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Minutes of General Meeting, 13 April 2005

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Time 8:00 pm. Vice President George Holman presiding.
- Present:-** 27 members.
- Apologies:-** Bob Henderson, Mal Head, Spencer King, John Romano, Terry Fuller at Recfishwest meeting and will be late.
- Visitors:-** Josh Lucocq, Tina Lingard.
- New Member:-** None.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. Moved Peter Stoeckel, seconded Roy Killick, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** George Holman outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No other business arising.
There is a vacancy on Committee - anyone interested?
- Correspondence In:**
- | | |
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| Westpac Bank | Bank statement for March. |
| Ray White Kalbarri | Statement for March + cheque. |
| AAA | Minutes of March AAA Delegates' Meeting. |
| City of Stirling | Confirmation of Yokine Reserve usage (form letter) |
| Swan Catchment Council | March "the Swan" Newsletter |
| Senior's Recreation Council | Invitation to Senior's Forum 27 April |
| Taylor Made Insurance | Fishing Club membership Liability Insurance |
| Spencer King | Email with apology and suggestions/votes for Field Day venues |
| Adelaide Bank | Product Disclosure Statement for Cash Management Trust. |
- Correspondence Out:-** Gary Patterson Invitation/request to speak at Instruction period.
- The letter from Taylor Made Insurance to be discussed by the Committee. Moved Chas Riegert seconded Jim Strong correspondence be accepted.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Paul Thompson reported. Accounts for payment:
- | | | |
|-------------------------|--|----------|
| Australian Tax Office | Tax for 2003/4 | \$150.00 |
| Coolbinia Football Club | Hire of these rooms four months | \$200.00 |
| Terry Fuller | Overdue power bill | \$202.15 |
| Australian Tax Office | Business Activity Statement (in advance) | \$206.00 |
- \$15,810.26 in account. Regular payments are being made by the former Treasurer.
Moved Terry Willison, seconded Peter Stoeckel Treasurer's report be received and accounts be passed for payment – carried.
- Property Officer** Vix Alexander reported. More bookings recently. Spraying for white ants to be done. Trees to be cut. New cleaners arranged and will be cheaper at \$45 up to \$50 after June. Initial "commercial clean" to be done at \$75.
- Field Day Officer:-** Malcolm Harris reported briefly on the coming April Kalbarri field Day, details in the April Reel Talk. Field day prizes were awarded for the March Field Day. Two salmon were very close in weight, separated by only 25 grams after comparison of the scales used. The May field day will be run with the AAA State Rock and Beach Championships at Cape to Cape.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Chas Riegert reported on the March and April dry casting - details as in Reel Talk. Terry Willison needs help to set out and pull down the dry casting courts. Terry Willison has arranged the store room at the Yokine Reserve for the Dry Casting gear. Thanks to Terry Willison.
- AAA Report:-** Progressive results for AAA Angler of the Year and Club of the Year were passed around. Thanks to Jim Strong for the presentations at the State Boating Championships. This went off very well with some great fish caught. An AAA Year Book is being planned for the second half of the year. Peter Stoeckel reported on the AAA Rock and Beach Championship planned for 28/29 May at Cape to Cape as above. Extra copies of the booklet are available from Peter Stoeckel. George would like to see more Surfcasters at these events. The National convention is coming up. Meetings have been arranged with all the people who are going. Fishing Clinics have been booked for the first three Mondays in July.
- Social Organiser:-** Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club has been booked for the Presentation night, Saturday 18 June 2005. Tickets are available at \$40 per person. Details in Reel Talk. Peter Stoeckel and Andrew Aubrey will organise this. Donations for prizes are wanted.
- Recorder:-** He has done some work on sorting entries for the Masters and Species competitions. Needs info from people who have already got species registered. These will be published in the May Reel Talk.
- Rottnest Field Day:-** Ian Cook reported on arrangements for the Rottnest Field Day on the June Long Weekend. Details as in the May Reel Talk.

Secretary's Report. Nothing else to report other than covered by correspondence or in general business.

Reel Talk Editor:- Terry Fuller reported on arrangements for the next two Reel Talks due to the late field days.

Notices of Motion:- None.

General Business:- Peter Osborne reported on a recent trip to Yallingup. Hooked a salmon on the very first cast with a popper.
The demonstration of the laser measurer for dry casting had been organised but the unit was not accurate enough. Now will look at the unit with 200 metre range and very good accuracy.
The Safari in 2006 was discussed briefly. More work to be done on this.
Tony D'Alonzo donated his field day prizes for trophies for the Presentation night plus a cheque for \$100.

Instruction Period:- Discussion and decisions on the Field Day venues and boundaries for the 2005/6 Competition Year and changes to the Competition Rules.
There was considerable discussion on the proposed Field Day venues as published in the April Reel Talk. Several months had more than one venue proposed. Venues were chosen by majority vote on a show of hands. The full discussions and voting numbers are not recorded here but these minutes are confirmed by the tape recording of the discussions and the announcements of the final decisions. The venues chosen are as below.

Saturday/Sun 28/29 May 2005	Cape to Cape with AAA Rock and Beach Championships.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 June 2005 LWE	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 July 2005	Cape to Cape.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 August 2005	Rottnest.
Saturday/Sunday 10/11 September 2005	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 October 2005 LWE	S-Bend. Southgates to 10km south of Dongara.
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 November 2005	Cervantes / Jurien to Sandy Cape.
Saturday/Sunday 10/11 December 2005	Golden Bay to Seabird. (An extended local.)
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 January 2006	Preston / White Hills.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February 2006	Cervantes.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 4/5/6 March 2006 LWE	Split Field Day Bremer Bay / Bluff Creek.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15/16/17 April 2006 Easter	Emu Springs.

The December night cast and barbecue will be on the same day as the normal December dry casting, will be held at George Holman's place. It will not be on the December Field day date.

Ian Cook had given notices of Motion at the November General Meeting. The details were changed as below.

Moved Ian Cook seconded Peter Osborne. That a new species Black Bream be included in the listing in Section 5.1. Carried. This will be species number 13.

Moved Ian Cook seconded Peter Osborne that a new species Black or Yellow Finned Bream be included in the Open Competition with a minimum weight of 0.6 kilogram in section 4.12 - carried. Explanation:- this new section will be Section 15, "Best Black or Yellow Fin Bream"; Section 16 will be "Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 15"; Section 17 will be "Best Fish caught on Fly Rod."

After considerable discussion, Terry Willison **moved**, Rick Parker seconded that the Junior, Masters and Grand Masters entries for Tarwhine be amended to Tarwhine/Black or Yellowfinned Bream – carried.

Terry Fuller **moved** Peter Osborne seconded to add a Section 1.1.9 headed "Amendment to These Competition Rules" to the Club's Competition Rules as published in the April Reel Talk. Ian Cook **moved** Rick Parker seconded that voting on this be deferred for more discussion so people can understand the intentions and implications. - carried

Terry Fuller **moved** Andrew Aubrey seconded that the Field Day rules as previously published and amended tonight be used for the 2005/6 competition.

Rick Parker **moved** Allan Jones seconded that the Open Competition rules as previously published and amended tonight be used for the 2005/6 competition.

Chas Riegert **moved** Terry Willison seconded that **Section 3.2.10 Markers and Safety of Others** be changed from "The caster must ensure the arena is clear and no persons are in or potentially going to move into the area where he may cast" to "The caster **MUST** ensure the arena is clear and no persons are in or potentially going to move into an area where they may be in danger from his cast. This includes the area behind and adjoining to the caster performing pendulum type casts." – Carried.

Chas Riegert **moved** Andrew Aubrey seconded that **Section 3.3.3 Weights**, have the following added "For accuracy events, any weight and not necessarily made from standard mould, up to the nominated maximum weight may be used." – Carried.

Chas Riegert **moved** Terry Willison seconded that **Section 3.3.7 Plastic Tube and Pompoms**. Be changed from "The pompom may be made of strands of coloured knitting wool tied in a pompom fashion and in turn tied to the weight or swivel" to "The visual aid shall be made of no less than 10 strands of coloured thread of not less than 5 ply (knitting wool grading) thickness, with a minimum length of 75 mm, tied in a pompom fashion, and in turn attached to the weight or to a swivel attached to the weight."

Terry Fuller **moved** Rick Parker seconded an amendment to this motion to add "or coloured strips of flat plastic of minimum width of 2 mm," after the words "(knitting wool grading) thickness," – Carried and became the motion. The amended motion was put and carried.

Chas Riegert **moved** Terry Willison seconded that **Section 3.4.1 Level Line Distance Casting**. Have the following added to the end "The sequence of casting the distance events shall be 56 gram, then Artificial Bait, then 112 gram as for State and National drycasting events." – Carried.

Chas Riegert **moved** Terry Willison seconded amend **Section 3.4.4 Open Events**. After "Members will have two (2) casts in each event," - add "however, they may elect to have further casts up to a maximum of five (5) if desirous of so doing in each event." The vote was tied so the acting President voted for the motion which a ruling that the addition be for one year only and be reviewed after that time.

Chas Riegert **moved** Terry Willison seconded that **Section 3.8.1 Top Ten Casters** be amended from ".....the monthly scores of each caster shall be accumulated by the addition of the member's twelve (12) casting day totals." - to - "the monthly scores of each caster shall be accumulated by the addition of the member's top eleven (11) casting day totals." – Carried.

Terry Willison **moved** Chas Riegert seconded that the Dry Casting rules as previously published and amended tonight be used for the 2005/6 competition.

Meeting closed:-

10:30 pm.

Coming Club Events.

May Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 1 May. **Start of the 2005/6 Competition Year.**

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.

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

All casters please assist Terry Willison with the setting up at the beginning and retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events..

May General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 11 May 2005, 8:00 pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

Instruction Period:- To be advised..

May 2005 Field Day – Cape to Cape.

When:- Will be held with the AAA State Rock & Beach State Championships, Saturday/Sunday 28/29 May, 2005. A booklet has been prepared by AAA to advertise the event and list the rules and other information about the event. Copies have been given to all regular field day fishers in the club. Extra copies are available from Peter Stoeckel.

Where: Cape to Cape

Headquarters Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

Boundaries: Busselton Jetty to the Blackwood River. But note that the jetty and the river are not included in the boundaries.

Registration: 11am to 12 noon, Saturday 28 May at the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park. Compulsory registration at this location between the nominated times is a requirement. Note that the organisers can make other arrangements for any participants that cannot make this time if organised prior to the event. Enquiries to Peter Stoeckel.

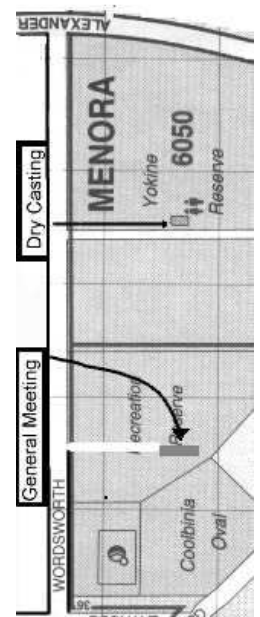
Briefing: By a written set of Rules of the Day, issued at the time of registration.

Lines Down:- 2 pm Saturday.

Weigh in: AAA weigh in 11 am Sunday morning 29 May at the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park. SCAC weigh in will be after the AAA event.

Species: Heaviest of species prizes will be awarded by AAA for heaviest of: Skippy, Whiting, Shark, Snook, Salmon, Tarwhine, Mystery Fish. If some of these are not caught, then the reserves are Tailor, Herring.

Entry fees: For the AAA event:- Men and Ladies \$10, Juniors and Veterans \$5. Plus entry fees for Club field day, \$7 for an individual, \$9 for families.



Local Field Day for May 2005.

- When:** Saturday/Sunday 28/29 May, 2005
Sign On: At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- 2 pm Saturday.
Weigh in: Sunday 11:00 am at G Holman's house, Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

June 2005 Field Day – Rottnest Long Weekend.

- When:** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 June 2005 Long Weekend.
Boat Times: Saturday - Must be at the C Shed ferry terminal no later than 06:45
Ferry tickets will **not** be purchased after 07:15
ETA Rottnest from Fremantle on Saturday 4 June 08:00
Sign On: At Rottnest (Caroline Thompson Camping Ground).
Lines Down: Saturday 12:00 noon.
Transport: Transport of gear to Caroline Thompson 08:15
Caroline Thompson to West End Saturday 11:30
West End to Caroline Thompson 19:00
Caroline Thompson to West End Sunday 06:00
West End to Caroline Thompson 19:00
Caroline Thompson to West End Monday 06:00
West End to Caroline Thompson 10:30
Gear from Caroline Thompson to Ferry 13:30
Return Boat:- Rottnest Monday 14:30
Weigh in: Monday 12:00 noon at Rottnest (or when the bus returns) at the Caroline Thompson Camping Ground.
Boundaries: All of Rottnest Island !!
Special Notes: Label all your gear.
Have your gear in proper strong containers or it will get damaged.
Use rod tubes if you have them, or risk damage.
The Bay Seeker bus does a round trip usually every hour and goes as far as Narrow Neck. Cost \$7.50
Need wet suit and spray jacket to stay warm at this time of year especially being out all day.
NO waders on reefs. Check the very high tides in the morning.
Take food and water with you to West End.
No food available from shops on return at night.

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

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

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

Local Field Day for June 2005.

- When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 June 2005 Long Weekend.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon
Weigh in:- Monday 10:00 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

Calendar for Next Three Months.

Here's a calendar showing the dates we will use for Dry Casting, General and Committee Meetings, and Field Days in the next three months.

27	AAA Event																			
1	Dry Casting				11	General Meeting				14	15	Field Day				18	Committee Meeting			
May 2005							June 2005							July 2005						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					<u>1</u>			1	2	3	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>					1	2	<u>3</u>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<u>6</u>	7	8	9	10	11	<u>12</u>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.

Field Day Fees:- \$7 for an individual, \$9 for families. Dry Casting Fees:- \$6 for an individual, \$8 for families.

2005/2006 Field Day Dates and Venues.

This list was discussed and finalised at the April General Meeting.

Saturday/Sun 28/29 May 2005	Cape to Cape / AAA Rock and Beach Championships.
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Field Day Boundaries

Club Competition Rules 2.1.6 says "The boundaries for the Field Day will be published in Reel Talk. Boundaries may be changed at the sign on at the discretion of the Field Day Officer and by consensus of the majority of the participating members. Any competitor fishing outside the boundaries during the fishing times shall be disqualified."

This has generally been accepted to mean that the boundaries may be changed if weather or weed or beach or water conditions mean that it would be difficult to find enough fishing spots within the chosen boundaries, and an extension would allow fishing in some places with better conditions. It does **NOT** mean that the boundaries can be extended because someone has a favourite spot outside the boundaries, or has heard of fish being caught outside the boundaries.

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

2005/2006 General Meetings.

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

Wednesday 11 May 2005

Wednesday 9 November 2005

Wednesday 8 June 2005

Wednesday 14 December 2005

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

Wednesday 11 January 2006

Wednesday 10 August 2005

Wednesday 8 February 2006

Wednesday 14 September 2005

Wednesday 8 March 2006

Wednesday 12 October 2005

Wednesday 12 April 2006

2005/2006 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 1 May 2005	Sunday 6 November 2005
Sunday 12 June 2005, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 4 December 2005
Sunday 3 July 2005	Sunday 1 January 2006 (defer from NYDay???)
Sunday 7 August 2005	Sunday 5 February 2006
Sunday 11 September 2005, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 12 March 2006, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 9 October 2005, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 2 April 2006

Sunday 30 October 2005, AAA State Dry Casting Championships

Changes to Competition Rules for 2005/6.

Some changes to the Club's Competition rules were made at the April 2005 General Meeting. See below and the minutes of the April General Meeting in this Reel Talk for the details.

Section 3.2.10 Markers and Safety of Others. Last two sentences of first paragraph changed to "*The caster MUST ensure the arena is clear and no persons are in or potentially going to move into an area where they may be in danger from his cast. This includes the area behind and adjoining to the caster performing pendulum type casts.*"

Section 3.3.3 Weights. Added the following "*For accuracy events, any weight and not necessarily made from standard mould, up to the nominated maximum weight may be used.*"

Section 3.3.7 Plastic Tube and Pompoms. Replaced "*The pompom may be made of strands of coloured knitting wool tied in a pompom fashion and in turn tied to the weight or swivel*" with "*The visual aid shall be made of no less than 10 strands of coloured thread of not less than 5 ply (knitting wool grading) thickness, or coloured strips of flat plastic of minimum width of 2 mm, with a minimum length of 75 mm, tied in a pompom fashion, and in turn attached to the weight or to a swivel attached to the weight.*"

Section 3.4.1 Level Line Distance Casting. Added to the end "*The sequence of casting the distance events shall be 56 gram, then Artificial Bait, then 112 gram as for State and National drycasting events.*"

Section 3.4.4 Open Events After "*Members will have two (2) casts in each event,*" - added - "*however, they may elect to have further casts up to a maximum of five (5) if desirous of so doing in each event.*" This change to apply for the 2005/2006 competition year only, to be reviewed after that.

Section 3.8.1 Top Ten Casters Amended "*..member's twelve (12) casting day totals.*" - to - "*...member's top eleven (11) casting day totals.*"

Section 4.12 Added Section 15, "*Best Black Bream, minimum weight 0.6 kg*"
Previous Section 15 renumbered to Section 16 and becomes "*Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 15*".
Previous Section 16 renumbered to Section 17 and remains "*Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.*"

Section 5.1. Species Competition. Added number 13. *Black Bream.*

Section 5.2. Junior Master. Amend No. 6 Tarwhine to "*Tarwhine/Black Bream/Yellowfinned Bream*"

Section 5.3. Master. Amend No. 7 Tarwhine to "*Tarwhine/Black Bream/Yellowfinned Bream.*"

Section 5.4. Grand Master Amend No. 7 Tarwhine to "*Tarwhine/Black Bream/Yellowfinned Bream*"

Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

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

Donations for Trophies.

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

There are some things members can do:-

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

2005 SCAC Dinner/Presentation of Trophies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GUARANTEED GOOD FOOD
GREAT COMPANY
ENJOYABLE EVENING**

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

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

Wanted - Aluminium Cans.

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

Open Competition Sections.

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

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

Barron Lure Competition.

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

Sponsorship by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kalbarri House For Rent.

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc.

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town.

Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:- Off season \$250 per week, On season \$390 per week } all plus \$50

Club Members:- Off season \$160 per week, On Season \$210 per week } deposit / bond.

Club Members:- Short term \$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights } plus \$55.00 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. The club has decided that cleaning will need to be paid for and is \$55.00 extra on the rates above for future new bookings. The club is now being charged GST on the cleaning.

Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for more details and for bookings.

Check in time is 1pm. Check out time is 10am. Keys can be picked up from Ray White, Shop 1, Kalbarri Arcade. If people arrive after hours, they leave a note on the door of their office with a map of how to get to the house and telling them where the key will be.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval. Members who are staying in the house are not allowed to authorise any repairs or services on the house without authority from the Property Officer, Treasurer or President.

Happy Birthday to:-

A lot of members haven't told us their birth date, so there may be more birthdays. Dob them in!

Malcolm Harris, 3 May

Chas Riegert, 10 May

Annella Riegert, 17 May

Joe Pullella, 22 May

Ken Black, 24 May

Peter Stoeckel, 25 May

New Member Acceptances.

The following application for membership has been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club. None

New Member Application.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the next Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any of the applications should not be accepted, please contact a Committee Member and state the reason. None

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

We usually hold a sausage sizzle on every Sunday after the dry casting. Gives everyone a chance to talk over the morning's casting, gear to use, what's coming up, fishing, the state of the world or whatever, over some lunch.

But the sausage sizzle is not free, much as we would like it to be. It has to be paid for somehow, and the prices are quite reasonable compared to what you would pay elsewhere. **Don't forget to put the money in, please.**

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

1 drink plus 1 sausage in bread for \$2.00 Extra drink for \$1.00 Extra sausage in bread for \$1.00

Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.

We now have some stocks of short and long sleeved Club Polo shirts, long sleeved Club Jackets and baseball style caps with a club logo for sale to members. These are in the club colours of Gold (Yellow) and Black, and help to identify you as a "Surfcaster" member. Contact Andrew Aubrey.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations of old Reel Talks, 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 2002 Reel Talk.

Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor. Thanks to Bob Henderson for the articles in this Reel Talk. And the ones he's already sent to me for **future** Reel Talks.

Donations for Trophies.

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

There are some things members can do:-

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

Your Club's Future

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

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

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

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

Got any new ideas to improve our Club

Any ideas on fund raising etc.

Are you prepared to put your hand up and assist.

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

What we should not do.

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

New Committee Members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Taters - Which are You?

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "**Spec Taters**".

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "**Comment Taters**".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to get their own hands dirty. They are called "**Dick Taters**".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet.

They are called "**Agie Taters**".

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help.

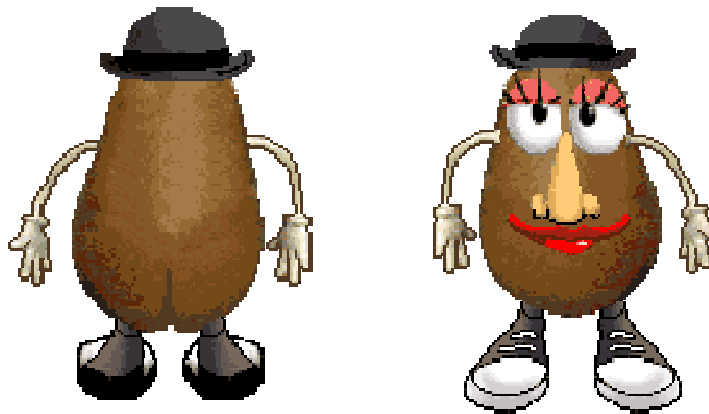
They are called "**Hezzie Taters**".

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not.

They are called "**Imma Taters**".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.

They are called "**Sweet Po Taters**". If you know any "**Sweet Po Taters**", send this to them!!



Thanks to Roy Killick. These "Taters" looked so much better wiggling in color!!!

Annual General Meeting 2005.

The club's Annual General Meeting and election of the new committee for 2005/6 will be held on Wednesday 13 July 2005.

Safari 2006.

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

Life Members of the Club.

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

March 2005 Field Day, Bremer Bay/Bluff Creek.

Thirteen of our members and one visitor traveled south for this split venue field day. Ten fished Bremer Bay with the remaining four fishing Bluff Creek. Vix and I were able to get the Friday off which made a huge difference to the weekend, promising the boss all manner of efficiencies upon our return. Promises like these that are made at the time with all sincerity but that are rather hard to live up to at a later date.

The six hour drive down went well, with a few stops to change drivers and have a coffee. I can't endorse this format of changing drivers enough, I used to do all the driving at one stage (the blokey thing to do) but sitting in the passenger seat for half the time and playing with the stereo is far more relaxing.

The weather was favorable on the lead-up to the weekend, but as is so often things change, especially down on the south coast. By sign-on on Saturday the wind was up and it was going to make the open beaches an unpleasant place to fish. We decided to grin and bear it anyway and drove out to Fosters beach.

One of the changes since we were here last is that the land owner, through which the track to Foster's runs, now accepts a donation of ten dollars to help keep the beach clean and the track in passable

condition. He is obviously very passionate about keeping his part of the world in as good of condition that he can. He regularly takes a trailer onto the beach to clean up any rubbish that is washed ashore or left behind by unthinking individuals.

He also very keen to talk to those who access Fosters through his property about doing the right thing regarding safe driving and taking their rubbish out with them. In these times of diminishing access to spots like Fosters, it's good to see a land owner wanting to work with fishers rather than shutting us out completely. It goes without saying that the responsibly also rests with us to do the right thing in how we treat our coastal environment.

Back to the fishing, the beach was quite shallow with only a handful of deep gutters channeling water back out to sea. This meant that any one of these gutters were prime real estate as we were one of about a dozen vehicles on the beach. The fishing was not electric by any stretch of the imagination. We fished long sessions for a few herring, a couple of skippy and three salmon.

One of Vix's salmon was a beauty, pulling the scales down to just a hair under the five kg mark gilled and gutted. However one of the species that were in great numbers were sand crabs, stripping your bait in less than a couple of minutes if you left it stationary, we even managed to land a few of them and each would not be far from the size of a legal blue manna.

Tony and Filomena did their usual travelling nomads impersonation, travelling from one boundary in the East to the other in the West and as usual it paid off. They each weighed in four salmon, a bag of good size skippy for Tony and some of the biggest herring I have ever seen between them.

Chas and his visitor Brett along with Peter, Brian and the boys fished Reef Beach with much the same results as us. They shared a few salmon and skippy between them. However there was one very happy junior amongst them, Andrew landing his first salmon, even if he did have to cast across a couple of his companion's lines to get it. Well done Andrew.

The reports from Bluff Creek indicated that the four members enjoyed deep water for most of the length of the beach. From the entry onto the beach to about two thirds the length of the beach was one huge gutter. Herring were in good supply along with a few skippy and a single flathead. Of the bigger fish caught were two salmon to Spencer and some good tailor to George and Dave.

Spencer's salmon just edged out Vix's salmon for the heaviest scale fish by twenty five grams and the heaviest bag going to Tony with just over twenty six kilos.

It is a long drive down to the south coast and with fuel prices going through the roof lately, it was good to see a reasonable number of our members make the effort to fish our great south coast, a better place in the world would be hard to find.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field day Officer.

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

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	3199.5	6	Spencer King	613.3
2	Malcolm Harris	946.5	7	Chas Riegert	411.3
3	Filomena D'Alonzo	915.7	8	Grant Taggart	349.5
4	Vix Alexander	913.2	9	Peter Stoeckel	341.1
5	George Holman	808.5	10	Dave Maxted	320.8

Field Day Sections up to March.

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

Catches for March were listed in the April Reel Talk. Here is a correction to the results. My apologies to Spencer whose salmon was heavier than Vix's salmon by a mere 25 grams.

Sportsperson of the Year Sections and Field Day prizes for March 2005.

Best Scale Fish	Spencer King	Salmon	4.985 kg
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Field Day Garden Island 15/16 September 1962

Weather conditions: Excellent conditions during the afternoon with light westerly, but the breeze freshened at sunset, and became very cold, and the sea dumpy, stirring up the sand and brought in patches of weed. The northerly drift was very strong making it almost impossible to keep a sinker out for any duration. Wire surf sinkers were definitely the order of the day.

32 Members and 8 juniors made up the attendance for the venue, which was not at all a bad roll-up, and it was good to see the juniors along in stronger numbers. With the weather becoming finer in the future we should see more members along to our outings, both senior and junior, and also to see more of the lads sporting their Club badges.

On this venue most, I should say all, went up north with the exception of two - Alan Livesey and "Snow" Tate who once again returned to their hotspot down by the rifle range. Their decision to return to their hotspot certainly was a decision that returned results for both Alan and "Snow" caught very nice bags of skips and tailor. Alan weighed in a bag of 33¼ lb. and "Snow" weighed in 13¼ lb. which was no mean effort on their part,

14 members traveled over on the early boat, the remainder on the afternoon boat. Phil Neri, Gary Davidson, Ron McQueen and myself decided to walk north the long way along the beach and have a look-see how the water was in the northern bays, but they all appeared to be shallow, and full of weed, so we decided to push on up to the gun bay. It looks as if it will be some time yet before these bays will be fishable.

As we approached the gun position, Ron McQueen picked out a likely looking spot and decided to make camp there, I think Ron had just about had enough walking. Phil and I pushed on until we came to Doug Newton and his lads fishing just around the corner from the gun, close to the reef. They had landed a few herring and I'm quite sure that it must have been the burly that they were using that brought them in for it was a mighty powerful brew.

Further along the bay, Tiger Lilly and Bob Tichbon were laying off, evidently conserving their energy for the evening's fray. Closer to hand were Ron Shirley and Ian McLennan also Jerry Windus. These lads were consolidated, with their gear at the "ready" just waiting for action. As the afternoon was quite hot most of the lads were availing themselves of the opportunity of a sun bathe, in an endeavour to get an earlier tan for the summer months ahead.

Shortly after 3:15pm, Bob Tucker, Tom Smith, Charlie and Nick Crouch, Norm Clark and quite a few of the other lads arrived and were soon busy settling in and getting their gear in order. One minute there was half a dozen or so lads stretched out along the beach, the next minute there were rods and bods everywhere. It certainly looked like a Field Day at the north, and it was good to see all the lads together, though the fish certainly could have been a lot more co-operative.

George Greenham and Ron Kildahl were settled in for a full night's fishing. They are certainly hardy types though unfortunately their reward for the effort they put in nowhere compensated them. Bob Lilly also fished all night though he was a little more fortunate than the others. Earlier in the afternoon when young Gary Davidson set the stage in motion by catching a nice mulloway it looked like the game was going to be on, and then shortly after Nick Crouch slipped into action and also landed a good sized mulloway and we were sure that this was "it". But after Nick's fish things simmered down until Cyril Paton worked a mulloway through the surf, and then the fever took on again. Though by now the sea had become turbulent and fishing conditions were rugged. Even Norm Giles remarked on conditions and Norm will fish anytime, anyplace.

Ron Shirley was working overtime in an endeavour to catch one of those wily ones and Bob Tucker and Tom Smith were also flogging the sea in all directions to find a bait taker. Tom once again to the fore had a strike and landed a mulloway much to Bob's surprise, though it was the following morning before he caught his second fish. Bob Jensen, Bill Utting, young Rick and K. Hunt made their way further up the beach to a likely spot with a nice gutter in front of them, though as nice as the water looked it did not return a very good dividend in the way of fish, like most of the other spots it was deserted. I don't know when the fish have been as conspicuous by their absence. Still that's the way it goes at times and there is not much we can do about it.

As the night progressed many lights could be seen moving away over the hills towards the roadway in the distance as the lads made their way back to base. The wind at this stage was blowing at approx. 20 knots and was freezing cold, so it was little wonder that quite a few of the lads decided to turn it in, though some of the more rugged types stopped and carried on. About 9:15 or so the moon appeared on a desolate scene of odd bods along the beach, and eventually the wind lost its strength though the strong northerly drift continued.

About this stage those of us who had remained a while decided to turn it in and make tracks for base, at least one consolation even though it was a very poor one, we didn't have heavy bags of fish to carry. Incidentally I wonder whether Bob Jensen got the rather large glass bottle home that he found on the beach. This bottle in the shape of a sphere was completely sealed, yet it contained a liquid of some kind. How it ever got ashore through the reefs etc. without being smashed is a mystery to me.

It was good to arrive back at base and have a snack and a cuppa. Norm Clark was observed cooking a tasty snack and I'm quite sure that if some of these lads wives knew of their culinary efforts and ability they would be doing more of it at home. (I'll take your word for that Jim. Ed.)

At the weigh-in in the morning all eyes were on Alan and "Snow's" nice bag of skippy, which certainly were good to see. It was pleasing to see someone who had caught fish after our barren bags from the night before. Nick

Crouch caught the heaviest bag of scale fish, a mulloway of 5½ lb. and he just beat Tiger Lilly by ¼lb. as Bob managed, after only about 18 hours fishing incidentally, to bring along a very nice winter tailor of 5 ¼ lb. So even though Nick beat Bob to the heaviest scale fish caught on the venue, Bob re-secured his position in section 6 of the Field Day fishing competition by beating Mick's tailor caught on the July Field Day. These two are making a contest of this section.

So closed another busy field day and my congratulations go to the award winners and my many thanks to all the members who assisted me on the venue. Their help and the team spirit that it shows helps to make my job a lot easier and a pleasure to attend. The next Field Day is also at Garden Island. Boat departure times being 9:30am. and 2:00pm. from Palm Beach, departing Garden Island at 10:00a.m. Sunday.

As the warmer weather approaches don't forget those sun-glasses and water bottles, they are a must on the back beach on a hot and glary day. Keep in mind the November Field Day at the Moore River and as this is to be a combined Field Day with other clubs it would be a good move for members to wear their cloth badges, if you have not got one and wish to purchase same, enquire at Boan's Tackle Department, they are available at 15/- each, and can be either sewn or pinned onto a jacket, or otherwise wear your club badge as a means of identification between club members.

Hoping to see bigger and better turn ups at venues as the warmer weather approaches and that of course includes our juniors and that I will see you all along again at our next venue when maybe the fish will be kinder to us by putting in an appearance. Till then tight lines and good angling to all members. Jim Strong F.D.O. 1962

At the Edge of the Wedge

A couple of weeks or so ago I accepted with pleasure an invitation to join three friends on an expedition to Wedge Island, the purpose of the journey being to carry out a rod and reel reconnaissance of the adjoining waters.

Wedge Island lies to the north of Lancelin at the end of a track which is probably the most gruesome and devastating twenty five miles anyone could wish to endure and, given normal conditions and good fortune, occupies ninety minutes in a four wheel drive vehicle.

On leaving Lancelin a considerable stretch of trackless desert like country is traversed. This is comprised entirely of very fine beach sand, common to the locality, which has been eroded over the years by the prevailing winds from the sea and has steadily and stealthily encroached on the bushland and scrub covered hills beyond, enveloping them eventually in its sterile and suffocating mantle.

On emerging from this horror a bush track is joined and this was found to be in pretty fair condition except for frequent and extensive stretches of lime stone outcrops, known colloquially as "gibbers", many of them serrated and sharp and posing a definite threat to peaceful and pleasant progress.

There is, I understand, an alternative track from the south which by-passes Lancelin and skirts the fringe of the desert stretch. In addition, maybe a third of the way between Lancelin and Wedge Island, a further track joins in, possibly from New Norcia or thereabouts to complete the ultimate stage of the run.

There is little likelihood of missing the destination. After scrambling over a low but steepish ridge and coming into full view of the ocean, you emerge onto a narrow coastal plain, and when the road meets the sea, you can go no further, you have arrived.

When we arrived there was no sign of human occupation. Three small and very unpretentious looking corrugated iron shacks and a caravan stood forlorn & desolate, surrounded by miserable, half starved recumbent scrub, struggling for existence in a sterile waste. The following day however each was occupied by a family and the whole population was busily engaged in making preparations to meet the impending opening of the crayfishing season, an occupation which appeared to me to be extremely onerous and dangerous since, owing to the lack of a suitable protected anchorage, operations are conducted in small shore based dinghies.

This community, which includes a number of children, is, when is residence, completely isolated from every amenity and in fact practically every necessity of life except clean fresh air. There is no readily available supply of portable water; the nearest store is at Lancelin. Admittedly a truck visits the settlement daily during the season. I wouldn't know where the nearest doctor would be in case of serious illness accident or snake bite, all of which could be just around the corner twenty four hours a day. Like most other isolated areas in this part of the world, there is no shortage of flies.

The seaward view is very similar to that presented by the Lancelin coastline in the Edward Island area. The coast in the immediate vicinity of the Island which, in shape and proportion bears a remarkable resemblance to a wedge, runs roughly north and south to a point approximately opposite the centre of the Island, and then sweeps in a wide curve in a south easterly direction. The point at which this change takes place is a centre of some interest. To the north is a short stretch of deepish water which gave rise to hopes (unfulfilled) of a fruitful harvest.

To the east was a shoal of very considerable proportions, interlacing which were short, narrow channels, gutters, troughs and suchlike, none of which were of a size sufficient to inspire optimistic musings but which, none the less, provided the bulk of our catch. At this point also, the Island, or maybe the general environment, or possibly a combination of both, produced the curious phenomenon of causing the surge of waves to come from different directions simultaneously. In addition there was an extremely strong set in a northerly direction.

Although our visit was not remarkable for the size or number of our victims, there was ample evidence in the shape of bleached skulls in the vicinity of old camps to convince any skeptic that this was the home of tackle busters.

We had intended originally to make the trip in two four wheel drive vehicles; at the last moment however it was found that one of these was not available, so we had perforce to compress ourselves and our paraphernalia which included a noble ice box of super optimistic proportions, a portable stove, four camp beds, a supply of water to meet all our needs, spare petrol, bedding, tucker and tackle into the limited accommodation of a short wheel base Land Rover which eventually proved to be a very remarkable bus.

As the driving compartment could not accommodate more than three persons in comfort, Ken was relegated to the cargo compartment where, after a few miles shaking down, he became indistinguishable from a camp bed. In this state of *mulum in parvum* we left Toby's place in Nollamara about 5.20 on the afternoon of Friday, and were soon licking along the Wanneroo road in fine style.

Everything went dandy until we had left the turn off to the Moore River a mile or so astern, when Ken casually remarked to Toby, who was driving, that as the engine was "pinking" a bit, it would be as well to pull up and have a look as it might be getting a little hot. The soles of my feet resting above the exhaust system had been registering a rapid and progressive rise in temperature for some miles past. On alighting I made my way to a safe distance, as I had previously been treated to a scalding shampoo from a boiling radiator at the hands of this same "joker".

However, on removing the cap Ken was abashed to discover that there was no eruptive action. Examination showed that the failure of a clip had allowed the bottom radiator hose to come adrift. Ken's dad was dispatched to scrounge some suitable wire from a nearby fence, and after a speedy repair the radiator was refilled from our supply of water, but it seems that the extreme and prolonged heat had removed so much scale from the radiator core that there was nothing very solid to contain the water which was cascading down the grill like the ornamental waterfall at the R&I Bank. It was decided to hop in and "beat it" for Lancelin post haste while the supply lasted. Believe it or not, when we arrived there the water tank was practically full, and the engine temperature normal.

After replenishing our water supply and topping up the radiator we left this progressive and rapidly expanding settlement and were soon floundering in low range and four wheel drive in the Gobi desert stretch, which we managed to deal with in pretty good style. Once onto the track we made excellent time except through the numerous and fairly extensive "gibber" patches, and arrived at our destination just before dusk.

Having made a preliminary examination of the area adjacent to the Island, we returned after unloading and having a bite to eat and fished the shoal area where Ken landed a very nice Kingfish of around 10 to 12lbs. Toby bagged a couple somewhat smaller and I beached a modest specimen.

The Saturday morning outing yielded nothing except a sickening experience when Ken decided to bulldoze his way through soft beach sand to a distant rocky headland to investigate the possibility of discovering reef country suitable for fishing. The wretched vehicle got such a flogging under the seemingly impossible conditions that in the heat of its titanic endeavours the tortured cores burst anew. We left it spouting like a wounded whale, while we proceeded on foot to examine the promised land where we found neither milk nor honey.

By the time we returned the engine had cooled off a bit, but the general situation was not improved when it was noted that a reading on the dip stick showed the oil level to be below the danger point. As it was important that I be home for lunch the following day, I found: it difficult to shake off a sinking feeling that I would never make it. In fact I was so skeptical that had there been a bus stop within 10 to 15 miles I would have started walking straight away.

The only person who was not gloomy was Ken who coolly picked up a bottle washed up on the beach, and proceeded to fill the radiator with sea water, As it was his vehicle and he seemed to be quite happy about the situation, Toby also found an empty bottle and between them they replenished the damaged system and got the engine started. Completely ignoring the sprinkler effect thus produced, we, all jumped in and that unfortunate machine was flogged all the way back to camp and what is more it got there apparently little the worse for its hammering and with still plenty of water in the tank. I was brash enough to try to explain the Lancelin miracle, but blow me if I am going to try and elucidate this one.

The rest of the day we spent providing sustenance and amusement for the local fly population until about four in the afternoon, when we sallied forth in a northerly direction perhaps a mile or so, to a reef which the locals had warmly recommended for our attention. This looked pretty good. The reef, which was flat and safe, being covered with only a few inches of water ran a short way out to sea and was flanked by a deepish channel with another big trough running from it parallel to the shore and some 20 to 30 yards distant from it. All it yielded however was a stingray and a small rock cod. As it would be difficult for four of us to fish here in comfort after dark we decided to move back towards the Island about sun down, and spent the next few hours battle against seaweed, a very strong drift and pretty chilly conditions for a couple of small salmon trout.

On Sunday morning "Big Wig" and I decided to remain at the camp and get on with the packing and prepare breakfast in order to get away with as little delay as possible when Ken and Toby returned, neither of us fancying our chance of getting home within measurable time except perhaps behind a tow truck. The other two returned bright and early with one salmon trout and reports of almost unfishable conditions.

Having finished breakfast we tossed our gear on board, put a little oil in the sump, topped up the sea water in the radiator with what remained of our domestic supply and were off by 7:15, to the surprise of numerous kangaroos, emus, rabbits, snakes and dirty great hairy brute which looked like an overweight panther. Apart from a few hair raising moments when "Big Wig" encountered a snake while making a hurried visit to a convenient bush, the trip back was fast and uneventful, and I was in good time for lunch.

See what I mean when I said the Land Rover eventually proved to be a very remarkable bus.

By "A.C.Gull" in Reel Talk, December 1962

Socks or Salmon?

Have you heard about the chap who caught a salmon instead of a sock? Well it appears that two of our well known Club characters took themselves off to Garden Island for a few days recreation (God bless their over-worked bodies) and angling, and to make a valiant effort to salve their conscience by catching a fish or two while no-one was looking, which they found easier said than done, for the finny fellows were somewhat elusive.

At any rate, after several almost fruitless outings of fishing, these two decided to have a go for herring down off the rocks on the south end. But, once again the fish were absent, so in desperation to entice the fish, an oil streak was decided upon as a must. Whereupon in lieu of a piece of waste rag to souse with oil and give out with the required streak, the more robustly built of the two decided to take off his wooly socks and douse them with oil, which he did, and tied them to a length of nylon line and thereupon lowered them into the water to give out an "oil streak"

But I haven't been able to work out as yet whether the odour of the oil or the odour of the socks served any good purpose, as the herring didn't put in an appearance. I would take it that the unaccustomed smell nauseated them for they definitely proved conspicuous by their absence, and I can't say that I blame them.

Finally in desperation to catch a herring for his breakfast the heavier built bod decided to flip out a spinner to see what would happen, and whilst engaged in securing the spinner to the line he glanced seawards to observe his socks swiftly and silently sneaking, away. The nylon had chafed through on the rocks.

Whereupon the robust one decided that with a spinner on he could, get some accuracy casts in and show off his prowess to his friend and at the same time retrieve the sock. This he endeavoured to do - and this is where our story started, You can guess the rest. The spinner went out after the socks, but the salmon was closer, so the salmon received the spinner.

But this is a sad story, for the salmon eventually straightened the light jag hooks and both the salmon and the socks are still in the sea.

From August 1962 Reel Talk.

Youthful Adventures, Part One.

In my youth, money was scarce so if you really wanted some you had to get off your bum and earn it. Trouble was there were hundreds of kids with the same ideas. Going around the neighbourhood asking for work generally led to a thing now called slave labour. Slackers were told to nick off, there were no negotiations on wages and conditions, no specific breaks, no nothing. "Do it or rack off."

I recall the going rate was about a penny an hour with possible cordial breaks if the boss was nice. If it was not done right you did it again, otherwise no pay. Flogging newspapers at the trots or the footy, collecting bottles, lemonade stands, toffee apples sales, garden weeding, lawn mowing (push type!!), chook run cleaning, stablehand work, grocery deliveries, fence painting, etc etc etc. Menial jobs that did not let my natural talents show out. Complaining about no money for lollies, chips and cool drinks and staff got you nowhere... "earn it", they said.

Dad came up with the idea of collecting and selling cooked mussels in jars, "a culinary delight when soaked in vinegar and eaten with a cold beer in hand", said Dad, a nondrinker. My mates who work on the wharf would buy the lot. So I spoke to my financial adviser (purse strings Mum) about getting jars, vinegar and cooking and packaging details.

Ratted some gear from neighbours and the back shed, enlarged the box on my hill trolley and planned my attack for the following weekend during the slack time of the tide. That was Dad's advice because I knew nothing about tides.

I knew that the best locations for good sized mussels was well under the wharf, a dark and scary place, or the middle pylons of the old train Bridge. There was no crawling plank out to those and it was a bit deep. Only a couple of old codgers tied their boats off these pylons and fished, but that was of a night time.

A restless night's sleep led to me being up well before sunrise and heading for the river in the dark. Dragging my hill trolley behind me I struck trouble less than half a mile down the road. In the darkness dogs started to bark informing others of my presence.

Restrained by gates and fences I gave them back just as much lip as much as they barked. That is, until there was no gate. A bloody huge mongrel, slobbering at the gob and snapping and snarling came flying out at me. I shot straight on to the fence, this dog barking its box off and me giving it lip. Fortunately, as it was just dawning the owner came out and grabbed the mutt and told me where to go.

Well this scene played out at least a dozen times for the next few miles. Dogs ranging from pekinese to rottweilers with old tarts and farts that shouted abuse and swung a pretty mean broom or two. Talk about battle scars. A forty five minute trip took nearly an hour and a half and daylight was well and truly upon me. Still nobody was around.

Offloading, setting up my gear and planning my attack plan, I entered the water determined to succeed. Loading a chicken wire scoop net, and old cement trowel and a bit of rope I ventured out between the pylons towards the middle of the Bridge. I noticed the tide was moving a bit (which way? you say), but tied up against one side of the pylons, donned my goggles, took a deep breath and scrabbled down the side of the pylon. You beauty, bloody great blobs of big mussels hanging everywhere.

Gripping the wire cage with my knees I hacked off clumps and pushed them into the net. Boy, was highly excited. That was until something said "fresh air" that is when I noticed I was going down and no matter how much I waved my arms I was going backwards and downwards. Funny thing, them stars, they say something.

I just had to let go of my full bag of mussels and head for the lights that was dimming just above me. Bloody hell, I must be drowning, my head is hurting my chest is tighter than a baby's nappy and I am flapping and flagging upwards. The surface is a long way away.

Breaking the surface I gasped lungfulls of air. A tingling sensation came over me. Jeez, that was close. It took a few minutes to gather my composure, (stop trembling really) then realise that the old train bridge is about 100 metres that way. Bugger, I am in the middle of the Harbour and heading out to sea, (well close). I have lost my mussel cage, my you beaut chisel and my rope too.

I struck out towards the wharf in a leisurely manner and took my time reaching the ferry landing. About half a dozen men were there to greet me and give me a lift out of the water. "What the hell are you doing, junior?" they asked and then one of them recognised me as that Hendo brat. "Silly little bugger" they said, and then wandered off.

It seemed a long long walk back to my hill trolley, the trudge home empty-handed, the tongue lashing for disturbing the neighbourhood, (bloody old farts), the taunts from my brother and calling me a failure and the tip or two from Dad that may help me be successful on my next try.

Reading my story I am glad you are so relieved that I did survive.

Hendo.

The Trip North, Part Two.

After leaving Carnarvon and we stopped at the Minilya roadhouse for a break then on to the Nanutarra roadhouse to refuel. There was hardly any wind but the temperature gauge on the wall of the service station showed 40 degrees centigrade. A roadside shelter at the Onslow turnoff was the only shelter to stop and take a break. This 'ere air-conditioning is great!

Close to Onslow we branched off towards "old Onslow" and drove along the dusty and corrugated road. The short hell out of everything and opening any cupboard door led to a shower of contents onto the floor. Found out the caravan is not dusty proof too. The walking tour of the "Old Onslow" town site was a real eye-opener to the harsh conditions they experienced.

Setting up camp alongside the five mile pool, we had a cool shower and supper under the "whatchamacallit" trees and watched the birdlife settle in for the evening. The waterholes of the Ashburton River looked inviting but I did not have concrete borders, a lifeguard in attendance, were more than a metre deep and had no signs around. I showered instead. One hour or so of tossing assorted lures gave nothing and a long walk along its banks showed no signs of life.

We moved into the Oceanview caravan park next morning, walked the beach at low tide, picked up a few shells and spoke to the locals about the local sites and some fishing. The 30 knot breeze on the water, the dust storm covering the town and the heat and the flies put a dampener on everything. Even I cried in my drink in sympathy with them, especially with the group returning from the Mackerel Islands without any fish.

Dampier was the next stop and a visit to the Burrup Peninsular gas works, the wharf areas and Hearson's Cove and then into Karratha that took most of the day. "No dogs" at the caravan park sent as packing towards Cleaverville beach. Another rough and dusty road, zillions of flies, another dust storm and a hot and humid night had our moods very low.

Port Sampson looked inviting until I ask that the deserted caravan park for a site but was told "no dogs, go to Roeborne". So it was another quick drive around then on to Cossack for the same. Bugger all hospitality and they wonder where the tourists are.

The track into the 80 mile Beach Caravan Park was very muddy due to the heavy overnight rains but the park was very pleasant. Lengthy walks along the beach, some shell collecting and some splashing in a few beach pools. Tried fishing as the tide came in at sunset and called zero. Leonie was mucking around and caught a four kilogram Leopard Ray, some catfish and a one metre school shark. Need I say anymore. Three days relaxing and enjoying ourselves.

A foolish idea to visit Port Smith was an absolute waste of time, for when we got there a "closed" sign on the gate said it all. Pity it was not on the main road.

The Broome caravan park welcomed us and gave the okay to clean the van and the car. Leonie had developed an ear infection that is needed a visit to the hospital. The usual sightseeing over the next couple of days, a bit of casting practice, swimming in the pool. The locals were crying in the beer because the fishing was so poor but as sunset on cable beach was enough.

Drove out to Willie Creek Pearl farm - another car clean. Caught up with an old friend at the Roebuck Bay caravan park, chased a king brown snake out of the telephone booth and gave the dog a haircut and the bath.

Derby was the next stop and again we received friendly service from the local caravan park people. A couple of lazy days visiting the wharf, museum and local attractions followed by very humid nights and Some extraordinary lightning displays. The "locals "rule the town.

The drive to Fitzroy Crossing was a dream. Lush undergrowth on the roadside, pools of water everywhere, huge bush bustards, large lizards, pigeons, hawks and an abundance of waterfowl everywhere. The picturesque hills and rock formations, the small cloud formations and greenery were a delight. The "Crossing's" caravan park was a real animal farm and we did to back to Tanunda Park to stay overnight.

We had the same scenery all the way to Halls Creek but broke the trip up with stops at a couple of lookouts, a grill clean (splattered a hawk), a puncture changeover then lunch at the Doon Doon roadhouse. Their wall temperature gauge read 41 degrees centigrade but great service made up for the heat. On into Kununurra and the Lakeview caravan park.

The pool got a good workout over the next couple of days, the sunsets were a dream with a drink in hand, the torch freshwater crocodiles spotting after dark, the bad innovation just as the sun went down, daily drives out around the cane fields, a visit to Ivanhoe Crossing and the zebra rock display, a tour around the irrigation channels and the dam. A day trip out to Wyndham, the spectacular views from the lookout, two of the local museum and the wharf area, drove around the town and saw how our money is wasted on housing. A great stay.

A phone call changed our plans so a quick trip via Timber Creek and Victoria River had us in Katherine the next evening for an overnight stay. Up early the next morning and onto Pine Creek to refuel then the tight winding road through the Kakadu National Park.

We are in Jabiru. 5600 kilometres, 19.7 litres per 100 kilometres, average temperature 37 degrees centigrade, buggered back. Hendo.

Clarification of Rules for Masters Competitions.

Clarification of some of the rules applying to the Junior Masters, Masters and Grand Masters Competitions is needed.

Masters, Section 5.3 in the Club's Competition Rules.

Currently the Competition Rules state that Masters fish must be caught on a Club field day. Fish are weighed and the heaviest fish of each species caught by each person is usually recorded, so therefore an application form for the Master's competitions is not required. This is very clear cut.

Grand Masters, Section 5.4 in the Club's Competition Rules.

There is no clarification on when the fish may be caught for this section and there have been various interpretations. If the species is caught outside of a Club Field Day an application form must be submitted.

I would like to have a new sentence included in the section 5.4.

"Eligible species may be caught at any time including on a club Field Day."

Allocation of fish to Masters and/or Grand Masters on Field Days.

Currently, the convention is that a fish is entered in **one** of the Masters or Grand Masters but not in both, even if it exceeds the minimum weight for both.

Since the introduction of the Masters and Grand Masters, eligible fish caught on a Field Day have been allocated to the "best" section that the weight will allow. Example, a Salmon of greater than 4.5 kg will be entered in to Grand Masters but not the Masters section.

Options, using the above example, are:-

1. Enter the fish into the Grand Masters only.
2. Allow the member to choose which section to enter it into, but one section only.
3. If the member already has a Grand Masters Salmon, then enter it into the Masters if a Salmon is needed there.
4. Enter the fish into **both** the Masters and Grand Masters, if Salmon entry needed in both.

Junior Masters.

Juniors should be able to enter an eligible fish into Masters or Grand Masters in addition to the Juniors Masters if they wish, but not into **both** Masters and Grand Masters.

Can members give me some feed back on the above issues, please?

Ian Cook, Recorder.

Recorders Report for April 2005

Number of Species Recorded.

Masters Competition				Grand Masters Competition			
Tony D'Alonzo	8	Spencer King	2	John Jardine	9	Roy Killick	1
John Jardine	6	Filomena D'Alonzo	2	Tony D'Alonzo	5	Matthew Henderson	1
Ian Cook	5	Breton Stitfold	2	George Holman	5	Spencer King	1
George Holman	5	Roy Killick	1	Ian Cook	2	Julie Kember	1
Morris Kolman	4	Ken Black	1	Mal Head	2	Chas Riegert	1
Ian Taggart	4	Brian Stokes	1	Dave Maxted	2	Ian Taggart	1
Dave Maxted	3	Brad Zaknich	1	Vix Alexander	1	Tony Ong	1
Chas Riegert	3	Bob Henderson	1				
Mark Farnay	3	Tony Ong	1				
Malcolm Harris	3	Joe Pullella	1				
Vix Alexander	2	Ross Kember	1				

Junior Masters Fish for 2004 – 2005

March 2005 Andrew Stoeckel Salmon 4.042 kg

Masters Fish for 2004 – 2005

May 2004	Breton Stitfold	Trevally, Skipjack	0.7 kg
	John Jardine	Tarwhine	0.65 kg
June 2004	Tony D'Alonzo	Trevally, Skipjack	1.12 kg
	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	1.5 kg
July 2004	Tony D'Alonzo	Trevally, Skipjack	1.5 kg
	Filomena D'Alonzo	Snook	1.8 kg
	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	2.0 kg
August 2004	Ian Cook	Tarwhine	0.6 kg
	Charles Riegert	Trevally, Skipjack	0.65 kg
	Grant Taggart	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.5 kg
	Mark Farnay	Whiting, King George	0.55 kg
	Bradley Zaknich	Whiting, King George	0.6 kg
	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	1.8 kg
	Ian Taggart	Snook	1.3 kg
	Charles Riegert	Snook	1.15 kg
October 2004	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.5 kg
November 2004	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	1.3 kg
	Malcolm Harris	Tailor	1.1 kg
February 2005	Vix Alexander	Tailor	1.7 kg
	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	1.3 kg
	Malcolm Harris	Tailor	1.65 kg
March 2005	Tony D'Alonzo	Salmon	3.926 kg
	Malcolm Harris	Salmon	3.548 kg
	Brian Stokes	Salmon	3.556 kg
	Vix Alexander	Trevally, Skipjack	0.820 kg
	Tony D'Alonzo	Trevally, Skipjack	0.856 kg
	Malcolm Harris	Trevally, Skipjack	0.676 kg

Grand Masters Fish for 2004 – 2005

February 2005	Tony D'Alonzo	Shark	24.45 kg
March 2005	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.980 kg
	Spencer King	Salmon	4.985 kg

If there are any omissions please contact me with the details so I can correct the records.

Ian Cook.

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Dry Casting Results, 3 April 2005.

Results for the day	112 gram			56 gram			Artificial Bait			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number									Target distance					
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points	
	Seniors.	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	
Chas Riegert	134	133	27	0	129	13	113	102	22	0	2	19	22	21	9	15	21	109	4	10	6	5	25	196
Gary Gildersleeves	122	119	24	0	0	0	91	94	19	16	9	21	19	18	11	21	14	129	0	6	0	7	13	185
Ric Parker	114	124	24	0	97	10	91	91	18	0	0	23	19	18	11	21	14	106	0	0	8	3	11	169
Nick Allsworth	149	140	29	113	117	23	0	0	0	7	11	12	20	19	0	16	11	96	0	6	0	7	13	161
Mal Harris	124	118	24	118	104	22	103	102	21	4	12	4	11	1	0	12	19	63	0	9	0	8	17	147
Joe Pullella	152	0	15	0	0	0	128	0	13	16	0	23	23	9	8	10	20	109	0	2	0	3	5	142
Peter Stoeckel	117	102	22	90	89	18	71	0	7	0	16	25	0	0	0	0	1	42	0	4	0	5	9	98
Mark Hansen	109	0	11	98	0	10	84		8	0	0	8	17	0	0	15	3	43	0	5	0	3	8	80
Veterans																								
Terry Fuller	90	92	18	85	83	17	70	75	15	21	20	16	18	21	0	21	21	138	0	4	8	5	17	205
Mal Head	101	96	20	0	85	9	77	79	16	23	24	22	14	13	7	18	23	144	0	3	0	5	8	197
Tony D'Alonzo	107	107	21	0	104	10	83	75	16	19	10	20	14	25	4	20	18	130	2	3	4	7	16	193
George Holman	140	147	29	122	0	12	0	0	0	21	22	18	12	14	21	0	19	127	0	9	6	10	25	193
Trevor Stam	77	76	15	42	47	9	65	62	13	18	18	19	23	14	9	19	21	141	0	8	0	0	8	186
Jim Strong	72	79	15	63	42	11	61	61	12	15	15	20	18	12	17	7	18	122	10	4	5	2	21	181
Allan Jones	100	108	21	0	0	0	87	88	18	18	22	20	17	0	11	13	21	122	6	5	0	8	19	180
Geoff Raftis	0	0	0	0	79	8	73	59	13	15	0	21	19	1	5	9	7	77	0	2	6	2	10	108
Ladies																								
Filomena D'Alonzo	0	77	8	80	0	8	74	70	14	12	16	24	22	13	0	21	18	126	8	0	0	3	11	167
Vix Alexander	64	76	14	0	65	7	65	67	13	9	13	11	15	10	0	24	12	94	0	0	0	1	1	129
Annella Riegert	0	58	6	49	60	11	60	0	6	19	0	7	0	14	5	0	18	63	0	3	0	3	6	92

Event:	Seniors Winner	Veterans Winner	Ladies Winner
112 gram Distance	Nick Allsworth 29	George Holman 29	Vix Alexander 14
56 gram Distance	Nick Allsworth 23	Terry Fuller 17	Annella Riegert 11
Artificial Bait	Chas Riegert 22	Allan Jones 18	Filomena D'Alonzo 14
Double Handed Acc.	Gary Gildersleeves 129	Mal Head 144	Filomena D'Alonzo 126
Single Handed Acc	Chas Riegert 25	George Holman 25	Filomena D'Alonzo 11
Days High Points	Terry Fuller 205		

Apologies to Trevor and Nick. The gremlins got in to the April Reel Talk and Trevor's score for the March dry casting disappeared, and Nick's Day's High Score wasn't recognised. Here are the correct versions:-

March Day's High Points Nick Allsworth 255

Results for March	112 gram			56 gram			Artificial Bait			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number									Target distance					
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points	
	Veterans.	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	
Trevor Stam	0	98	10	0	0	0	0	74	7	13	23	17	24	0	2	8	10	97	5	3	6	4	18	

April 2005 Recfishwest Board Meeting.

Here are some of the main points from the RFW Board meeting on 13 April 2005

Recfishwest received a briefing from Department of Fisheries research people about research data for pink snapper from Cockburn Sound and nearby. This gives extra information which will be used to decide the arrangements for the closure of Cockburn Sound and Warnbro Sound during the pink snapper spawning aggregation periods September to December, and also revisions of size and bag limits. More to come on that....

Dept of Conservation and Land Management has prepared a discussion paper called "Towards a Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Western Australia". This was released for a four-month consultation period closing 15 April 2005. It is at http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/haveyoursay/index.html#bio_cons

The discussion paper is a preliminary. The comments received on this version will now be used to prepare the real strategy paper which will go out for comments from the interested groups and the public before the final strategy is adopted.

Marine Planning is included, but CALM people acknowledge that information and data about marine and aquatic issues is very scarce, and particularly compared to the info available about terrestrial issues.

Recfishwest recently received a briefing on the discussion paper. This was the 28th briefing given by Keith Claymore, a very senior person from CALM, yet he said RFW raised many issues and put several different viewpoints to what had been received in any of the previous briefings. The opportunity was taken for RFW to present many alternative views and specific points of concern to recreational anglers about Marine Park planning in WA and explain the reasons for them.

RFW also took the opportunity to point out the irony of the actions and money to protect Marine Environments which are not under any particular threat, and contrast those with the inaction to protect our rivers and estuaries which are under very heavy threat and are suffering pollution and fish kills and very serious environmental degradation as a direct result of enough EFFECTIVE action. And one of the most badly affected rivers is right on the door step and under the noses of the residents of WA's capital city. Some people might soon need pegs on their noses.

A RFW submission which concentrates on the problems in the parts of the strategy dealing with the marine and aquatic environment in WA has been prepared and it is worth a read - see <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubBiodiversityConsvtNStratgyWA.htm>

Recfishwest is working on a paper about "Wilderness" fishing areas which were first raised in the discussions about the Ningaloo Marine Park. RFW aims to have clear ideas and examples ready for any future discussions on "Wilderness" or similar concepts with conservation groups or others which may wish to pursue these concepts.

Location of Boat Launching Ramp at/or south of Fremantle. John Baas reported on discussions with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure which were on a confidential basis and covered proposals for Woodman's Point and the other "Fremantle" boat ramp which the Government said will not be at Rous Head. DPI is prepared to give a similar "in confidence" briefing to the RFW Board in about 3 to 4 weeks.

The Government's decision not to base the boat ramp at Rous Head appears to be based on Fremantle Port's opposition, claims of serious conflicts with container trucks and questionable claims about conflicts from recreational boat traffic. The clear preference from the Recfishwest Policy Development Committee is that the ramp should be north of the River. Considering the other ramps already available south of Fremantle and the long distance to the first North of River ramp at Hillarys, south of Fremantle is not ideally located for the people who want to use it, or for the boat destinations and summer wind conditions. Road access is restricted.

Several Recfishwest policies have been revised and adopted have been placed on the Recfishwest web site. These include a new policy on working with children to comply with the proposed Act, and a policy on Competency based boat training, .

Recfishwest has prepared comments on the Fisheries Management Paper 184 dealing with proposals for the South West Beach Seine Fishery.

A reply has been sent to the "Geobay for the Future" proposals prepared by the group from Busselton. This enclosed a copy of Recfishwest's submission on the Fisheries Management Paper 184. These two papers were well received by the "Geobay for the Future" representative.

Recfishwest has ordered a new single axle fishing clinics and display trailer to replace the very heavy dual axle trailer.

Frank Prokop to write an article pointing out the actions to protect Marine Environments which are not under any particular threat, and contrast that with the inaction to protect our rivers and estuaries which are under very heavy threat and are suffering as a result of inaction.

RFW will prepare comments on and objections to City of Stirling draft local bylaws which place restrictions on several things to do with fishing (and many other of aspects of living within the City).

A meeting has been held between Recfishwest and Department of Fisheries about the recreational Creel survey for later this year. This will include gathering data at boat ramps up to 10 pm. RFW has discussed a number of issues which are being considered.

There is some progress with getting access to catch data which is normally published in the State of the Fisheries report, which is well overdue. The Director of Research has given instructions for the results to be presented as they are completed and not wait for the formal publication.

Craig Bibra reported on a meeting held to discuss the Straits Salt proposal on the eastern shores of Exmouth Gulf. Several organisations including the conservation groups were present and there was universal opposition to the project because of the potential for very significant impact on the environment including fish and prawn, etc nursery areas in the Gulf.

RFW submissions on the three Fisheries Management Papers on the Wetline Fishing Preview are nearly finished. These are very complex papers.

RFW move to the Watermans research building is now planned for early July.

Recfishwest received a briefing on the gas-fired power station at Kwinana which will be discharging heated water into Cockburn Sound. The warm water outlets will attract fish. The method of cleaning the outlets was questioned but no satisfactory answer was received. Planning for the discharge pipe from the Desalination Plant is still progressing.

The lack of action on the Shark management plan is most disappointing. RFW will approach the Department of Fisheries asking them to resolve any issues which are preventing implementation of the plan which is agreed is urgently needed. Failing that Recfishwest will approach the Conservation Council to issue a joint media release criticising the lack of action by the Department of Fisheries.

The position of Admin Assistant at Recfishwest has been filled which will provide some relief for the heavy overload currently carried by the Admin Officer Con Costa.

Other activities since the RFW meeting include:-

1. An ABC Landline program on commercial salmon fishing on the South West Coast has been broadcast. This included comments from Frank Prokop from RFW. Copies of the transcript are available at <http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2005/s1344427.htm>

2. The Recfishwest submission to CALM Discussion Paper "Towards a Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Western Australia" has been finalised. Copies of the submission are available from the RFW website at <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubBiodiversityConsvttnStratgyWA.htm>

3. The Recfishwest submission to Fisheries Management Paper 184, "Management of the Proposed South West Beach Seine Fishery" has been finalised. This is very important paper because it covers bait fishing and the impact that has on the availability of bait fish as food for and attractions for larger predatory fish. That catch and other species targeted can affect recreational fishing on the lower West Coast right up to and including the Metropolitan area. Copies of the submission are available from the RFW website at <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubSWbeachSeineFMP184.htm>

4. The Recfishwest submission to Fisheries Management Paper 191 "Access and Allocation Arrangements for the Commercial 'Wetline' Fisheries" has been finalised. Copies of the submission are available from the RFW website at <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubWetlineFMP191.htm>

The Recfishwest submissions to Fisheries Management Papers 189 Proposed Management Arrangements for the Gascoyne Commercial Wetline Fisheries <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubWetlineFMP189.htm> and 190 Proposed Management Arrangements for the West Coast Commercial Wetline Fisheries <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubWetlineFMP190.htm> will probably be on line by the time you read this in Reel Talk.

These documents are quite complex, and the backgrounds, explanatory information and proposals contained in them have a great number of issues involved. The comments from Recfishwest include comments on the background information and on material which is **not in** there, but should be in there, as well as comments on the material which is in there.

These RFW comments are very informative and very detailed, and show the attention given to the detail, background and history which leads to the proposals, or the reasons for objections to or suggestions for changes to the proposals.

Even though the "official" closing date has passed, **it is not too late** to do something and put some comments in. But please **do it very soon**. Last chance to speak up or.....

Even a simple letter or email or fax saying you agree with and support the submissions put in by Recfishwest and/or AAA - (exclude any bits you don't agree with) - will be a great help in convincing the Wetline Review Panel about the concerns of recreational anglers and the support for the work done by Recfishwest and AAA for recreational anglers – that includes and means **YOU**.

Address letters to:- Wetline Review Panels, Locked Bag 39, Cloisters Square Post Office, Perth WA 6850

Fax:- 08 9482 7224 email:- krsaville@fish.wa.gov.au

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AAA Submissions on Wetline Fishing Papers.

AAA has put in comments on the three papers about the proposals for the future management of Commercial Wetline Fishing in the West Coast and Gascoyne Regions. These also cover beach and inshore netting in some parts of the coast. I wrote the AAA ones, so I won't get into reviewing and giving any comments on those... you decide.

Fisheries Management Paper 189 "Proposed Management Arrangements for the Gascoyne Commercial 'Wetline' Fishery" - see <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/WetlineFMP189CommentsApril2005.pdf>

Fisheries Management Paper 190 "Proposed Management Arrangements for the West Coast Commercial 'Wetline' Fishery" - see <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/WetlineFMP190CommentsApril2005.pdf>

Fisheries Management Paper 191 "Access and Allocation Arrangements for the Commercial 'Wetline' Fisheries" - see <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/WetlineFMP191CommentsApril2005.pdf>

Getting copies. Members who do not have access to the Internet can get printed copies of these or any other submission by Recfishwest or AAA by contacting me. Terry Fuller.

Fines and Confiscations for Illegal Fish Catches

Four men have been fined a total of more than \$9,000 for illegal net fishing in Western Australia's Great Southern. Che Alic Mocksen and Madison Ranet from Katanning were both fined more than \$3,000 each for using five unattended fishing nets on the Palinup River earlier this month. Their boat and trailer were also forfeited.

Retirees Barry George Manyne and Victor Lewis Johnston from Perth were also fined several thousand dollars for illegal netting in the Wellstead Estuary at Bremer Bay, in which they exceeded the daily bag limit by more than 80 fish.

Van Hung Nguyen and Din Vuong Nguyen from Perth were charged with each taking 10 litres of ark shells from Oyster Harbour at Albany on Boxing Day last year. They were both fined \$250.

Cane Rod Blank Wanted.

Email received. Terry, I was wondering if your club could help me. I am trying to get my hands on a cane blank to try and build a beach rod.

I have called a few tackle shops, and apparently they don't sell them. They refer to them as "antiques." I was wondering if any members might have a blank stashed away that they might want to sell. If anyone can help me it would be much appreciated as I am looking for a special project to do with my kids.

Regards, Terry Morich. email morict01@tartarus.uwa.edu.au Phone 9479 5371 mobile. 0409 338 604

Shark and Ray Jaws Wanted.

Email received:- Dear Terry, I am a researcher based in the UK working on the evolution of sharks and rays, and need examples of modern shark and ray jaws and teeth as comparative material.

Many of the fossil groups I work on are extinct in the North Atlantic, but are still common around Australia. Although I can get jaws of larger forms (whalers, makos etc) from suppliers, what I really need are jaws of some of the smaller and less impressive types, especially catsharks, schoolsharks and their relatives, wobbegongs (especially the smaller ones) and almost any ray or guitarfish.

Would it be possible to pass this message on to members, and ask if they could keep the jaws of any of these that they keep for eating (please don't kill any on my account). These do not have to be properly cleaned, just dried or put in salt so they don't smell too much in the post. I will, of course, pay any costs for shipping etc.

All the best, Charlie Underwood, Birkbeck College University of London, UK email c.underwood@bbk.ac.uk

April 2005 Field Day Report.

The April Field Day was held on the Anzac Day long weekend. This was too late for the results to be written up and published in this May edition of Reel Talk to get to people in time for the next Dry Casting event. See the June Reel Talk for the results of the April Field Day and the final top ten list for Field Days.

Swan River Fish Kills Again – Time to DO MORE.

The heading just about says it all. Gets worse day by day. The Swan River Trust collected about 5000 dead fish from the river between East Perth and Bassendean in less than a week. Who knows how many there are on the bottom of the river?.

Fishing for black bream and mulloway in the Swan River has been fantastic. How long will it continue if pollution of the Swan keeps going the way it seems to be going?

There's plenty in the West Australian Saturday 23 April. Really worth reading for one view on what's wrong with the current amount of work being done and **NOT** done to help the river, and why.....

Front Page. photo of the Swan River with captions:- ***Our top icon: home to raw sewage, algae, dead fish and broken promises.*** - and footer:- *River of lost dreams: Just a year ago, the Swan River was crowned WA's first heritage icon..... we're wondering what happened?*

Extracts from the article on page 14:- ***Drainage Pollution Is Now the Swan's New Scourge.***

Promises of action and money keep flowing but the Swan River stays sullied by pollution in its many forms. Monica Videnieks and Eloise Dortch report on a new culprit.

More than a year ago, Geoff Gallop and his Environment Minister Judy Edwards stood on the banks of the Swan River to crown it the State's first heritage icon and declare an extra \$15 million would be spent **preserving the precious waterway**.

Nine algal blooms and two raw sewage spills later, conservationists and the public are rightly left wondering: **What happened?**

Three months after the Government's fanfare announcement, which included plans for tough new legislation to protect the Swan River - still in draft form - and faced with another toxic algal bloom, Dr Edwards was handed an Environmental Protection Authority report calling on the Government to **urgently review** its management of drainage into the Swan-Canning catchment.

Almost two years have passed since Dr Edwards promised a tough approach to fixing the pollution and algal problems affecting the Swan and insisted that solving the problems was her "top priority".

"I think the \$15m is enough money," Dr Edwards said. "Part of the issue is the way that it's discharged through the community groups." But Conservation Council director Chris Tallentire said the **\$15 million allocation was "seriously low"**.....

A senior stakeholder working with Dr Edwards on the river described her this week as being "paralytic" in managing the complexities. "Until very recently they were **unable to address this subject** because within her organisation there are a whole lot of different views on how the Swan should be managed," the source said.

"...the approach is getting better." But some stakeholders say his Government has wasted at least two years..... More than 10 reviews of drainage management had been done and **none had produced a plan**.

Ellenbrook area developers were annoyed to find that a million-dollar project to improve drainage was being undone by farms 100m away where animal waste entered the same waterway.

Former EPA boss Barry Carbon, 15 years have passed since he ran the State's EPA and he reluctantly admits care of the Swan has taken a back seat ever since. "... Dr Carbon said. "But this is the Swan River, it is Perth and **it is fixable**. Remember, the Peel was worse, Albany Harbour was worse and we fixed those. It just takes money and priority."

Dr Carbon said it was **up to the Government**, not the EPA or the Swan River Trust, to fix the Swan.

The West's Editorial. **Time for real decisions on distressed Swan**.

The frequency of the distress signals sent by the Swan River - big numbers of fish floating belly-up and algal blooms - are warnings that it is in deep and continuing trouble.

The science of what is happening in the river can be readily explained and understood: in essence, it is suffocating as a result of pollution. Clearly, the scientific knowledge is also available to devise effective remedies.

But the reasons for the lack of a comprehensive, lasting solution are **entirely political**. Politics is for the day, the river should be for ever. This newspaper has said that there will be a special place in WA history for any political leader who could look well into the future and set in train the effort needed, including **politically unpopular decisions** on catchment management, to restore the river. Sadly, the State still awaits such a leader.

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I know I said that there wouldn't be politics in the Reel Talk now the Election is decided. If anyone thinks the above is political or politically motivated, it's not, and I'm sorry. It is meant to show that the problems with the Swan River and other rivers and estuaries are a result of ignoring some of the things which **MUST** be done before the River can hope to recover. Although there is a lot being done and this does make a difference, those results are being swamped because there is not enough **other essential** work being done and not enough money.

I am limited by copyright in how much I can quote. But I was interviewed for the AAA on Howard Sattler's programme on 6PR earlier in that week. I said the very same things about the good work, but not enough, we know some big things that need to be done, not enough money, hard and unpopular decisions - drastic problems need drastic action, etc Funny that those ideas in the West are the same as what I said.

Meanwhile, the West Friday 22 April, reports the WA Treasurer asking Parliament for an extra \$750 million for the Election promises, which did not include any money to do anything for the Swan River and other rivers (correct me if wrong)

It's time for some emails and letters to members of WA Parliament. Go to it, people.....

Or else go fishing while you still can and take lots of photos to leave to your kids and grandkids to show what they are missing and what the fishing used to be like before the river died. TerryF

May 2005 Field Day – Cape to Cape.

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

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

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