



Surf Casting & Angling Club of WA (Inc)

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George Holman
Terry Fuller

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George Holman

Recfishwest Representative

Terry Fuller

Life Members of the Club

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

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Minutes of General Meeting, 11 February 2009

Venue: Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club Rooms

Time: 2000 hrs

President Presiding: Greg Walker

Present: 27 Members

Apologies: Ian Cook, Geoff Raftis & Lea Taylor

Visitors: None present

New Member Induction: John Rose

Previous Minutes: As published in the February 2009 Reel Talk

Moved: Jim Strong **Seconded:** Mark Hansen

That the minutes of the previous general meeting be accepted as correct.

Carried

Previous Committee Meeting: Held on 21 January 2009

Greg Walker advised the meeting that Terry Fuller had provided a comprehensive written report to the Committee Members on upgrading the Club Website. At the request of the Committee, Terry provided a one page precis of his proposal, a copy of which was tabled at the meeting for discussion, and additional copies passed to the members for their information and comments.

Terry Fuller briefly outlined his Website proposal to the members in attendance at the meeting and advised that the original site was established in 2001 and many things have changed since then. Terry proposed that he would do a once-off major tidy up of the site for a cost of \$750.00.

The members discussed the proposal and the general consensus of the meeting was to support Terry's proposal to improve the Website

Moved: Beverley Grigo **Seconded:** Jim Strong

That the proposal by Terry Fuller be accepted for the initial fee of \$750.00.

Motion Carried

Bev Grigo talked about the copyright of all photos and articles given to Terry being the Club's responsibility.

George Holman - talks about instruction periods for setting up fishing rigs, all members have different ideas, like Lea Taylor using soft plastics for herring, bream etc. Lea to be contacted by Greg.

Peter Pekaar also talked about the Dry Casting that everyone should stay back until all the Surf Casters have completed their Term of casting, lately members have been leaving too early.

John Crompton – All members with any medical conditions and who require specific medication should complete a medical form. Lists to be filled out and kept in such a place so that they are easily found and the Field Day Officer, Mark Hansen, will keep all lists. All lists will be kept confidential.

Secretary's Report:

2008 Government Grant - all items must be bought as listed, receipts must be kept up to five years, and dollar amounts on items bought can be added to other items on the list **only**.

Correspondence In:

Seniors Recreation Council Directory- Club details added to the Directory

R & D Accountants - Account and Taxation Details – 23/01/09

BT Quarterly statement 1/10/08 – 01/01/09 – issued date 7/01/09

Grants 2008 Recipient Created Tax Invoice - date cleared 28/01/09 received 23/01/09

The Grants 2008 Cheque has been deposited into the Westpac Cheque Account

Application for Healthway 2009 - Healthy Club Sponsorship - \$2,500.00 any information required see the Secretary

Ray White Accounts/Statements period ending 31/01/09

Ray White Annual summary charges

Rozy's cleaning accounts x 2 – 10/01/09 & 30/01/09

Kalbarri holiday bookings statement

Westpac Cheque account – period ending 31/12/08 to 30/01/09

AAA Minutes January 2009, received via email

Denmark Boating and Angling Club, having a Boat Rally 15 February 2009 notification via AAA

Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic 2009 Leaflets

Correspondence Out:

Application Healthy Club Sponsorship - \$2,500.00

SCAC Donation of \$100.00, to the AAA State Boat Championships at Hillarys 21 March 2009

Cheque by post to Bev Grigo for the Coolbinia Rooms Bookings \$300.00 for December 2008 fees

Contacted by telephone two new members who have not attended any events for the past several months, they were Colin Sandell-Hay and Ron Hicks

Letter of Acceptance sent to John Rose

Letter of Acceptance sent to Theo & Louise Van Niekerk

Emails In/Out:

Contacted Stirling Shire in reference to the "Club Forever Newsletter" added our Club details and the Interstate Surfcasters Team with the last Team Photo included.

Received an email from Karen Balm today saying, "Look out for your piece in the April Newsletter"

Stirling Shire email – Clean up Australia Day to be held on Sunday, 1 March 2009

Treasurer's Report: 11 February 2009

Beverley Grigo reported.

As follows:

Bank Statement Balance 31/12/08:		\$ 11,948.27
Funds deposited to 30/01/09:		
(1) Ray White Kalbarri House – Net deposit	\$ 35.65	
(2) Receipts 1691969 to 1691975 (Net of \$100 cash pd for fridge)	\$ 1,076.00	
(3) Australian Government Grant	<u>\$ 4,971.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,082.65</u>
		\$ 18,030.92
Less:		
(1) Cheques 201118 to 201123	\$ 744.83	
(2) Previous O/S cheque 201115 (Note cheque 201122 cancelled)	\$ 78.43	(\$ 823.26)
Balance as per the Bank Statement 30/01/09		<u>\$ 17,207.66</u>

Monies Due & Received and Accounts payable:

Monies Received 11/02/2009 to be deposited:

Michelle Walker – social functions	\$ 160.00
Marcia Pekaar - dry casting fees	\$ 154.00
Greg Keet – Rottnest - deposit	\$ 50.00
Alvey Reels Australia (donation)	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total:	\$ 564.00

Ray White Kalbarri: January Statement:

Rents Received	\$1,550.00	
Less Expenses:	<u>(\$ 390.05)</u>	
Net Income due:		\$ 1,159.95

Accounts Payable:

M Pekaar - Reel Talk expenses	\$ 229.74	
AAA Boat Championships – Donation	\$ 100.00	
Coolbinia Sport Club – 6 month rent to 30/06	\$ 300.00	
Secretary Expenses \$35.80 + Float \$150.00	<u>\$ 185.80</u>	
Total Expenses:		\$ 815.54

Adjusted Bank Balance: **\$ 18,116.07**

Ray White Holding as at 31/01/09	\$ 500.00	
Social Float as at 11/02/09:	\$ 250.00	
BT Investment as at 01/01/09	\$6,328.14	
Secretary Float as at 11/02/09	\$ 150.00	
Net current cash:		<u>\$ 25,344.21</u>

Notes to accompany the Treasurer's Financial Report: 11 February 2009

Beverley Grigo reported further as follows:

(1) Financial Reports to 30 June, 2008

The reports prepared by the club accountants for filing to the tax department have not been accepted as there were a number of anomalies in the accounts. The club treasurer has arranged to meet with the accountants to discuss several items that needed to be explained. The club has submitted comprehensive reports to the accountants and it is the treatment by the accountants, or lack of recording, of those items that is of concern.

One item in particular was the fact that the club had deposited funds amounting to \$7,737.31 with BT Financial Group on 19 September 2005 which has never been reported in the financial returns prepared by the accountants in spite of having been given that information for the past four years. The value of the investment as at 31 December was \$6,328.14 which is a loss to date of \$1,409.17.

There is also a substantial amount showing as income which they could not explain on the phone. These matters will be examined and reported on. In the interim period, the account submitted by the accountants is being withheld until the Treasurer is satisfied that the accounts are correct.

(2) Kalbarri House – 3 Mallard Street, Kalbarri.

In the books of the club, the value of the property is stated as being \$35,000.00.

The current estimated sale value provided by Ray White Kalbarri is \$260,000.00.

The valuation is based on a recent sale in Mallard Street plus the fact that the Shire has rezoned the land to R30 which means it is now a 2 unit lot and consequently the land value has risen.

A search of the Title Deeds for the property shows that there is a mortgage on the property held by the National Australia Bank. It appears that the original documents relating to the mortgage are no longer held by any member of the club and consequently a search of the mortgage document is being carried out.

According to the original members of the club, who were involved in the purchase of the property, the mortgage was paid out some time ago. The treasurer is currently conducting a search of the title particulars of the mortgage and will then follow up with NAB why they are still holding a mortgage on the property and also if they are holding the title deeds. The treasurer will report back to the club the results of their discussions with the Bank.

Moved: George Holman **Seconded:** Marcia Pekaar

That the treasurer's report, as tabled, be adopted.

Carried

Reel Talk Editor:

All Club details to be sent in by 21 February for the March Reel Talk

All Club details required by the 7 March for the April Reel Talk

Property Officer:

We are revising the House and Liability Insurance for Kalbarri

Sandra Wessels said the Accountants do not want to split the Insurance on the Kalbarri House

Field Day Officer:

The last field day was Penguin Island to Seabird

8 species were weighed in

17 members attended the field day

Best Scale fish, was won by Melvin Wee

Best bag of fish, was won by Lea Taylor

Local competition 16 people entered in the Fish Length 14 species caught

Lea Taylor caught 7.69 metres

Next Field day will be at Bluff Creek and we will be having a barbeque on Sunday all fishing will cease for two hours

In depth discussion on proposed future field days all members involved in the discussion

Reel Talk March 2009

One problem raised that the field Day for August in Rottnest, the tides are too high and Mark suggested that the Rottnest Field be transferred to the October Field day

George Holman talks against the Rottnest change from the usual May booking to October, a lot of changes from the past times of leaving on Saturday morning and returning on Sunday, and now it is leaving Friday evening and returning Monday, plus replacing another field day for a selected few who attend Rottnest Island field days.

Greg Walker talks on problem field days to be discussed, Rottnest is in contention, at the moment everybody have a good think about the October Rottnest Field for the next month of the March General Meeting, Greg also says that not everyone is going to get their way on voting on the Field Days

Morris Kolman says that next year 2010 there will be another problem with Bluff Creek, and that should be placed later on in the month of March

SCAAC Website: To be updated as per Terry's explanation

Dry Casting Officer:

Peter Pekaar thanked all members who helped on the Dry Casting Reserve on 1 February, it was a hot morning

3 Visitors attended with Joe Pullella

20 members attended and there were several bull's eyes hit on the day

Terry Fuller won the single-handed event

In March all National Team Members will be casting to the rules of the interstate event

Thanks to the new Social Organizer Michelle Walker for the barbeque

Marcia thanks all those members for the neat writing on the score sheets

AAA Report:

14 March - Melville Fishing Club will hold the Swan Fish event

State Team meeting was held on 8 February at George's house

The \$1,000.00 cheque has been received from the AAA for the Interstate Team

George talks to the interstate team on general items to take to the east

Recorder: Not available

Social Organizer:

Thanks to Morris Kolman for attending the Dry Casting this month

I would like to thank all members who sent in photos for the proposed Club Calendar

Alvey Australia has donated \$200.00 towards the Calendar

I would also like to thank all members who attended the Night Dry Casting on 7 February at George's house.

Several companies contacted for sponsorship of the Calendar

Recfishwest Report:

See the full Recfishwest report in a separate article in the March Reel Talk

Notices of Motion:

From **Peter Osborne**:

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

Competition Rules – 2009/2010 Year

NOTICE OF MOTION

Competition Rule No 2.3.2

(A rule defining numbers and types of fish to be weighed in at a field day.)

2.3.2 Numbers of Fish and Field Day Bag Limit

A bag limit of a maximum of thirty (30) fish shall be weighed in at any Field Day (including Long Weekends) for competition purposes. Only one (1) wrasse may be weighed-in.

Any competitor presenting more than 30 fish at a weigh-in will have 30 fish chosen by the Field Day Officer weighed in and will be subject to a ten point penalty

Delete the following sentences.

A maximum of one day's bag limit of a particular species as specified by Department of Fisheries WA Regulations can be weighed in for the Field Day.

Replace with the following

A maximum of two day's bag limit of the "High Risk Species" only may be weighed in for the Field Day where the numbers and species of fish strictly comply with Dept of Fisheries, WA – Recreational Fishing Guide – Finfish Published December 2008. (Medium Risk and Low Risk species types and one day bag limits remain for Field Day weigh-in. Protected species shall not be weighed in.

Members may capture any number of fish within Department of Fisheries WA Regulations for their personal use.

(Only this rule changes – all others remain as is)

DISCUSSION ONLY

Reason

Dept Fisheries Category of High Risk" has a maximum total of four (4) only. The range of species across this category is large and conceivable if an angler had a good field day for the two days fishing the angler could have a bag of quality fish that is within the Dept Fisheries rules – but not have the ability to weigh-in and demonstrate his skill/prowess/luck at the Club event. -

I believe all competitors enjoy seeing quality fish being bought to the weigh in table. Probability of this happening often for say total of 8 is low , but more readily achievable for 5 or 6 hence merit of such an achievement should be considered,

Advantages

- 1 - As above
- 2 - Requires that an angler sharpens his fishing skills to target more and or different species if he has caught the one-day limit in the first day of fishing.
- 3 - A broader competitive element of fishing within the club.

Disadvantages

- 1 – Depends on honesty of angler to weigh in fish he caught each day – not the two days limit caught in one day.
- 2 – Even though within Dept Fisheries regulations, use of this two day rule for the High Risk species, rather than one, may be seen by some as being greedy, noting that even if rule is not initiated if the angler met with this success he would probably have these species in his bag
- 3 – Increases slightly risks in understanding or misunderstanding of rule complexities

PT Osborne

12 Jan 2009

(amended 31 Jan 08)

General Business:

Greg Walker – Club fund raising is done by a certain few, I would like to present a gift to one member who has done the most throughout the Year and that is Malcolm Head

Greg asks club members to update their contact details to be handed to Marcia or John
Members wanting to attend Steep Point please pay your \$50.00 deposit by the end of March

Greg also suggests that the General Meeting should start at 7.30 pm instead of 8.00pm.
Greg also asks members to pre-book their Tickets for the Trophy Night

Marcia asks the Club to subsidize the members at the Trophy Night

Greg explains the late notice of not giving the Club members information about applying for the 2008 Sponsorship

Peter Pekaar asks who will be looking after the Items bought on the sponsorship

Peet Wessels enquires about the First Aid Kit

Vix Alexander talks on the first aid kit she bought

Michelle Walker is enquiring about setting up a First Aid course for the Members

Melvin Wee asks about an update on the Club Calendar

Andy Thorgersen asks who will be in charge of the items that we are going to purchase

Morris Kolman suggests a barbeque for the next year Trophy Night

Allan Jones talks about not being able to purchase 13m dowel use for the artificial bait

Mark Hansen congratulated Jimmy Strong for winning the Night Dry Casting event

Instruction Period:

March 2009 – Fund Raising Seminar – by Michael Carren

Raffle:

Andy Thorgersen won the portable lantern

Allan Jones won the Club's Hat

Meeting Closed 2208hrs

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.

29	AAA Event																			
8	Dry Casting		11		General Meeting		14		15		Field Day		18		Committee Meeting					
March 2009							April 2009							May 2009						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28		27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2008/2009 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries

The following is the list of Field Day dates, venues and boundaries.

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details
28 Feb – 2 Mar 2009	Bluff Creek	See Field Day Officer
25-27 April 2009	Bremer Bay	See Field Day Officer

2008/2009 Dry Casting Dates. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting 8:30am.

Sunday, 8 March 2009	Sunday, 5 April 2009
Sunday, 3 May 2009	Sunday, 7 June 2009

2008/2009 General Meeting Dates. All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, start 8:00pm

Wednesday, 11 March 2009	Wednesday, 8 April 2009
Wednesday, 13 May 2009	Wednesday, 10 June 2009

COMING FIELD DAY EVENTS

FIELD DAY VENUE	Bluff Creek
WHEN	28 February-2March
SIGN ON	Saturday Bluff Creek Campsite Time 11H00
LINES DOWN	Saturday, 12H00
BOUNDARIES	Walking distance passed the rocks at each end of the Bluff Creek bay
WEIGH IN	Monday 2 March 2009, Bluff Creek Campsite Time 11H00
FIELD DAY VENUE	Local
WHEN	28 February-2March
SIGN ON	Phone the FDO on Thursday evening
LINES DOWN	Saturday, 12h00
BOUNDARIES	Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles
WEIGH IN	Sunday 12h00 at George Holman's House, rear of 89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer.
FIELD DAY VENUE	Bremer Bay
WHEN	25,26,27 April 2009
SIGN ON	Saturday, TBA, Time 11H00
LINES DOWN	Saturday, 12H00
BOUNDARIES	TBA
WEIGH IN	Monday 27 April 2009 TBA Time 11H00

FOR SALE

Trevor Stam has several flick rods for sale. Would be ideal for anyone wanting a rod for single handed accuracy. All are in good condition.

- * An Abu Garcia rod with Shakespeare reel
- * A medium action rod with Shakespeare reel
- * A Butterworth 584 rod, with Penn reel

Please phone Trevor on 9349 2172 and make him an offer.

Cervantés to Sandy Point Field Day Report -14 & 15 February

Because of a couple of broken fan belts on the Land Cruiser, we were a bit late for the sign on at the Hill River car park, as the FDO this is not a good look! So starting from Black Rock [AKA "second reef"] Greg and John Rose were signed on and given their Length Comp Tally forms. Making our way northwards from there Peet, Sandra and Lea were located about half a kilometre south of the car park, after pleasantries and paperwork George and Dave were found setting up just north of the car park. Melvin was next a few hundred metres south of the Hill River mouth. John Crompton, Malcolm, Vix and Peter Osborne were right at the mouth of the river and at the completion of formalities, and because of the strong SW to SE winds, we headed back to Black Rock to set up camp in the lee of the limestone and start fishing. As Greg and John had re-located at the river mouth we had the place to ourselves.



The tide was falling and the northerly current contained little weed. Even though we fished all afternoon and into the evening we had no fish bagged. At the grey pre-dawn light Sunday morning I put out the burley pot, rigged a couple of rods for gardies and got the maggots out of the esky. Within half an hour the telltale gardie fins were seen slicing the surface in the burley oil slick. For the next 3 hours the fishing frenzy was on, double headers of gardies, herring and skippy. Even soft-plastics were successful on all the three species! Unfortunately Lea arrived at the end of the burley feast so missed out on the best of it. We broke camp and headed to the car park for the weigh-in.

Of the 14 members that signed on 11 weighed in 8 species, Best Scale Fish went to John Crompton for his 0.620kg tailor, Mal and Vix had fished up at Jurien amongst lots of weed but despite this Mal managed to get the Best Mixed Bag at 5.540kg. Melvin won the Best Shark, a 10.300kg hammerhead. Peter Osborne's effort earned him the Best Mixed Bag including Shark at 8.193kg. Well done to all the winners. In the Length Comp 12 handed in their tally sheets that had 23 species totalling up to 68.05 metres of fish and Peet Wessel's winning 12.24 metres is a great effort. John Crompton caught a 1.575kg tailor before the sign-on so that is now entered in the open competition. This has been a great venue that produces a huge variety of fish, even though the wind was up the seas and swell were docile due to the outer reefs, which makes fishing a pleasure.



Our next FD is the March long weekend at Bluff Creek, which is always very social and very productive in the fishing department.

Mark Hansen
Field Day Officer

WANTED TO BUY

If anyone has a Sportex 525 or 526 blank or fishing rod that they would like to sell, please contact Tino Baiardo on 0407 797 759.

AMENDED PROPOSED FIELD DAYS

FIELD DAY DATES	VENUE	STATUS
16 - 17 May 2009	Capes South	Passed
30 May – 1 June 2009 LWE	Shark Bay Safari & Wagoie	Passed
11 - 12 July 2009	Capes North	Needs decision on venue
15 -16 August 2009	Rottnest	Passed
26 -28 September 2009 LWE	Emu Springs	Passed
10 - 11 October 2009	* Rottnest	Passed
14 - 15 November 2009	Cervantès	Passed
12 - 13 December 2009	Myalup to Dawesville Cut or Moore River	Need decision on venue
16 - 17 January 2010	Local (Floreat Drain)	Passed
13 - 14 February 2010	Cervantès	Possibly move a week earlier
27 February – 1 March 2010	Bluff Creek	Possibly swap to April
24 – 26 April 2010 LWE	Warren River or Reef Beach or Bremer Bay	Possibly swap to March Needs decision on venue

* 8 members have already paid a deposit and the accommodation booked for this Rottnest FD so according to Section 14 a) and e) of the Constitution, this Field Day is now set on 10-11 October 2009. There is room for at least four more people.

Mark Hansen FDO

NO CANS AFTER MARCH

After the March meeting, please keep your cans at home and recycle them through your local authority, as Mal Head will be away. Can collection will resume at a later date.

Stay tuned for further information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members celebrate their birthday in March:

Greg Walker – 8 March
Kaitlin Stoeckel – 20 March
Peter Pekaar – 21 March
Marlin Heaney – 30 March

Recorders Report for March
2008 - 2009 Open Competition Results till February 2009

Section	For	Min Weight	Details
1.	Most Meritorious Capture	None	Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.
2.	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	
4.	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5.	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	
7.	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Mal Harris Bluelined Emperor 1.3 kg Shelter Bay Shark Bay
9.	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	
10.	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	
12.	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	George Holman Wago 1.1 kg
13.	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14.	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15.	Best Black or Yellow fin Bream	0.6 kg	Ian Cook Black Bream 1.561 kg Frankland River Nornalup
16.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	George Holman Wago Morwong 4.0 kg
17.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	

Field Day Sections up to and Including February

Section		Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Ian Cook	Samson Fish	14.125
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritorious Fish	Ian Cook	Samson Fish	14.125
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Melvin Wee	Shark	10.60
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	4.088
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Mark Hansen	Salmon	3.842
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.072
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Taggart	Samson Fish	12.145
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Ian Cook	Mixed Bag	29.296
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	George Holman	Tailor	4.79
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Lea Taylor	Yellowfin Whiting	0.382
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod			

Top Ten up to February

Rank	Angler	Total Points
1	Malcolm Harris	1496.4
2	Peet Wessels	1000.0
3	Sandra Wessels	871.1
4	George Holman	834.1
5	Lea Taylor	801.6
6	Mark Hansen	795.3
7	Vix Alexander	666.7
8	Melvin Wee	612.2
9	Ian Cook	469.6
10	Peter Osborne	414.3

Sportsperson Of The Year Sections for February

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	John Crompton	Tailor	0.620
Best Bag of Scale fish	Malcolm Harris	Mixed Bag	5.540
Best Shark	Melvin Wee	Shark	10.300
Best Bag Including Sharks	Melvin Wee	Mixed Bag	11.930

Field Day Prizes for February

Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	John Crompton	Tailor	0.620
Best Bag of Scale fish	Malcolm Harris	Mixed Bag	5.540
Best Shark	Melvin Wee	Shark	10.300
Best Bag Including Sharks	Peter Osborne	Shark	8.193

Melvin Wee caught a nice shark of 10.6 kg which is a Masters Fish as well as improving his Section 3 weight from 6.775 kg to 10.6 kg.

Peter Osborne and Lea Taylor both caught sharks of 6.40 kg and 3.91 kg respectively.

George's Flathead of 0.45 kg was just shy of the Master weight of 0.50 kg

Remember the Barron Lure competition for the Bluff Creek field day as there are Salmon, Skipjack Trevally etc that will take lures at this venue

Barron Lure Competition 2008 - 2009

Heaviest Tailor

Heaviest Salmon Mark Hansen 3.842

Heaviest Scale fish

*Tight Lines
Cookie*

THE TRIP 2009

By Bob Henderson

With the outlook being for hot weather, we decided to be ready to depart Carlisle at dusk on Friday 16 January. The day was spent packing and re organising all our gear to take to set up the new caravan. Take this, don't need that ... you know how it goes.

An early evening meal, the sun's on the horizon, the car's fuelled up and the dog's on the rear seat so it's time to go. Over Greenmount Hill and the sun is going down quickly. A pee 'n stretch in Merredin and the same plus a refuel in Coolgardie by midnight. Not a roo in sight. The Colorado just purrs along.

Maintaining a speed around 90kph the countryside passes at a steady pace and soon it's Norseman and on to the Eyre Highway with Adelaide the destination.

Not a lively "Skippy" seen.

The lonely hour of night had us drop our pace to 80kph as a safety precaution but only a couple of roos sat on the side of the road and waved us by. Soon Balladonia, Caiguna and Madura had been passed. Swapping drivers every couple of hours and being able to stretch out and snooze in the passenger seat is a blessing. We also stopped at regular times to stretch the limbs, grab a drink and a bite to eat (pre-organised as food's expensive out here). Crossed the border into SA, refuelled at Border Village then stopped at a couple of observation lookouts on the Great Australian Bight. Called it quits early in the arvo at Nullabor to get a hot shower and a good night's sleep.

Up at daybreak and then followed the highway to Kyancutta, down to Lock and through to Cleve and stopped at Lucky Bay ready to experience the ferry trip across to Wallaroo next morning. Not a hassle the whole way. Even the dog's happy.

Highly recommend the ferry trip (saves the long drive) and Wallaroo looked pretty as we moored. Leonie was impressed with the Caravan Park booked for the Convention.

The drive into Adelaide is easy and we arrived at Noel's Caravans to see our new home standing there ready for us to collect. Smiles beamed from everyone (well if you are given a cheque of substance why not) and it didn't take long for the hand over, our gear to be transferred into the van, a run thru of the van's operation and we were all hooked up ready to hit the road. Well, we did travel 6km to a local caravan park for the night to experience our new home. The next morning it was food shopping, purchase a couple of other bits and we were back in the van celebrating. The next day we met up with the SA Convention Dry Casting bloke, handed over the sinkers, chatted for a while then we hit the road heading for Blanchetown to inspect some hire houseboats (for a family reunion next year). Huge dust storms and strong winds on bumpy roads made it a bit hairy towing. Boy is this land sunburnt and dry?

On to Waikerie to check out some more houseboats, the same at Berri and Loxton before we found a great quiet spot on the bank of the Murray River to spend the night. Sitting by the water with a cold drink in hand and watching the sun set is pure magic. Not another person in sight and just the sound of birds coming to roost for the night. Make that a number of cold drinks and a couple of noisy birds.

More strong winds and dust storms were encountered the next day as we made our way to Mildura, Balranald, Hay and an overnight stop in Narrandera. The stops along the way made it a long day.

The decision was made to endeavour to cross over to the NSW coast quickly as temperatures were on the rise. Next morning it was in to Wagga Wagga, on to Gundagai and in to Yass before heading for Goulburn then Moss Vale via the main highways which gave so easy travelling. Nice wide and reasonably smooth roads.

The road down to Nowra is a nightmare for the inexperienced for it's narrow and very, very winding and STEEP. About 90cm clearance each side of the caravan, one side a rock wall the other double white lines with on coming traffic quite happy to cross over. Bloody hearts in ya mouth the whole way down.

That's it, had enough so into a crappy caravan park called the Willows because we've got a dog. Boy did we need a drink or three to calm the nerves. Must have been the heat. Still, we are rapt in the performance of the Colorado and its towing capabilities. Good night's sleep. That's it, no more long driving we're on the NSW coastline.

Bugger it, we are on holidays so a sleep in, a leisurely pack up and it's on the Princess Highway heading south admiring the green countryside and quaint small country towns and their attractions. Our advanced booking in Nelligen Crossing Camping area gave us time to slowly wander along, stopping whenever we felt like it. Nelligen campsite was crap so on advice we moved on to the Riverview Caravan Park just outside Moruya on the Moruya River. We are five metres from the water's edge parked on lush green lawn and dash distance from the ablutions. Now this is heaven. This place is GREEN!

Two days' stay turns into two weeks of lazy days by the river, splashes in the pool; short sightseeing drives, sunbathing on the lawn, and strolls into the small town for the odd pie 'n drink just to assist the local income, snooping in the shops for whatever. I even took time to unleash my fishing tackle to attack the local bream population with great success. Well anything over 15cm was photographed for proof. (One was). Did I mention that the river is also a haven for trillions of "baby snapper" all about 8cm in length? The best I could do was a one kilo salmon off the local groyne and releasing plenty of small flathead.

Some days we spent the day going for a drive and searching the small towns' tourist displays and markets. A day at Mogo Zoo was magnificent. The countryside is heavily wooded and green on the coast, bloody dry elsewhere. Happy hour gets extended. Happy days.

SMOKE ON THE HORIZON THEN THE FIRES STARTED.

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Updating and Limited Maintenance of the Surfcasters Club Website

I have offered to update and do limited maintenance of the Surfcasters Club website.

Further details and explanations were provided to the Committee and questions were answered at the January Committee meeting. These details are available to any member if required.

Many things have changed about the Internet, websites and computers in the seven plus years since I started the Club website in 2001. But the basics and essentials of a successful web site have not changed (and will not). These are Content, Operation and Presentation.

1. Target audience and Club's objectives for the website.

What does the Club want from the website? What message is to be conveyed? Who are the target audience? Is there more than 1 different target group? What content are they looking for? What format should it be presented in? These (and more) are critical questions for the Committee and Club to answer.

2. Website traffic – deliberate decisions or just luck?

What attracts visitors to a website? Where do they get referred from? What were they looking for? What pages do they start on? What other pages do they look at while they are there? How long do they spend on each page?, etc, etc, Previously these were unanswerable questions.

Usage information is essential before starting any major changes to the website, or before doing any major deletes from the website just because someone might think "it's time to clean it up". This is now possible with intelligent "counters" attached to the web pages.

3. Maintaining or Managing a website?

There is a very big difference between merely "maintaining" a web site by adding occasional content to a web site, and proactively "managing" a website for maximum benefit to the club. I believe the Committee and Club MUST give me the ongoing guidance and direction and content needed to achieve the Club's objectives for the website.

4. Once off major "tidy up" of the website.

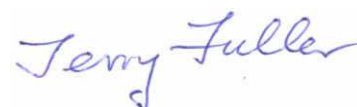
I am prepared to do a once off major "tidy up" for one time payment of \$750. This will remove wrong content, add counters, make all the pages look and operate consistently and check the operation and display, but will **NOT** change many fundamentals of the website.

5. Ongoing additions to and maintenance of the website

I am prepared to add the Reel Talk, occasional photos with descriptive captions, add other text, image or content as supplied in electronic format by others, monitor and save copies of counter, tracker, usage and search information for possible future analysis and use. At 3 month intervals, I will provide electronic copies on CD of all the versions of the web pages, counter and usage information to Secretary SCAC. I will do these ongoing additions, maintenance and record keeping for the Club using my own equipment **at no charge initially**, but any extra cash expenses directly involved with this work will be billed to the club. I will review this after the first two months of operation.

6. Not currently offered.

I do not offer to do revision, update or removal of any significant quantity of content of the existing information, to regular proactively update ALL relevant web pages with current information from club activities, proactively generate and add new content which other people might find interesting, might be found in search engines and might lead people to the club web site, update or change the presentation of the information, the look, layout, colours, features, coding or organisation of the web site and web pages, for example, to aim at a different or extra target audience. If required, these may be considered separately as extras.



Terry Fuller

22 January 2009

Recfishwest Report for Surfcasters General Meeting 11 February 2009

One thing that becomes very obvious to me in preparing these reports is that some good things take time to get done. So I won't repeat some things I've said before, but you can be sure those things are moving along and there's some real progress thanks to the new Fisheries Minister and CEO of Dept of Fisheries.

1. Review of management arrangements for the West Coast demersal species

Mr Peter Neville is an independent expert appointed by the Minister to review the management arrangements for recreational fishing for demersal finfish in the West Coast Bioregion. Dept of Fisheries ran a workshop recently.

He has a contract to produce a report for the Minister. He was very open about many things, but asked us all to use our judgement on what to report and how to report it. It was the first day of a three-month exercise. Early steps are to get and exchange information and opinions and/or reactions.

The other part, the review of the research, has not started yet and is being done by Michael O'Neill. Some outcome from that would have helped in talking about the management options, but that wasn't possible. Some comments were made about the research but it was not the topic for the workshop, so there weren't any decisions.

There were not many surprises (to me anyway) on most of the points raised by the people there, although there were some different slants. There were some very valid and constructive stuff on the management options and the social and economic impacts. The day gave an opportunity for a lot of points of difference to be explained to everyone as a group, and other facts added and discussed.

Nothing has got any easier. There are still no easy fix options, and there was no significant new information presented which might make the decisions any easier.

2. Getting Dept of Fisheries "ahead of the game" on species very important to us.

Members may have seen the article in the West Australian "***Fears for 'bread and butter' fish stocks.***"

Recfishwest, WA's main recreational fishing body has called for urgent research into stocks of "bread and butter" fish such as herring and King George whiting, saying it fears populations could collapse in just a few years if they are not managed. The organisation had seen stocks of popular catches decline.

"Skippy, herring and whiting are the lifeblood of the near-shore recreational boat fishery," he said. "We are concerned about the domino effect. We don't want to have to manage the dhufish and snapper and then put extra pressure on the King George whiting so that they collapse and then people start fishing for herring, tailor and skippy and they collapse. "We want the Fisheries Department to get in front of the game and look at some of the species that are potentially next in line and develop management strategies."

You may also have noticed the lukewarm response from the Research Director of the Dept of Fisheries. *"Fisheries research director Rick Fletcher said it was unlikely fishing regulations would prompt a major shift to other species and ... there was no evidence of a change. However, the department was aware of declining stocks of some species and had applied for Federal Government funding for more research on stocks of herring, tailor and some species of whiting.*

Does any of that stuff from Fisheries ring any bells? "No problems." "Unlikely to", (but they don't really know for sure) "We've asked someone else for the money to do the job we are supposed to do, so if/when we don't get the money we'll have someone else to blame when it goes wrong."

"No evidence of any change" "Our stock status is reported each year." Trouble is the "State of the Fisheries" report is so out of date it's laughable. The latest information published is only up to 30 June 2006. That's two years seven months out of date.

What's the latest????? **THAT'S** what RFW is asking about. Getting ahead of the game means **NOT** like Cockburn Sound crabs, with Fisheries saying: "there's no problem" "there's no problem" "oh hell, there's a serious problem, close the fishery".

It's enough for me to report that some high level people are very unimpressed with that response and are doing something about it.

3. Maximum Size Limit for Whaler Sharks

A new version of the "South Coast Recreational Fishing Guide, Jan 2009" is out. This version has taken out the diagram "Whaler sharks under threat..." panel and shark diagram. But the Category 1 list still says "Whalers over 700mm interdorsal fin length are protected." At the time that version was printed, there was no size limit on whaler sharks.

Since the General Meeting, the WA Government Gazette dated 13 February 2009 has amended the Regulations to include a maximum size limit on ALL whaler sharks for recreational fishermen, but commercial fishermen are still allowed to take whalers of any size.

The current (December 2008) version of the West Coast Fishing Guide doesn't list this whaler maximum size limit, so that is now wrong. The method of measuring the size is shown in the old copies of these brochures

This and other problems have been enough to show that getting these brochures proofread outside the Department **MUST** and **WILL** be done.

4. Research report on "Maximising Survival of Released Undersized West Coast Reef Fish"

Recfishwest has received an "in confidence" copy of the final draft of the above Fisheries Research and Development Corporation funded research project 2000/194 being written up by Dept of Fisheries. This report is a critical input into the management decisions for West Coast demersal fish, but it is 4 years overdue. One measure of the difficulties RFW has with the contents and the presentation of the report is that it has sent back 12 pages of comments.

5. Young Future Leaders Round 2

Recfishwest has applied for funding for a second round of the outstanding and extremely successful Young Future Leaders program.

6. Recfishwest Membership

Recfishwest is the peak body representing the interests of recreational fishers in Western Australia. Last year when the organization was under threat, recreational fishers supported Recfishwest, but **we need you to continue that support.**

Decisions to be made in 2009 will affect future fishing opportunities for your children and grandchildren. Recfishwest intends meeting these challenges and assures you that we will be the most effective vehicle for getting your views heard in this crucial year.

Recfishwest is **your** public voice whenever decisions which affect our fisheries, or access to them, are being made. We want you to become a member of Recfishwest or to renew your membership. Membership costs only \$20 a year per person, \$40 for families and \$10 for seniors.

Please contact the office on (08) 9246 3366, email to recfish@recfishwest.org.au or apply at the Recfishwest website, <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/MembershipDet.htm> Together we can make a difference!!

This report has been prepared by Terry Fuller, your Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association working voluntarily on your behalf.

Contact Terry on 9447 4545 or email terryfuller@inet.net.au with any questions or comments.

PHOTOS FROM THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN OCTOBER 2008



Holly Walker



Proud Dad Joe Pullella with Michael & Ben (Jimmy & George looking on)



**Seniors Peter Stoeckel, Peter Pekaar, Mark Hansen, Malcolm Harris
Andrew Pekaar & Rhys Jones**



Veterans John Crompton, Trevor Stam, George Holman & Gary Gildersleeves



Mal Head, Allan Jones, Bob Henderson (Jimmy Strong looking on)

Dry Casting Winners for 1 February 2009

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score		Joe Pullella		George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves
56 gram Distance		Joe Pullella		Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Score		Joe Pullella		George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance		Joe Pullella		George Holman
112 gram Score		Joe Pullella		George Holman
112 gram Distance		Joe Pullella		George Holman
Double Handed Acc.		Joe Pullella		George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.		Rhys Jones		Terry Fuller
Section Highest Points		Joe Pullella		George Holman

Event	Ladies winner		Junior winner		Mini Junior winner	
56 gram Score		Marcia Pekaar		Holly Walker		Kaitlin Stoeckel
56 gram Distance		Marcia Pekaar		Holly Walker		Kaitlin Stoeckel
Artificial Bait Score		Marcia Pekaar		Holly Walker		Kaitlin Stoeckel
Artificial Bait Distance		Marcia Pekaar		Holly Walker		Kaitlin Stoeckel
112 gram Score		Marcia Pekaar		Holly Walker		
112 gram Distance		Marcia Pekaar		Holly Walker		
Double Handed Acc.		Marcia Pekaar		Holly Walker		Kaitlin Stoeckel
Single Handed Acc.		Marcia Pekaar		Holly Walker		Kaitlin Stoeckel
Section Highest Points		Marcia Pekaar		Holly Walker		Kaitlin Stoeckel

Event	Overall winner for February		Year's best up to February	
56 gram Score		Joe Pullella		Peter Pekaar
56 gram Distance		Joe Pullella		Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score		Joe Pullella		Rhys Jones
Artificial Bait Distance		Joe Pullella		Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score		Joe Pullella		Peter Pekaar
112 gram Distance		Joe Pullella		Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.		George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves		George Holman, Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.		Terry Fuller		George Holman
Section Highest Points		George Holman		George Holman

Dry Casting Top Scores for 2008/9

Total scores up to and including February casting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year.

George Holman	2566	1	Andrew Pekaar	1095	14	Keith Heaney	347	27
Gary Gildersleeves	2551	2	Eric Parker	1056	15	Kaitlin Stoeckel	327	28
Allan Jones	2045	3	Peter Stoeckel	1013	16	Marlin Heaney	239	29
Peter Pekaar	1923	4	Wendy Hansen	975	17	Chris McFarlane	217	30
Terry Fuller	1892	5	Dean Stewart	887	18	Jeff Hewton	138	31
Malcolm Head	1804	6	Trevor Stam	865	19	Keepa Walker	131	32
Marcia Pekaar	1610	7	Holly Walker	792	20	Greg Walker	121	33
John Crompton	1549	8	Jim Strong	724	21	Jess Thomson	106	34
Rhys Jones	1535	9	Joe Pullella	652	22	Visitor 1	103	35
Mark Hansen	1458	10	Bev Grigo	536	23	Visitor 2	90	36
Bob Henderson	1395	11	Geoff Raftis	457	24	Ben Pullella	89	37
Malcolm Harris	1236	12	Michelle Walker	447	25	Visitor 3	83	38
Vix Alexander	1164	13	Ian Cook	429	26	Makaira Heaney	82	39
						Michael Pullella	34	40

DRY CASTING OFFICER'S REPORT

With another hot day on the way, it was great to have so many members offering to help. Thanks to AJ, Jimmy, Peter Stoeckel, George, John & Dean for making the effort to come down early. Also to Mark Hansen for putting out the flags. Joe Pullella invited three young guys down to try out dry casting. Unfortunately I cannot remember their names, but they sure could cast. Our visitors were able to cast 100+ metres on their first day with us, due in part to the generosity of George Holman lending them one of his rods and taking the time to provide some on the spot coaching.

In the Seniors, Joe Pullella won the DH Accuracy with points, as did Rhys Jones in the SH event with 25 points. George Holman and Gary Gildersleeves tied with points in the Veterans DH Accuracy whilst steady scoring in the SH Accuracy helped Terry Fuller win with 27 points.

Marcia Pekaar won all the Ladies events, as did Holly Walker in the Juniors and Kaitlin Stoeckel in the Mini Juniors.

There were four bull's eyes for the day – all in SH Accuracy and by the Seniors. Peter Pekaar and Rhys Jones scored one each whilst our unnamed "Visitor 1" scored two bull's eyes and both on the long target.

Well done to George Holman for being our overall winner in February, with points.

Lately, I have noticed some senior casters making the most of our club events in readiness for the Wallaroo Convention. During the last couple of months, Mark Hansen has been busy perfecting his new casting style, with help from Joe Pullella, the Seniors Captain for the Convention. While a "sorting out" period is to be expected, his distances have been steadily increasing, with most casts during practise finishing well down the court. Good on you, Mark, for persisting, as the score sheets are reflecting your efforts. On behalf of the Senior Team, thank you, Joe, for all your work and advice.

Section Winners

Seniors:	Joe Pullella - points	Ladies:	Marcia Pekaar –points
Veterans:	George Holman –points	Juniors:	Holly Walker –points
Mini Junior:	Kaitlin Stoeckel –points		

Single Handed Open

After lunch, with the mercury hitting 35°C, the SH Open event was run, with only **three** competitors – George, Marcia & Peter Pekaar. Unfortunately, the southerly winds kept the distances down, the longest cast being 85.33metres. If members have any suggestions regarding Open Events, could they please let me or a Committee Member know their thoughts on how we could increase the participation.

Single Handed Open – 1 February 2009

Name	Cast 1	Cast 2	Cast 3	Cast 4	Cast 5	Best cast (metres)
George Holman	BO	72.08	64.84	66	67.83	72.08
Peter Pekaar	81.67	75.94	76.45	79.91	85.33	85.33
Marcia Pekaar	39.06	27.76	44.97	45.20	45.96	45.96

As already mentioned, it was a hot day and a special thank you should go to those who volunteered to score and bring in the flags, to name just a few, **John Crompton, Holly & Kaitlin.**

In March, Seniors will be doing Accuracy First, then Distance and the Vets & Ladies will be doing Distance First, then Accuracy

*Peter Pekaar
Dry Casting Officer*

MARCH DRY CASTING – NATIONAL RULES

At Dry Casting in March, those in the team heading to Wallaroo will be casting to National rules. Any other club members who also wish to cast this way are welcome to do so. However, if you do not wish to cast this way, you may cast as usual.

NIGHT CAST 7 FEBRUARY 2009

A big thank you needs to be given to **George & Kay Holman** for allowing us once again to descend upon them for the annual night cast. It wasn't organised for the usual December time slot, but it was a great night all the same. Jimmy was the winner of the night cast itself, but we were all winners in that a lovely night was experienced by those who attended. We all brought our own meat for the barbecue and Kay put on a wonderful spread of nibblies. Peter Pekaar & George Holman organised the casting with Pete collecting the cone and measuring tape en route to George's, as well as organising the engraving for the trophy. The two men then shared scoring duties. Thanks guys.

*Marcia Pekaar
Reel Talk Editor*