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George Holman

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CLUB INFORMATION

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

DRYCASTING:- Competitions are usually held on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is available to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of their casting.

FIELD DAYS:- Are normally on the weekend following the General meeting. It is compulsory for safety reasons 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.

ENTRIES:- for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture, using the approved club forms.

MEMBERS:- Please notify the Secretary of any change of address, email or phone numbers.

MEMBERSHIP:- If any member intends to resign from the club, a letter of resignation should be sent to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the Treasurer, become due on 1st May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31st July.

CLUB's CONSTITUTION and COMPETITION RULES:- cover all the rules under which the club and the members operate. Contact the Secretary for more information.

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

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Minutes of General Meeting, 10 April 2002

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:00 PM. President Ross Kember presiding.
Present:- 25 senior members, 4 visitors.
Apologies:- Terry Ring, Darren Batchelor, Mal Head, Alan Jones, Ian Taggart, Dave Maxted.
Visitors:- John Hall, Jack and Brenda Faithfull, Gerry Krygsman, Nick Frkovich.
New Members:- None.
New Members Applications:- Malcolm Harris and Vix Alexander.
Previous Minutes:- Published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong seconded Roy Killick, these are a true record. Carried.
Birthday Wishes:- Jim Strong 80, Terry Willison.
Correspondence Out:- John Hall, Mat Bailey, Milan Klimenti, Fred Tubby, Nick Frkovich, Michael Harmon, – information about the club.
Correspondence In:- AAA Minutes March.
Senior's Recreation Council – forum.
Doug Edward – \$50 donation.
Andy Woodford – follow ups to suggestions for General Meetings.
Moved Peter Stoeckel, seconded George Holman that correspondence be accepted: Carried
Treasurer's Report:- Not present. Accounts for payment :-
Jiffy Print \$103.60
Aust Post \$52.00 Overdue
Moved Roy Killick seconded Trevor Stam accounts be passed for payment - carried.
Property Officer:- Not present. Visitors were given details of the house.
Field Day Officer:- John Jardine reported on the April Open as in Reel Talk.
Ian Cook gave details of the Rottneest Field Day and fishing at Rottneest. The list of field Days for 2002/2003 was discussed. The list as published in Reel Talk was accepted with the following changes:- February – Open.
Dry Casting Officer:- Bob Henderson gave brief details of the April dry casting. Details in Reel Talk.
AAA Report:- Bob Henderson advised the State Beach and Rock sub committee will put a motion for changes to number fish which can be entered in the Championships to 8 per species.
The AAA Boat Angling Championships will be on 27 April. Several members expressed an interest.
Social Organiser:- Planning for Annual Dinner dance and 50th celebration is continuing.
Don Batchelor's anniversary trophy for the May Field Day will be held until the Annual Dinner and Dance.
Recorder:- Ian Cook spoke on entry forms for the Open Competitions.
SubCommittee Report: Chas Riegert reported on the Exmouth Safari.
Membership Coordinator:- Derry Barber gave details of the membership drive involving the club brochures – more details in Reel Talk.
Notices of Motion:- None.
General Business:- George Holman told visitors about the Reel Talk.
George Holman moved that Field Day rules stay unchanged for 2002/2003, seconded I Cook – carried.
George Holman moved that Dry Casting rules stay unchanged for 2002/2003, seconded J Strong – carried.
George Holman moved that Open Section rules stay unchanged for 2002/2003, seconded P Stoeckel – carried.
Ross Kember explained the deal from Fleet's Tackle regarding tackle sales. Fleets will donate the Sportsperson of the Year trophy.
Instruction Period:- George Holman gave a talk on the use of different type of gaffs, including cliff gaffs.

Change of Date for May Committee Meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be delayed one week to 22 May because many Committee members will be away at the Exmouth Safari on the normal day.

Wanted - Treasurer and Property Officer.

Rob Mitchell's work and other commitments have led to his standing down as Treasurer and Property Officer.

If you can help fill either one or both of these positions, please contact President Ross Kember.

Coming Club Events.

May Dry Casting.

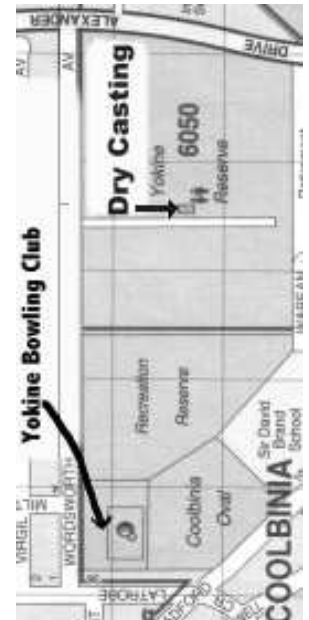
When:- Sunday 5 May 2002, 8:30 am start.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Double Handed accuracy,
 56 gram distance, Single handed accuracy.

May General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday, 10 April 2002, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.
Instruction Period:- Fishing in the Swan River – Don Batchelor

May 2002 Field Day - Rottnest.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 May 2002.
Sign On:- At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.
Weigh in:- Sunday when the bus returns at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.
Boundaries:- The whole of Rottnest Island!!



Tides for	Saturday 11 May	1.09 m at 8:55 am	0.68m at 4:35 pm	0.81m at 11:00 pm
Fremantle.	Sunday 12 May	0.76m at 2:04 am	1.14m at 9:15 am	0.64m at 5:21 pm
Sun	Sunrise:-	6:56 am	Sunset:-	5:31 pm
Moon	Moon Phase:-	New Moon:- Sunday May 12.		

Local Field Day for May.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 May 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 1:00 pm
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 am at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- "South" Local, Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River.

June 2002 Field Day – Bremer Bay.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 1/2/3 June 2002.
Sign On:- Saturday 12:00 midday Bremer Bay Fishery Beach Tourist Park.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Monday 10:00 am Bremer Bay Fishery Beach Tourist Park.
Boundaries:- Reef Beach to Point Charles (to be confirmed on the day).

Tides for	Saturday 1 June	0.59m at 2:24 am	1.18m at 12:21 pm	
Albany.	Sunday 2 June	0.64m at 2:41 am	1.11m at 12:47 pm	
	Monday 3 June	0.68m at 2:35 am	1.04m at 12:58 pm	
Sun	Sunrise:-	About 7:00 am	Sunset:-	About 5:00 pm
Moon	Moon Phase:-	Last Quarter is on Monday 3 June.		
Bremer Bay	Moonrise:-	Around 10:30 pm Saturday	Moonset:-	Around 11:55 am Saturday
	Moonrise:-	Around 11:28 pm Sunday	Moonset:-	Around 12:28 pm Sunday
	Moonrise:-	None	Moonset:-	Around 12:58 pm Monday

Local Field Day for June.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 1/2/3 June 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 1:00 pm
Weigh in:- Monday 11:00 am at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- "North" Local, South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River.

Tides for Fremantle.	Saturday 1 June	0.63m at 12:17 am	1.10m at 11:31 am	0.68m at 10:53 pm	0.68m at 11:32 pm
	Sunday 2 June	0.67m at 12:51 am	1.06m at 12:05 pm	0.71m at 11:29 pm	
	Monday 3 June	1.01m at 12:35 pm	0.74m at 11:54 pm		
Sun	Sunrise:-	About 7:10 am	Sunset:-	About 5:20 pm	

Dry Casting Report, 7 April 2002.

Every casting day, Willo and I arrive around 6:30 am and start to set up the area. Around 7:15 am, young Jim Strong turns up, sets out his own gear, then wanders over and offers to give us a hand. Small tasks taken care of by Jim which allows Terry and me to sort out our own gear, and grab a cup of coffee.

So what, you say? Well how about young Jim celebrating his 80th birthday, being the oldest active club member also and still going "Strong". We wish you all the best, Jim, and look forward to your company in the future.

Last month was a great day for casting, despite the rain (autumn has come!) and along with many visitors, turned out to be a good competition. Distance cast in both divisions by Chas Riegert, 166 metres for 112 gram and 130 metres for artificial bait, gave him top honours. "Roy the Boy" pushed me along to produce some favourable results. New lady member Vix Alexander won the ladies division, while young Rhys Jones took out the mini juniors. Congratulations to all casters.

Well, another year of competition ends and another one starts. Don't forget 1 Sportsperson of the Year point is awarded to any cast next month over 120 metres by seniors, or over 100 metres by Ladies, Veterans or Juniors.

Thank you to all my fellow competitors who have assisted over the past 12 months to make the days so enjoyable.

Thanks also to publicity in the Sunday Times and on the ABC "Hook Line and Sinker" show, we had around a dozen visitors to the dry casting, among them some potential new club members.

Keep it straight and long.

Hendo.

Results for the day:-

	112 gram			Artificial Bait			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Points	Cast 1	Cast 2	Points			
Seniors.									
Gary Gildersleeves	145	147	29	0	0	0	145	24	198
George Holman	159	160	32	121	129	25	116	23	196
Chas Riegert	166	166	33	130	130	26	115	0	176
Ric Parker	0	136	14	115	103	22	115	22	173
Peter Stoeckel	0	0	0	0	94	9	114	10	133
Terry Willison	142	135	28	0	0	0	82	18	128
Andrew Aubrey	135	116	25	0	105	11	66	20	122
Ken Black	130	0	13	100	95	20	48	17	98
Malcolm Harris	100	0	10	0	96	10	65	3	88
John Barnes (Visitor)	155	0	16	0	0	0	26	0	42

Veterans.

Bob Henderson	140	141	28	115	122	24	147	30	229
Roy Killick	129	124	25	115	114	23	136	31	215
Jim Strong	84	88	17	73	83	16	132	21	186
Alan Jones	111	116	23	104	104	21	102	23	169
Terry Fuller	0	95	10	81	0	8	125	26	169
Trevor Stam	96	98	19	78	77	16	81	14	130

Ladies.

Vix Alexander	55	62	12	57	54	11	61	8	92
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Mini Juniors.

Rhys Jones	78	86	16	74	74	15	47	11	89
Emily Woodford	64	62	13	46	51	10	30	17	70

Day Winners.

112 gram winner	Chas Riegert	33
Artificial Bait winner	Chas Riegert	26
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Bob Henderson	147
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick	31
Winner of the Day	Bob Henderson	229
Ladies winner	Vix Alexander	92
Mini Junior winner	Rhys Jones	89

Next Dry Casting:- Sunday 5 May 2002, 8:30 am start.

Events:-

**112 gram distance,
56 gram distance,
Double Handed accuracy,
Single Handed accuracy.**

Surfcasters Open Field Day – Easter 30/31 March, 1 April 2002.

The Open Field Day fell on the Easter weekend and this seems to have limited the number of anglers participating. Darren Batchelor and Spencer King traveled south to the Conto's Springs areas and while Darren caught a few salmon, the fishing overall was very slow and the wind from a very unfavourable quarter. With the usual spots crowded with other anglers and the fish off the bite, they decided to give it away and headed home early without weighing in.

George Holman fished locally for a few tailor, a herring and a pike.

Tony D'Alonzo put in the effort and went north to Wago Beach. Here the fishing was also rather slow and the swell increasing. As one would expect Tony managed a good bag of fish before retreating in the face of



Tony D'Alonzo and 12.8kg Spanish Mackerel.

increasingly dangerous conditions. A great capture of a 12.8 kg Spanish Mackerel on a bottom bait at night was a distinct highlight. Fishing the second day in the S-bend/Greenough area yielded more fish and although there were no other large fish captured, Tony had a bag of 8 species and was a clear winner.

That concludes the Field Day competition for the 2001/2002 season. We kick off the next season with the traditional Rottne May Field Day. I hope to see you there.

John Jardine, Field Day Officer.

Attendance: Seniors 4 Juniors 0 Mini-Juniors 0 Visitors 0 Total 4

Angler	Total Weight	No of Species	No of fish	Total Points
Tony D'Alonzo	22.9 kg	8	30	
Holman George	1.6 kg	3		
Ken Black	0 kg	0	0	
Spencer King	0 kg	0	0	

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for April.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mackerel	12.8 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	22.9 kg

Field Day Prizes for April.

Best Scale Fish	George Holman	Tailor	kg

Final Field Day Sections for 2001/2002.

Section	For	Angler	Species	Weight.
1a.	Best Scale Fish (1st 6 Months)	Chas Reigert	Yellowtail Kingfish	6.85 kg
1b.	Best Scale Fish (2nd 6 Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mackeral	12.8 kg
2.	Most Meritorious Fish	Committee decides		
3.	Best Shark (4.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Bronze Whaler	5.2 kg
4.	Best Mulloway (2.0 kg min)	George Holman	Mulloway	6.25 kg
5.	Best Tailor (1.0 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	2.15 kg
6.	Best Salmon (3.0 kg min)	John Jardine	Salmon	5.1 kg
7.	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Don Batchelor	Skipjack	1.0 kg
8.	Best Mackeral (2 kg Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mackeral	12.8 kg
9.	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Chas Reigert	Yellowtail Kingfish	6.85 kg
10.	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	22.9 kg
11.	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	3.1 kg
12.	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish min)	Damian D'Mello	Tailor	6.9 kg
13.	Best Fish On Single Handed Rod (4kg Line max)	No entry		
14.	Best Fish Caught On Fly Rod	No entry		

Field Day 2001/2002 Final Scores.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	D'Alonzo, Tony	2742.2	17	Farnay, Mark	224.5	33	Thorgersen, Andy	90
2	Jardine, John	1518.7	18	Kember, Ross	217.25	34	Shim, Frank	89.5
3	Holman, George	1185.76	19	D'Alonzo, Filomena	215.75	35	Harris, Malcolm	87
4	D'Mello, Damian	1104.5	20	Barber, Derry	209.5	36	Mascarenhas, Ian	82
5	King, Spencer	517	21	Brightman, Pete	209.5	37	Allsworth, Nick	68.5
6	Batchelor, Darren	438	22	Booth, Peter	193	38	Terpkos, Vic	63.7
7	Cook, Ian	429.5	23	Zaknich, Bradley	187.5	39	Alexander, Vix	63.2
8	Riegert, Chas	404	24	Terpkos, Paul	181.5	40	Woodford, Emily	63
9	Fuller, Terry	383.5	25	Stoeckel, Daniel	171	41	Woodford, Molly	52
10	Parker, Eric	357	26	Stoeckel, Andrew	160	42	Aubrey, Andrew	50
11	Black, Ken	353.7	27	Batchelor, Don	152.5	43	Aubrey, Chloe	40
12	Maxted, Dave	340	28	Ross, Kade	146	44	Aubrey, Chris	40
13	Woodford, Andy	314	29	Willison, Terry	131	45	Pilton, Ian	40
14	Stoeckel, Peter	283	30	Mitchell, Rob	111.2	46	Stoeckel, Jenny	40
15	Taggart, Ian	255.5	31	Sneddon, Mathew	100	47	Stoeckel, Kaitlin	40
16	Henderson, Bob	245	32	Kember, Julie	94.5	48	Tangaris, Lou	40

Membership Coordinator's Report.

The Committee Meeting of 17 April saw the ratification of the Membership Coordinator's "Buddy System" procedures which are now in place and should ensure smooth future operations.

It is pleasing to experience the genuine appreciation of the "Buddy" System" as shown by prospective new Members.

We are forerunners in this type of induction system which is certainly proving successful, and is the sort of induction that most of us would like to know existed if we were looking at joining an organisation.

Keep up the good work. I am looking forward to your assistance. Please bring a friend to the next meeting. Thank you for your help, we are making a difference.

Derry Barber.

Bring a Friend to a General Meeting.

Please "Bring A Friend" (*Friend, workmate neighbour or acquaintance*) to either of the next two General meetings.

Derry Barber.

Membership Coordinator's "Buddy" Induction System Procedures.

Information should be collected about people who contact any club member, so that we can follow up these as prospective new members. The information we need is:-

Name, Address, Home Phone, Business Phone, E-mail and Fax, does the person have a 4 wheel drive, what information is already held about the club, age bracket, interested family members, and other details.

Once this first contact is made, the Membership Coordinator's Procedures start. These are:-

- All prospective new member details are to be forwarded to Secretary as soon as possible after contact, including source of enquiry and any other relevant details.
- Secretary to post a standardised letter to the prospective member. The letter will be tailored to suit the particular person's circumstances as advised by introducing member; and includes (if not already held by the person) a Club Brochure, Application for Membership Form, and other information about the club and coming events.
- Secretary e-mails the contact details, (eg a letter was sent on (date) to Name, address, and other contact details) to the Membership Coordinator.
- All written or faxed or E-mailed correspondence with any prospective member must be sent by or through the Secretary to avoid sending any conflicting information.
- Membership Coordinator (after an expiry of, say, 3 days, or longer over weekends to allow time for mail to be received) phones prospective new member, following up letter, and encouraging participation at one of the ensuing club events.
- Only people who submit a Membership Application form, pay the nomination fee, and have two existing Club members sign the form, are to be included in the New Member "Buddy" induction system. All courtesies and assistance should still be given to all visitors, but we work harder for people who commit to joining the Club.
- On receipt of a completed Application for Membership form and the nomination fee, and signature by two club members, the Secretary to advise Membership Coordinator all details of the nominated member.
- Membership Coordinator reviews roster and contacts designated members at a General or Committee meeting or by phone, to update and enter progress in roster, forwarding the updated roster to the Secretary and President.
- Designated Member contacts the newly nominated member as soon as possible, preferably within seven days of advice, to arrange dates and times for commencement of the New Member "Buddy" induction system.
- Member advises Membership Coordinator of the arrangements which have been made, and when each of these has been completed.
- Membership Coordinator follows up designated members ensuring that all four sections of "Buddy" induction system have been attended to, including 2 subsequent field day follow ups, and completes appropriate sections within roster.

The "designated" club member arranges four main activities for the new member in the "Buddy" induction system:-

- 1) Attend a General Meeting, introduces new member to members at meeting, and explains meeting procedure.
- 2) Attend a Drycasting morning requesting new member to bring and test own gear on day.
- 3) Organise a time to build rigs ensuring that the new member also has the opportunity to make rigs in your presence.
- 4) Go on a Field Day, plus follow up member on two subsequent trips, ensuring that encouragement and assistance is continued.

Also, the Secretary will write to all newly nominated members and advise the arrangements, including: -

They will receive Reel Talk, They join the new member "Buddy" induction system"
They aren't yet able to vote, They will be advised when accepted.
Their name will be published in Reel Talk, and go before the subsequent Committee Meeting.
They are eligible and get points for any competition and receive Club benefits (tackle shop discount card, etc.)

and write to all newly accepted members and advise the arrangements, including: -

Welcome and wishes for good times in club, Invitation to get badge, etc at next General Meeting, etc.

Social Report.

The Yokine Bowling Club has been booked for our annual dinner, dance and presentation night on Saturday 29 June. The music and catering is organised, and all that's left to do is to organise the collection of suitable rewards to distribute to our club members for their efforts over the past year.

The response to my inquiries for donations of trophies has been phenomenal, yep sweet bugger all. I guess Terry and I will have to pound the pavement and chase up any donations from out in the trade. As it is our 50th I have put in a request for members to wear their club colours at State and Club events, and it has been great to see many of the members going along with it. How about buying a window sticker for your vehicle too? All shirts, cardigans, peak caps and stickers can be obtained by giving me a call. Hendo, Social Organiser.

Suggestions for Instruction Periods at General Meetings.

We asked in the January Reel Talk for members' suggestions. Well the response has been underwhelming (that's the opposite of "overwhelming", meaning we haven't received any, except from Committee members.)

How can we give you what you want if you don't tell us? **We want your suggestions! Do it today, please.**

AAA Boat Angling Championships.

The AAA State Boating Championships were hosted by the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club and held on April 27, 2002. The weigh-in was conducted at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club, West Coast Drive, commencing at 4:00 pm. Each competitor was allowed to weigh-in only ONE fish of each nominated species.

For photos and all the results for the State Championships, look at the Australian Anglers Association, (WA Division) website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

Help the Club's Recruiting Drive.

Please remember to place the Surfcasters stapled brochure and tear off application on a notice board where some possible members may see it. Derry Barber.

Wanted – Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the meeting and give them to Mal Head. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

For Rent.

Club house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max), has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$210 per week,	On season	\$350 per week	} all
Club Members:-	Off season	\$150 per week,	On Season	\$200 per week	} plus \$50
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights			} bond.

Club's 50th Anniversary.

The annual dinner, dance and 50th reunion is heading our way soon. It will be held on Saturday 29 June 2002 at the Yokine Bowling Club.

Have you ever thought about donating a trophy or a prize towards this evening? Have the actions of any club member giving you reason to put forward a special prize on this evening to show your appreciation? Ever thought of producing that "certain trophy" for some crazy reason?

This night is set aside to congratulate club members for their efforts over the past year. Surely a special award will create memories. Bob Henderson.

New Member Applications.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the May 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.

New Member Acceptance.

The following applications for membership have been accepted.

Donations for Trophies.

Very soon we will be looking for trophies for this competition year. **Please give us your suggestions for people / companies / etc to contact. We needed to have a list by early March, so it's URGENT.**

There are some things members can do:-

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

Our 2000/2001 trophy donors have been listed in 2001 Reel Talks. We haven't yet approached companies about donations for our current 2001/2002 year. Club donors so far are:-

George Holman - rod trophy not allocated last year.

Derry Barber - money not used last year.

Terry Fuller - money not all used last year.

Doug Edward

\$50

Trevor Stam

Lots of goodies!

Thanks Trevor

Ian Pilton

Money

Dianne and Derry Barber

Money for the 50th Dinner / Dance

Don Batchelor

Anniversary Trophy for Rottnest May Field Day.

George Holman

\$20

Morris Kolman

\$50

Derry Barber

Barbecue Kit

Roy Killick

Watch, Fishing Videos, Toiletry Bag

Bob Henderson

Livebait Pool, 6 lures.

If any names have been missed, please contact the Reel Talk Editor.

Our 2001/2002 trophy donors so far are:-

Seaducer Tackle Corporation, Lures.

Fish Mate, Filleting stand

2001/2002 Open Competition.

Entries must be in within 30 days of capture. So 2001/2002 Open closes 29 May for fish caught on 30 April. Cookie needs more entries !!! Someone must have caught some fish ???

For members going on the Exmouth Safari, the May field day will be held over one day (24 hours) probably on the Friday. Normal field day rules will apply to the field day. Ian will give details to the party on the Thursday night. Remember to take lots of entry forms for the Open Competition, Species Badge, Master/Grand Masters. You will probably catch some fish that are not in our clubs record book, so take a list of the Club Records. Ian will be taking the club's 50 kg scales and a set of 15 kg digital scales. Both scales are certified.

Ian will be providing tide tables with times and graphical interpretation prior to our trip up north.

Good Fishing

Cookie Monster + "Hunter".

Changes to the lists published in the January/February/March/April 2002 Reel Talks are:-

Section	For	Min weight	Current Leader.
-	No changes		

Seaducer Lure Fishing Competition.

Chris Scobles has again been willing to support this competition and has already provided the lures for the prizes. Entries were:-

Heaviest Tailor

Mal Head 2.5kg at Red Bluff, Kalbarri.

Heaviest Salmon

George Holman, 3.4 kg Salmon at Bluff Creek.

Heaviest Scale Fish

George Holman, 3.4 kg Salmon at Bluff Creek.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. A few copies, eg all of what we have for the early months of 1982 are not in good condition, so we would take any better copies if they were offered. See the list in the February Reel Talk.

Help the Club's Recruiting Drive.

If you were one of the members who were given a number of brochures and a plastic brochure stand, please remember to take these to the nominated Tackle Shop. Derry Barber.

SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003.

2002/2003 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 5 May 2002	Sunday 3 November 2002
Sunday 9 June 2002, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 1 December 2002
Sunday 7 July 2002	Sunday 5 January 2003
Sunday 4 August 2002	Sunday 2 February 2003
Sunday 1 September 2002, (change for Fathers' Day?)	Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 6 October 2002	Sunday 6 April 2003

2002/2003 General Meetings.

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 8 May 2002	Wednesday 13 November 2002
Wednesday 12 June 2002	Wednesday 11 December 2002
Wednesday 10 July 2002	Wednesday 8 January 2003
Wednesday 14 August 2002	Wednesday 12 February 2003
Wednesday 11 September 2002	Wednesday 12 March 2003
Wednesday 9 October 2002	Wednesday 9 April 2003

2002/2003 Field Day Dates and Venues.

These are the dates and venues approved by the members at the April General Meeting.

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 May 2002	Rottnest, and "South" Local field day.
Saturday/Sun/Monday 1/2/3 June 2002 LWE	Bremer Bay, and "North" Local.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 July 2002	Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 August 2002	Rottnest, and "North" Local.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29/30 September 2002 LWE	Greenough, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 October 2002	Cervantes to Jurien, and "North" Local.
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November 2002	Lancelin to Cervantes, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December 2002	Open.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003	Mandurah 500, and "North" Local
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE	Bluff Creek, and "South" Local
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003	Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin, and "North" Local.

Boundaries for Local Field Days.

The following boundaries for Local Field Days will apply for the 2002/2003 season. Local field days will alternate between a "South" and a "North" on successive months, except for "Opens".

South:- Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River, so would include both the North and South Moles.

North:- South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River, so would include both the North and South Moles.

Calendar for 2002/2003.

Here is a 2002/2003 calendar showing the dates we will use for Dry Casting, General Meetings, Committee Meetings and Field Days.

6	Dry Casting	9	General Meeting	12	13	Field Day	16	Committee Meeting
11	---	18	Exmouth Safari					

SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003 - as at 30 April 2002																				
May 2002							June 2002							July 2002						
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February 2003							March 2003							April 2003						
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2001/2002 Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Trophies.

This will be the club's 50th anniversary and will be held on Saturday 29 June 2002 at the Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue.

AAA and Affiliated Club Coming Events.

This information has been updated from the March 2002 AAA report, the latest one which had a timetable of events. Some dates are still being finalised so check for updates in later Reel Talks.

May 4, 2002	OSAC Beach Field Day	Cape to Cape.
May 12, 2002	Rockingham OFC Field Day	Point Peron.
May 18/19, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Rottneest.
June 1/2/3, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Cheyne's Beach.
June 1/2/3, 2002	OSAC Beach Field Day	S-Bend.
June 16, 2002	Rockingham OFC Field Day	Point Peron.
Monday July 1, 8 and 15	AAA Fishing Clinics (North of River)	Hillarys Yacht Club.
July 14, 2002	Rockingham OFC Field Day	Point Peron.
August 18, 2002	Rockingham OFC Field Day	Point Peron.
Monday Sept 2, 9 and 16	AAA Fishing Clinics (South of River)	To be advised.
September 15, 2002	Rockingham OFC Field Day	Point Peron.
October 13, 2002	Rockingham OFC Field Day	Point Peron.
October 27, 2002	AAA State Dry Casting Championships.	Yokine Reserve. (Don't miss it!)
November 13, 2002	Rockingham OFC Field Day	Point Peron.
November 23/24, 2002	AAA State Estuary Championships	Swan River (HQ at Troy Park.)
December 15, 2002	Rockingham OFC Field Day	Point Peron.
Jan 11/12, 2003 (tentative)	AAA Mandurah 500	Dates/boundaries to be decided.

22 Feb or 1 March, 2003
March 29/30, 2003
LWE Sept/Oct, 2003
May, 2003
October 26, 2003

AAA State Boat Angling Championships
AAA State Beach and Rock Championship
AAA State Beach and Rock Championship
AAA State Estuary Championships
AAA State Dry Casting Championships

Lancelin AAC.
Halls Head to Myalup Cut.
Horrocks to Kalbarri.
Collie River / Leschenault Estuary.
Yokine Reserve.

Happy Birthday to:-

Molly Woodford, 13 April. Sorry for missing this in the April Reel Talk.

Timing of Issue of Reel Talk.

The April Reel Talk suggested changes to the timing of the Reel Talk. We have not had any response from members, except from Committee members as a result of the agenda for the April Committee meeting.

We have assumed that you all agree with the current timing of Reel Talk, or that you don't think it's worth any change. What else could we assume?
Terry Fuller.

President's Report.

Well, it looks as if Derry's activities in sourcing new and prospective members are paying off. We have had at least five people (plus some family members) submit applications to join the club, a sure sign that we are doing something right. We have even received comment that "we allow members to have a say in the general administration of the organisation". A fact that has seen at least one member refuse the invitation of one club and choose the SCAC. Refreshing don't you think!

It would appear that our house in Kalbarri needs some repairs. If any members are planning a trip in the near future, can they please contact me with the view of assisting either in gathering additional information or possibly carrying out a minor repair or two. We also need a few kitchen implements delivered.

On April 27 we may be participating in the state boat championship. Any members who would like to join in please call Terry, me or George.

Pretty soon we will see two groups of the club travel to vastly differing regions to participate in their chosen recreation. One group will be travelling to Exmouth to taste the bounty that the northern half of the state can offer, (I hope), and the other group are heading for Rotto for the annual May Field day. This diversification is without doubt one of the features that "Club" life can offer.

Sharing costs and enjoying new fields with friends and close associates, the telling of stories, most time vastly exaggerated, adds to the camaraderie and enjoyment. Lets wish them well and hope that their efforts do not go un-rewarded.

I have it on good authority that the Kalbarri house is vacant in August, September, November and December. There are 5 bookings (two from club members) for the remainder. Remember it is also available for stop-overs should you be travelling through, provided it is vacant, Give Ron Hayward a call at Ray White Real Estate on 9937 1700 for bookings if you are in the area.

Safe and successful fishing.

Ross Kember.

AAA and Club Publicity.

The AAA had another full page in the April West Coast Fisherman newspaper, covering the AAA Jurien Bay Beach and Rock Fishing Championships including several photos, and details of future AAA events.

An article on dry casting, including a plug for the Surfcasters, and an invitation for people to attend our dry casting days, has been prepared for the May West Coast Fisherman, out early May.

The Sunday Times had an invitation to dry casting in the edition before the April dry casting day, and that invitation and the membership drive and the very good plug Doug Clegg gave the club on the ABC radio program "Hook and Line and Sinker" on 23 March, resulted in about a dozen people coming to dry casting.

We have had five new member applications and Derry has followed up lots of other contacts, with several people saying they will come to club events in May.

Brooke Inlet at Easter.

Trip commenced with a full complement of Hendersons, namely Jamie and Matt and Bob, so I was clearly outnumbered. Following Hendo was an excitement in itself as we had numerous stops for fuel. I think the V8 actually likes fuel more than Bob likes the other. Barber, always on the go to try and make a quid somewhere and foolishly bet our Bob that, 25 kms out of Bunbury, we would have to see a cop over the next 50km. I mean, that should have to be a sure thing, it was sure all right, I lost the bet.

We ended up stopping at Bunbury on the way through for a meal and commenced through to Brooke Inlet. Matt of course was giving directions (because he has been there before) and stated that we wouldn't go through on the track at night as it takes 1.5 hours and could be dangerous. The plan was to stop first, have a relaxing night, and, you know, that's just simply the right thing to do. You guessed it, we immediately commenced down

the track, its dark, its night, and your following a noisy V8 so you can't hear anything anyway. The track was rough, bumpy and on occasions soft.

We had traveled about three quarters of the way then silence as the CB became attracted to a tree on the way through, mind you, that was because of a wrong turn so I think, um, the junior Matt Henderson could be squarely blamed for that one. We arrived at Brooke Inlet which was absolutely magnificent and on a clear still night. We parked on the water's edge and had to walk just a few yards to hop in and wash off the dust, absolutely magnificent.

Friday morning saw the commencement of the fishing, which although the water looked beautiful didn't produce much result, so we quickly went back and enjoyed a quick lunch, surveyed the scene, and tackled the estuary. Two and half-hours fishing ended up with fifty-seven garfish and two herring. They were huge and each one had Exmouth targeted on its back. The fishing was tough, you were standing in waist deep water, absolutely no swell, in the estuary, sun beating down, absolutely still water - you could see fish everywhere and see the gardies strike and dance the surface as you brought them in, something out of dreamland. Matt and Jamie excelled themselves both catching gardies on lures, which I personally had not heard of, have you come across this before?. Matt also, apart from catching gardies on lures was also fly fishing and managed to catch a gardie using fly, overall a magnificent morning.

Saturday and Sunday saw a combination of both beach and estuary. The beach was wild surf and one was very tempted to go in for a swim, in fact, we were about to try and catch a wave. However, to do that, you needed to go past the gutter running parallel to the requiring a swim of about 60 metres minimum to get past the gutter onto a sand bank leading into another trench (certainly not as deep as the one close to the shore) and then past that again when the waves were breaking. We were just about to drop the rods and go in and catch some waves when someone spotted something most unpleasant. It was like the Taxation Department coming in for an audit. It came in the form of a four-metre shark that definitely toned down the enthusiasm which precipitated picking up the rods but couldn't get a strike, which is probably just as well looking at the size of it.

We also ventured across the headland and started to rock hop, the coast is magnificent in that particular area, a lot of holes, a fair bit of climbing, but certainly there's a lot of platforms to fish off. The conditions were reasonable and, although a fair amount of surf, it didn't stop one from fishing. The catch however was limited to herring as there were thousands of them there and no matter what other fish may have been around, the herring just didn't give you a chance. What was interesting was one bull herring caught (it was immediately released and put back as were the other herring) it was ginormous and not something I have seen for a long time.

Bob also brought his dingy and Matt his canoe which were used in the estuary to try and find the best spots and search for King George whiting which were conspicuous in their absence. Although it was extremely enjoyable being in the boat or the canoe we couldn't strike the whiting, again endless number of gardies and herring in the river as well as silver bream but no sign of the elusive King George. We finally decided to call it a day and went back to camp; it is now Sunday night.

This turned out to be, well certainly as far as I am concerned, the highlight of the trip in relation to the fishing. The company was fantastic all the way through, but looking again at the fishing highlights, what I'm about to relate is exactly how it transpired, and it went like this. The four of us moved out from camp about 5 pm and started to walk along the bank flicking light rods, trying to pick up whatever was there was in the estuary. When it got close to dark we moved up fairly close to the ocean side of the estuary and decided to stay there, put in a bit of burly and see what came. If you could visualise this scene, with waders, wet gear (so cold was irrelevant) lightly flicking at casts into water no more than 40 metres away from and depth of about 3 metres. Very light gear, tiny sinker and burly cage. It was a toss up what hit, a gardie, herring, whiting or Skippy. The conditions were absolutely perfect, still night - hardly any wind, most of the crowd had gone and we had the river to ourselves.

It was peaceful with a beautiful sheen on the water and lots of bites. Bob, Matt and Jamie went back to camp and I was on my own, now there was complete silence, smooth as glass water and the bites just kept on coming. One was tempted to stay there for a long time, as the conditions were almost perfect. However, with conservation in mind (and probably the smell of tea which although I couldn't really smell the taste buds were sending messages) so it was time to finally leave and go. I can assure you leaving carried with it a lot of reluctance, because it just doesn't come any better than this. We played either upwords or euchre at night and as far as euchre is concerned, it was Barber who was euchred but got the best of them on upwords, so that was some consolation.

The trip home was certainly eventful, Jamie was driving at that point and exclaimed in horror that there was an oncoming sports car that was constantly taking over vehicles, on blind corners over the double white lines. A huge amount of dust was behind us caused by drivers forced off the road to avoid a collision with the sports car and oncoming traffic. The sports car certainly caught up to us and sped past so fast we couldn't see who was driving. When we reached the next corner we were delighted to see the old blue and white with sirens flashing in full pursuit of the offender. It would appear the police had been phoned and warned about the mad man on

the road and they were at the right spot waiting for him to turn to pull him in. He certainly did that and we went past at that particular point and turned back.

All of the cars behind us had pulled up and there were at least 15 people making a point to the patrolman of "throwing the book" at this particular individual. The reality is that his selfish and foolish conduct could have got all of us killed. The wash up of that was, statements were taken and the driver was charged with dangerous driving and willful intent, that in fact means lockup. We were delighted to hear that they were, in fact, putting him in jail. The driver pulled the usual "do not speak English." He was a young Japanese international student who was wearing professional race drivers boots obviously treating our south west roads as his personal raceway and to hell with the consequences. Maybe he will speak English when they put him in jail and lay the charges.

The Easter weekend was great, top company, no hassles or pressures, a magnificent spot and just fun and relaxation, the fish was a bonus.
Derry Barber.

Thank You from Morris.

To one and all of my fishing Pals,

Thank you for your lovely "Get Well" card and kind thoughts while I was recovering in hospital from my back operation in March. Much appreciated.
Morris Kolman.

Exmouth Safari 2002 Update.

The Exmouth safari is May 11 - 18. Time to get serious and get yourself fit for the fishing and your gear ready. Check the October 2001 Reel Talk for some tips.

A barbecue has been arranged for Thursday 16 May at the Exmouth Yacht Club, from 6.00pm until 10.00pm. The Yacht Club will provide a barbecue pack of one piece of steak, two sausages, plus salads, bread and condiments, and a barbecue to cook it on. Cost per head \$10. Drinks available at \$2.50 for a can of beer, \$4.60 for full spirit plus a can of coke.

Overnight stop at Carnarvon.

Accommodation has been booked for those travelling to Exmouth at Carnarvon on Friday 10th May 2002, at the Wintersun Caravan Park.

Ian Mascarenhas has kindly made the arrangements through his travelling organisation and the cost per person for the night will be a mere \$20. Chas will collect this from each person at the May General Meeting. Please ensure that you can arrange payment at that time or prior to that time.

It has been suggested that on the return trip the following week, that accommodation be arranged in Geraldton for the night. There are a lot of good cheap motels in Geraldton that can accommodate you.

Exmouth Accommodation.

43 Kennedy Street. 3 Bed/1 bathroom, Sleeps 8. 2 x Doubles, 1 x Bunk, 2 x Singles, \$100/night from Exmouth Cape Real Estate. Occupants: Ron & Jill Delary-Simpson; Chas Riegert; Daniel Chapman; Kade Ross; Jamie Gouldthorp; Len Paul.

9 Fyfe Street. 3 Bed/1 bathroom, sleeps 8. 1 x Double, 2 x Bunks, 2 x Singles. \$100/night from Exmouth Cape Real Estate. Occupants: Bob Henderson; Peter Stoeckel; Spencer King; Ric Dunstan; Terry Fuller; Ric Parker, Derry Barber, Morris Kolman.

5 Tautog Street, 3 Bed/1 bathroom, Sleeps 6. 1 x Double, 4 x singles. \$350/week from WAPU. Occupants: Ross Kember; Wayne & Rhonda Morris; Ian Cook; Ian Mascarenhas; Jim Yeates.

Cost per head for 21 = \$83.

Chas Riegert

Glow Sticks.

I first started using Glow Sticks about 20 years ago as an indicator on the tip of my fishing rod and found them to be a big help when I had a second rod set up several metres away. With the light glowing and very easy to see, you could always tell if you had a fish on or not. You cannot always hear your reel drag working if the wind is blowing the wrong way in relation to where you are standing.

From there I advanced to attaching the Glow Stick to my rigs when fishing and it is my own personal opinion that while you may not catch many more fish they certainly do not put the fish off. This is verified by the amount of fish that are caught when using a Glow Stick.

Glow Sticks can also be used during the day depending on the depth of water you are in. (Boat or rock fishing). These days, with failing eye sight, I find Glow Sticks a big help to me at night as I am able to tell where my rig is when it is coming in and I always know where the hooks are, be they on the ground or entangled in some weed.

Drill a hole in the top of your float, insert a Glow Stick and you will always be able to see where your float is. Glow sticks are also great to use when you are fishing from rocks at night or if you have an on-shore reef at your feet as you are able to lift the rod and bring the rig up and over any obstacle. (Well almost any obstacle)

Summary: I cannot guarantee that Glow Sticks will catch you any more fish, however, it is my opinion that they do attract fish to where your bait is and fish are by nature, inquisitive. If fish are attracted by the light it stands to reason that when they investigate the light source, they must see the bait and if hungry, have a go at it.

Note:- Glow Sticks have a very short shelf life, so only buy enough for the trip and also buy a couple of different brands as some are better than others. Give it a go, you might be pleasantly surprised.

Good fishing,

Wayne Morris.

Pathfinder For Sale.

Nissan Pathfinder Sportsman, 1992 model, blue, registered to Dec 2002. Petrol plus LPG, 115 litre tank, roof rack, tow bar, tyres good, 172,000 kilometres. You can have a test drive. \$16,500 negotiable.

Contact Chas Riegert, 9402 3180 or Mobile 0438 535 848.

First Encounters at Wagoe Beach – 12-14 April 2002

Six hours of driving late into the night on Thursday after work saw Frank Shim and myself up at the chalets at Wagoe Beach and two rather tired and excited bodies retired for the night. Early the next morning we unlocked the gate and headed down through the paddocks to the beach track the first time to put Frank's driving and his Prado to the test.

The sandy track winds through the dune scrub and heads down the slope to the beach. Here we were greeted with our first ever view of this rugged coastline. Rugged? The swell was huge and when the waves crashed violently into the reef the spray shot many meters into the air with plumes of mist falling slowly down. Spectacular, and not a little awe-inspiring. The reef line runs north to south with no clear breaks and pretty much in a straight line. It is very exposed with nowhere to hide from the swell and nothing to provide a sheltered corner out of the firing line. It looked pretty daunting in the grey morning light.

We drove down the beach looking for fishable water and passed a few short breaks in the reef, driving all the way to the lagoon before finding anything resembling fishable water. Even here it was going to take a big cast to get beyond the shore break to clear water and at least 6 oz of grapple sinker to hold bottom. Perhaps we could give it a try.

But Frank had other plans, he was keen to put the Prado to the test. We drove further and inevitably got heavily bogged in the coarse, soft sand. We dug the blue beast out and he bogged it again. Then after the 3rd sand bath I was beginning to see a pattern. Amid the plumes of smoke from a burning clutch I could discern a wild-eyed maniac at the wheel, no doubt having visions of his beloved car being a permanent fixture on this dune. Calmly we gained control. Some lessons in gear selection followed. Particularly important was the lesson in "How to engage low range". No, that lever is not for hanging handbags and litterbags from, it has a very special use. It is the "Get Out of S#@^%\$# - Lever". Once this lesson was finished, the car appropriately now in low-range, we drove calmly out of the sandpit and headed off to go fishing.

Unfortunately the fishing was slow. Well, in some ways it was slow. But you had to be quick on the cast to avoid getting swamped by the waves crashing on the beach and racing across the sand at amazing speed. We parked the Prado about 100 meters away and tried to fish. Frank managed a small dart and a wirrah while I also caught some small wirrah. With a strengthening sea breeze and no good fish about we decided to retrace our tracks along the beach and look for a potential night-fishing spot. We marked a few places and much to his delight, Frank drove easily along the beach in low-range and tackled the dune field and tracks with aplomb.

Back in the chalet we had one of Frank's magnificent culinary concoctions. Having worked as a chef in his youth certainly has its advantages on a fishing trip. Filled to the brim with stir-fry we settled down to the task of rig making and preparing for the night. The blokes from the neighbouring camp came over for a chat and we decided to fish the same spot that night. This amicable arrangement was great and Dario and his mates were good company. They had a good lighting set-up on the beach which was to our benefit and it was quite a festive session. Frank fished a large bait on a large rod to try for a shark and I fished two outfits but with very limited success. Dario and the boys caught 3 smallish mulloway while all we managed were 2 wobbies and a succession of bloody cod (wirrah).

The next morning the easterly was blowing strongly and the swell somewhat less dramatic. Frank was keen to try some ballooning but we were not fully prepared and did not have any party gas and I had not made special ballooning rigs. Anyway, we made do with an air-filled balloon, a garfish rigged on some 7/0 ganged hooks with a short single-strand steel trace. This was sent out and in the brisk wind the big red balloon was soon dancing about enticingly on the water about 150 meters from shore.

Frank was placed on a high rock above the reef and held the rod and Alvey outfit. I in the meantime concocted beautiful floating squid baits and fished these into the washes fanning out from the reef. Great looking country but all I could manage were some more wirrah and a single unlucky tarwhine.

Frank's shout got my attention and it seemed as if he had been yelling for a while. A blistering strike had resulted in a screaming reel and whirling handles. After first bashing his knuckles to a pulp on the spinning handles of the deep-spoiled Alvey 651E, he managed to get control and the fight was on. At the end I helped to wash the fish out onto the reef. 7.5 kg of silver sparkling Spanish Mackerel was the prize and the jubilation

was written all over Frank's face. His first land-based mack and he was elated. Another bait was sent out and I continued to frustrate the cod population but that was our morning highlight.



Frank Shim and his Mackerel.

Few other fish were caught that morning despite the prime conditions and we had a good time back at the chalets retelling the tale of the lucky capture.



Frank and his Mullet.

Frank decided shark-fishing was out and he now wanted to catch a mullet. So the shark rod was neglected while he fished mullets instead. I stuck with the 2 rods fishing a fillet bait on one and a mullet rig on the other. Once again the going was slow.

Some more of the ubiquitous wirrah, a wobbegong, and a small blacktip shark helped to relieve the tedium. Frank was enthusiastically donating a succession of sinkers and rigs to the deep but he persisted nonetheless. With his last sinker out he had a bite, struck and came up solid to a good fish. Calmly he gained the upper hand and fought it into the shore-break. Gleaming in the torchlight lay another prize, a mullet of 7.5 kg. Frank was ecstatic and rightfully so. He whooped around the beach like a kid on tartrazine and the smile was permanently fixed on his face for the rest of the weekend.

Late into the night we processed the fish, cleaned gear, chatted, ate and toasted the mighty Shim with glasses of rum. Two excellent and memorable fish on one day and he also got his Prado back in one piece!

Sunday there was no easterly wind to allow ballooning so we bottom-fished a few spots and I baitcast gardies off the reef but for no reward. So finally we headed back along the beach once more, up the winding track through the dunes, packed up, cleaned the chalet, and pointed the Prado towards home. Another great fishing weekend over.

Wanted - Treasurer and Property Officer.

Rob Mitchell's work and other commitments have led to his standing down as Treasurer and Property Officer.

If you can help fill either one or both of these positions, please contact President Ross Kember.

WARCO Report.

The introductory letter sent out by WARCO (Western Australian Recreational Campers Organisation) to all politicians from all parties has seen a response from four:-

Robin McSweeney (Sandra Scott) Albany.
Gis Watson, WA Greens.

Peter Watson, MLA.
Paddy Embrey, One Nation.

This is four more than has previously been experienced, and is a start.

To give us more ammunition to get a foot in the door, we would like to know if anyone has had any experience of camping bans (especially documented) or prosecutions for camping out anywhere. If you have, please let us know.

There is also a move taking place to get a representative of WARCO on the Caravan and Camping Advisory Board.
George Holman.

Dhufish Catches under the Spotlight.

Media reports of 52 dhufish being taken on a charter boat in the Mandurah area lead to a storm of comments from other charter boat operators and recreational fishers in various places.

A ministerial statement on 28 February by Fisheries Minister Kim Chance expressed concern at these large dhufish catches by some fishing tour operators. He was responding to the media reports and the representations from the recreational fishing industry.

This catch meant that almost all the passengers on board had taken their daily bag limit of four dhufish per person, made up of large breeding fish that may have been spawning. Although the catches were taken within the current rules, he regarded the activity as unsustainable and ongoing fishing pressure such as this could lead to local depletion of dhufish stocks.

Mr Chance said the reports had caused him to reconsider his previously stated position on the possible introduction of charter boat limits, which was that the introduction of recreational boat limits should not be considered until after the West Coast Recreational Fishing Working Group proposals had been implemented and charter boat operators had considered the matter further.

The fact that dhufish are targeted by recreational fishers in private boats, recreational fishers in charter boats and commercial fishers, highlights the need for an integrated management approach to ensure the long-term sustainability of dhufish stocks. He had already indicated that there will be a review of the unmanaged components of the commercial finfish fishery, to commence later this year.

The Government is committed to the integrated management of the State's finfish stocks and a review committee, chaired by Judge Justice Toohey, is currently examining management frameworks and developing principles for the future allocation of fish stocks to ensure maximum benefit to the community.

A Win for River Foreshore Access.

The community would have access to Harvest Road jetty and adjacent river foreshore in North Fremantle, under conditions attached to a development application by Environment Minister Dr Judy Edwards. The development application would only be granted subject to the conditions being met.

The jetty would be available at all times for the public, with existing gates and fencing on the jetty to be removed. This is in response to direct community concerns that public access to the river and jetty could continue to be restricted.

As part of the proposed new development conditions, the shoreline and riverbed along the whole northern side of the jetty will also be excluded from the current lease. This will require all structures associated with pens on the jetty's northern side to be removed. However, the decision would enable the ongoing use of the pens for nearby owners on the southern side of the jetty.

The Minister believes this is a fair compromise - allowing some private pens to continue, while also ensuring public access for the community.

Let's hope this is a start of lots of similar changes to give us back access.

Terry Fuller

Membership Fees are Now Due.

Fees for 2002/2003 are due on 1 May, and but definitely must be paid before 30 July.

Fees for this 2002/2003 year need to be reviewed and are likely to increase to account for increased Public Liability Insurance and GST costs, but the full details weren't available at the April Committee meeting to allow the amount to be set. The 2001/2002 fees are shown here.

Membership type.	2001/2002 Annual Fee.	2002/2003 Annual Fee.
Single Adult Membership.	\$70	To be advised.
Family Membership, includes partner and dependent school age children under 18, or over 18 if earning less than the tax free threshold per year. see Club Constitution Section 3(f)	\$80	To be advised.
Independent Junior Membership, under 16 years old.	\$45	To be advised.
Concession Membership for member 60 years and over, who has been financial for at least five consecutive years.	\$45	To be advised.

List of current members.

This is the current list we have of members and their membership type. Names *in italics* are recent nominees. Please complete all the details on the form on Page 18, change any details which are not correct, particularly for family members to be covered, and send or hand the form to the Treasurer with your payment.

Last Name	First Name	Membership	Partner Family Member.	Children Family Members.

Membership Details.

===== Tear Off =====

To Treasurer, Surf Casting and Angling Club, PO Box 2032, Marmion, WA. 6020.

I enclose \$ _____ for a **Single / Family / Junior / Concession / Associate membership.**
(circle one)

of the Surf Casting and Angling Club for 2002/2003. I acknowledge that I need to pay the actual fees as set by the Committee for 2002/2003.

Details of people to be covered by this membership.

Name	Last Name	First Name(s)	Preferred Name	Date of Birth
Address:-				Post Code:-
Home Phone:-		Work Phone:-	Mobile Phone:-	
Fax:-		Email Address:-		

Family members to be included in my **Family Membership**. Dependent children are children for which the member has full or part time parental responsibility, and who are living full or part time with the member. Dependent children of pre school age, attending primary or secondary school at the start of the Club year (1 May 2002) will be covered by a family membership. Dependent children who have completed school studies and are 18 years or over at the start of the Club year and are earning less than the tax free threshold per year will be covered by a family membership. For more details see Club Constitution Section 3(f).

Partner's Name:-	Last Name	First Name(s)	Preferred Name	Date of Birth.
Dependent child 1:-				
Dependent child 2:-				
Dependent child 3:-				

More details if required. _____

Signed _____ **Date** ____ / ____ / 2002