted this was a once off exception. Peter Osborne **moved**, Terry Willison seconded, that the Field Day scores be the best 11 out of 12 for the 2005/6 competition year so that members who went to Yeppoon were not disadvantaged. Carried.

Meeting closed:- 9.35 pm.

Instruction Period:- Chas Riegert and Terry Fuller gave a demonstration of filleting on Paul Thompson's beautiful mulloway which he had caught the previous night at Kalbarri. The emphasis was on how to get the maximum amount from a fish and was demonstrated by the small pile of skin and scales, a head and a tail which was all that was left over.

P.S. The cooked backbone was scrumptious!!!

TerryF



Coming Club Events.

June Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 12 June. **Note** Date changed for Field Day
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance, **PLUS** Single handed open.
All casters please assist Terry Willison with the setting up at the beginning and retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

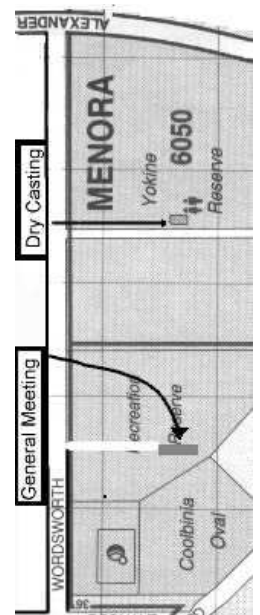
June General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 8 June 2005, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

Instruction Period:- To be advised..

June 2005 Field Day – Rottnest Long Weekend.

When: Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 June 2005 Long Weekend.
Boat Times: Saturday - Must be at the C Shed ferry terminal no later than 06:45
 Ferry tickets will **not** be purchased after 07:15
 ETA Rottnest from Fremantle on Saturday 4 June 08:00
Sign On: At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).
Lines Down: Saturday 12:00 noon.
Transport: Transport of gear to Caroline Thompson 08:15
 Caroline Thompson to West End Saturday 11:30
 West End to Caroline Thompson 19:00
 Caroline Thompson to West End Sunday 06:00
 West End to Caroline Thompson 19:00
 Caroline Thompson to West End Monday 06:00
 West End to Caroline Thompson 10:30
 Gear from Caroline Thompson to Ferry 13:30
Return Boat:- Rottnest Monday 14:30



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

Boundaries: All of Rottnest Island !!

Special Notes: Label all your gear.

Have your gear in proper strong containers or it will get damaged.

Use rod tubes if you have them, or risk damage.

The Bay Seeker bus does a round trip usually every hour and goes as far as Narrow Neck. Cost \$7.50

Need wet suit and spray jacket to stay warm at this time of year especially being out all day.

NO waders on reefs. Check the very high tides in the morning.

Take food and water with you to West End.

No food available from shops on return at night.

Special thanks to Ian Cook for organising all this. Any questions – contact Ian.

If you wanted to go on this Field Day, you should have paid in full by the April General Meeting, so it's really too late now. See the articles in the March and April Reel Talks. See below for the August Rottnest Field Day.

Tides for	Saturday 4 June	1.17m at 7:41 am	0.64m at 5:46 pm	Sunrise 7:10 am
	Sunday 5 June	1.22m at 8:00 am	0.60m at 6:17 pm	
Fremantle	Monday 6 June	1.25m at 8:24 am	0.58m at 6:45 pm	Sunset 5:20 pm
Moon	Saturday 4 June	Moonrise:-	About 4:27 am	Moonset:- About 3:21 pm
	Sunday 5 June	Moonrise:-	About 5:30 am	Moonset:- About 4:00 pm
	Monday 6 June	Moonrise:-	About 6:30 am	Moon:- New Moon Tues 7 June

Local Field Day for June 2005.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 June 2005 Long Weekend.

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

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 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 north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

July 2005 Field Day - Cape to Cape.

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

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

Lines Down:- After sign on

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

Boundaries:- Busselton Jetty to Cape Leeuwin.

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

Local Field Day for July 2005.

When: Saturday/Sunday 16/17 July, 2005

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

Lines Down:- 2 pm Saturday.

Weigh in: Sunday 11:00 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

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

Rottnest Field Day August 2005

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

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

Deposits of \$60 must be paid by the 8 June General Meeting. Post it in early if you can't get to the June meeting.

that the boundaries can be extended because someone has a favourite spot outside the boundaries, or has heard of fish being caught outside the boundaries.

In future, the boundaries will be discussed and set at or before the April General Meeting when the venues are being chosen, and everyone will have a chance to say what they want.

2005/2006 General Meetings.

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

Wednesday 8 June 2005

Wednesday 14 December 2005

Wednesday 13 July 2005 and **Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 11 January 2006

Wednesday 10 August 2005

Wednesday 8 February 2006

Wednesday 14 September 2005

Wednesday 8 March 2006

Wednesday 12 October 2005

Wednesday 12 April 2006

Wednesday 9 November 2005

2005/2006 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 12 June 2005, (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 6 November 2005

Sunday 3 July 2005

Sunday 4 December 2005

Sunday 7 August 2005

Sunday 8 January 2006 (changed for NY Day)

Sunday 11 September 2005, (changed for Fathers' Day)

Sunday 5 February 2006

Sunday 9 October 2005, (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 12 March 2006, (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 30 October 2005, AAA State Dry Casting Championships

Sunday 2 April 2006

Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

Printed copies of the Club's current Fishing and Dry Casting Competition Rules and Club Constitution are available. Contact the Secretary or see the club's web site <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> for the online versions.

Donations for Trophies.

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

There are some things members can do:-

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

2005 SCAC Dinner/Presentation of Trophies.

Following the successful Presentation Night in 2004, the preferred location for our Dinner/Presentation of Trophies is the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club on a Saturday night.

The committee has booked the centre for Saturday 18 June 2005. Based on quotes for the meal, expected costs of prizes, etc, and expecting about 50 people to attend, the club will be subsidising this night by about \$1,000 – that's around \$20 per person.

A carvery buffet has been organised. Be assured you that you will receive a generous meal.

The menu is:-
Pumpkin soup served at table
Crusty rolls
Roast beef or roast chicken
Roast potatoes, roast pumpkin, peas, carrots, cauliflower cheese.
Bread and butter pudding or seasonal fruit salad and ice cream.
Coffee, tea, chocolates.

Pre-dinner drinks Sherry, orange juice, soft drinks.

Dinner drinks Jugs of squash and iced water. Other drinks to be bought for cash.

**GUARANTEED GOOD FOOD
GREAT COMPANY
ENJOYABLE EVENING**

ORGANISE YOUR PARTY NOW. GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER and OBTAIN YOUR TICKETS A.S.A.P.

Cost \$40 per person. Contact Peter Stoeckel - contact details in front of Reel Talk.

Wanted - Aluminium Cans.

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

Please bring cans to the June General Meeting because Mal will be away for a while after that.

Open Competition Sections.

These are the details of the Open Competition Sections as listed in the existing version of the Competition Rules. Results are for entries received up to 23 April. Entries close 30 days after capture.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	10.5 kg Golden Trevally Tony Ong Exmouth
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	9 kg Tony D'Alonzo, Jurien Bay
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	No entry
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	No entry
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	12.5 kg John Jardine, Quobba
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry
Section 15	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	12.0 kg Cobia John Jardine Quobba
Section 16	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod..	None	10.5 kg Golden Trevally Tony Ong Exmouth

Barron Lure Competition.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. No entry yet
Heaviest Salmon on Lure. No entry yet.
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. No entry yet.

Sponsorship by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

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

The voucher would be ideal as accommodation for the AAA Beach and Rock Championships 28/29 May 2005.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Your Club's Future

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

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

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

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

Got any new ideas to improve our Club

Any ideas on fund raising etc.

Are you prepared to put your hand up and assist.

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

What we should not do.

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

New Committee Members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"there's no President, or Secretary or Treasurer, or so the club will have to be wound up, dissolved, cancelled, gone, ended, no more....."

Safari 2006.

The next opportunity for a club safari is during calendar year 2006. Esperance has been suggested as a possible location. Suggestions for alternative places, dates, etc are wanted, please.

Life Members of the Club.

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

April 2005 Field Day, Port Gregory to Kalbarri.

Twelve members made the trip north to fish the field day and one fished local. The weather at Port Gregory was generally good over the weekend, but unfortunately the swell was up which did not bode well. Most elected to fish the Wagoie area anyway with the exception of Morris and new members Tina and Josh. Good decision in hindsight.

As it was a long weekend there were quite a number of other parties fishing up and down this stretch of coast. The Lucky Bay lagoon look like a small town site with all the camps set around the dunes and beach.

With the swell up the number of places that were fishable was limited, so getting a line in the water at the Wagoie end was not a simple affair.

Catches on Saturday were lean and with a building swell on Sunday saw most people retreat back towards Lucky Bay on the Sunday afternoon.

Tony and Filomena ended up at Hutt River Sunday afternoon and fished hard that night to bring in their usual respectable bag.



For Morris and his party who wisely choose Hutt River as their fishing base things were completely different. Saturday was very productive for them with good catches of dart, herring and a couple of whiting.

Of the fish caught for the weekend, dart was the heaviest catch, only a couple of tailor although Brian landed a very nice 1.3kg specimen. Four small mulloway were weighed in by Tony and Filomena, with the heaviest being a 1.8kg fish for Tony.

The rest of us did not fair that well with a smattering of small bread and butter species. New members Tina and Josh did well for their first field day, with Tina coming in third overall and Josh fifth. Well done to both of them.

Winners for the day were Tony for the heaviest scale fish (mulloway 1.8kg) and Morris with the heaviest bag of scale fish with a mixed bag of 4.8kg.

Although not overly productive in terms of fish caught it was a good weekend to be away enjoying the sand between your toes and the sea breeze in your hair. It beats mowing the lawn any day.

The next field day coincides with the AAA State beach and Rock Championships in Yallingup on the 28th and 29th May 2005. We still need more members to complete our club teams for the competition, the more fishers we have the more chance we have of taking out top club for the year. If you haven't registered yet, you can do so on the day or contact Peter Stoeckel for an entry form.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	8.513 kg	6	13	195.13
Morris Kolman	4.841 kg	3	18	128.41
Tina Lingard	3.236 kg	4	18	122.36
Filomena D'Alonzo	3.454 kg	3	5	114.54
Malcolm Harris	2.124 kg	4	6	111.24
Josh Lucocq	2.7 kg	2	9	97
Vix Alexander	0.696 kg	2	2	76.96
Brian Stokes	1.296 kg	1	1	62.96
Mark Hansen	0.285 kg	1	1	62.85
Peter Stoeckel	0	0	0	50
Greg Walker	0	0	0	50
Andrew Stoeckel	0	0	0	40
Daniel Stoeckel	0	0	0	40
George Holman	0.1 kg	1	1	31

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for April 2005.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	1.856 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	8.513 kg

Field Day prizes for April 2005.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	1.856 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Morris Kolman	Mixed Bag	4.841 kg

Field Day Top Ten for 2004/2005 up to April.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	3394.6	6	Spencer King	613.3
2	Malcolm Harris	1057.7	7	Chas Riegert	411.3
3	Filomena D'Alonzo	1030.2	8	Peter Stoeckel	391.1
4	Vix Alexander	990.1	9	Grant Taggart	349.5
5	George Holman	839.5	10	Dave Maxted	320.8

Field Day Sections up to April.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.05 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.985 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Shark	24.45 kg
4	Best Mulloway	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.05 kg
5	Best Tailor	Malcolm Harris	Tailor	1.70 kg
6	Best Salmon	Spencer King	Salmon	4.985 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Skipjack Trevally	1.15 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	2.0 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	26.045 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	19.85 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	7.3 kg

May 2005 Field Day Report.

The May Field Day will be held with the AAA State Rock & Beach State Championships, Saturday/Sunday 28/29 May, 2005. This was too late for the results to be written up and published in this June edition of Reel Talk to get to people in time for the next Field Day event. See the July Reel Talk for the results of the May Field Day.

Advertising in Reel Talk.

Advertising is available in the Reel Talk. 12 monthly copies are printed, currently 62 copies. Charges are:-

Inside and outside back covers are printed black on Terra Yellow paper.

Inside or outside back cover, full page..... \$100.00 per annum. half page\$70.00 per annum.

Inside pages are printed black on white paper.

Inside pages full page.. \$60.00 per annum half page \$40.00 per annum. quarter page ...\$30.00 per annum

Estuaries Die While Marine Parks Fly

Recfishwest Media Release Thursday 12 May.

There is increased community concern about the lack of action by the government on estuarine health throughout the South-west.

"Recreational fishers, together with all Western Australians, demand effective action to save the environment of our estuaries," Recfishwest's executive director Frank Prokop said today.

"We are absolutely disgusted by the different treatment of marine conservation and what happens in our rivers and estuaries," said Frank Prokop. "Western Australia's coastal marine waters are in good condition. The recently released Government discussion paper on biodiversity conservation confirmed that with the exception of enclosed areas like Cockburn Sound or Peel-Harvey estuary, the marine environment is in particularly good health."

Similarly the report 'Status of Coral Reefs of the World 2004' says that Western Australian coral reefs are in good condition and are exposed to fewer local impacts than other reefs around the world. However, where does our government put almost all its efforts? Spurred on by the propaganda of some environmental lobbyists, most of the effort has gone into the easy fix of establishing marine parks and marine sanctuary areas!"

Mr Prokop says that the government as well as the Departments of Environment and Conservation and Land Management are letting down present and future West Australians. "We are all aware of the sorry story of pollution and algal blooms in the Swan-Canning in recent years but tragically the same thing is happening in other estuaries and rivers between Geraldton and Albany."

Recfishwest believes that the new Swan and Canning River protection legislation will not adequately address the catastrophic declines by requiring long periods for consultation and other delaying procedures rather than reflecting the community's clear desire to improve the rivers and estuaries.

Mr Prokop believes that anti-fishing sentiment in some parts of the community plus a desire to capitalise on association with Western Australia's iconic marine attractions is distorting government conservation priorities.

"While CALM are concentrating on locking people out of environmentally healthy areas like the Rowley Shoals and Ningaloo, our estuaries are being overwhelmed with excessive nutrient inflows and the destruction of wetlands and fringing vegetation which is needed to buffer such damaging influences."

Recfishwest believes rivers and estuaries are seriously threatened compared to a generally healthy coastal marine environment and asks the government to seriously re-examine its environmental priorities, not just in the Swan-Canning system, but throughout the south-west. Recfishwest would be pleased to be involved in any constructive way.

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May Dry Casting Report.

The weather forecast was for rainy periods and showers, but they were a mile off the mark. The day could not have been better with the only downside a slight head to side wind which was not conducive to long casts as was evident in the scores.

Attendance was once again on the light side and it would be nice to see a lot more club members make the effort to come along and enjoy the company of their fellow club members and take up the challenge to see how well they can cast. We even teach people too.

Work commitments have put Chas Riegert in the position where he needed to step down as casting officer, but he will be assisting Terry Willison and myself by doing the computer work which is appreciated. I will help out with the day but I am looking for someone to take over the casting position.

I would appreciate it if casters hopped into and help with setting up the lanes, etc before they put a reel on a rod and wander off and practice. If we need a little extra time to get our gear ready and to do a bit of practice, then I will allow it. If you want to start on time we all need to get down and help set up early. Do not leave it to just a few.

Looking at the distance casting scores for the seniors there seemed to be a good percentage sprayed out of court. One caster (who will remain anonymous) managed to split a new Ziplax rod while casting and to make matters worse, it was not his!! It was a lady caster's rod, so methinks an expensive day.

Terry Willison and Nick Allsworth tied for the 56 gram distance, Chas Riegert won the artificial bait, and Nick Allsworth took out the 112 gram distance.

Malcolm Harris showed the seniors how to do double handed accuracy with 129 and Chas Riegert won the single handed accuracy with 27 including a wipeout.

George Holman and Allan Jones worth the sprayers in the veterans distance. Tony D'Alonzo took out the 56 gram and in the artificial bait he was joined by Terry Fuller and Malcolm Head with a three-way tie. George Holman took out the 112 gram distance - he managed to get both of them into the court.

Tony D'Alonzo also top scored in the double handed accuracy with 126 and Terry Fuller won the single handed accuracy with 27 points.

Trevor Stam continues to show his prowess in the double handed accuracy showing that his 141 the previous month was no fluke. He also managed a bull's-eye as well. Other bull's-eye as was scored by Chas Riegert and George Holman.

The tussle between the three ladies (Vix, Filomena and Annella) continues and at the end of the day Vix and Filomena tied and Annella showed a lot of improvement, getting all of her distance casts in and tying with Filomena for longest cast in the 56 gram and winning that event. Vix won the artificial bait and Filomena won the 112 gram distance, longest cast went to Vix with 79 metres.

It was good to see Rhys Jones back at casting and he showed he was not far off the pace and a bit more practice will only benefit him. His longest cast was 125 metres which in the conditions was very good considering longest in the seniors was only 148 metres.

Good to see John Kenyon come down again and this time go through with the boys in all events. It is a bit of a challenge, eh John?

I was pleased to see the helpers out with Terry Willison putting the gear away. Keep it up, please.

Look forward to seeing more members at casting next month. We will also have the single handed open at the conclusion, so start warming up.

George Holman.

Dry Casting Results, 1 May 2005.

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number									Target distance					
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points	
	Seniors.	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	
Cha's Riegert	102	137	24	111	114	23	146	138	28	5	10	21	24	17	4	23	12	116	8	9	0	10	27	218
Malcolm Harris	0	117	12	109	104	21	132	138	27	19	18	21	23	9	10	9	20	129	6	0	0	5	11	200
Nick Allsworth	125	123	25	0	0	0	148	148	30	11	21	23	8	14	0	6	19	102	1	8	2	8	19	176
Terry Willison	122	126	25	0	107	11	0	137	14	2	0	20	10	0	0	12	16	60	0	5	0	5	10	120
Mark Hanson	95	0	10	0	0	0	126	0	13	1	18	18	10	0	0	0	15	62	0	7	0	0	7	92
John Kenyon (Vis)	0	0	0	0	101	10	109	0	11	0	18	18	0	0	0	1	0	37	0	7	0	0	7	65
Veterans																								
Tony D'Alonzo	105	108	21	85	91	18	110	112	22	0	18	19	22	10	14	24	19	126	4	4	5	6	19	206
Terry Fuller	88	88	18	90	85	18	0	83	8	21	20	16	4	16	8	21	12	118	6	8	7	6	27	189
Allan Jones	0	103	10	0	90	9	113	120	23	22	18	20	11	19	0	7	22	119	4	7	9	0	20	181
George Holman	0	131	13	116	0	12	148	148	30	3	6	13	19	6	14	22	6	89	2	9	2	10	23	167
Mal Head	0	101	10	90	88	18	109	115	22	9	15	20	23	10	13	14	10	114	0	2	0	0	2	166
Jim Strong	66	0	7	70	68	14	0	92	9	15	13	17	19	0	9	19	10	102	5	6	5	5	21	153
Trevor Stam	31	33	6	46	68	11	82	0	8	14	17	23	6	21	10	25	3	119	0	0	0	7	7	151
Ladies																								
Vix Alexander	73	0	7	59	70	13	79	74	15	16	0	16	11	0	9	19	19	90	4	0	5	3	12	137
Filomena D'Alonzo	0	77	8	63	0	6	76	85	16	0	0	19	19	2	16	20	22	98	0	2	0	7	9	137
Annella Riegert	72	77	15	58	54	11	71	66	14	5	12	15	0	0	8	23	4	67	0	2	0	2	4	111
Juniors																								
Rhys Jones	108	84	19	99	86	19	109	125	23	0	20	1	10	11	11	18	20	91	5	4	6	0	15	167

Event:	Seniors Winner	Points	Veterans Winner	Points	Ladies Winner	Points	Juniors Winner	Points
56 gram Distance	Allsworth/Willison	25	Tony D'Alonzo	21	Annella Riegert	15	Rhys Jones	19
Artificial Bait distance	Chas Riegert	23	D'Alonzo/Fuller/Head	18	Vix Alexander	13	Rhys Jones	23
112 gram Distance	Nick Allsworth	30	George Holman	30	Filomena D'Alonzo	16	Rhys Jones	19
Double Handed Acc.	Mal Harris	129	Tony D'Alonzo	126	Filomena D'Alonzo	98	Rhys Jones	91
Single Handed Acc	Chas Riegert	27	Terry Fuller	27	Vix Alexander	12	Rhys Jones	15
Days High Points	Chas Riegert	218						

WARCO Letter to Members of Parliament

WARCO is the Western Australian Recreational Campers Organisation (inc)

Their Mission Statement:- To re-establish and maintain the traditional rights of the Western Australian public to enjoy free recreational camping in an environment of their choice.

What We Value:

- Environmental care and preservation
- The right to camp responsibly in areas of choice without fear of prosecution
- Cooperative and meaningful dialogue with all authorities
- An ethical and professional approach to all that we do

I am writing to you to express the concerns of all the people of Western Australia who are represented by the Western Australian Recreational Campers Organisation (WARCO).

WARCO is an organisation which represents eight State Associations. WARCO therefore represents directly an estimated over 50,000 people who use motor homes, motorised caravans, towed caravans, camper vans, tents and recreational vehicles as their accommodation units when they pursue their recreational activities throughout the whole of the State of Western Australia.

These people are concerned that while the use of these mobile accommodation units is increasing throughout the State the facilities to service this use are in fact decreasing. Caravan Parks are closing down and being subdivided into residential estates and other uses, or being redeveloped as "Chalet Estates". Also within Caravan Parks the number of sites is being reduced to make way for the building of "Chalets". It would appear that none of these losses is being replaced by the development of new parks or the expansion of existing parks.

For the most part these changes are a natural result of decisions made over the last few years by both State and Local Governments. Recent changes to Government Land Taxing and Rating formula have brought about great increases in Land Tax and Rating charges, in some cases in excess of 300%. This has caused some Caravan Park operations to become unviable financially and many more to become quite marginal. This has forced many owners and operators to choose to either:

- a) Close the facility and realise on its land value by selling or redeveloping. The result is a loss of that facility to the people represented by WARCO; or
- b) To reduce the number of caravan and camping sites in the facility and replace them with "Chalet" type units from which they can demand a much higher fee.

Both these alternatives are detrimental to the people that WARCO represents and caravanners and campers in general.

Another cause of discontent is the introduction and in many cases the unsympathetic use and interpretations by the various authorities of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997. This has had a detrimental affect on the recreational vehicle user and campers. Application of some of these regulations has:

- a) Caused a reduction in the number of caravan parks and caravan sites throughout the State;
- b) Caused steep increases in the costs of operating caravan parks and in the costs of establishing new parks in recent years;
- c) Caused the closure of, and denial of access to many traditional rest areas and informal camping areas in popular recreational areas throughout the State.
- d) Caused a reduction of the number of rest areas along the roadside along our major roads and travel routes although our Department of Main Roads WA is doing some work to redress this problem within its area of responsibility.
- e) Denied Recreational Fishermen from camping out over night on most West Australian beaches whilst pursuing their recreational activity.

All this has happened in spite of the increasing number of recreational vehicles of all types being registered in this State.

The users and owners of motor homes, motorised, caravans, towed caravans, camper vans, camper trailers, camping tents and other recreational vehicles annually make a considerable contribution to the Government's income in the form of taxes on Sales and Registrations of Recreational vehicles, fuel and equipment, Rates and Taxes on accommodation businesses and properties, power, water and health charges on Caravan and Camping Park operators who also contribute by their presence to the economy and employment in country towns.

Extensive enquiries suggest that while Government Rules, Regulation and Valuations are causing a reduction in the Services and Facilities for the Recreational Camper state wide, there are no plans to replace the services lost so far. No State or Local Government Authority in their various planning schemes

appear to be making any provision for the expansion of existing services facilities or the creation of new services and facilities to meet the growing demands of the Recreational Accommodation Industry.

A further concern we have is contained in Part 5, Section 32 of The Caravan Parks and Camping Act 1995 consolidated to 1st January 2005. It appears to us that a review of the Act should have commenced after 1st January 2000.

In order to inform all our members, could you please advise us of the following:-

- 1 a) When did a review of the Act commence?
 - 1 b) If the review now after 5 years has not commenced when will it be undertaken?
 - 1 c) If a review has been commenced how far has it progressed?
 - 1 d) When was the Report as required under Part 5 Section 32, Paragraph 2 placed on the table of the House?
2. Why is one section of the Government spending large sums of money to encourage Tourism within the State while other sections of Government are pursuing policies which are causing operators of Recreational Touring Accommodation facilities to close down and leave the industry as well as the closing of many traditional camping and rest areas?
- 3 a) What is your Government's policy toward the Recreational Camping and Touring industry in both the short and long term?
 - 3 b) What are your Government's plans for the Recreational Camping and Touring industry in both the long and short term?

We hope to have your reply soon.

Jack C Cocks, Chairman WARCO

Mulloway at Kalbarri.

Chas rings me on my mobile and asks me if I want to fish at Chinaman's rocks. I was slightly taken aback because I was in the middle of doing something and, after a short pause, I said 'Chinaman's rocks in Kalbarri?', yes was the reply! He said he was driving up on Tuesday, 10 May and coming back the following day for the club meeting, so short. What about Jurien, Geraldton, make a few days of it, especially with the calm autumn conditions. 'Work wouldn't wait' he said. I rang back that evening after liaising with the wife, we were on! We would be staying at Keith and Lee-anne's place overnight, so sleeping bag and a change of clothes was all that was required.

Tuesday, 10 May 8.00 am, car loaded, we started driving north. Cataby was quiet, one car only. A quick toilet break and stretch the legs. Next, on to Gull 440 Geraldton, topped up the fuel, cleaned the windscreen which dried quickly in the warm north-easterly wind. The weather was perfect for driving, clear roads and just enough cloud cover not to cook in transit! The lamb shanks lunch was devoured and savoured – thank you Gull 440.

About 3.30 pm we drove into Kalbarri and stopped quickly at the Blue Holes. The tide was ebbing away, dragging the Murchison brown water out to sea. Some little birdie had whispered in Chas' ear about mulloway at Chinaman's rocks so that was the next stop. The car park was almost full and about 16 people were fishing already. Chas had a quick word with a couple of them and then we loaded up our tackle and slotted in on the rocks. 'Apparently it's getting busier' Chas said.

So, the fishing had started. During the set up time two small mulloway were caught and thrown back, then one about 3 kilos was landed and kept. Chas was eager, still licking his lips from the taste of lamb shanks. Being a lure fisherman, I was torn. Water too dirty for tailor – no poppers or slices, blue holes too shallow – no poppers or slices. I tried my flick rod for whiting, no luck, just small blowies, so I rigged up my lure rod and cast out a mulie with a lead weight and a well hidden gang.

Now, I am not the one who would normally cast out and stand waiting for a bite, but if 16 other people thought it was worth a go, then so would I. Chas and I were talking about everything and anything and he was getting something hitting his well tenderised squid. He was also moving a lot along the bottom, further out than all of us put together.

By this time another four fishermen had appeared and slotted themselves in between. Lines were crossing and moving so tangles were becoming the order of the afternoon. Each time I returned my rig the mulie was gone, but no bites were registered, so about on my 5th cast I was standing, waiting as you do. I felt a movement on the rod tip, not the usual tailor hit on a slice or popper. Then again, another small pull and then a pause. Now I was concentrating. Pausing again the rod tip moved as though I was being pulled out to sea, I struck and the weight on the end did nothing. Then it was off, following the flow of the river out to sea. 'Chas, I'm on.' All I could do was hold on and adjust the drag on the reel.

By this time the sun was setting, the colours in the sky were drawing people to Chinaman's rocks for an evening's photographic event. So, with about 22 fishermen and locals and tourists alike all staring at me, the pressure was on. Externally I was the 3rd fisherman from the point so the fish did not have to swim far with the current to reach the sea (one problem), plus the reef ledge and a port marker buoy. I had to turn his head so I applied more pressure on the drag and leaned back on the rod, slowly trying to ease the fish back

and slowly I gained some line. Now swimming up river, another run to the other side of the river mouth, again turning the head after losing more line to the fish. Now I definitely had everyone's attention.



Paul Thompson's Kalbarri Mulloway.

Someone close by said it could be ray, then the rod tip started showing some signs of head shakes. No, that was a mulloway. The rocks I was standing on were exposed, black and sharp and the other fisherman had pulled in their lines so I started walking up to the small beach with the fish in tow. Chas was laughing and giving good advice. He offered to lift it onto the beach, so very carefully we made it to the sand. By now the fish had risen sufficiently to see the paddle tail. Just before the beach it rolled on its back showing the flank and belly. Still one rock to avoid and Chas had him.

25 minutes to land and I could hear someone clapping, or was it the fish croaking? After two or three photos the fish was dispatched and cleaned. Lucky for me Chas had a large blue esky with ice, no need to cut up the fish to fit. I was gob-smacked. Really, really surprised. I had just fought a great fish, what an experience. All I could do was sit down while Chas tried to find another in the fading light.

By 6.30 pm we were knocking on Keith and Lee-anne's door as nothing more was happening at the river mouth. After a great shower we were sitting down to fresh fish from the boat Keith works on. Dhufish, sweetlip, snapper, coral trout. I walked with Marlin and his sister to the chip shop and bought some chicken salted chips, they went down a treat. Sadly Lee-anne had to go to work at the local tavern, singing and playing the electric guitar for 3 hours, so we talked some more, Keith, Marlin, Chas and myself and then hit the sack.

Early start on Wednesday, on the road by 8.00 and flying home. Chas had organised a fish filleting display at the club meeting that night, so we had to return.

Thank you to Chas for the invitation to go up to Chinaman's rocks.

Thank you to Keith and Lee-anne and the kids for a great evening.

Thank you to Terry and Chas for an informative filleting display.

Paul Thompson

Night fishing in Kakadu.

"Wanna go night fishing?" said my son Jamie. "It is a bit different up here coz there is a few rules to go by"

After 20 to 30 daytime fishing trips on the South and East Alligator Rivers, I gathered there would not be much of a difference until the rules were put to me. These are the rules.

1. All car keys and valuables are to be placed in a secure location in the dinghy. (At least others can get home and maybe have a drink on the way at your expense.)
2. You must wear long trousers and longsleeved shirts plus a head net and cutaway gloves. Soak yourself in mosquito repellent because they are bad.
3. Avoid all fishing tackle noises, no slapping of body, no loud exaltations.(Keep your mouth shut so as not to frighten the fish.)
4. No light to be displayed above the gunnell, flash photos of fish only when the fish is on the dinghy floor, (Light scares the fish and shows up crocodiles eyes.)
5. Nuffin, we mean NUFFIN!!! hangs over the side of the boat except your rod tip or landing net. (Refer to following article from local newspaper)
6. No consumption of alcohol while fishing as spillage is deemed wasteful. (Knocked over in the dark it may not be your drink.)
7. The middle man is deemed to be the "net man" and must give up any fishing to render assistance to others. (The most useless fishermen is always given this job.)
8. Rotation of the fishing platforms on the dinghy will take place only when volunteered, (or exhausted or reached their catch limit.)
9. In the event of obtaining a lure attached to one's person, threatening behaviour, loud abuse and ungainly movements must be avoided. (Sit down, shut up and wait till fellow fishermen are ready to give assistance. Any screams of pain while help is given is deemed to be wimpish behaviour.)
10. Any event of a crocodile attack, consideration must be given to others so please refrain from screaming out, leave the dinghy in an orderly manner, enter the water with dexterity, if resurfacing only wave. (We know you are gone so cut out the bloody noise, stop splashing and do not rock the boat.)

It is by mutual agreement of any remaining fishermen that the authorities will be notified of your demise when they return from the completed fishing trip. Your catch will be divided equally although any credits will

be allotted to you. Your fishing tackle will be equally distributed. For the next three fishing trips a memorial service of two minutes will be held on the completion of such trip at the boat ramp. (Subject to your leaving enough finances to provide refreshments.)

The crocodile in the story below also harassed us a couple of times and we moved away quickly. It is quite common for this to happen so you have to keep your wits about you. I would be a lousy feed anyway.

I decided to give night fishing a miss.

Hendo

Newspaper Article:- Croc bites man, gets eaten!

A crocodile which attacked a local fishermen last week was destroyed and the carcass was distributed to aboriginal people in Kakadu for tucker. Ranger employee Geoff Bolitho was attacked by the 4 metre crocodile while sitting in a boat on the East Alligator River on Tuesday. He and two companions had been fishing earlier but were just sitting in the 5.3 metre boat preparing to go to sleep when the attack occurred.

The boat was anchored when the estuarine crocodile (saltie) lunged up over the side of the boat at Mr Bolitho who were sitting near the front. He was fortunate to sustain only grazes and puncture wounds to his head and arm.

Park staff were notified of the attack the next morning and a search was undertaken in the same location for the crocodile that night. A search party located a crocodile matching the description of the offending animal and displaying aggressive behaviour. This crocodile was subsequently destroyed and its carcass was divided up among local aboriginal people.

Youthful Adventures, Part Two.

Continued from the May Real Talk.

The next day was spent regrouping my equipment and planning a different approach to my adventures. School wasted the next five days and inquisitive neighbourhood kids wanted to know what I was up to. "Nuffin", said I, and eagerly looked forward to the weekend.

Early to bed on Friday evening gave way to a very early rise on Saturday morning. It was pitch dark as I set forth loaded up with my goodies. The first couple of barking dogs copped a ging full of gravel and the howls and yelps advised others not to mess with me. That is until I came up to "Percival the pit bull." How was I to know the drongo was deaf? Came at me with fangs on display, threatening me with violence. It was built like a brick dunny. Fearfully I sprinted for the fence coz I had to face this mutt on my terms.

Snapping and snarling my tormentor jumped at me and ran in circles on landing. Hanging onto the top of that fence with a vice like grip I was packing it, coz I was looking at a lot of pain if I did not do something quick. Balanced myself, loaded up my ging then hit Percival right where it hurts when he put his backside towards me. His eyes popped, his snarl became a squeal and he took off towards the road with his bum dragging along the grass. That is until he hit the road and his squeal increased by 100 octaves. I took off quick smart.

Hotfooting it to the bridge in no time I unloaded and set forth more organised. A rubber car tube floated out my gear and my refined system went into action. Tied he rope to a pylon and to an old car rim that I lowered down. Tied up my any garden hose to breeze through. Tied a rope to my mussel bag and lowered myself down.

The wire cage was full in no time and I rose to the surface and hauled up my gatherings which went into the tube and taken to shore. Six or seven trips and I had my sugar bags fall and loaded onto my hill trolley. With everything securely tied down I was on my way back home and the sun was not completely up.

In no time I was home and lighting up the old copper and bringing it to the boil before piling in the mussels and a giving it a stir. While waiting for them to cool I did my chores. Removing them from their shells and then bottling them took most of the day but the results were impressive. Money in the jar was a great sight.

Sitting back and recalling my day's effort, a flash crossed my eyes that put my brain into gear. I remembered that as I was scraping the pylon scraps were descending to the bottom and some decent sized fish were there. "That will be bream" said Dad when I explained to him. "Good fish to eat so why don't you go fishing too? "

Sunday morning and I was again I early but this time I was going fishing and not collecting mussels. The usual barking dogs, the same defensive reactions, totally avoided "Percival" but as usual my luck ran out.

This time a huge hairy monster ran out at me, I took to the top of the fence, loaded up my trusty ging to dispatch the beast when all of a sudden "whack" I copped a straw broom fair across the back of the head and I tumbled off that fence into the beast's domain. Totally unable to cope with pain I sprang up ready to respond but again copped another "whack" across the earhole.

Dazed I spun around and set my foggy eyesight on a humongous apparition of the female gender wielding a broom ready to strike the death blow. Schoolyard bully tactics took hold and I spun and weaved out of reach and took off with that bloody mutt snapping at my heels. Agility is phenomenal when one is terrorised. Payback can be fun.

Hotfooting it to the bridge and dawn was about to greet me as I quickly set forth seated in my tube with my handline on my lap. Crunching a few mussels I let their shells float downwards and in no time dark shapes were below me. Mussel gut was wound onto my hook and floated down and the first strike caught me off guard. The line was wrenched from my hand and by the time I composed myself that fish headed for the pylon and "ping" went the line.

Rehooking, rebaiting and dropping the line and I was ready next time, or so I thought. The line went taut and I gripped tightly but that blasted fish took off in the wrong direction causing the line to go between my feet and back under me. Leans forward I did and tumbled straight off the bloody tube into the water. Coughing, spluttering and thrashing about on trying to hanging onto a fishing line with one hand and hanging onto my tube with the other.

Another "ping" and I was a little peeved. A swim to shore to rerig and gather my thoughts. Bloody hell, how big are these fish? I set forth again, another hook up but this time I kick off the pylon, tug hard on the line and pull that fish away from any snag. The fish starts to tow me back towards the pylon, I kick and splash to stop it and finally win when a beautiful dark shape is lifted up onto my lap.

"Ooh, Aah, etc," I scream as that blasted fish jumps and flops around on my belly and groin area, piercing me with sharp spikes and scales all over my bare skin. I try to put some pressure on it but only succeed in giving myself more pain. I wrung that bloody fish's neck quick smart and feebly padded to shore.

Gazing down at my catch I soon forgot about the pain and admired one hell of a fish. It did not take much brain power to reorganise oneself and head out again. In one hour of fishing I had caught and released many a fish but kept three of the best to take home. And boy did I get a big head when Mum said I was the best hunter and gatherer and Dad gave me a pat on the back for giving the family a good feed.

Guess you could say I caught the fishing bug.

PS school holidays came around and my mussel collecting was in full stride, money was coming in, fishing was increasing and improving but alas, others were onto me and soon the market was flooded. Having money in my pocket made me popular, trips to the movies were great, lollies, chips and Fanta were prized delights and many ideas and ventures were developing within my cranium.

And high school, sheilas and bikes were just around the corner.

Hendo.

AAA Fishing Clinics.

If you want to learn....

- How to fish better.
- How to catch your preferred species.
- What gear to use and where to use it.....

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

- Bait presentation and rigging for all species.
- Rods, Reels, Line and Braid, and matching these for best angling and casting results.
- Soft plastics and hard bodied lures and equipment for small fish species.
- Catch and Release and Tagging for research.
- Inshore small boat fishing for King George Whiting, Trevally, Tailor, Mackerel, Tuna, etc. Offshore depp sea fishing for Jewfish, Snapper, Baldchin Groper, Breaksea Cod, etc..
- How, when and where to fish the Swan River for Black Bream and other species, boat and shore.
- Fishing for tailor and herring from the shore.
- Reading the beach and water, when, where and what to look for to help catch those fish.
- Fish Filleting demonstration.

Check the next Reel Talk for the final program and the presenters.

Admission:-	Adults	All three nights	\$22.00	Per night	\$11.00
	Juniors (under 16)	All three nights	\$11.00	Per night	\$6.00

Door prize and great raffle prizes each night.

May 2005 Field Day – Cape to Cape.

Will be held with the AAA State Rock & Beach State Championships, Saturday/Sunday 28/29 May, 2005. See the field day details on page 4.

Enter and make up a team for the Surfcasters. Contact Peter Stoeckel.

Surfcasters Dinner/Presentation of Trophies - 2005.

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