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Dry Casting food and drinks

The dry casting sausage sizzle will be available AFTER the main dry casting events have been run, so please try to keep the dry casting moving along. Cool drinks will be available during the day.

Drinks are \$1.50 each. Sausage and onion in a bread roll \$2.50 each.

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2012 Presentation night venue

Pat McKeown and George Holman have chosen the Woodvale Tavern Reception Centre, 143 Trappers Drive, for the Club's 60th year Presentation night on 23 June.

More details in the coming months. <http://thewoodvale.com.au/reception-centre> has some details of the venue.

Meanwhile, please reserve Saturday evening 23 June in your diary.



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The Immediate Past President is a consequential fact. It is not a Committee position elected by the members or filled by resolution of the Committee, as are all other Committee positions and functions.

Life Members of the Club

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

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Minutes of General Meeting 8 February 2012

Venue:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Commenced 8:00 pm. President George Holman presiding.

Present:- 24 members.

Apologies:- Wayne Collis, Kathy Sedal, Wendy Hansen, Geoff Raftis, Shane Wignell, Justin Rose.

Visitors:- Graham Little, Peter Iozzi.

New member:- None this month.

Minutes of previous meeting:- **Moved** Chris Stickells, seconded Trevor Stam the minutes of the previous meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

Previous Committee meeting:- Action points from the minutes of the Committee meeting have been published in Reel Talk.

Secretary's report:- Secretary Eric Parker reported.

<u>Correspondence In:-</u>	Westpac	Bank statement to 31 January 2012
	Scott Gage	Club membership enquiry
	Chris Stickells	Lift to Bluff Creek
	AAAWA	State Rock and Beach information
	AAAWA	Minutes January Boating sub committee
	Justin Rose	Apology for February meeting
	John Curtis	Costs for 6PR/96FM Radio marketing of SCAC
	City of Stirling	Clubs Forever funding for kids sport
	Dept Sport and Recreation	Tips for coping with hot weather
	Inclusion WA	Enquiry about club for handicapped person
	Swan River Trust	Swan Canning Riverpark Aquatic Use Review and Management Framework: Sharing the Rivers
<u>Correspondence out:-</u>	City of Stirling	Seasonal ground application for Yokine Reserve April to September "winter" season

Moved Andy Thorgersen, seconded Jim Strong that correspondence be accepted, carried.

Treasurer's report:- **Accounts for payment.**

To	For	Amount	
Woodvale Tavern	Deposit for 2012 Presentation night	\$600.00	Paid already
Terry Fuller	Stamps for Reel Talk	\$66.00	
	Printing of Reel Talk	\$95.40	T Fuller total
	Receipt book Spirax 160 forms	\$10.80	\$172.20
iiNet	Email and Internet account add credit	\$50.00	
Rottnest Island Authority	Bus transport Rottnest Field Day May 12/13	\$370.00	
Shane Wignell	Kalbarri bond refund 18 to 22 Jan	\$100.00	
Davina Ross	Kalbarri bond refund 14 to 18 Jan	\$100.00	
Northside Mowers	Service on Club alternator	\$53.06	
Elizabeth Pett	Cleaning 18/1, 22/1 at Kalbarri.....	\$120.00	
Eric Parker	Telstra account	\$36.31	E Parker total
	Printer cartridges	\$113.10	\$149.41
Pat McKeown	Gas bottle refill	\$19.95	
	Trophy night dry cast	\$10.00	
	BBQ absorber stop fat spilling on ground	\$5.22	
	Foil trays for fat absorber under bbq	\$5.23	
	Rolls 18pk x 2 @ \$4.95 ea	\$9.90	
	Club lemon drinks 10pk	\$8.48	
	Ginger Beer drinks 10pk	\$8.48	
	Beef sausages x 2 pk @ \$8.68 ea	\$17.35	P McKeown total
	Onions brown	\$3.79	\$88.40
Total new accounts for approval at February GM.....		\$1,203.07	

Bank account summary

Bank balance as at 8 February	\$10,023.68
Accounts for payment	\$1,203.07
Available balance after payment of new accounts	\$8,820.61
Cash held for banking	\$7.00
Outstanding cheques	\$0.00
Available total	<u>\$8,827.61</u>

Income / money received since January

General meeting

Club alternator deposits and basic hire ..	\$350.00
Field Day fees January 2012	\$100.00
Dry Casting weights	\$7.00
Total income received since January	
General meeting	<u>\$457.00</u>

Income / money received at February General meeting

Dry Casting fees January 2012, 27 people.....	\$210.00
Proceeds sale of burley cages and aluminium cans	\$165.00
Drinks at January General meeting.....	\$13.50
Sausage sizzle February Drycasting	\$89.95
Raffle at February General meeting	\$43.00
Total received at February GM	\$521.45

Moved Marcia Pekaar, seconded Pat McKeown the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment, carried.

Property Officer:- Ray Walker said bookings were going reasonably well.

Field Days:- Peet Wessels gave out certificates, and gave some details for the coming Cervantes and Bluff Creek field days.

Martin Wearmouth offered to take Chris Stickells to Bluff Creek.

The AAWA Rock and Beach championships will be held at Jurien Bay on 24/25 March. Peet suggested to members that this could be a good social event with members fishing together. Accommodation at Jurien and/or Cervantes might be possible. A list of AAA numbers for Club members was passed around.

Dry Casting Officer:- Allan Jones reported on some results for the February Dry Casting and 112 gram Open. He thanked Pat, Andy and Ray for the sausage sizzle.

President George Holman advised that all markers must wear safety helmets when marking.

An AAA badge had been found in the Accuracy area after the Veterans cast.

AAA report:- John Curtis advised an inventory had been done on the Victorian dry casting trailer. Some comments were sought from Club members on the possibility of running a National AAA championship in WA as published in the February Reel Talk.

Social Organiser:- Pat McKeown advised the Woodvale Tavern Function Centre has been booked for the Presentation night on 23 June. He asked for members' ideas to promote this, the 60th year of the Club.

Recorder:- John Curtis said he has nothing new. Supplies of bait have been affected by the higher than usual sea temperatures, and members were advised to buy their bait early wherever they can find it.

Reel Talk:- Terry Fuller thanked members for previous articles and said more were always welcome.

Recfishwest report:- Will be published in Reel Talk.

General business:- John Curtis advised the first education session was held on Friday 27 January, however several people who had booked did not turn up. See Articles in Reel Talk.

Mal Head handed over \$165.00, the proceeds of sale of burley cages (\$46.50) and aluminium cans (\$118.50). Members showed their appreciation.

George Holman thanked Trevor Stam for the donation of a 2-piece rod.

Swanfish will be held on 25/26 February. Peter and Marcia Pekaar will be helping the Melville Club and were given permission to use the Club's digital scales at the weigh in.

Jim Strong's dog, his companion for many years, has passed on.

Terry Fuller passed out spare handouts from the January Instruction period covering choosing and looking after frozen bait, and using the laser measure.

Raffle:- First prize, pocket knife, won by Terry Fuller. Second prize, leader, won by George Holman and redrawn and won by Bev Grigo . Prizes provided by the Club.

Meeting closed:- Formal meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Instruction period:- Access to and fishing at Bluff Creek by Peter Osborne, with some track maps by Terry Fuller.

Action points from February 2012 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
None			

Action points from October 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM10/11 #1	Pay deposits for Rottneest Field Day May 2012	Members	Time's running out
AP GM1011 #2	Consider Safari to Esperance area in 2012	Members	Ongoing

Action points from September 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM9/11 #2	Prepare an article on AAA club member insurance for Reel Talk	John Curtis	Ongoing

Action points from July 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM7/11 #1	Make suggestions for the Presentation night for the Club's 60th year in 2012	All members	Ongoing

Action points from April 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM4/10 #1	Help locate the old "Sportsperson of the Year" trophy.	All members	Ongoing

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Action points from February Committee meeting

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General Meeting, often summarizing the action points from the Committee meeting.

Future Instruction periods.

March	AAA Rock and Beach Championships to be held Jurien, 24/25 March.
April	Finalisation of 2012/13 competitions.
May	Kalbarri/Wagoe information. Peet Wessels, Peter Osborne.
June	Rottneest information. Peet Wessels, Peter Osborne.
Later	Solunar charts, John Curtis. Knots, John Curtis.

For members' information, here is the set of action points and status from the last Committee meeting as recorded in the draft minutes.

Action points from 15 February 2012 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM 2/12 #1	Publish Presentation night menu in Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	In March Reel Talk
CM 2/12 #2	Contact members about accommodation for AAA State Rock and Beach in Jurien area	Peet Wessels	
CM 2/12 #3	Add AAA R&B details to the Field Day write up and President's report in the March Reel Talk	Peter Osborne George Holman	In March Reel Talk
CM 2/12 #4	Draft notices of motion for proposed amendments to Dry Casting Rules	Terry Fuller	In March Reel Talk
CM 2/12 #5	Club PC is obsolete. Write off and dispose	Terry Fuller	
CM 2/12 #6	Suggestions for Samson fish minimum weight in the Open Competition and other changes	Peter Osborne	Sent to Recorder
CM 2/12 #7	Cut down Dry Casting polycarbonate shields to a more manageable size for windy conditions	Allan Jones	
CM 2/12 #8	Prepare some explanatory articles about the Field Day and Dry Casting points scoring systems	Terry Fuller	Pending

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events

March Field Day Bluff Creek

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 3/4/5 March 2012.

Where:- Bluff Creek.

Sign On:- Phone FDO before 12 noon Thursday, or Saturday 1 pm (changed) at Bluff Creek camping area for people camped at Bluff Creek.

Lines Down:- Saturday 2 pm (changed)

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family.








Times:- 2 pm (changed) Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Barbecue:- 12 noon Sunday to 2:00 pm Sunday. Check at the sign on for confirmation of times. If you don't come to the barbecue, you must stop fishing for those times. It's a great time for socialising with your fellow club members and yet another highlight of the Bluff Creek field days when we go back to how field days used to be "in the good old days".

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am Bluff Creek camping area. Check General meeting for 2WD weigh in arrangements.

240 volt power George Holman will take the Club's 240 volt petrol powered alternator. Power will be available for lights and freezers. Please bring your own power cords and power boards. Please use compact fluorescent globes, not incandescent, to reduce the power consumption.

Boundaries:- Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.

<u>Tides for Albany</u>					<u>Moonset</u>				
Fri	0.36m at	0.89m at			<u>Moonrise</u>	About 2:10 pm	at 63 deg		
2 Mar	5:00am	7:40pm			<u>Moonrise</u>	About 12:20am	at 297 deg		
Sat	0.34m at	0.96m at			<u>Moonrise</u>	About 3:00pm	at 64 deg		
3 Mar	4:50am	8:25pm			<u>Moonrise</u>	About 1:18am	at 295 deg		
Sun	0.31m at	1.03m at			<u>Moonrise</u>	About 3:40pm	at 67 deg		
4 Mar	4:45am	2:10			<u>Moonrise</u>	About 2:20am	at 291 deg		
Mon	0.29m at	0.70m at	0.62m at	1.07m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 4:20pm	at 71 deg		
5 Mar	4:50am	11:30am	3:05pm	9:35pm	<u>Moonrise</u>				
<u>Sunrises</u>		About 5:55 am at 98 deg			<u>Sunsets</u>		About 6:40 pm at 261 deg		

Local Field Day for March

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 3/4/5 March 2012.

Sign On: To FDO before 12 noon Thursday. (General meeting is after the Field Day)

Lines Down:- Saturday 2 pm (changed).

Times:- 2 pm (changed) Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday 10 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 FDO by 8 pm that night.

Boundaries:- Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole.

Fish together Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>				<u>Moonset</u>		
Sat 3 Mar	0.51m at 3:40am	1.00m at 6:00pm		<u>Moonrise</u>	About 12:50am at 296 deg About 3:00pm at 65 deg	
Sun 4 Mar	0.50m at 3:50pm	1.03m at 7:00pm		<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 1:35am at 294 deg About 3:45pm at 68 deg	
Mon 5 Mar	0.50m at 4:00pm	1.04m at 7:50pm		<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 2:35am at 290 deg About 4:27pm at 72 deg	
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About 6:07 am at 98 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 6:50 pm at 261 deg	

March Dry Casting

All casters **please come early** and assist with the setting up of the casting courts, targets, etc at the beginning of the day after setting up your own casting gear. Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

When:- Sunday 11 March 2012. Not the first Sunday, that's the Field Day. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.

Casting order:-

Month	Seniors, Ladies and Juniors	Veterans
11 March	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
1 April	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
6 May	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
10 June	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance

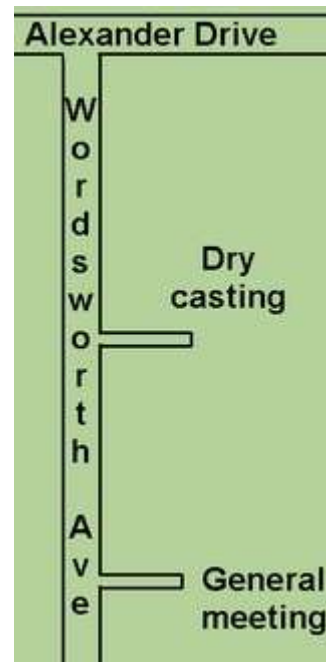
Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Fees must be paid to by 8:00am to allow the collector some time for practice casts before the 8:30am start. Please let someone know if you are going to be late.

March General meeting

When:- Wednesday 14 March, 8:00pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Sign In:- Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet and buy some raffle tickets. See Jim Strong and the helpers at the front table.



Instruction period:- AAA Rock and Beach Championships to be held Jurien, 24/5 March. Peet Wessels and Peter Osborne.

Changes proposed in Fisheries Management Paper No. 252 - "A Resourced-based Management Approach for Recreational Fishing in Western Australia 2012 - 2017" Terry Fuller. See articles in this Reel Talk.

Field Day sign on, fishing and weigh in times

The proposed sign on, fishing and weigh in times for the next 2 months' Field Days are published in each Reel Talk.

If you are not able to be at the venue by the nominated sign on time, or need to leave early, for example for health reasons or other commitments, arrangements can be made for a late sign on, and possibly for an alternative weigh-in at the discretion of the Field Day Officer.

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March Committee meeting

When:- Wednesday 21 March, 7:30pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Visitors. Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the discretion of the President. Please contact the President or the Secretary well prior to the meeting to arrange your invitation.

April Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 April.

Where:- Capes (Naturaliste to Leeuwin).

Boundaries:- Busselton Jetty to river mouth at Augusta. New members are encouraged to fish with older members for guidance and help.

Sign On:- Saturday 10 am at car park next to the Busselton Jetty.

Lines Down:- Saturday 11 am.

Times:- 11 am Saturday to 11 am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am at car park next to the Busselton Jetty.

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family.

Tides for Margaret River

Sat	0.59m at	1.11m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 1:50pm at 252 deg
14 Apr	1:50am	11:15am		

Sun	0.64m at	1.06m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 1:00am at 106 deg
15 Apr	2:20am	11:20am	<u>Moonset</u>	About 2:30pm at 257 deg

Sunrises About 6:40am at 79 deg **Sunsets** About 6pm at 281 deg



Local Field Day for April

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 April.

Sign On: At General meeting or phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.

Lines Down:- Saturday 11 am.

Times:- 11 am Saturday to 11 am Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 11 am (changed) 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 FDO by 8 pm the following night.

Boundaries:- Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole.

Fish together Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

Tides for Fremantle

Sat	0.58m at	0.97m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 1:45pm at 252 deg
14 Apr	1:55am	3:25pm		

Sun	0.63m at	0.92m at	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 0:55am at 105 deg
15 Apr	2:25am	6:15pm	<u>Moonset</u>	About 2:20pm at 257 deg

Sunrises About 6:35am at 79 deg **Sunsets** About 5:55pm at 280 deg



Fishing together on field days

Some comments regularly made are about the value of members fishing together, particularly for new members.

The Club encourages members to fish together on Field days, and will help arrange this. However it helps everyone if members who want help or want to fish with someone, ask and arrange to go with other members. This can be done either before or during the sign on or at the previous General meeting or any Club event.

Check at the General meeting for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Calendar for next three months

Here's a calendar showing the dates for Dry Casting, General and Committee meetings, Field Days and other Club events in the next three months.

<u>24</u>	AAAWA event																			
<u>8</u>	Dry Casting	<u>11</u>	General Meeting	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	Field Day	<u>18</u>	Committee Meeting												
March 2012							April 2012							May 2012						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	30						<u>1</u>		1	2	3	4	5	<u>6</u>
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26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31			

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

New member applications

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

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

New member acceptances

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

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

February 2012 Field Day, Cervantes

The group congregated at the Hill River car park at 2 pm Saturday. A later sign-on than usual to avoid the heat of the day was a good decision. As it later showed that not only for this reason, but for the first couple of hours, fishing was very slow at all venues and similarly, fishing was slow in the morning.

I had arrived early and had a look at few spots and went up and looked at my favourite spot right at the mouth, looked good as very little weed and the mouth itself has a wide sand stretch with no chance of having the river break through. Based on this, at the sign on at the car park, we made a decision that most of us would go north to the mouth of the Hill River.

On arriving, looking at the water there confirmed their observations: wind at about 10 to 12 knots, initially NW but shifted to SW when we started fishing, with a low swell, and only some minor weed: hence looked very fishable. Ideal tailor conditions - we would see ????

A total of 13 fished at the away venue and 4 fished local.

By 2:30 pm we all arrived on the beach and set up for fishing. This group consisted of Shane and Sarah Wignell; Sabatino and Aniello Pizzolante; Martin, Christian, and Thomas Wearmouth; and myself.

Wind had increased slightly in strength but with 84 to 112gram sinkers this gave a reasonable cast into the SW wind and sand holding power with all having a tailor rig set-up with at least one rod.

A few small fish caught during the afternoon, with exception of the appearance of gardies. I had a burley bucket set up at the water's edge at the north end of our group and Shane had similar at the south end so we had a good burley trail across the group.

With the wind being south west the burley did not stream out very far, just held against our area of some 200 metres length. Very few herring appeared however big storm gardies arrived. Next to me, a couple of people (Sabatino and Aniello Pizzolante) were bottom fishing for whiting etc., small hooks and prawn bait and surprise, not whiting or skippy, but a good gardie.

On seeing this, I took out my light rod, a burley blob with a 4 kilo metre trace and a no 9 long shank hook. Small piece of prawn for bait and my second cast gave me the right result, a good gardie. Sabby next to me quickly cottoned on to what I was doing and on fine tuning his gear to a similar rig, he did really well. Sabby got a total of 10 gardies before it got dark.

Casting and fishing into a SW wind was not ideal for using a blob, but gardies bit aggressively once they found the bit of prawn. The gardies were up to 0.2 kg, hence generally bigger than the herring we all caught.

For Pat McKeown's edification - if you want to know how to catch gardies, take a lesson from Sabby.

Of note, Thomas, young son of Martin Wearmouth, took his flick rod behind us and threw out into the brackish water of the Hill River. To our amazement it wasn't long before a big yell and a smile a mile wide - he caught a size black bream. Well done.

Came dusk and the tailor had not appeared. The tailor only came on when the moon came up with most fish being caught between 9:00 and 10:30pm, with the first one coming in about 7:30. Catches were intermittent as they were not schooling. As expected young Sarah showed us she was up to catching a tailor along with herring and pike. Her Dad, Shane Wignell, quietly plugging away at the south end of our group captured tailor, herring, pike, a gardie and a very nice skippy (the only one caught).

Martin Wearmouth captured tailor, dart and a gardie, with his boys, Thomas capturing that bream and a dart and Christian with a big gardie. This is a great start for such young boys.

Sabby was working hard at his fishing and captured dart, gardies and tailor with his son, Aniello getting herring and dart.

Sandra I have to warn you, Sabby may be trying to take the title away from you for being the nosiest fisherperson when landing a fish. He was next to me and I was concerned that people in Jurien Bay township may send out a search party to ensure all this yelling was not someone asking for help.

My personal story of me nearly throwing Sabby into the drink goes like this. Fishing hard for tailor, working two rods, gave my first tailor just before 9 pm and by 10:30 pm I had 7. While not coming in quickly, thought that another 30 minutes would see me complete my legal tailor



Photo of most of the Surfcasters who fished at the Cervantes field day. Bev Grigo could not make the weigh-in and Sandra was taking the photo.

bag. Not to be. Only a couple of herring, pike and undersize tailor. By 12:30 am I had had enough and retired to the car to catch up on sleep.

Up at the crack of dawn, 5:15am and immediately put out my two tailor rods, but just nothing. An hour later Sabby came down and put out his tailor rod. Very shortly, big yell and he hauls in a nice tailor. Only one caught there in the morning and it should have been mine.

Generally the tailor our group caught were on the smaller size, including some that were put back as undersize.

This was not the case for Peet and Sandra Wessels. They had a social/family obligation so arrived late afternoon. While we headed north of the car park, they went to their usual spot south where a gutter had formed. Again like us it wasn't until the moon came up before the tailor came on.

Both managed good bags of 8 tailor with Sandra getting one a few grams under 1.0 kg whereas the best tailor from our group was 0.6 kg caught by Sabby and for local, a 0.59 kg fish caught by George. Peet top bagged out with a total of 8.17 kg and 5 species.

Peter and Marcia Pekaar along with Bev Grigo tried the beach/point just south of the Jurien township. While this spot has worked well in the past it was not to be this weekend. No tailor appeared but what did give them a bit of a tussle (like pulling in a brick) were some NW blowies. They even had an issue with trying to get herring, as Peter could only get a lonely one to try his bait.



Sandra sorting and cleaning their tailor. A bag of tailor you can be proud of.

George Holman and Pat McKeown fished locally and managed to get into tailor at Floreat Beach, again well after dark. George managed to get 8 and Pat 6. Good effort for local fish, but again the size was not the same as the fish the Wessels caught.

Mark and Wendy Hansen also had some family obligations and fished locally. Mark managed to find some nice flathead in the Swan river using plastics in lieu of bait.

Considering the ideal beach conditions, I think I can say with a span of nearly 30 years of fishing with Surfcasters it certainly was not one of the worst fishing experiences encountered on a field day and not the actual best, but it was up there with very, very good. Most people had a good bag of fish to take home.

Our juniors/mini-juniors did themselves proud with catches of tailor and gardies and that black bream. We had a few newer club members and across our group I saw a marked step in increased fishing skills with appropriate good catches.

For the fish weighed in, it reinforces the decision to increase the number of yearly visits to this location. viz. good bags, only a couple of hours' drive and you can get your vehicle onto beaches right where you fish.

This area will be the venue for the Australian Anglers Association Rock and Beach fishing championships on 24 and 25 March. The instruction period at the March General meeting will cover these Rock and Beach Championships.

Please consider competing in these Championships as a Surfcasters individual and team member.

Peter Osborne, Assistant Field Day Officer

Catch results and points for February Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peet Wessels	8.14 kg	5	30	181.4
Peter Osborne	5.71 kg	4	25	147.1
Sandra Wessels	4.75 kg	3	13	127.5
Shane Wignell	3.03 kg	5	12	120.3
Sabatino Pizzolante	3.54 kg	3	15	105.4
Martin Wearmouth	1.39 kg	3	6	93.9
Sarah Wignell	0.77 kg	3	4	77.7
Aniello Pizzolante	0.68 kg	2	4	66.8
George Holman	3.59 kg	1	8	65.9
Thomas Wearmouth	0.45 kg	2	2	64.5
Peter Pekaar	0.1 kg	1	1	61
Christian Wearmouth	0.19 kg	1	1	51.9
Bev Grigo	0	0	0	50
Marcia Pekaar	0	0	0	50
Pat McKeown	1.78 kg	1	6	47.8
Mark Hansen	0.67 kg	1	2	36.7
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	10

Points include Field Day and February General Meeting points. Species weighed at the Cervantes Field Day were:- Tailor, Herring, Pike, Dart, Garfish, Bream and Skipjack Trevally. Species weighed at the Local Field Day were:- Tailor and Flathead.

Sportsperson of the Year winners for February 2012

Best scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Tailor	0.98 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	8.14 kg

Field day section winners for February 2012

Best scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Tailor	0.98 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	8.14 kg

Field Day top scores for 2011/12

Total scores up to and including February Field Day and General meeting.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peet Wessels	1545.7	1	Martin Wearmouth	208.1	17	Chris Stickells	90	33
Peter Osborne	1458.3	2	Marcia Pekaar	200.7	18	Geoff Raftis	85	34
Sandra Wessels	1217.1	3	Christian Wearmouth	191.5	19	Melvin Wee	84.3	35
George Holman	1020.7	4	Frank Gaudin	187.4	20	Malcolm Head	67.2	36
Mark Hansen	731	5	Allan Jones	183.2	21	Morgan Keet	66.3	37
Shane Wignell	508.3	6	Thomas Wearmouth	179	22	Felicity Keet	62.5	38
John Crompton	366.9	7	Ian Taggart	174.2	23	Wayne Shaw	57	39
Wendy Hansen	364.5	8	Aniello Pizzolante	164.6	24	Stephen Pekaar	52.4	40
Sarah Wignell	361.6	9	Sumarie Gaudin	148.5	25	Bev Grigo	50	41
Pat McKeown	353.1	10	Michael Gaudin	123.5	26	Bob Henderson	50	42
Justin Rose	336.1	11	Stuart Spickett	108.8	27	Dean Stewart	50	43
Peter Pekaar	331.8	12	Nick Edwards	103.6	28	Des De Villiers	40	44
Theo Van Niekerk	327.7	13	Ron Lindsay	100	29	Lachlan Spickett	40	45
Greg Keet	324.7	14	Shane Becu	100	30	Olivia Keet	40	46
Sabby Pizzolante	261.8	15	Liam Wignell	98.9	31	Sharon Osborne	40	47
Ray Walker	250.3	16	David Maxted	92.5	32	John Curtis	20	48

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches during the February Field Day.

Name	Black Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Shane Wignell		1	1	1	1							1	1		1	1		8
Sabby Pizzolante		1		1	1							1	1	1	1			7
Sarah Wignell		1		1	1							1	1			1		6
Aniello Pizzolante		1			1								1		1			4
Martin Wearmouth												1	1					2
Christian Wearmouth				1														1
Thomas Wearmouth	1																	1

Recorder, John Curtis

Field Day sections 2011/12

Up to and including February Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	George Holman	Pink Snapper	6.55 kg
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	George Holman	Tailor	1.26 kg
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	George Holman	Bronze Whaler	5.48 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	1.92 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)			
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	1.13 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best scale fish (other than above)	Peet Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	5.83 kg
10	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	17.38 kg
11	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish Min)			
12	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish Min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	5.58 kg
13	Best fish on S/H rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Peter Osborne	Wrasse	0.36 kg
14	Best fish caught on fly rod	Frank Gaudin	Trevally, Skipjack	0.75 kg

Open fishing competition 2011/12

The Open Competition is for fish caught other than on Club Gazetted Field Days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates. Entries for the Open competition close 30 days after capture.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	Mal Head, 11 kg, Kalbarri
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Justin Rose, 3.2 kg, S Bend
7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	

8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman, 3.0 kg, False Entrance
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	Pat McKeown, 0.5 kg, False Entrance
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman, 17 kg, False Entrance
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	George Holman, 2.5 kg, False Entrance
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman, 10.75 kg Northern bluefin tuna, False Entrance
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	

Barron Lure competition 2011/12

The Barron Lure competition is sponsored by Eric Parker, who donates the trophies. Try Eric's poppers, you will not be disappointed.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	Justin Rose	1.92 kg Tailor
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	No entry yet	
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	Justin Rose	1.92 kg Tailor

Field days 2011/12

Venues and boundaries for the 2011/12 competition year were decided by the members at the April 2011 General Meeting.

Now these venues and boundaries have been decided and confirmed by the members, they will not be changed. The FDO will still have the option, on the day, with the agreement of the people who have signed on, to make changes to cater for unfishable conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

Month	Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details /
Mar 2012	Bluff Creek	3/4/5 Mar LWE	<i>Long.</i> Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.
Apr 2012	Capes	14/15 Apr	<i>Medium.</i> Busselton Jetty to river mouth at Augusta

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Bluff Creek Field Day 3/4/5 March 2012

How to get to Bluff Creek

The March long weekend Field Day will be at Bluff Creek, east of Albany. See the write ups in the February Reel Talk

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Recommended Field day venues and boundaries 2012/13

See the list in the February Reel Talk page 15

Venues and boundaries for the coming 2012/13 competition year will be decided and confirmed by the members at or before the April General Meeting. Areas exclude any no fishing zones which may be within the boundaries.

Once these venues and boundaries have been decided and confirmed by the members, they will not be changed. The FDO will still have the option, on the day, with the agreement of the people who have signed on, to make changes to cater for unfishable or dangerous conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

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Draft calendar for coming year 2012/13

See the **draft** calendar on page 16 of the February Reel Talk. That show the Committee's recommended dates for field days and Safari, with some dates subject to members' approval.

Calendar for current year 2011/12

The 2011/12 calendar is on page 20 of the May 2011 Reel Talk.

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Future AAWA State Championships

See the list on page 17 of the February Reel Talk

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Recfishwest report

State-wide management proposals for recreational fishing

A Fisheries Management Paper (FMP) covering the Department of Fisheries' proposals for recreational fishing throughout WA has been released. See the separate articles in this Reel Talk.

Retirement of Fisheries Minister Norman Moore

Mr Moore has announced he will retire from State Parliament on 21 May, 2013 when his current Legislative Council term concludes. As Fisheries Minister, he has been a strong supporter of the recreational fishing community, and peak body Recfishwest is looking forward to continuing to work closely with the Minister during the remainder of his term on numerous exciting projects which will have long-term benefits for recreational fishing in WA.

Small community grants

Three extra Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) will be deployed off the WA coast between Cervantes and Jurien Bay, funded by recreational fishing licence funds. RFW is pleased funding has been granted for projects from Esperance right through to Kununurra and is hoping to call for another round of projects in the next few months.

Recreational large fishing grants for in-depth projects

More than \$1 million in revenue raised by recreational fishers purchasing licences, such as recreational fishing from boat and rock lobster licences, will be used to fund large projects to enhance recreational fishing.

Recfishwest encourages incorporated individuals, research institutions, fishing clubs and community groups to apply for the grants. Applications which demonstrate the support of

local recreational fishers will be given preference while funding will be provided to projects that are beneficial and cost effective to the recreational fishing community. Applicants can apply for a grant of up to three years duration and projects are expected to commence on July 1, 2012. Forms are available at www.recfishwest.org.au

Western Rock Lobster Reference Group

Recfishwest has sought expressions of interest from recreational fishers to hold positions on a reference group for the recreational western rock lobster fishery. The reference group will provide advice on the management of recreational fishing rock lobster.

Appointments will run for three years on the group that will comprise eight members, including one Recfishwest board member and a chairman nominated by Recfishwest. Members must be able to make clear and concise recommendations to Recfishwest as well as provide advice on the management and mitigation of these issues.

One of the main objectives of this group is to give advice on how recreational fishers would like to see the recreational catch best managed within its allocation under Integrated Fisheries Management.

Another reference group provided advice on management of the Marron fishery for 2012. Reference groups for other recreational fisheries are likely to be established under proposals for RFW in its role as the Government recognised Peak Body for Recreational Fishing in WA.

Identifying the health and well-being benefits of recreational fishing. Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Project 2011/217

Delegates will be aware that official funding for and recognition of sports and activities sometimes depends on the benefits or returns which can be expected, and supporting research is often required. An extensive review of published literature revealed virtually no research that quantified the health and well-being benefits of recreational fishing.

Recreational fishing is a popular form of outdoor recreation enjoyed by Australians, and is one of the few forms of nature-based recreation that can be enjoyed throughout childhood, adolescence, adulthood and into the senior years. Of recreational fishers aged 50 years and over, 75% have been fishing for longer than 30 years amassing a wealth of skills, techniques and knowledge build over the years of participation.

As a part of this project, researchers from the Centre of Excellence for Science, Seafood and Health contacted many stakeholders in recreational fishing in order to collate a considerable amount of anecdotal evidence supporting the positive influence recreational fishing has on health and well-being.

The study found that considerable health and well-being benefits can be gained through involvement in recreational fishing. Encouraging young children, youth, adults and families to fish offers a cost effective and healthful outdoor recreational activity that can be enjoyed throughout life. Benefits were evident for individuals and groups. Recreational fishing was also noted to provide significant benefits to children and youth with behavioural and mental health issues. Finally, educational strategies that focus on how to minimise the environmental impacts of recreational fishing can ensure today's and tomorrow's recreational fishers are aware of sustainable fishing practices.

The report will be available on the CESSH website <http://www.cessh.curtin.edu.au>

Recfishwest staff development

Recent RFW appointees Ellen Smith (Regional Policy Officer) and Joachim Azzopardi (Communications Officer) have both been successful in their applications for this year's National Seafood Industry Leadership Program. This program is funded by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation on a competitive basis and RFW is very fortunate to have two representatives from the recreational sector.

This program is very well regarded and is focused on professional development in the context of aquatic resource management which will provide a great return to Recfishwest. Other graduates have gone on to apply their skills to a wide variety of areas including

regional network development, regional and state industry association boards and reference committees and effective business management.

Info about this program <http://www.ruraltraininginitiatives.com.au/home/programs/seafood>

Rock Fishing Safety Working Groups

Matt Gillett attended the first meeting of this working group instigated by the Department of Environment and Conservation. Nominating an independent chair is one of the priorities. They asked Recfishwest to Chair it but RFW doesn't have the capacity to take that on at present.

Recfishwest Strategic Plan

A Strategic Plan has been developed to identify the major strategic regional and state wide issues for Recfishwest over the next 2 years.

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.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Social Organiser Report, March 2012

Hello fellow members.

It is now coming into a very busy time organising, with your help, the Presentation night for 2012. This event is very special as it is the 60th year that the club has been operating

There is a lot of history to find so if anybody has anything to display from the earlier years whether it be stories, tales of early days in the club or new stories on present day activities. You must all have a story or photo put away of a trip or event somewhere. All items will be looked after and returned to its owner.

The dinner menu for the meal is in the Reel Talk for you all to look at. It looks very nice and should suit all tastes. If not please speak up.

There will be prizes and giveaways for all. Ticket costs will be worked out at next Committee meeting.

Any ideas for the night please come forward. As more info comes up I will pass on.

The venue is the Woodvale Tavern Reception Centre, 143 Trappers Drive, Woodvale. <http://thewoodvale.com.au/reception-centre> has some details.

Do any members have ideas on what they would like to do on social events?

The next club event will be the Maze at Bullsbrook on a Saturday or Sunday I will ask for a show of hands which day is preferred.

See you on a beach somewhere.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Dinner menu for Presentation Night, 23 June

Entrée

Butternut squash soup **or** Bruschetta

Main Course

Sirloin steak grilled until medium and served with chips, side salad and mushroom sauce, **or**

Oven roasted chicken breast filled with sun dried tomatoes, spinach and camembert. Served with mash, steamed vegetables and champagne sauce, **or**

Grilled snapper fillet served with mash, steamed vegetables and lemon butter sauce

Dessert

Profiterole cake served with fresh cream **or** Apple crumble served with vanilla custard

More details of the Presentation night over the coming months.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Dry Casting report 5 February 2012

The day was sunny, moderate east to south easterly wind changing to southerly in the afternoon. There were 23 casters.

To all the people who helped set up the courts, and the ones who walked the boundary with the flags and banners many thanks. To Marcia thank you for collecting the money and doing the sheets for casting. Thank you to all who brought all the equipment in at the end of the day. To the markers and scorers thank you. This all makes the day go smoothly.

There were 4 bullseyes on the day. In the Seniors Mark Hansen scored 1 in double handed accuracy. In the Veterans John Crompton and Gary Gildersleeves scored 1 each in double handed accuracy, and Ray Thomas scored 1 in single handed accuracy. Well done.

Best distance casts	Seniors	Peter Pekaar	151 metres	112 grams
	Veterans	George Holman	139 metres	56 grams
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	88 metres	56 grams
	Juniors	Felicity Keet	65 metres	112 grams
	Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	84 metres	56 grams

Section winners	Seniors	Peter Pekaar	231 points
	Veterans	Garry Gildersleeves	252 points
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	180 points
	Juniors	Felicity Keet	115 points
	Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	109 points

All members and visitors must wear a safety helmet at all times when they are marking on the distance court and when marking and scoring on the accuracy court. "The rule is no helmet no go"

Keep it long and straight. See you at the next dry casting. Dry Casting Officer Allan Jones

Seniors, Ladies, Juniors and Mini-Juniors

Whilst the conditions didn't help the casters during the day, it was good to see a large turnout to casting, with 16 in our group. We welcomed Lydiya Laver, Chris Stickell's girlfriend, who picked up the skill of casting quite quickly and helped out extensively with scoring. Her first cast was 11 metres steadily increasing to 50.62 metres, with all casts being in court. She also had some 23 point scores in double handed accuracy. Not a bad effort for a first time. Chris's casting is really starting to come together now with some new personal bests in the distance events. Keep up the good work, Chris.

After an absence, it was nice to see Ian Cook and Shane and Sarah Wignell at casting. Sarah even won the 56 gram and single handed accuracy events, with 19 points in Mini-Juniors. Wendy Hansen also came along, but not for the first time this club year, as was the case for the aforementioned. Wendy won the single handed accuracy in the Ladies' Division with 16 points and finished equal first in the Artificial Bait. Ian Cook showed he has not lost any ability with 92 points in double handed accuracy, and some good distance casts. Ian is eligible to cast with the Veterans, but is to be congratulated for staying with the Seniors who, of course, have further to cast with the Accuracy events. Shane Wignell used the day to try some different rods.

The Keet children, Felicity in Juniors, and Morgan and Olivia in Mini-Juniors are steadily improving and it is great to see them all regularly attending, with the support of their Dad, Greg.

112 gram Open. After regular casting, seven casters participated in the 112 gram Open event, in less than ideal conditions, and the results are published elsewhere in the Reel Talk.

It is great to see Trevor Stam, one of our resident octogenarians, still joining in these events. Whilst the breeze was really in our face he threw down a creditable 72.54 metres at the end of the day when we are all a bit tired. Well done, Trevor. Indeed, thank you to all who stayed back to compete in the Open event.

We now look forward to March's dry casting, and remember it will be on the SECOND Sunday, 11 March 2012.

Marcia and Peter Pekaar

Dry Casting results, 5 February 2012

Results for the day Seniors	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	Attendance		Total Points
	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				
																								DC	GM		
Peter Pekaar	135	133	27	123	118	24	149	151	30	15	14	12	17	2	23	17	15	115	4	7	0	4	15	211	10	10	231
Jeff Hewton	0	0	0	98	109	21	136	132	27	0	0	19	20	19	10	12	16	96	0	0	5	6	11	155	10		165
Mark Hansen	95	106	20	83	93	18	117	121	24	0	3	14	25	0	0	14	20	76	0	3	4	0	7	145	10	10	165
Ian Cook	97	107	20	90	89	18	115	123	24	0	22	18	15	18	0	0	19	92	0	0	0	0	0	154	10		164
Eric Parker	95	62	16	87	0	9	115	113	23	0	6	18	20	0	0	15	13	72	1	5	0	0	6	126	10	10	146
Greg Keet	88	96	18	85	93	18	97	0	10	0	2	14	6	0	1	18	15	56	0	0	0	4	4	106	10		116
Shane Wignell	74	86	16	76	79	16	0	112	11	0	0	0	10	0	0	12	18	40	0	0	0	0	0	83	10		93
Chris Stickells	45	54	10	57	51	11	63	70	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	23	0	0	0	4	4	61	10	10	81

Veterans

Gary Gildersleeves	123	127	25	98	94	19	125	127	25	17	25	22	19	9	9	20	22	143	8	7	8	7	30	242	10		252
George Holman	131	139	27	118	96	21	132	123	26	21	19	19	14	9	18	16	10	126	3	1	6	6	16	216	10	10	236
Allan Jones	106	109	22	94	77	17	107	101	21	24	22	8	20	12	14	9	24	133	7	5	0	7	19	212	10	10	232
Bob Henderson	109	123	23	100	88	19	121	122	24	0	10	20	20	18	19	20	20	127	3	9	2	9	23	216	10		226
Malcolm Head	88	104	19	98	82	18	106	115	22	11	21	17	12	16	12	22	16	127	0	7	3	8	18	204	10	10	224
Terry Fuller	86	88	17	86	81	17	104	113	22	7	8	22	11	2	18	23	15	106	7	6	2	9	24	186	10	10	206
John Crompton	87	83	17	89	90	18	91	103	19	24	18	25	5	16	4	8	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	154	10	10	174
Pat McKeown	16	35	5	57	66	12	68	71	14	20	10	17	19	14	5	5	0	90	0	0	9	0	9	130	10	10	150
Dean Stewart	60	13	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11	21	22	5	0	23	22	118	0	2	0	0	2	127	10	10	147
Trevor Stam	0	60	6	65	56	12	76	74	15	16	0	18	8	18	4	24	0	88	0	1	0	3	4	125	10	10	145
Ron Thomas	0	116	12	<<	Did	not	cast	>>	10	11	15	22	0	0	17	17	92	5	10	3	7	25	129	10		139	
Ray Walker	0	42	4	51	0	5	0	0	0	10	17	10	10	0	0	16	7	70	0	3	0	0	3	82	10	10	102

Ladies

Marcia Pekaar	88	87	18	67	72	14	87	84	17	3	6	23	23	14	0	14	19	102	0	4	0	5	9	160	10	10	180
Wendy Hansen	83	59	14	68	67	14	86	78	16	0	0	21	17	0	0	18	7	63	0	0	7	9	16	123	10		133
Bev Grigo	41	59	10	44	47	9	54	49	10	18	18	0	21	0	11	0	5	73	1	1	0	0	2	106	10	10	124
Lydiya Laver	11	26	4	32	23	6	27	51	8	0	0	23	0	0	0	23	14	60	4	0	0	0	4	82	10		92

Juniors

Felicity Keet	58	65	12	41	48	9	52	55	11	1	12	17	13	15	0	0	15	73	0	0	0	0	0	105	10		115
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Mini-Juniors

Morgan Keet	36	38	7	57	62	12	81	84	17	13	20	14	5					52	0	6	0	5	11	99	10		109
Sarah Wignell	46	58	10	17	29	5	27	20	5	9	12	0	1					22	5	9	0	5	19	61	10		71
Olivia Keet	30	31	6	31	23	5	37	39	8	13	3	0	0					16	0	4	0	0	4	37	10		49

These scores include points for attendance at the February General Meeting.

Dry Casting winners for 5 February 2012

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	27	Peter Pekaar	27	George Holman
56 gram Distance	135	Peter Pekaar	139	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	24	Peter Pekaar	21	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	123	Peter Pekaar	118	George Holman
112 gram Score	30	Peter Pekaar	26	George Holman
112 gram Distance	151	Peter Pekaar	132	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	115	Peter Pekaar	143	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	15	Peter Pekaar	30	Gary Gildersleeves
Section Highest Points	231	Peter Pekaar	252	Gary Gildersleeves

Event	Ladies winner		Juniors winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	18	Marcia Pekaar	12	Felicity Keet	10	Sarah Wignell
56 gram Distance	88	Marcia Pekaar	65	Felicity Keet	58	Sarah Wignell
Artificial Bait Score	14	Marcia Pekaar, Wendy Hansen	9	Felicity Keet	12	Morgan Keet
Artificial Bait Distance	72	Marcia Pekaar	48	Felicity Keet	62	Morgan Keet
112 gram Score	17	Marcia Pekaar	11	Felicity Keet	17	Morgan Keet
112 gram Distance	87	Marcia Pekaar	55	Felicity Keet	84	Morgan Keet
Double Handed Acc.	102	Marcia Pekaar	73	Felicity Keet	52	Morgan Keet
Single Handed Acc.	16	Wendy Hansen			19	Sarah Wignell
Section Highest Points	180	Marcia Pekaar	115	Felicity Keet	109	Morgan Keet

Event	Overall winner for February		Year's best up to February	
56 gram Score	27	Peter Pekaar, George Holman	31	Alan Hale
56 gram Distance	139	George Holman	163	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	24	Peter Pekaar	31	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	123	Peter Pekaar	161	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	30	Peter Pekaar	34	Alan Hale
112 gram Distance	151	Peter Pekaar	186	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	143	Gary Gildersleeves	167	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	30	Gary Gildersleeves	35	George Holman
Section Highest Points	252	Gary Gildersleeves	278	George Holman

Dry Casting top scores for 2011/12

Total scores up to and including February casting and General meeting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. These will be announced at and published after the Presentation of Trophies in June 2012.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Terry Fuller	2175	1	Alan Hale	944	14	Shane Becu	381	27
Allan Jones	2043	2	Pat McKeown	934	15	Terry Willison	345	28
George Holman	1983	3	Bob Henderson	922	16	Chris Stickells	303	29
Gary Gildersleeves	1954	4	Geoff Raftis	735	17	Wendy Hansen	262	30
Peter Osborne	1821	5	Morgan Keet	623	18	Ian Cook	164	31
Peter Pekaar	1720	6	Eric Parker	621	19	Shane Wignell	93	32
John Crompton	1613	7	Greg Keet	570	20	Lydiya Laver	92	33
Marcia Pekaar	1398	8	Bev Grigo	516	21	Sarah Wignell	71	34
Malcolm Head	1351	9	Ron Thomas	512	22	Jim Strong	51	35
Dean Stewart	1248	10	Rhys Jones	489	23	Martin Wearmouth	44	36
Jeff Hewton	1243	11	Felicity Keet	469	24	Matthew John	14	37
Trevor Stam	1183	12	Olivia Keet	395	25	Brett Anderson	13	38
Mark Hansen	1159	13	Ray Walker	384	26	Kevin Selesnew	12	39

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

112 gram Open

Men	Cast 1	Cast 2	Best cast (metres)
Peter Pekaar	162.34	150.76	162.34
Jeff Hewton	136.75	130.74	136.75
Veterans			
George Holman	126.67	138.54	138.54
Gary Gildersleeves	127.14	128.68	128.68
Allan Jones	104.2	111.27	111.27
Trevor Stam	72.54	64.72	72.54
Ladies			
Marcia Pekaar	90.88	80.90	90.88

President's report

The club is going along nicely with good attendances across the activities and the events are all enjoyable. Our meetings are pleasant and not lengthy and the instruction periods are all first class. The Peter and Peet talk on Bluff Creek assisted by Terry Fuller was very informative and even the older members benefited. Thanks to all concerned.

We had one visitor at our last meeting in Graham Little, and had Vince Iozzi and son Peter attend as well which was good to see.

Jim Strong had a setback losing his dog of 12 years but he is being positive and is looking for a suitable replacement for company.

Remember Peet Wessels is asking people who are interested in representing our club at the forthcoming State Rock and Beach Championships at Jurien Bay on 24/25 March to let him know as soon as possible. We will also look at some accommodation and then work out where we want to fish. Also don't forget if you are interested in going to our Rottnest venue in May now is the time to let Peet known as there is still a spot or two available.

We will discuss the September and October venues with their alternatives at our next general meeting so we can pass all the venues at our April meeting. Also anyone who is thinking of the Esperance Safari from 15 to 22 September let us know as this will have a bearing on selection but will also help with organisation of the event, and numbers attending are important. Kaye and I, along with some friends, will be leaving on the 13th and coming back around the 26/27 of the month.

There was a late notification in the last Reel Talk that Pat McKeown and I had booked the Woodvale Tavern Reception Centre, 143 Trappers Drive, Woodvale for the club's 60th year Presentation Night on 23 June. The venue is ideal for our needs with plenty of parking, a reception foyer, a good-sized hall with bar, video screen, public address system and will have the full three course meal served to the table. A copy of the proposed menu appears elsewhere in the Reel Talk. The cost will be more than last year as we have a \$600 booking fee (which includes bar staff and extras for the hall).

Pat and I are impressed with the venue and the co-operation we are receiving from Mandy Wyer and the staff. We are also looking to supplying a suitable memento for the night to all who attend. Reserve the night and bring a friend if you wish and come along and enjoy yourself. Reward our Social Organiser with a great attendance.

In our last Reel Talk there was a copy of a letter that our State President of AAAWA sent to all clubs detailing the proposal to hold an AAA National Championships in W A. The response he has received has been disappointing and a hard decision will have to be made at the February Delegates meeting. If you have taken the trouble to read his letter you will appreciate what is involved in running such an event and also the funding that is needed.

John Curtis is to have an operation on his eyes and we wish him well.

I keep getting very favourable comments about Terry Fuller's Reel Talk each month and he certainly deserves a big pat on the back. All the information we need is contained in each issue and presented in a very informative manner. You can help by giving him write-ups on fishing trips and events which we would all be interested in.

See you all at Bluff Creek. We will burley the fish for you. Tight lines and good casting.

President 2011/12, George Holman

State Rock and Beach and Boating Championships

The State Boating Championships will be held at Jurien on Saturday 3 March or Sunday 4 March, which is our Bluff Creek Field Day.

The State Rock and Beach fishing championships will be held on Saturday and Sunday 24/25 March 2012, with headquarters at Jurien.

Boundary: Cervantes jetty to Greenhead jetty including jetties.

Briefing/start times: Registrations 10.30 to 11 am (Team Captains only) 24th March 2012

Compulsory briefing at 11 am (all participants). Lines down at 12 noon.

Weigh-in: 11 am sharp on Sunday 25th March 2012

Both the Briefing and Weigh-in will be held at the Jurien Bay Apex Camp, 15 Bashford St. (Indian Ocean Drive)

Pre-registrations must be sent for all club teams with competition numbers by Wednesday 21 March 2012; however it would be appreciated if individuals could register by Friday 16 March, to: Jason Pember, 11 Bering Prom, Canning Vale 6155 or to jason.pember@fpc.wa.gov.au or phone 9455 5337 mobile 0404 620 315

Bag tags are the responsibility of each Club. Species prizes will be awarded for the biggest Tailor, Skippy, Shark, Flathead, Whiting and Herring. Spare:- Tarwhine.

Cheques should be made out to the Australian Anglers Association. Registration forms and a flier are on the AAWA website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/RockBeachMain.html>

The instruction period at the March General meeting will cover these Rock and Beach Championships.

Please consider competing in these Championships as a Surfcasters individual and team member.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri revisited

Having just returned from a 4-day stay at the Club's Kalbarri house I thought I might report on what an excellent time my family and I enjoyed. We arrived, \$75 lighter courtesy of me getting caught doing 109km/hr in 110 zone whilst towing a trailer, to a typical filthy hot January day.

We stepped out of the car, heard a clap of thunder and opened the door to find the power was out. Not a great start. Fortunately, the power came on about 30 minutes later and I immediately decided to test out the air conditioners. For those who don't know, the house has an older unit in what I will call the main room and another new unit in the kitchen. These are both positioned to blow cold air directly into the bedrooms. This is Feng Shui at its best.

The bedrooms also have fans which can be turned on to circulate the cold air. In short this arrangement works brilliantly. We were cool within about 10 minutes and not a drop of sweat was shed in the house for the rest of the stay.

Having settled in we decided to head down to the mouth of the river to fish. We only fished for about an hour but did catch several small bream which is always great fun on light gear. Having returned to the house we ate, showered, talked, read, watched television and the children worked out what they could have done with the \$75 I donated to the militia. We all slept very well in the new comfortable beds.

The next day involved swimming, canoeing and those boats where you have to pedal like crazy to move. We went for a walk in one of the coastal gorges, saw a snake we identified as a Monk snake (venomous I believe) and immediately decided to stay closer to water from then on. In the evenings we enjoyed stunning sunsets in very mild conditions whilst fishing at Red Bluff Beach.

Emma, my non-fishing daughter, decided to have a go, including baiting the hook and casting. She started to catch small dart and continued to do so for the rest of the trip. She also arrested a couple of nice whiting which never go astray. Despite the calm conditions, Sarah and I did manage to catch a couple of tailor for the pan. Several other smaller fish

were caught including Rankin cod and Sarah seemed to work out how to catch threadfin salmon landing several over the next 2 nights. The fishing was not spectacular but we caught a feed and you can never tire of watching a sunset.

On one of the nights, a group of about 7 young men set up next to us and began fishing. The best caster could get about 30 metres out. On his third cast he started pulling back hard on his rod. I smiled presuming it was a huge pile of seaweed. A few minutes later he was putting a legal size Spanish mackerel in the esky!

As alluded to earlier I did tow a trailer to Kalbarri. On this was my 4.5 metre boat which we put in the water on 2 of the days. I sat there watching others go through the mouth to the open ocean and thinking one day I might try that. Wife and 3 kids is not one of those situations. We were therefore confined to the river. We fished at several spots catching plenty of small bream as well as a fish, identity I do not as yet know, which is blessed with extremely fearsome spines on its gills. For some reason, my wife seemed to excel and delight in catching these. The reader should not have to think hard as to whose job it was to remove the hooks. The trip was rounded off with a lovely breakfast at the café near the post office.

We did stay previously in the house a couple of years ago when I first joined the club. We also enjoyed our stay then but I must comment on the quality of the refurbishment. Spending money is easy but spending it wisely is not so but I do feel the club has greatly improved the quality of the house.

As mentioned earlier the air conditioning is excellent and the beds are very comfortable. The seating is likewise and the quality of the floor coverings and painting all add to the appeal of the house. Ray Walker and all those involved should be congratulated on what they have achieved.

I wasn't around when the members a few decades ago made what must have been a big decision and undertaking to develop this house, but I suspect their vision was for members, present and future, to use the house, relax, catch a few fish and enjoy the company of families and each other.

I feel the committee and membership have supported this philosophy by their decision to do the work and spend the money. It is now up to the members and public to reap the benefits.

Shane Wignell

Bookings for hire of Club alternator

The Club owns a petrol powered Honda alternator type EU20i, 240 volt, with a rated output of 1600 watts. It has an hour meter, protective cover, operator's manual and optional 15 amp dual use link kit for coupling together two *identical* alternators.

The alternator is available for short term hire for use by club members only, when not required for a Club event which has priority. Some details were published in page 22 of the November 2010 Reel Talk. Requirements, conditions and booking form are available from the Treasurer or Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/HireOfClubAlternatorIssue1.doc>

The following bookings have been made.

Club booking, Bluff Creek Field Day	29 February to 7 March 2012
Member booking	20 March to 31 March 2012
Member booking	5 April to 14 April 2012
Member booking	22 April to 29 April 2012
Member booking	7 July to 21 July 2012

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

The first Club event in April is on Sunday 1 of April, so the April Reel Talk needs to be out during the previous week. Can I please have general articles and reports for the April Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Saturday 24 March. Please contact me if any item will be late.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Simplifying WA's fishing rules

On 22 February, the Department of Fisheries released a (54 page) draft strategy to help simplify Western Australia's recreational fishing rules.

Director General Stuart Smith said the State's current set of fishing rules had developed with different rules for different regions, which are now complex and cumbersome.

"It is time to look at all the rules, to help deliver better fishing experiences and also ensure the long-term sustainability of WA's highly valued fish stocks," Mr Smith said. "The vast majority of fishers do the right thing and follow the rules, but we can make things easier for the more than 600,000 people who enjoy recreational fishing.

"Fishing is a popular recreational activity across the State and moving to simplify the rules will help create better understanding of them. Now that we are reviewing the rules, it is very important that recreational fishers have a chance to consider and comment on the proposals." The recreational consultation period will be open until 30 April 2012.

Mr Smith said Recfishwest would facilitate community consultation and collate feedback on the draft strategy, so it could be taken into account before any changes were finalised.

"Under the proposed new framework, the focus will be on mixed species bag limits, rather than individual species bag limits," he said. "Mixed species limits are intended to provide broad protection to the entire suite of species within a resource. Replacing current finfish species bag limit categories with new resource-based categories, for example demersal, near-shore/estuarine and offshore pelagic, will help simplify rules consistent with Fisheries' management strategies."

The Director General said the focus of recreational fishing in WA needed to be on the quality of the experience and enjoying eating fresh fish, not the 'fill the freezer' mentality of the past.

"With limited fish stocks available, we need to continue the good progress already made by the recreational fishing sector in moving away from bringing back large quantities of fish to eat for months after an individual trip," he said.

"To help keep WA's fish for the future goal, a key proposal is to reduce the State-wide fillet possession limit to ten kilograms, for species other than large offshore pelagics like tuna and mackerel. Reducing the possession limit will help managers effectively address future sustainability concerns for demersal species in regions such as the Gascoyne and Pilbara.

"I urge fishers to take part in the review process, to help simplify recreational fishing."

Fisheries Management Paper No. 252 - "A Resourced-based Management Approach for Recreational Fishing in Western Australia 2012 - 2017" is available at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/mp/mp252/index.php?0706>

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Anglers' feedback sought on proposal to change WA's recreational fishing rules

Recfishwest's Media release at www.recfishwest.org.au/content/media-releases/ is urging each and every recreational fisher in Western Australia to submit feedback on a draft strategy developed by the Department of Fisheries which contains significant changes to bag and possession limits across the State.

The draft proposed strategy, released by the Department of Fisheries, contains sweeping reforms that will affect all recreational fishers.

At the forefront of the review is a proposal to reduce the state-wide fillet possession limit from 20kg to 10kg for all for all species other than "Large Pelagics".

Standardising the current highly complicated daily bag limits is another key objective of the draft strategy. In some cases individual species bag limits will increase and for others they will decrease.

Recfishwest acting chief executive officer Andrew Rowland said the review was aimed at standardising and simplifying the rules from a state-wide perspective.

“As with all strategies, there will be support for some of the propositions and opposition to others,” Dr Rowland said.

Dr Rowland urged recreational fishers to submit feedback during the two-month public comment period. Recfishwest has been assigned the task of facilitating the community consultation and collating feedback on the draft strategy by the Department.

This is the first time the Department of Fisheries has asked the peak body to conduct the community consultation for a major strategy. “It is crucial recreational fishers consider the proposed changes and submit their comments on the proposal,” he said.

“The basis of support or opposition for the proposals is important in ensuring the Department implements the most soundly based strategy.”

As reported in the West Australian:- WA's recreational fishing lobby Recfishwest was cautious in its response to the review, saying it supported simplifying current arrangements but had reservations about some of the proposed restrictions. Recfishwest's acting chief executive Andrew Rowland hinted the group might seek to challenge some aspects of the plan, urging fishers to submit feedback during the review's two-month consultation period.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Opportunity for public comment and making a submission

The release of this discussion paper for public comment provides an opportunity for you to express an opinion on how recreational fishing should be managed. It is equally important that you respond whether you agree or disagree with the various proposals.

A review panel comprising of representatives from the Department of Fisheries and Recfishwest will consider the submissions received to ensure all issues are taken into consideration.

Recfishwest, as the peak body representing recreational fishers, will be providing independent advice to the Minister for Fisheries, which takes into account the level of support and community views expressed on each of the proposals. The Minister will consider this advice, along with advice from the Department of Fisheries, before making decisions on the future management of recreational fishing.

When making your submission and to ensure your comments are as effective as possible, please:

- Clearly and briefly describe each separate subject you wish to address.
- Refer to the different proposals in the discussion paper.
- Tell us whether you agree/disagree with any or all of the proposals.
- Suggest alternative ways to resolve the issues raised in this paper or identified by you.

The closing date for submissions is 30 April 2012. Please send your submission along with your full name and address to: Recfishwest, PO Box 34, North Beach, Western Australia 6920 email: recfish@recfishwest.org.au

The “Have Your Say” document will be printed and delivered in booklet form to tackle stores throughout the State. An online survey can be accessed from the RFW website Home page or directly at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/recfishwesthaveyoursay>

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Summary of proposals

Please be aware that a summary cannot cover all the details and many questions you may have will not be answered by a summary.

Please do not believe ***everything*** you read in the media, see on TV or hear on radio. There are many details, and some first media reports and even some media releases contained some significant mistakes.

Please read the Fisheries Management Paper very carefully, so that you understand all the details which are in and which are not in the proposal, and how the proposals differ from the current rules.

Although Recfishwest will be running the community consultations, it is stressed that the proposals come from the Department of Fisheries, NOT from Recfishwest, and RFW will use community comments in deciding its response to the proposals.

Proposal 1 - Resource-based approach

That a resource-based approach is adopted for the management of recreational fishing that focuses on managing fish species within the following zones:

- Estuarine and nearshore - estuarine waters and from the shore seawards to a depth of 20 metres;
- Inshore Demersal - from 20 metres to 250 metres;
- Offshore Demersal - from 250 metres to the edge of the Exclusive Economic Zone (200 nautical miles);
- Pelagic - includes the pelagic fishes in the water column above the Inshore Demersal and Offshore Demersal groups of fishes.

(Note: - This does not mean separate bag limits for these areas. Reel Talk Editor)

Proposal 2 - State-wide finfish possession limits

- 10 kg of fillets* or pieces of fish of any species (plus an additional 10kg of the 'Large Pelagic' category of fish[^]); or
- 7 kg of fillets or pieces of fish plus one day's bag limit of whole fish; or
- two days' bag limit of whole fish.

* Fish heads, tails and 'wings' are not included in the fillet weight possession limit.

[^] Fillets of any 'Large Pelagic' fish (as defined in the bag limits) would need to have skin-on for identification purposes.

Proposal 3 - Unaccompanied fish

That unaccompanied recreationally-caught fish cannot be transported by commercial courier businesses.

Proposal 4 - Landing fish (applies to fishing from boats)

Fish with a minimum size limit can be carried at sea and landed in the following forms:

- Filleted, skin and scale on; minimum fillet length of 30cm length;
- Trunked*, skin and scale on; minimum trunk length of 30cm length; or
- Whole (can be gutted and gilled)

Fish with a maximum size limit must be carried at sea and landed whole, except shark.

Fish without a size limit can be carried at sea and landed in the following forms:

- Filleted, skin on; or
- Trunked* (a fish with its head and/or tail removed), skin on; or
- Whole (can be gutted and gilled).

Proposal 5 - Bag limits and size limits for finfish. See the paper for the list of species and size limits. These proposed changes affect all fishers and particularly shore bound fishers, eg members of this Club.

Demersal finfish & sharks/rays. High vulnerability due to biological characteristics (e.g. long-lived, late maturing, large maximum size, sex change, limited distribution or small stock size, late maturing reproduction, etc) .

Individual bag limits. All species have an individual bag limit of 2 per fisher (or licensed fisher in the case of boat fishing) unless otherwise specified. Note some fish have a bag limit of 1 or 5.

South Coast, Gascoyne, North Coast Bioregions:- Mixed species daily bag limit, **5 per angler**.

West Coast Bioregion (as per existing arrangements):- Mixed species daily bag limit, **2 per angler**. Boat limit of 2 dhufish (6 on charter). Closed season 15 October to 15 December for demersal finfish (excludes sharks and rays).

Large Pelagic Finfish. Moderate/high vulnerability. State-wide.

- Mixed species daily bag limit - **3 per fisher** or licensed fisher when taken from a boat.

Nearshore/Estuarine Finfish. Moderate vulnerability. State-wide.

- Mixed species daily bag limit - **8 per fisher** or licensed fisher when taken from a boat. (Note that some species in this category have a bag limit of 1 or 2)

All other species of Finfish. All other unlisted species of fish (except baitfish and feral fresh water species) Lower/moderate vulnerability. State-wide.

- Mixed species bag limit of **30 per fisher**.
- No size limits for species in this category.

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Do these proposals pass the "3 questions" test?

Question 1. What exactly are the proposals trying to achieve?

Question 2. What will they actually achieve?

Question 3. If the answers to Q1 and Q2 are different, why are they being done?

Much more to come on this. I will provide some more detailed information at the March General Meeting.

Recfishwest Board Member and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2012

See the article on the inside back cover. All bookings and queries should go to the Property Officer, Ray Walker.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the public rates for rental of the Kalbarri house. A **20% discount** on public rates will apply for the months of July, August and September.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings in 2012 for the following dates, inclusive. Tenants will leave by 10 am on the last date shown and the property can be booked for the afternoon/evening of the day of the last date shown. All other dates not listed are currently available. Note some bookings run to the end of one month and into the start of the next month. This list is at 23 February and does not include any bookings or changes which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

2012		2012	
February	24 Feb to 28 Feb	March	17 March to 24 March
April	5 Apr to 15 Apr, 21 Apr to 30 Apr	May	1 May to 11 May
October	9 Oct to 15 Oct, 20 Oct to 31 Oct	November	1 Nov to 10 Nov

Property Officer, Ray Walker

Bring a friend to a Club activity

Please bring a friend, a relative, a workmate, neighbour or an acquaintance to a General meeting, to Dry Casting or to a Club fishing Field day. Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members. Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Proposed changes to Dry casting rules

At the February Committee meeting, the Committee recommended that all rules covering the rigs used for Club dry casting specify the same details as the rig rules for AAAWA dry casting, to ensure that any cast was eligible for a State record, and not rejected because of a rig which did not comply with AAAWA rules. This would also simplify casters' preparation for the State Dry Casting Championships. The following proposed rule changes are to change some details in Club rules so that the rigs will also comply with AAAWA rules.

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Draft Notice of motion 1. Current version of Dry Casting Competition Rules Section 3.3.4 is:-

3.3.4 Leaders. A heavy leader is compulsory for all events. For 56 gram, 112 gram and accuracy events the leader must not be more than 380 mm in length. In Artificial Bait rigs, the length of the leader from the terminal knot to the weight shall not exceed 1,000 mm. Swivels or rings may also be used between the weight and the line.

Proposed amended version of Dry Casting Section 3.3.4:-

3.3.4 Leaders. A heavy leader is compulsory for all events. The breaking strain of all leaders shall be a minimum of 25kg and a maximum of 50kg, must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used. For 56 gram, 112 gram and accuracy events the leader must not be more than 350mm in length. In Artificial Bait rigs, the length of the leader from the terminal knot to the weight shall not exceed 1,000 mm.

Reason for proposed change. To specify the requirements for leaders to be the same as required by AAAWA rules. However a specific Club requirement are leaders sufficiently strong to allow a buried weight to be pulled out of the soft ground using the leader. The AAAWA rule only specifies a maximum strength. The Club also requires a minimum strength. This proposed change adds the words "The breaking strain of all leaders shall be a minimum of 25kg and a maximum of 50kg, must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used," changes the maximum length to 350mm and deletes the words "Swivels or rings may also be used between the weight and the line."

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Draft Notice of motion 2. Current version of Dry Casting Competition Rules Section 3.3.5 is:-

3.3.5 Line and Terminal Knots. In all events the breaking strain of line shall be optional, but must be equal gauge throughout. Terminal knots shall not exceed 100 mm in length, the measurement taken from the end edge of the weight, dowel or swivel.

Proposed amended version of Dry Casting Section 3.3.5:-

3.3.5 Line and Terminal Knots. The breaking strain of the main line used is at the discretion of the caster. The gauge of the line shall be of a consistent diameter throughout. There shall be no knots, splices or joins in the first 85 metres of the main line. Any leader used shall comply with Rule 3.3.4. The style or type of knot used to attach any weight, dowel or swivel shall be at the discretion of the caster. Terminal knots used shall not exceed 100 mm in length. The knot length shall be measured from the edge adjacent to any weight, dowel or swivel affixed to the line.

Reason for proposed change. To specify the requirements for line and terminal knots to be the same as required by AAAWA rules.

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Draft Notice of motion 3. Current version of Dry Casting Competition Rules Section 3.3.7 is:-

3.3.7 Plastic Tube and Pompoms. Plastic tubing must be used for all level line distance events. The plastic tubing shall be of a soft flexible material, of minimum length of 200 mm and maximum length of 250 mm. The diameter shall be nominally 2.5 mm inside diameter to 4.5 mm maximum inside diameter. Colour must be flouro pink.

For Accuracy casts, a visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used. The visual aid shall be made of no less than 10 strands of coloured thread of not less than 5 ply (knitting wool grading) thickness, or coloured strips of flat plastic of minimum width of 2 mm, with a minimum length of 75 mm, tied in a pompom fashion, and in turn attached to the weight or to a swivel attached to the weight.

Proposed amended version of second paragraph of Dry Casting Section 3.3.7:-

3.3.7 Plastic Tube and Pompoms. (First paragraph - no change)

A visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used for double handed accuracy events. Pompoms shall be dark in colour with a maximum overall length of 100 mm and a minimum overall length of 50 mm and consist of a minimum of thirty (30) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent. Pompoms may be securely attached to the casting weight with any method of fastening such as a clip, a swivel/clip combination, a solid or a split ring, monofilament line, thread or wire. Any such item used for fastening which does not form an inline or weight bearing part of the leader shall not count for the application of rule 3.3.4.

Reason for proposed change. To specify the requirements for a pompom to be the same as required by AAAWA rules.

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The following proposed changes are to update the rules for reasons as shown.

Draft Notice of motion 4. Current version of Dry Casting Competition Rules Section 3.8.4 is:-

3.8.4 Club Record cast at State Event. If a Club caster betters an existing Club Record whilst representing the Club in a State Event, it shall be deemed a Club Record.

Proposed amended version of Dry Casting Section 3.8.4:-

3.8.4 Club Record cast at State Event. If a member of the Club betters an existing Club Record whilst casting in a State Event, the cast shall be deemed a Club Record provided the member has nominated the Surf Casting and Angling Club in the registration form for the event.

Reason for proposed change. The word "*representing*" may not be considered to apply for casts in the Individual casting events. The proposed change will cover all Team and Individual casts at a State event provided the member has nominated this Club.

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Draft Notice of motion 5. Current version of Dry Casting Competition Rules Section 3.3.10 (a) is:-

3.3.10 (a) Measuring Tapes - Distance. Standard commercial measuring tapes in metres shall be used to lay the court out. Measured "Cross Lines" or flags can be set up and a measurement, by tape, can be taken from the cross line. Alternatively certified surveyor's equipment may be used.

Proposed amended version of Dry Casting Section 3.3.10 (a):-

3.3.10 (a) Measuring Tapes - Distance. Standard commercial measuring tapes in metres shall be used to lay out the court. Laser measuring equipment shall be used to measure the distances of level line casting. Alternatively standard commercial measuring tapes in metres may be used.

Reason for proposed change. Recognises the use of laser measuring equipment as a quicker and more accurate alternative to the old method of flag markers at 5 metre intervals on the boundary lines.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Happy birthday to

John Curtis, 1 March
Peter Pekaar, 21 March
Rita Pizzolante, 25 March

Greg Walker, 8 March
Maureen Wignell, 22 March
Stuart Spickett, 29 March

Terry Willison, 20 March
Charles Faure, 23 March
Marlin Heaney, 30 March

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Field Day point scoring

The scoring system for field days is in the Club's Competition Rules Section 2.4.

Trip Field Day Attendance Points. All members who sign on for a Field Day shall receive ten (10) points for attendance. Members who sign on for the Trip Field Day shall receive an additional thirty (30) points for attendance, i.e.; total of 40 attendance points. These will count towards the Field Day top ten points and thus for Sportsperson of the Year points.

General Meeting Attendance Points. All members who sign on for the Trip Field Day or Local Field Day shall be credited with a further ten (10) points if they have also attended that month's General Meeting.

Weigh In Points for Field Days. Points are awarded for the following:-

1. 10 points per eligible species and
2. 10 points per kilogram weighed in.

Field Day Top Ten. To determine the Top Ten for each competition year, the monthly scores of each angler shall be accumulated by the addition of the member's top eleven (11) field day totals. This addition shall show each member's progressive score for the competition year.

Dry Casting point scoring

The scoring system for dry casting is in the Club's Competition Rules Section 3.6 and 3.8.

Attendance Points. Casters obtain ten (10) points for competing in the dry casting field day. Club members who also attend, but do not cast, and assist in running of the event shall also receive ten (10) points towards the day's points tally.

Casters who attend the monthly dry casting event and members who assist in running Dry Casting then attend the following General Meeting shall receive an additional ten (10) points towards the day's points tally. **The overall score for the day** shall be calculated from:-

Double handed accuracy event	8 casts, (except Mini Juniors will have 4 casts)		
Single handed accuracy event	4 casts	Level line 112 gram (max)	2 casts
Level line Artificial bait	2 casts	Level line 56 gram (max)	2 casts

For accuracy events the points scored shall be added. The point score shall be the mark on the tape from where the point of impact of the weight is in relation to the target. The double handed tape marks are:

1st increment (i.e. a bull) 25 points, 2nd increment 24 points, 3rd increment 23 points, and so on, 25th increment 1 point, Outside of tape marking No score

The single handed tape marks are:

1st increment (i.e. a bull) 10 points, 2nd increment 9 points, 3rd increment 8 points, and so on, 10th increment 1 point, Outside of tape marking No score

The weight must remain in court for level line distance events. The length of the two casts in metres will added, divided by 10 and rounded to the nearest whole number to give the points. For Juniors/Mini Juniors a penalty of 10 metres is imposed for casts out of court.

Top Ten Casters. To determine the Top Ten for each competition year, the monthly scores of each caster shall be accumulated by the addition of the member's top eleven (11) casting day totals. This addition shall show each members progressive score for the competition year.

Caster Of The Year Points. To establish the Caster of the Year, points are gained on the caster's ability in every event held during the competition casting year. The events for Caster of the Year will be 112 gm level line distance, 112 gm artificial bait distance, 56 gm level line distance, double handed accuracy and single handed accuracy. In all events, points will be awarded as follows:

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	5	2nd	4	3rd	3	4th	2	5th	1	6th	0

If a caster wins all events, 25 points are recorded. The caster who has gained the greatest number of points is the Caster of the Year.

Sportsperson of the Year scoring system

An article will be prepared for a future Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri House for rent

The Club owns a house in Kalbarri which is ideal for a fishing holiday in the area. Access to the famous fishing spots at Wagoe, Lucky Bay, Port Gregory, etc is just a short drive away via the bitumen road.

The Mallard Street house has easy access to the river, beaches and town. It has two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 new commercial grade bunks.

Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a modern LCD digital television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, large fridge and a separate chest freezer. A new front loading washing machine has been installed.

Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Rates are:

Off season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$100 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
On season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$120 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
	Weekly rates	6 times daily rate as above		

Surf Casting and Angling Club members

Off season	\$200 per week	On season	\$300 per week	} \$100 deposit/bond
Short term	\$60 one night	\$50 per night (two or more nights)		} plus \$60 cleaning

A 20% discount on public rates will apply for the months of July, August and September.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0414 925 538 for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc., or email the Club on surfcaster@inet.net.au Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

See 14 photos on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/KalbarriHouseMain.html>
If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval.

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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