

THE SURFCASTING & ANGLING CLUB OF W.A. (INC)  
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CLUB ETIQUETTE

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

DRYCASTING: Dry casting competitions are usually conducted on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is given to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of the members casting.

FIELD DAYS: These normally follow each General meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign on. However, only under very exceptional circumstances will failure to attend weigh- ins not be penalised with the loss of points acquired during that field day. It is the Field day officer's duty to inform the Committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh in. It is then the Committees duty to decide what action shall be taken. Disputes may be taken to the Committee. Entries for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the club Recorder within 30 days of capture, and using the approved club forms.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Please notify the Treasurer and the Reel Talk Editor of any change or incorrect listing of address or phone numbers.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE: If any member intends to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the treasurer, and become due on 1st May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31st July. All voting/Nomination rights at the A.G.M. will be withdrawn if not financial.

LIFE MEMBERS

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**Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.) Minutes of General Meeting, 11 April 2001**

- Venue:-** Bedford Scout Hall. Time 8:05 PM  
**Present:-** 26 senior members.  
**Apologies:-** Dave Maxtead, Derry Barber, Terry Willison, Wayne Morris.  
**Visitors:-** Kade Ross, Bill Deveraux, Steve Dack.  
**New Member:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. No Business. **Moved** J Strong, seconded D D'Mello, these are a true record. **Carried.**
- Previous Committee:-** Business arising. Ross Kember advised that tables for catch and release were being prepared.
- Correspondence Out:-** Request for permission for Field Day on Garden Island.  
Bill Deveraux with information about club.
- Correspondence In:-** Resignation - David Redwood.  
Resignation - Keith Derbyshire.  
Insurance information from broker.  
AAA report, Beach and Rock championship details.  
**Moved** J Strong, seconded M Sneddon, correspondence be accepted: **Carried**
- Treasurer's Report:-** Accounts for payment:-  
Reel Talk \$77.05  
Western Power \$170.15  
Treasurer, petty cash float for Kalbarri \$100.00  
**Moved** C Riegert, seconded P Stoekel, that accounts for payment be passed. **Carried.**
- Property Officer:-** Video recorder has been serviced. Some items needed and he will arrange - Air conditioner filter, chair legs, new toaster.
- Field Day Officer:-** Proposed Cape to Cape Field Day details, as in Reel Talk.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Brief details of the April dry casting were given. Details in Reel Talk.
- AAA Report:-** Fishing clinics organised for July and September.  
Meeting to be arranged about Mandurah 500  
AAA drycasting trailer may be vested in SCAC  
Ross asked why SCAC does not compete in AAA Beach and Rock. Hard to criticise other clubs if we don't compete. 4 members expressed interest. A Woodford to arrange a team.
- Recorder:-** I Cook has 24 starters for the May Rottnest trip.
- Reel Talk:-** Prize to D D'Mello for Swan River article.
- Social Organiser:-** Raffle has been extended one month. New draw dates to be published in Reel Talk.
- Reports:-** Chas Riegert and T Fuller reported on visit to Navy Base at Garden Island getting information for possible Field Day in February.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** George Holman reported 100% support for plastic tubing at National Drycasting. Targets were painted flouro pink and really stood out.  
Ratification of Field Days for 2001/2002. **Moved** G Holman, seconded John Jardine that the July 2001 Field Day be Cape to Cape. - 6 for, 3 against. **Carried.**  
**Moved** G Holman, seconded I Cook that the amended list be accepted, 10 for, 0 against. **Carried.**  
**Moved** G Holman, seconded P Stoekel, that the Field Day and Open Competitions be as listed in the amended Competition Rules. **Carried.**  
**Moved** G Holman, seconded P Stoekel, that the Dry Casting Competition be as listed in the amended Competition Rules. **Carried.**  
Andy Thorgersen gave details of fishing and facilities at Hopetoun.  
Jim Strong reported on herring and tailor at Brighton Road, Scarborough.  
John Bennett showed a chain with clips attached that USA fishermen used to keep alive their fish and carry them.
- Instruction Period:-** Andy Woodford used maps to show where the proposed field days are, and gave some details of the areas and the fishing.  
George, Jim, Trevor, Bob, Roy and Chas gave some details of their experiences at the National Drycasting at Kangaroo Island.

Meeting closed at 10:11 pm

### May General Meeting

**Where:** Bedford District Youth Hall 1 Catherine Street Bedford.  
**When:** Wednesday 09<sup>th</sup> May at 20:00 Hours  
**Instruction:** TBA

### May Field Day

**Where:** **Rottnest Island**  
**When:** 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May  
**Sign on:** Caroline Thompson Camping Area at 10:00 Saturday.  
**Weigh in:** Caroline Thompson Camping Area at 12:00 Sunday.  
**Boundaries:** Anywhere on the Island.

### June Field Day

**Where:** **Bremer Bay**  
**When:** 02<sup>nd</sup> 03<sup>rd</sup> & 04<sup>th</sup> June (Long Weekend)  
**Sign on:** Saturday 12:00 Bremer Bay Caravan Park  
**Weigh in:** Monday 09:00 Hrs Bremer Bay Caravan Park  
**Boundaries:** To be set on the day

### Local Field Day for May

**When:** 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May.  
**Sign on:** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 1800 on Friday  
**Lines down:** Saturday 10:00hrs  
**Weigh in:** Sunday 12:00hrs G.Holman's House. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. FD Money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy FD book NO MONEY NO POINTS. Results to be phoned into F.D Officer by 2000hrs that night.  
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### Dry Casting:

**When:** 6<sup>th</sup> May 2001. 8.30am start.  
**Where:** Yokine Reserve Cnr Alexander Drive and Wordsworth Avenue  
**Events:** 112 gram; 56 gram; D/H Accuracy; S/H Accuracy



## **President's Notes**

Hello fellow anglers.

I can remember in my first or second "President's Notes" mentioning the fact that without a strong and efficient AAA we would be unable to compete in "National" titles. The success's and enjoyment that the team members have shown on their return from Kangaroo Island prove to me, at least, that the need to be represented at National level is an effort worth striving for. Whereas the current AAA and the clubs' attitudes may fall a little short of what could be considered supportive, it behoves us as members of the competitive angling public to come to the fore and support the association with unity and strength. Without it, competitive competition at the level needed to lift us to the winners' podium would be difficult. Saying that, I would also state that the AAA Executive must support the clubs. They must raise the public image of the association, which has been tarnished by past methods and attitudes. We as anglers cannot continue to suffer the excesses of past practices. It is likely that this year the AAA will undergo a change in leadership and it will need someone with strength of character and strong beliefs in the conservation ethos to take up the challenge. Give it some thought, IT MAY BE YOU.

Two areas of concern that myself, and I'm sure past presidents shared, is firstly one of falling membership. We as members need to actively source new members. It should be a priority that we each introduce at least three prospective members to the club and hope that one of those will see a desire to join. I would therefore charge you all to search out and convince friends or relatives to come along and see what we do. A strong membership is the backbone of any organization, it lifts its standards and moral and introduces new ideas and methods and can recover lost interest.

Secondly I am concerned that efforts to raise the clubs financial position may be less than what is required to keep our membership subscriptions down. The cost of running these organizations have increased over the last year with the effect of that bugbear GST. Increases are inevitable so accept that from time to time we will have to keep up to rising costs.

On the positive side, it is pleasing to see the numbers attending the first of the new years field days, Rottnest is at the moment, still one of the cheapest of our venues. Enjoy it while we can. We have also to thank Chas, Terry and Cookie for their efforts in securing permission (almost there) to have the February field day at Garden Island. Our senior members can and I am sure will, provide stories of many a productive and enjoyable venture to this Island. A word of warning though, if the Island administration are overwhelmed with requests such as ours we may well lose it. "Remember, loose lips sinks ships" or in this case "sinks island visits". Keep it quiet until the venue is proven.

Well time to go so remember, FISH AND DRIVE SAFE.

Ross Kember

### OPEN COMPETITION May 2001

1	Most Meritorious Fish				
2	Heaviest Shark	4.5 kg min	Andy Woodford	25.0kg Est	Theavenard Island
3	Heaviest Mulloway	5.0 kg min	Eddie D'Uva	16.0kg	Singelton
4	Heaviest Salmon	3.0 kg min			
5	Heaviest Dhufish				
6	Heaviest Tailor		Mal Head	3.25kg	Kalbarri
7	Heaviest Samson				
8	Heaviest fish. S/H/rod 4.0 kg line class.				
9	Heaviest Pink Snapper		Tony D'Alonzo	12.2kg	Cervantes
10	Heaviest Tarwhine				
11	Heaviest Mackerel		George Holman	13.0kg	Cape Cuvier
12	Heaviest Skipjack Trevally (S)		John Bennett	1.8kg	Preston
13	Heaviest Trevally (N)1.0 kg min				
14	Heaviest Snook/Pike				
15	Heaviest Scale Fish 2.0kg min (other than sections 2 thru 14)		Dave Maxted	3.5kg	Cape Cuvier

#### SEDUCER LURE Fishing Competition

May 2001

*Chris Scobles has again been willing to support this completion and will be providing the prizes*

Heaviest Tailor	Mal Head	3.25kg	Wagoe
Heaviest Salmon	Andy Woodford	5.00kg	Bluff Creek
Heaviest Scale Fish	Nil entry		

#### ROTTNEST FIELD DAY IN MAY

Change of Dates

**The date of the May FD has been changed to 19 –20 to allow Mothers Day to be free.**

We now have 24 people going to Rottnest for the FD, which is great. The ferry times are ETD Northport Terminal 0730 Saturday. ETD Rottnest Island 16:00 Sunday and ETA Fremantle 16:45 Sunday.

You **must be** at Northport at least 30 minutes prior to departure. This is so tickets can be purchased and crates loaded. Make sure your gear is in sturdy containers labeled with your name or SCAC and if it threatens rain then make sure they are weather proof. Do not take loose gear in buckets etc as it is hard to pack, gets lost and broken. Although the Ferry Company has improved their handling of our rod you may wish to bind up your rods and protect the tips from damage in transport. I will have a short instruction period at the next GM. If you have any queries please contact me.

I am crossing most parts of my anatomy that the Salmon will have arrived at Rotto by May. We have not seen them around the island for 4 or 5 years. There is nothing as good as standing at Cathedral or Radar tossing lures or bait casting with light gear for Salmon. We have in the past had them schooling within spitting distance of us for long periods of time. The last few years have seen an increase in the number of Tailor and Yellow Tailed Kingfish captured.

You should be getting the picture I am waiting with anticipation for this FD.

Good Fishing

Cookie Monster + "Hunter"

See you at the "Rotto" Field Day.

## SENSATIONAL ACTION ON THE SOUTHERN STONES

### PART 1

The Cape to Cape field day was coming up and we planned a quick recce to see if the salmon were about yet. I drove south to the winelands and the rocky headlands of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park on Friday afternoon. I passed by Dunsborough by 4pm and was on the rocks before five, after setting up my tent and making things comfortable in my small camp. It was a great evening with a brisk southerly breeze blowing and a modest swell running from the south. The rocks I was fishing were protected by a small headland to the south and the swell ran across rather than head on. The water out in front was clear and deep and as I was fishing alone on the rock, I took good care not to end up in the drink.

I set up only my long spinning rod and 8 kg gear and proceeded to methodically cast and retrieve the bright metal lures until the tension of the previous weeks ebbed slowly away. No strikes, no swirls and more strangely no herring. These small fish are always around in almost plague proportions and will harass the lure, swivel and swarm the bubble trail on most casts. Their absence suggested the presence of predators and I started swapping lures in the hope of enticing a strike. Metals were replaced with bibbed lures. First a Rebel Windcheater brought no success. I changed to a Nilsmaster in redhead and white. With the strong offshore wind it cast out well and felt right in the water. In the lowering light my anticipation ran high. At last a strike came and a blistering zig-zagging run ensued. A 2.5kg bonito flashed and glittered in the evening light and was subdued, landed and despatched in short time. I went back to the rhythmic cast and retrieve with less fervour now and stopped to watch a glorious red sunset flare across the sky and quickly fade to dark. The wind felt cold and I packed up and retired to the camp.

Damien and his father, Derek, had driven down after work and joined me in camp after midnight. So the next morning, in the chill pre-dawn, we collected our gear and headed for the rocks. I stuck with the spinning gear and got out quickly onto the rocks, Nilsie at the ready. I was soon back into the swing of cast and retrieve with a rising pulse rate. Damien and Derek arrived a few minutes later and I was warming up nicely. A strong south-easterly wind was blowing and it was cold in the silver light. As the visibility improved Damien noticed a disturbance close into the shore below the steep rocks to our left. Closer inspection revealed fins sticking out of the water and a small pod of salmon holed up in the shadows. Within seconds we had cast out and were both tight into good fish. Once disturbed the pod was on the move again and dispersed before Derek could get a cast off. The familiar surging runs of the salmon were punctuated with splashing, shaking leaps but our luck and hooks held and soon we had two salmon on the rocks and things were looking good. We persisted with lures and scanned the waters but could not locate the pod again. So we headed back to camp for breakfast, full of enthusiasm for a great day ahead.

On our return we settled down to prepare for the day. The bonito frame and the salmon gills were put into an onion bag and dangled into the water's edge as burley. Buckets of water were collected, gear unpacked, rods rigged and preparations made for the anticipated battles ahead. While absorbed in these chores, a huge school of salmon arrived and was almost past us before we got over the shock of the spectacle and fired some lures into the water. Typical of these fish they jostled one another to reach the lure with the most eager fish hitting their prize in a boil of white water and the battle was on. Derek cast out a popper and within a few turns of the reel he was into his first lure-caught salmon. Damien and I were running about having a blast, not caring if a fish jumped and shook the metal spinner loose as this was often nailed again by a nearby fish. Within minutes we had three of these solid silver torpedoes up the rock, brained and bleeding out in the shade. The shoal stayed close in and moved to the right. We followed them and the Ds then landed two more huge (~6kg) fish hooked again on poppers. Damien was blown away when an unstoppable grabbed his lure and peeled 8 kg line from his reel and broke free. Not a salmon that time, we suspect.

I grabbed the chance to get a fish on lighter gear and set off with the light Graphcast rod, spinning reel and 4kg line. The fish were just in range but were close inshore among the bommies and I got three fish on only to lose each of them to line cut on the rocks. Realising that my gear was inadequate for the situation I went back for the bigger rod only to find that the school had followed me! The fish were all around in front of the huge rock we used as a base. With clear water all around I decided to risk one more shot. On with a 20 gram Twisty, knotted direct to the main line and I was on within seconds of touchdown. This fish stayed clear of the rocks and despite a spirited fight was fairly quickly slid up the sloping rock and landed.

As the fish moved off into the distance, I decided for one last shot. The big rod was rigged with a heavy Scoobs popper and sent out to the edge of the school. The obligatory chase and heavy strike resulted in another solid hook-up and repeated jumps. As this fish was brought close to the base of the rock, a large yellow-brown

shadow loomed up behind it. Suspecting a bronzie I yelled out to Damo to get his big stick and a big bait. As the salmon tired and came to the surface its pursuer came clearly into view. A huge samsonfish, all of 1.5m and in excess of 30kg, was poised to have a chew on this 5kg+ salmon. The sambo was all revved up and ready for action but the "bait fish" was probably too big. Damo quickly lobbed a roughly-hacked piece of salmon on an 8/0 rig into the water at our feet and this huge fish casually sucked it in as if it was eating peanuts at the pub. As it turned away Damo struck and was summarily blown away within seconds as the sambo lit the afterburners, power-dived and contemptuously broke free leaving three gobsmacked fishermen and a very unlucky salmon in his wake.

The salmon school retreated and we regrouped to assess the situation. Nine salmon in total had now been landed and kept and there was the possibility of more huge fish in the vicinity. We quickly organised ourselves and the salmon were cleaned, filleted and placed on ice in the waiting eskies. The frames were added to the burley trail and we set about trying to catch live bait. To say small fish were scarce was an understatement. The first small fish landed were small western king wrasse; they were quickly hooked up and sent out under balloons until we could find "better" fish. Before we could catch anything else Derek's rod went off and his Abu 7000 lost 20lb line at an alarming rate. He leant into the fish putting a deep curve into his rod. Line melted off the reel and there was a distinct prospect of being spooled first time up. The pressure was increased to the red line. Inevitably something had to give and the line popped. After the obligatory expletives, the long torture of reeling in miles of line started.

Damien was next to be tested when a lively skippy was monstered before the ripples from its splashdown had subsided. The fish peeled off 40lb line from the deep spool Alvey against a murderous drag setting. Encouragement was offered from all quarters. The fish went for the reefs and the telltale sawing of line on rock foretold the worst. The end was decisive. Another gangster found refuge in a dark alley and made its escape. And so the pattern for the afternoon unfolded. Desperate bait fishing with light gear, deliciously-prepared baits dangled in front of fish at the base of the rock. Oh, the frustration! We would have paid good money for a few lively herring. One bright moment came when a marauding bonito inhaled a whitebait meant for smaller targets. The light rod bent to the task, the reel sang but the constant pressure eventually had this prime game fish come to hand and it was despatched for later use.

**Look out for Part 2 in next month's issue of the Reel Talk!**



**"This one won't get away!!!"**



## Drycasting Report - April 2001

Except for the gale force head wind it was a nice day. Good to have Bob back, too bad he can't keep his clothes the right way around, maybe due to the wind or was it the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the annual let loose Bob day. Good to have Nick Allsworth visiting again, the more the merrier.

Congratulations to those who went to Kangaroo Island, and did so well, your high score continues into this months casting. There were five direct hits onto the tin (four vets and yours truly); it must be some sort of record, especially in that strong wind.

It's funny when you put someone after Jim Strong (usually Trevor) they get the same or similar score. This month I put Mal Head after Jim and he got the same in D/H and total. Is it that Jim is a copycat? Well we shall see, I am going to put Roy after Jim next month.

Bob has requested to take back over his Drycasting Officer duties, I thank everyone for their help and support and I will continue to assist Bob for the rest of the year.

That's all for now,  
AUBS

## **WANTED**

**Team members to represent the Surfcasters in the up and coming State Rock and Beach Competition.**

**This will be held over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May 2001.**

**The boundaries will be Cape to Cape**

**YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU.....**

**Please contact Andy Woodford on 9401 5403 or 0408 935 972 if you would like to represent your club in the State Titles.**

## Editors Report

Firstly, a **BIG THANKYOU** to Tony and Filomena D'Alonzo for helping Peter's car limp home from the field day weekend. Your help was very appreciated. Well, as you can imagine, I have been flat out for the last month. Our daughter is now five weeks old and keeping me on the run!! Any offers to take over the Reel Talk for the next few issues before the elections??? Thankyou to John Jardine for his story - the thrilling end will be featured in the June issue - don't miss it!! Really, I appreciate the input and wish there was a lot more of it. Thankyou to every one who has sent us wishes on the birth of Kaitlin. Well, I'm off to bed!

Jennie Stoeckel



## Dry Casting Results

01/04/01

SENIORS	112 gram			Artificial Bait			D/H	S/H	Day
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total	Acc.	Acc.	Total
B. Henderson	121	129	25	103	109	21	98	19	163
A. Aubrey	0	114	11	91	101	19	95	21	146
T. Willison	124	0	12	0	101	10	79	11	112
C. Riegert	123	0	12	0	0	0	99	15	126
G. Gildersleeve	118	122	24	96	103	20	123	9	176
G. Holman	0	122	12	106	0	11	117	28	168
E. Parker	118	110	23	89	72	16	91	20	150
N. Allsworth (V)	144	140	28	107	111	21	92	15	156

### VETERANS

J. Strong	0	0	0	0	61	6	135	28	169
M. Head	0	90	9	0	73	7	135	18	169
T. Stam	76	86	16	60	59	12	55	21	104
T. Fuller	109	112	22	0	82	8	81	36	142
R. Killick	0	112	11	99	94	19	151	32	213
A. Jones	103	104	21	80	87	17	123	19	180
T. D'Alonzo	108	0	11	80	86	17	104	25	157

### MINI JUNIORS

D. Stoeckel	58	55	11	45	45	9	53	5	78
A. Stoeckel	33	0	3	25	28	5	0	9	17
R. Jones	53	54	11	48	52	10	40	12	73

112 gram Winner	B. Henderson
Artificial Bait Winner	B. Henderson
D/H Accuracy Winner	R. Killick
S/H Accuracy Winner	R. Killick
Winner of the Day	R. Killick
Mini-Junior Winner	D. Stoeckel

**Next Casting Date: 6th May 2001. 8.30am start.**

**112gram; 56gram; D/H Accuracy; S/H Accuracy**

## 2001 Kangaroo Island National Championships State Drycasting Report

Around March 2000 the drycasting group started a serious move to get together casters interested in competing in the drycasting division of the Kangaroo Island (SA) National Championships. After a lot of endeavour, the following came forward to represent the WA Division of the Anglers Association:

### OPEN

Bob Henderson  
George Holman (Captain)  
Garry Gildersleeve  
Chas Riegert  
Nick Allsworth  
Joe Pullella

### VETERANS

Roy Killick  
Jim Strong  
Trevor Stam  
Maurice Kolman

A lot of work was put in by all to prepare themselves for the competition and a good bond was noticed amongst the group, which was very evident during the actual event.

The organising of accommodation in Pandana where the casting took place, the transport and packaging of the rods to Pandana, and also air fares to Adelaide and then on to Kangaroo Island (thanks to Nick Allsworth at a discount rate), a hire car to help out with transport, and also the work done by Bob Henderson (State Captain) and Maurice Kolman who arrived early on the island by their own transport to pre-organise things for the arrival of the other casters and also a friend they made named Bill who was like one of the group, all contributed to a very successful conclusion. It was great to see everything fall into place and make the whole plan work.

The remaining eight flew out from Perth on the 17<sup>th</sup> March and were home again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and I know they all enjoyed the event, the comradely, the location and the hospitality of the South Australians and made many friends and learnt heaps!!

I was personally pleased to see the way they all worked together, encouraged one another, helped out beyond normal and the comradely was the binding factor which is something very special and it takes occasions like this to make it happen.

With all this in place it was only natural that the group would have a good deal of success and this happened.

In the teams the Veterans ran fifth and the Mens second by 278.90 to 275.97 percent.

Roy Killick led the way in the Veterans individual by running second to Ross Garvin (who is a very experienced caster) and Roy's effort was particularly creditable as he was 15 years Ross's senior and finished second in a field of 33 Veterans and it was his first National event!! Roy also had his longest cast of 151.49 metres.

Chas Riegert 152 and Garry Gildersleeve 151 led the field in the Mens accuracy and the team finished first in this event. The 56-gram proved the downfall of our Mens team as we also won the 112-gram artificial bait event. Joe Pullella finished top in the teams artificial bait event, which was a great achievement. Joe also had the longest cast in the individual event with 155.60 metres and beat "the gun" Ian Cameron 154.54 metres.

Longest cast for the tournament went to Ian Cameron (NSW) who broke the 200 metre barrier for the first time in a National with a cast of 200.67 metres. George Holman was second with 196.24 and Joe Pullella third with 193.78 metres.

Bob Henderson had a personal best of 163.46 metres, and he didn't stop smiling!!

Nick Allsworth was our most consistent caster with a lot of personal bests, which saw him finish second to Ian Cameron. George Holman finished third, Chas Riegert fourth and Joe Pullella fifth in a field of forty six which showed the strength of the WA casting.

The South Australian casting organisers did a good job in running the event, which saw great weather on the first day and the opposite on the second with the result that only one of the individual 112-gram artificial bait casts was conducted. The co-operation and willingness of all casters to help out was great to see and the tact and guidance displayed by all State Captains was beneficial to all.

Our plastic tube on our sinkers was very well received and its value in sighting and safety noticed and as a result all future casting events will see all competitors using fluoro pink tube.

In summary I was honoured to be associated with a fine bunch of guys who truly represented our State in a most fitting manner and the comradely and encouragement displayed by all is something to cherish.

Thanks guys for everything, see you all at Yamba in New South Wales in 2003

GEORGE HOLMAN

### Casting Group Meeting

All AAA members who are interested in Drycasting are welcome to attend a meeting to be held at 89 Clontarf Street Sorrento on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.

There will be a full report on the recent Nationals at Kangaroo Island and a post-mortem of the outcome, a look at each of the casters who participated and also a look at what was learnt. The aim is to prepare a really competitive set of teams (preferably two Mens and two Veterans and even a ladies if we can muster enough interest) for Namba in 2003.

The trip to Kangaroo Island went off really well and the result was in keeping with the effort. Also we will look at the State Championships to be held at Yokine Reserve on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October and any other matters that should receive the attention of those present.

Please take the trouble to attend.

George Holman

### AAA of WA Report

A very dismal attendance of delegates at the April Meeting of the above and it makes one wonder where we are headed!! There were fourteen in attendance. Only two months previous, when there was a vote on allowing charter boats into the State Boating Championships so that shore based clubs could compete, there were 30 - 40 present.

A report was given on the closure of the western side of Wedge Island to boat landings but was pointed out that access to all the walkways etc on the Island was ongoing but no fishing allowed.

Funding that was applied for through Recfishwest to MSR which was lodged in August in 2000 has just been made available (after the red tape is finalised) and the amount will be \$5.500, which has already been allocated.

Discussion was had on the proposed lowering of competition bags in Association events to prevent wastage and to prevent a derogatory public image but still have a keen, clean and skilful competition.

A report was tabled on a successful boating championship and a few minor hiccups were dealt with and thanks expressed to all involved.

Members were reminded of the forthcoming State Beach and Rock Championships to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May. Boundaries are south of Busselton Jetty to north of the Blackwood River Mouth. Sign in at the Geographe Bay Yacht Club from 11am on the Saturday.

A report was tabled by George Holman on the recent National Casting Titles at Kangaroo Island in South Australia at which ten casters from WA participated. The report will appear elsewhere in our Reeltalk. Eight Surfcasters made the trip and an enjoyable and successful trip was the result. Thanks to all who took part.

The Recfishwest report was lengthy and detailed and one of the worst aspects of this was the short notice (less than a week) for the association to lodge their submission for funding next year. (We haven't got this years' yet!!)

George Holman gave notice of a meeting of the Casting Group and anyone interested, to be held at 89 Clontarf Street Sorrento on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. Please bring a chair.

George Holman

## May Social Report

Hello! I was going to fill in space with a more detailed account of Basil Marsh's recent activities, however other members are taking over the sick and injured list. Basil is now enjoying life since the loss of his wife. His main interest is lecturing for the Freemasons, which involves travelling. His other interests are gym workouts and local fishing with small rods. Sewing reel bags etc is not feasible for Basil any longer as the canvas now costs too much. However, Basil did find enough canvas to make two reel bags to donate as trophies. Thanks Basil.

From memory, we have Terry Willison recovering from ankle surgery, we have George Holman about to have feet surgery and today Dave Maxted is laid up in bed with the worst virus. Louie Scibilia was unable to go to Preston Beach because of a hernia. We hope you all recover fully in the near future. Our thoughts are with you. We are going to run a member's occupation list in the Reeltalk, and also request member's birth dates and hobbies. This is aimed at members trading with each other, as well as creating other interests.

To clarify Drycasting Sausage Sizzle costs: One drink and two hotdogs = \$2.00. One drink alone = \$1.00. The Progressive Draw Raffle Tickets are to be returned by the next Drycasting day, so that the master sheet can be finalised before the first draw at the May General Meeting. Tickets not sold or not paid for will not be drawn. The Lotteries Commission at the request of several ticket sellers granted an extension of permit time. This was published in the West Australian paper. Some tickets are still for sale, so who knows whom you will run into, feedback is all that we need and we can deliver the goods!

Perpetual Trophies are still slowly being returned for next years' engraving. There is to be a sub committee meeting at 7.30pm at my house on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April to organise the Presentation Dinner & Dance formalities. Invitations are being sent to Offshore and Northern Districts fishing clubs to attend our Dinner Dance. Sid Whiting has accepted our invitation to be DJ for the evening, and as some are aware, Sid is a past senior member of our club. Derry Barber will keep the night rolling along in his role of MC. This promises to be a night of continuous activities, along with door prizes, a hamper raffle, spot prizes, games, dancing and more dancing to the rockin' sounds of Act One Entertainment. All we need is your support in inviting families and friends to attend our buffet style dinner. After sampling pre-dinner drinks, you are able to enjoy the warm and comfortable clubrooms of the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club at Sorrento. Meals are served soon after we are seated, being a hearty soup, and then you are invited to sample the buffet of succulent roasts and vegetables. Sweets are also provided along with tea and coffee. In the background the professional DJ will supply real music at a volume that won't blow you away. A bargain at the price of \$40.00. The opportunity waits to shout that special someone a night to remember! Tickets are being totally catered for by Peter Stoeckel, along with the money ledger. As is the usual custom each year, we ask members to donate trophies to be awarded at the presentation night, or a donation. Please help. We have tackle shops and suppliers donating prizes once again this year, and hopefully Ron McPhee will head the list with his Ozflex assortment. A request is also being made for an Alvey Reel from that famous company. There is a lot to cover in my reports lately, and it's now a new day and I'd better log off before I drop off, or bore you to tears. See you soon.

Ken Black



Surfcasters Annual  
Dinner & Dance  
Presentation Night.  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2001.

Venue: Marmion Angling & Aquatic  
Club WA.

For members, families and friends – get a  
group going!

Door prize, hamper raffle, games, dancing  
and spot prizes.

M.C.: Mr Derry Barber.

Cost: \$40.00 per person.

Plenty of parking next to the clubrooms,  
or the Marmion Club runs a car return  
service for a small fee.

Tickets available from Peter Stoeckel  
Mark your calendar!!

Donations of trophies and prizes would be greatly appreciated.  
Please return all perpetual trophies ASAP.  
Thankyou.

### Application For Membership

The following application for membership (Junior) has been received and will come before the May committee meeting. If any member has any reason why an application should not be received they should contact a committee person and state their reasons.

Kade Ross

### Application Accepted

The following application has been accepted for membership

Frank and Nadine Shim

### RAFFLE TICKETS

**ALL** raffle tickets must be returned before the May General meeting or before 8pm that evening. Any unsold tickets, or tickets not paid for, **will not** be included in the draw. Please sell your tickets as soon as possible, or return them.

Thankyou

### TROPHIES

Could all perpetual trophies be returned by the May General meeting. All other donations of trophies, prizes, etc will also be gratefully accepted.

Thankyou

### SUBS ARE DUE!!

Yes, it is that time of year! The annual sub fees are due on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2001.

Family: \_\_\_\_\_ \$80.00

Single: \_\_\_\_\_ \$70.00

Pensioner: \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00

Thankyou!!