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2011 SCAC Dinner and Presentation of Trophies.

6:30 pm Saturday 25 June at the Glengarry Tavern, corner of Warwick Road and Glengarry Drive, Duncraig.

Our presentation night is a function for all Members to get together and have a great time. It is also to encourage the involvement of members who are trying to improve their fishing or dry casting skills.

All members are urged to come along with friends and family, support your club, socialise with fellow club members, and cheer on the achievements of those members winning awards. There will be raffles, spot prizes and door prizes.

Pre dinner drinks for 30 minutes:- sweet / dry sherry, red / white wine, squash, cool drinks. Two bottles of wine per table of 8. Squash and cool drinks, tea and coffee all night. Buy others from the bar. A three course sit down meal has been arranged.

Starters:- Fresh crusty bread.

Entrees:- Soup of the day with fresh bread or Bruschetta.

Mains:- Chicken Tenderloins wrapped in bacon and served with creamy mashed potato and topped with a mushroom cream sauce, **or** 250 gram Rump Steak served with crunchy beer battered chips and your choice of sauce, **or**

Fish of the day served with crunchy beer battered chips and tartare sauce
All mains served with fresh Garden Salad.

Dessert:- Home made Apple crumble with ice cream, **or** Pavlova.

Children's meals. Mains:- Sausage with either mash potato or beer battered chips, or Fish and Chips, or Calamari and Chips, or Nuggets and Chips. **Dessert:-** Kid's Ice cream sundae with choice of topping.

**GUARANTEED GOOD FOOD, GREAT COMPANY, ENJOYABLE EVENING
ORGANISE YOUR PARTY NOW. GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER and BOOK
YOUR TICKETS.**

Price:- \$45 per person, or \$10 per child having children's meal.

Contact Pat McKeown - details in front of Reel Talk.

Please support the Club and please consider donating a trophy for one of the competition sections.

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Dry Casting food and drinks

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

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



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Committee Person

Mal Head

Committee Person

Beverley Grigo

Committee Person

Vince Iozzi

AAAWA Delegates

George Holman
Terry Fuller

Note 2

Note 1. All club correspondence posted by mail should be addressed to the Club's Post Office Box, not to the private home address of the club member.

Note 2. The Minutes Secretary, Website Editor, Membership Coordinator and AAWA Delegates are Committee functions and jobs, not additional Committee positions.

Note 3. The Immediate Past President is a consequential fact. It is not a Committee position elected by the members or filled by resolution of the Committee, as are all other Committee positions and functions.

Life Members of the Club

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

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Please show your friends your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

Minutes of General Meeting 13 April 2011

Venue:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Commenced 8:05 pm. President George Holman presiding.

Present:- 27 members.

Apologies:- Mal Head, Wayne Collis, Kathy Sedal, David Maxted, Wendy Hansen, Michelle Walker, Holly Walker, Melvin Wee, Des de Villiers.

Visitors:- Chrystyne Crompton, Yvonne Becu, Bob Becu.

New members:- Shane Becu, Keith Teale, Allan Wood and Ron Lindsay were welcomed into the Club and presented with their membership packs. Mini junior Shane Becu spoke and thanked the Club and the members.

Minutes of previous meeting:- **Moved** Jim Strong seconded John Curtis the minutes of the previous meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

Previous Committee meeting:- George Holman read out some action points from the minutes of the Committee meeting as published in Reel Talk.

Secretary's report:-

Members who need their Club Badge updated to the new design please notify the Secretary.

Club membership list and attendance records have been updated for April 2011

WFI Insurance will cover public liability for the proposed Bunnings Fund Raiser. Date to be advised.

Clubs Forever, City Of Stirling gave a Donation to the Club of \$300 for volunteer work done on 2 April at the Herb Graham Centre "Come & Try Day". Thanks to all who attended and helped out: Malcolm Head, Pat McKeown, George Holman, Terry Fuller, John Curtis and John Crompton.

Quotes have been received for stickers and badges. To be discussed at Committee. Keith Teale said he would discuss possible donations from his suppliers.

<u>Correspondence In:-</u>	Synergy Westpac R&D White Accountants West Wear AAAWA	Kalbarri account Bank statement to 31 March 2011 Taxation statement and refund cheque Quote on Club badges Minutes of March Delegates meeting
<u>Correspondence out:-</u>	Ron Lindsay, Allan Wood, Shane Becu and Keith Teale City of Stirling Recfishwest Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW. City of Swan	Acceptance of application for membership Thanks for donation of \$300 to SCAC for volunteer work at Come and Try Day. Thanks for donations of fishing DVDs, tackle boxes, general literature for the Come & Try Day Rock Fishing safety discs Application for license for weekend Bunnings BBQ
<u>Emails in:-</u>	Des De Villiers	Still in South Africa. Thanks for the email.
<u>Emails out:-</u>	Possible members	Information about the Club

Treasurer's report:- Terry Fuller reported.

Accounts for payment.

To	For	Amount	
West Wear	50% deposit for 30 species badges	\$107.25	Committee approved
Offshore Angling Club	Advertisement for Kalbarri in "Fish Tales"	\$80.00	Committee approved
iiNet	Email and website credit account	\$50.00	
S McCrae	Refund of double direct deposit Kalbarri.....	\$700.00	
Terry Fuller	Stamps for Reel Talk.....	\$60.00	T Fuller total
	Printing of April Reel Talk	\$120.78	\$180.78
John Crompton	Photo copying Office Works.....	\$20.00	
	General stationery Office Works.....	\$19.16	Secretary total
	Stamps x 10	\$6.00	\$45.16
Pat McKeown	Onions brown \$1.98kg	\$2.19	

Aussie sausage 2kg	\$9.96	
Rolls hot dog 6 pack x 6.....	\$14.40	
Postage stamps x 22.....	\$13.20	
Printer ink packet 4 EPS 73	\$64.85	
Cartons Pepsi Max x 3	\$33.00	
Onions Drycasting 13/3/2011	\$3.62	
Sausages 13/03/2011 Drycasting	\$10.98	
Rolls 13/03/2011 Drycasting	\$15.00	
Assorted biscuits 500gram.....	\$2.90	Social Org total
Milk 1 litre	\$1.80	\$177.90

Total new accounts for payment (excludes Committee approved) \$1,147.84

Bank account summary

Bank Balance as at 13 April	\$8,384.12
Accounts for payment	\$1,147.84
Available balance after payment of accounts	\$7,236.28
Cheques held for banking	\$2,283.25
Outstanding cheques	\$300.00
Available total	<u>\$9,219.53</u>

Income / money received since March General meeting

Balance for Rottneest May 2011	\$892.00	
Deposits/payments for Kalbarri	\$2,300.00	Some direct deposits
Payment for Club attendance at City of Stirling "Come and Try Day" 2 April..	\$300.00	
Pro-rata single membership 2010/11	\$50.00	
Tax refund for 2009/10 financial year	\$241.25	
Total income since March General meeting	<u>\$3,783.25</u>	\$700 to be refunded

Income / money received at April General meeting

Rottneest May Field Day	\$244.00
Deposit Rottneest August Field Day.....	\$200.00
Dry casting fees March \$154 April \$176.....	\$330.00
Raffle at April General meeting	\$42.00
Pro rate membership 2010/11	\$50.00
Rent of Club generator 1 week.....	\$50.00
Sausage sizzle \$87.50 drinks \$27.80 April drycasting	\$115.30
Total income at April General meeting	<u>\$1,031.30</u>

Moved Peet Wessels, seconded Peter Pekaar the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

Property Officer:- Ray Walker said bookings were reasonable. There had been a late cancellation for 2 weeks in May.

Field Days:- Peet Wessels reported on the coming April at Bremer Bay/Reef Beach.

Dry Casting Officer:- Allan Jones reported some results from the April Dry Casting.

AAA report:- The State Boating competition was held in perfect weather in late March with some great catches. A meeting of the Dry Casting group was held on 28 March. The AAA President held a strategy meeting in early April.

Social Organiser:- Tickets for the Presentation night on 25 June are available. Details in Reel Talk. The June General Meeting is the last date to buy tickets, but Pat would appreciate numbers earlier, by May General Meeting. **AP GM4/11 #1**

A lawn bowls afternoon has been organised for Saturday 18 June, \$10 per person.

Pat asked members to consider giving donations for the trophies and prizes at the Presentation night. **AP GM4/11 #2**

Bill Ransted has donated a wine rack.

Reel Talk:- Terry Fuller thanked members who had contributed those interesting stories for the April Reel Talk. Articles are always welcome.

Recorder:- John Curtis said there were lots of empty sections in the fishing competition and urged members to put in some entries.

John showed a copy of Filofish, a pocket sized fish identification book printed on waterproof paper. He can get a 20% discount for a bulk order to reduce the price to \$40.

General business:- Jim Strong said the operation on his leg seemed to have been successful.

Peter Osborne moved, Peter Pekaar seconded that the list of suggested Field day venues and boundaries as published in the April Reel Talk be accepted for the 2011/12 season - carried.

Peet Wessels moved, Allan Jones seconded that the existing Competition Rules for the Field Day fishing competition be adopted for the 2011/12 season - carried.

Peter Pekaar moved, Pat McKeown seconded that the existing Competition Rules for the Open fishing competition be adopted for the 2011/12 season - carried.

Mark Hansen moved, Allan Jones seconded that the existing Competition Rules for the Dry Casting competition be adopted for the 2011/12 season - carried.

Marcia Pekaar showed the scabbard and knife donated by Ian Pereira, to be raffled with the draw on the Presentation night. Tickets are now available from Marcia.

George Holman reported on a recent boat trip with son Heath off Mindarie where the Spanish mackerel were about in good numbers.

Raffle:- Allan Jones won the first prize.

Meeting closed:- Formal meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Instruction period:- Peter Osborne gave a talk on poisonous fish and animals, and Rottnest Field Days.

Action points from April 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM4/11 #1	Buy tickets for the Presentation night on 25 June and/or advise Pat McKeown of attendance by May General meeting	All members	
AP GM4/11 #1	Consider giving donations for the trophies and prizes at the Presentation night	All members	

Action points from December 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM12/10 #2	Suggest social activities to Social Organiser	All members	Ongoing

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

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Action points from April Committee meeting

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General Meeting, often the listed action points from the meeting. For members' information, here is the set of action points and status from the last Committee meeting as recorded in the minutes.

Action points from 20 April 2011 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM4/11 #1	Presentation night details to be published in Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	In May Reel Talk, will be repeated in June
CM4/11 #2	Acknowledge trophy donors in Reel Talk and ask members to donate trophies	Terry Fuller	In May Reel Talk, will be repeated
CM4/11 #4	Transport to the Presentation night to be arranged for the senior members of the Club who don't have transport	George Holman and Committee	

CM4/11 #5	Kalbarri house insurance to be increased to replacement value	Ray Walker	
CM4/11 #6	Buy queen sized mattress and base and 81 cm TV for Kalbarri	Ray Walker	Done
	Collect bed and deliver to John Curtis' home	Terry Fuller	Done
CM4/11 #7	Update advertisements and website to show 20% discount off Kalbarri public rates to members of clubs affiliated with AAAWA.	Terry Fuller	Done

Future Instruction periods.

May	S-Bend area, the venue for the coming June long weekend Field Day, local field days. Peter Osborne.
June	Taking photos of fish. John Curtis.
July	Use of a vacuum sealer, looking after and getting the best out of your fish. Terry Fuller.
August	Annual General meeting and election of 2011/12 Committee.

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events

May Dry Casting

When:- Sunday 1 May 2011. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance **PLUS** an optional double handed 56 gram Open after the other events have been run. This is not part of the normal competition. It is just a fun event and practice for the people going to the AAA National Championships.

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

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

Seniors, Ladies and Juniors will be on distance first, Veterans will cast accuracy first.

New year May will be the first casting event for the new 2011/12 Club Competition Year. This will be your chance to start off the new year, so come along. Remember on the first day's casting, every cast over 120 metres, or 100 metres for Ladies, Juniors and Veterans, receives 1 point for Sportsperson of the Year.

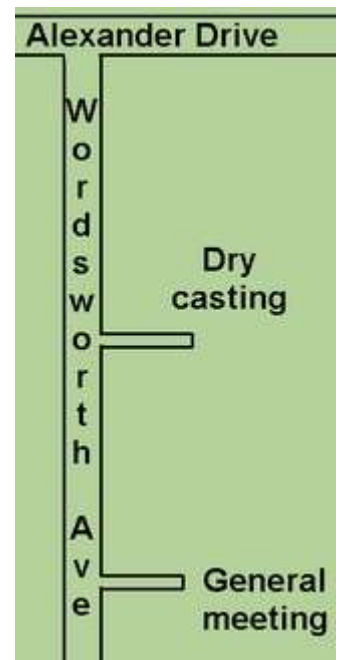
May General meeting

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

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

Sign In:- Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet. See Jim Strong or Dean Stewart.

Instruction period:- S-Bend area, the venue for the coming June long weekend Field Day, local field days, by Peter Osborne.



May Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 May. This is the first field day for the 2011/12 Competition Year.

Where:- Rottnest.

Sign On:- Saturday 10:45am at Caroline Thomson Cabins.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon

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

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 9 pm Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 9 pm at Caroline Thomson Cabins.

Boundaries:- All non restricted areas around Island.

Ferry to Rottnest.

Check In Rous Head: Friday 13 May at 5.45 pm. Rottnest Express, Northport Rous Head.

Depart Rous Head: Friday 13 May at 6.30 pm. Rottnest Express from Northport.

Arrive Thomson Bay: Friday 13 May at 7.00 pm.

Ferry from Rottnest.

Depart Thomson Bay: Monday 16 May at 8.30 am.

Arrive Northport: Monday 16 May at 9.00 am.



Bus transport to and from West End.

Depart cabins: Saturday 14 May at 11.00 am.

Depart West End: Saturday 14 May at 7.30 pm.

Depart cabins: Sunday 15 May at 11.00 am.

Depart West End: Sunday 15 May at 7.30 pm.

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat	1.08m at	0.73m at	0.85m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 3 am at 264 deg	
	14 May	7:45 am	3:39 pm	9:22 pm	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 3 pm at 100 deg	
	Sun	0.83m at	1.16m at	0.65m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 4:10 am at 257 deg	
	15 May	12:28 am	8:00 am	4:48 pm	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 3:35 pm at 106 deg	
<u>Sunrises</u>	About 7:00 am at 68 deg			<u>Sunsets</u>	About 5:30 pm at 292 deg		

Local Field Day for May

When:- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 May. This is the first field day for the 2011/12 Competition Year.

Sign On: Phone Field Day Officer before Thursday evening.

Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 9 pm Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 9 pm at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8 pm the following night.

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

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

Tides, etc See details above for Fremantle.

May Committee meeting

When:- Wednesday 18 May 2011, 7:30pm.

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

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

June Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 June long weekend.

Where:- S-Bend, 30 km south of Geraldton.

Sign on:- Saturday 11am at S-Bend caravan park.




Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon.

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

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am at S-Bend caravan park.

Boundaries:- 7 Mile Beach, 12 km north of Dongara to Tarcoola Beach, a suburb of Geraldton.

<u>Tides for Geraldton</u>	Sat 4 June	1.10m at 11:06 am	0.41m at 6:58 pm	<u>Moonrise</u> <u>Moonset</u>	About 9:05 am at 64 deg About 7:45 pm at 294 deg	
	Sun 5 June	1.07m at 11:48 am	0.44m at 7:27 pm	<u>Moonrise</u> <u>Moonset</u>	About 9:50 am at 68 deg About 8:50 pm at 290 deg	
	Mon 6 June	1.03m at 12:33 pm	0.48m at 7:54 pm	<u>Moonrise</u> <u>Moonset</u>	About 10:30 am at 73 deg About 9:50 pm at 285 deg	
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About 7:10 am at 65 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 5:30 pm at 295 deg	

Local Field Day for June

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 4/5/6 June.

Sign On: Phone FDO before Thursday evening.



Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon.

Times:- 12 noon Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8 pm the following night.

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

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

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat 4 June	1.25m at 10:20 am	0.61m at 8:07 pm	<u>Moonrise</u> <u>Moonset</u>	About 9:05 am at 64 deg About 7:35 pm at 295 deg	
	Sun 5 June	1.22m at 10:54 am	0.63m at 8:46 pm	<u>Moonrise</u> <u>Moonset</u>	About 9:50 am at 67 deg About 8:40 pm at 291 deg	

Tides for Fremantle

Mon 1.17m at 0.67m at
6 June 11:27 am 9:22 pm

Moonrise Moonset

About 10:30 am at 72 deg
About 9:40 pm at 286 deg



Sunrises About 7:10 am at 64 deg

Sunsets About 5:20 pm at 296 deg

Calendar for next three months

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

25	Presentation Night	22	Safari
3	Dry Casting	13	General Meeting
14	15	Field Day	
20	Committee Meeting		

May 2011							June 2011							July 2011						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					1			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

New member acceptances

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

Stuart, Tara, Lachlan, Callum, Evan and Caitlin Spickett

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

New member applications

None this month

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2011

With the upgrade of the Kalbarri house, addition of a second air conditioner, new bunk beds, table and chairs, the Committee has reviewed the rates for the Kalbarri house. See the article on the inside back cover. Bookings, keys etc will be done through Kalbarri Visitor Centre, not via Ray White Kalbarri. All club bookings and queries should go to the Property Officer, Ray Walker.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a 20% discount on the public rates for rental of the Kalbarri house.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings in 2011 for the following dates, inclusive. All other dates not listed are currently available. This list is at 24 April and does not include any bookings which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

2011

May 1 May to 7 May, 28 May to 30 May

June 1 Jun to 3 Jun, 11 Jun to 24 Jun

August

October 1 Oct to 7 Oct, 15 Oct to 31 Oct

December 31 Dec

2011

July

September

November 1 Nov to 4 Nov

Jan 2012 1 Jan to 6 Jan 2012

Property Officer, Ray Walker

Local Field Day report April 2011

As this field day was the last for the Club year, we were keen to attend, albeit it local, so we sent out an email and made a couple of phone calls to rally interest. John Crompton, Yvonne, Bob and Shane Becu arrived before us and set up to fish at the right-hand side of the Floreat drain. Our newest member, Shane, had a smile ear to ear indicating his enthusiasm for fishing with the group. Allan Jones was on our email distribution list and arrived after us. When we mentioned the email, he said he hadn't seen it, but just presumed we would be here!!!



Marcia Pekaar with a skipper caught at Floreat

As well as Allan, we were joined by George Holman, and later on John and Jenny Curtis made their way down if only to take photos and enjoy the sea breeze, just in time to see Marcia reel in a skipper.

Marcia's next catch was a double-header tarwhine, but sadly undersized and had to go back.

Things were quiet until sunset when herring started coming on followed by a flathead and some decent sized tailor.

On Sunday morning, Peter received a call from Jeff Hewton and they arranged to meet at Fremantle and try for gardies. After an hour or so, their efforts were rewarded and they both took home fish. Gardies are fun to catch on light tackle and not only are they a delicious table fish, but they are also a good bait for pelagic fish.



5 species at the Local Field Day weigh in, from Floreat, Trigg and the South Mole.

Allan tried his luck at Trigg on Sunday night and landed a really nice tailor to bring to the weigh-in the following day.

On Monday morning, Peter, Marcia, Jeff Hewton, and Allan Jones met up again at Floreat. Marcia was the only one to add to the Esky with another Skipper.

Several whiting, small salmon, tarwhine, and a crab were returned to the ocean on what turned out to be a less than productive fishing session.

We recommend attending local field days, even for just a couple of hours.



Allan Jones casting at Floreat.



Peter Pekaar and undersized double header, ready to go back in the water.

Regardless of the catch, it is great to be able to enjoy the fresh air, get in a little bit of exercise, experience the sand between your toes, and generally rid yourself of the daily grind.

All in all this was a top weekend fishing with friends and fellow club members.

Next month, if you are not attending the Rottnest field day and would like to fish locally, please indicate your interest at the May General Meeting.

Photos by John Curtis, story by Marcia and Peter Pekaar

Field Day report April 2011

Bremer Bay, what a delightful spot. I have heard a lot about the place and as a first time visitor was not disappointed. This is truly a great family holiday spot and it caters for most kinds of families, from fishing, 4x4, surfing, boating, diving, golf, dirt bikes, quads and many more.

We arrived early on the Friday morning and booked into Bremer Caravan Park. This is a beautiful park with all the facilities to make your stay a pleasurable one. This is also a great spot to use as a base camp and to explore the many beautiful spots close by.

With fishing our main goal for the week end we soon got into looking for fishable water. We visited the following beaches, all at the heart of Bremer Bay. Native Dog Beach, good for fishing and surfing. Blossom's Beach, nice family, body surf, 4x4 and fishing. Banky Beach, beautiful views and good fishing if you are in the mood for a very steep down and up climb. Short Beach is good for family, diving and fishing.

Back Beach is another fishing spot with 4x4 access but be warned the sand is very soft and not recommended for the novice 4x4 explorer. The Estuary Mouth and Town beach are also 4x4 access, with good fishing and a lot of family activities on this beautiful stretch of beach.

The Townsite itself have a well equipped General store, estuary and boat ramp. There is also an excellent fish cleaning facility close to the Caravan Park and Estuary Mouth.

Some of our members fished Reef Beach and by the reports also had a very successful field day. The following members signed on at Bremer. Theo and Louise van Niekerk, Frank and Sumarie Gaudin, Sandra and Peet Wessels. We also had two visitors from the UK, Pieta and Elmarie.



Sandra Wessels and salmon

We all fished together and had a whale of a time. We all managed to get hooked into a Salmon or two and it was great fun watching each other getting pulled around by rather big Salmon.

We landed 7 species with some very nice Skippy and a few big Tarwhine.

Pieta is the European Golf champion for the blind and it was fantastic to see him hooking into a monster Salmon, playing it and then landing it successfully.

He was so chuffed and happy and could not thank us enough for introducing him to fishing. He might now swap his clubs for a fishing rod.

Another highlight of the weekend was the great achievement of Frank, landing two big Salmon on fly.

After losing a hard fighting Salmon on the Sunday he persisted with the fly rod and early on Monday morning while we were still sleeping he landed the two beauties.

I believe his wife captured the one catch on video. I can't wait to see this spectacle. Well done Frank.

The heaviest scale fish was caught by Peter Osborne with his big 5 kg Salmon, and he also caught the heaviest bag of 21.46 kg.



The Bremer Bay group with salmon

The Field day prize for heaviest bag goes to Theo van Niekerk with a mixed bag of 18.77 kg. Well done to both of you.

This was a very memorable weekend with so much enjoyment and fun. I can't wait to spend a short holiday in this area to explore it even more.

Our next field day is Rottnest Island and this always proves to be an exciting venue. For the members who are interested in our August Rottnest Field day, now is the time to book your spot for a real exciting field day.

Hope the next time I see you is with a bent rod in the hand. Tight lines.

Field Day Officer, Peet Wessels

Catch results and points for the April Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	21.46 kg	5	12	314.6
Theo Van Niekerk	18.77 kg	5	23	277.7
Peet Wessels	10.04 kg	7	25	220.4
Ian Cook	15.04 kg	2	5	210.4
Sandra Wessels	10.79 kg	5	18	207.9
Mark Hansen	8.59 kg	1	2	145.9
Frank Gaudin	7.23 kg	2	4	132.3
Peter Pekaar	2.54 kg	4	11	85.4
Allan Jones	2.13 kg	2	3	61.3
Sumarie Gaudin	0.35 kg	1	2	53.5
Marcia Pekaar	1.06 kg	1	2	40.6
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40
George Holman	0.3 kg	1	2	33

Points include Field Day and April General Meeting points.

Sportsperson of the Year winners for April 2011

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Salmon	5.0 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	21.46 kg

Field day section winners for April 2011

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Salmon	5.0 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Theo van Niekerk	Mixed Bag	18.77 kg

Species weighed in at the April Field Day were:- Skippy, Herring, Flathead, Tailor, Garfish, Salmon, King George Whiting, Breaksea Cod, Western Rock Blackfish, Banded Sweep, Tarwhine and Wrasse.

Species caught on the Local Field day were Skippy, Herring, Flathead, Tailor and Garfish.

Field Day top scores for 2010/11

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1918.4	1	Ian Taggart	246.3	18	Terry Fuller	91.6	35
Peet Wessels	1664.2	2	Frank Gaudin	239.6	19	Ron Lindsay	81.5	36
Sandra Wessels	1395.1	3	Sabby Pizzolante	188.9	20	Gary Gildersleeves	73.7	37
Mark Hansen	815	4	Sarah Wignell	182.6	21	Des De Villiers	65.5	38
Peter Pekaar	779.7	5	Eric Parker	163.9	22	Trevor Stam	62.6	39
George Holman	724.2	6	Greg Keet	160.5	23	Bob Henderson	50	40
Theo Van Niekerk	643.4	7	Sharon Osborne	148.9	24	Greg Walker	50	41
Ian Cook	633.4	8	Dean Stewart	134.7	25	Holly Walker	50	42
Marcia Pekaar	621.5	9	John Curtis	131	26	Kathy Sedal	50	43
Allan Jones	556	10	Michael Gaudin	130.9	27	Michelle Walker	50	44
John Crompton	470.1	11	Melvin Wee	130.4	28	Wayne Collis	50	45
Justin Rose	410.9	12	Nick Edwards	120	29	Heather Osborne	40	46
Wendy Hansen	364.6	13	Charles Faure	115	30	Jeff Hewton	40	47
Ray Walker	350.7	14	Wayne Shaw	110	31	Louise Van Niekerk	40	48
Danny Fimeri	295.9	15	Liam Wignell	108.8	32	Ray Digivsto	40	49
Pat McKeown	291.3	16	Tino Baiardo	102.7	33	Rhys Jones	10	50
Shane Wignell	260.8	17	Sumarie Gaudin	93.5	34			

Note Competition Rules Section 2.4.5 Field Day Top Ten say:- *“To determine the Top Ten for each competition year, the monthly scores of each angler shall be accumulated by the addition of the member’s top eleven (11) field day totals.”* The above totals will need to be adjusted for members who have attended all 12 field days.

Field Day sections 2010/11

Up to and including April Local Field Day.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Allan Jones	Pink Snapper	6.75 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Peter Osborne	Salmon	5.0 kg
2	Most Meritorious Fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Peet Wessels	Shark	6.50 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Peter Pekaar } Allan Jones }	Tailor	1.15 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Peter Osborne	Salmon	5.0 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peter Osborne	Skipjack Trevally	1.24 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.08 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	21.46 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tino Baiardo	Tailor	4.27 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)			
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Frank Gaudin	Herring	0.13 kg

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Barron Lure competition 2010/11

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

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	Mal Head	Tailor, 2.25 kg at Kalbarri
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	Mark Hansen	Salmon 4.48 kg at Reef Beach
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	Mark Hansen	Salmon 4.48 kg at Reef Beach

Open fishing competition 2010/11

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

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	Ray Walker, 4.8 kg Gummy shark
3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	Frank Gaudin, 4.0 kg
5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Mal Head, 2.5 kg, caught at Kalbarri
7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Wayne Shaw, 0.728 kg Bar tailed flathead
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	Peet Wessels, 0.73 kg at Bremer Bay
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	Justin Rose, 25 kg at Steep Point
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	Pat McKeown, 0.81 kg Black Bream
16	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman, 2.15kg Spangled Emperor at Quobba, 22 May 2010
17	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	Frank Gaudin, 4.0 kg salmon

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches at the April Field Day and some other entries. See the full list of members' catches in the previous Reel Talks.

Name	Black Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Pat McKeown	1	1			1			1		1			1		1		1	8
Frank Gaudin					1					1								2
Sumarie Gaudin					1													1

Recorder, John Curtis

President's report

I start this report on a sombre note as I had a phone call from Andy Thorgersen on 21 April to tell me that his wife Kit had passed away that afternoon. On behalf of the club I extend our condolences to you and your family, Andy.

Our last meeting saw a very good attendance although I didn't help it by leaving Dave Maxted at home. Apologies Dave.

We accepted four new members to our club, Ron Lindsay, Keith Teal, Allan Wood and a Mini junior in Shane Becu. Shane made a huge impression by making an acceptance speech thanking club members for the help he had so far. I saw some proud parents in Robert and Yvonne Becu with huge smiles on their faces. I would like to see a few more like him.

Jim Strong has had his 89th birthday and is coping well after an operation on his leg.

All the formalities were dealt with very expediently at our last meeting setting up our next year's activities. The effort you all put into the field day selections was the reward and I hope the new competition year is a bountiful and rewarding one for you all. I know our recorder John Curtis would like to be kept busy with lots of entries.

This has been a very unusual month as Easter has meant a late fishing field day and I hope the reports from Bremer Bay are good. I witnessed the local field day weigh in at my place on Monday morning where some good fish were presented as reported elsewhere. More importantly was the camaraderie of the group fishing together. Like to see more partaking though.

Time to start thinking about our Presentation and dinner night on 25 June at the Glengarry Tavern. If it is as good as last year's it will be well worth attending. Pat McKeown is doing a great job and if anyone wants to donate a trophy etc towards the night please let him or me know. He has the tickets available so please purchase them early, as we would like to know the numbers attending as soon as possible.

Peter Osborne did a great job with his April instruction period on poisonous fish and later a demonstration of what you need to take to a Rottnest fishing venue and how to pack it.

Peter has volunteered to give our next instruction period on fishing S-Bend and what to take up and where to fish. This is a must for those going to the June long weekend venue and if you need stimulus make sure you are present.

I rang Vince Iozzi recently to find out why we hadn't seen him for a while only to find out that his wife Lisa has had a battle with cancer but is now on the mend and that Vince also had a stint in hospital as well. It has to be all positive from now on Vince and the remedy is a bit more fishing.

Just a reminder to those going away to South West Rocks that there is a meeting at my place on Monday 9 May at 8 pm to tidy up arrangements. Bob Henderson leaves on 23 May to travel east for the championship with his good wife Lee.

I apologise for not attending our next dry casting as Dave Maxted, Pat McKeown and I will be endeavouring to catch a few fish at Steep Point and will be away for a week.

Ray Walker our Property Officer has been busy once again and he has organised to replace the queen sized bed at our Kalbarri property and also the TV which packed it in. John Curtis will arrange to take the bed to Kalbarri and is looking for assistance. I thank him on your behalf.

I am impressed with the harmony and positive approach you the members are displaying at present which makes the job of the committee a very rewarding one.

Tight lines and good casting.

President 2010/11, George Holman

Social Organiser Report, April

Hello fellow members.

Hopefully this report finds you all well. I am sure our thoughts all go out to Andy at his sad loss.

This is a busy time of the year with the competition year ending at the end of April. The Presentation night is well under way. Sponsors' support is starting to come in, so we have some excellent prizes this year.

It's too late after the start of May to catch fish for the competition, but it's not too late to enter eligible fish caught during April into the Open Competition. Remember Open entries must be in within 30 days of capture. Otherwise fish and cast hard and enjoy the rewards in next year's competition.

Don't forget we would like to know numbers attending the Presentation night by the May general meeting.

You can email, or the old fashioned way, just make a phone call, but please let us know so that we can organise this gala night for you all to enjoy. Tickets are \$45 each and \$10 for children having a child's meal. A top menu is assured with a good glass of whatever you fancy.

The next item is the Lawn Bowls. This has been organised for 18 June 2011 from 2pm until 6pm. The bar will open at 3pm so please support the club by coming along and have a good time trying to steer the bowl at the white one up the other end. Just pretend you're casting without a rod etc. They have requested flat shoes, socks or bare feet only on the greens, so kick your shoes off and come along.

The cost is \$10 per head, there is a BBQ for those that wish to cook. Food is BYO but please purchase drinks from the bar.

Future events are in the pipeline. If you have something special just speak up or contact me any time.

Well, tight lines and good luck on the night of nights.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Recfishwest report

I arranged for two topics to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the April 2011 Recfishwest Board meeting. Considerable time was spent on both topics.

Recfishwest Website. Seven months have passed since the website went "live" with many issues still unresolved despite many requests. The website is a critical component of communicating with recreational fishers, the general public and other stakeholders. The website is not fulfilling, and in some ways is incapable of fulfilling this critical communications role.

The Board discussed many aspects of the RFW website, and resolved that major changes must be made as soon as possible, plus the website must be made suitable for future needs even if that requires a complete rebuild to proper specifications.

Work should be started early on specifications and requirements for the website; with proper informed consideration, and without pressure and urgency because the priority is to get it right this time.

RFW communications with members, recreational fishers and public.

Recfishwest's Communications Strategy was developed and adopted around April 2010 to recognise RFW's role as the government recognised peak body for recreational fishing.

Discussions at the April 2011 Board meeting included:-

- The RFW website has issues and limitations, both function and particularly limited content, which prevent it from delivering the outcomes required by the Communications Strategy.
- Despite significant improvements in country and regional publicity, there have been many missed opportunities by RFW to inform recreational fishers and promote a better understanding of RFW's activities and roles in some very important matters affecting recreational fishing.
- There has been a lack of responses to some valid questions and comments on some web fishing forums. Some replies posted have been confused or confusing, leading to negative perceptions of and comments about RFW.
- RFW members are questioning the lack of actions by RFW to communicate effectively with recreational fishers and the non fishing public on some topics.
- Only the staff of RFW know all the details of RFW activities, and only the staff can prepare any summaries. Board members are not informed of some of these activities in a timely manner.

Staff need to prepare and publish and publicise an adequate up to date summary of RFW activities, planned, in progress, ongoing and completed, and keep this updated.

Effectively publicising this via the website requires action to fix the website's problems.

The Communications Committee will make recommendations on all actions required to implement the Communications Strategy, and the timetables for such actions.

Other topics from the April RFW Board meeting.

South West Bioregional Marine Planning

State Marine Parks

I-Survey - Recreational Fishing Integrated Survey

Recreational Fishing Account Advisory Body

Proposed FRDC project - effect of climate change on Recreational Fishing

Capel Shire - 2011 Beach access review

Shark Bay Blue Swimmer Crabs

Grey Nurse Shark protection status

Dampier Creek Barramundi release

Whiskery Shark Popping closure

Point Grey development and proposal for channel across Peel Estuary

Busselton Jetty – Shire’s prohibition of fishing at the end

Artificial Reefs workshop

DEC and MPRA stakeholder meeting on Kimberley Marine Parks

Carbon sequestration in Lake Argyle

Freshwater Fisheries stakeholders

The above report was prepared for the April AAA Delegates meeting by Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association, Terry Fuller

Bring a friend to a Club activity

Please bring a friend, a relative, a workmate, neighbour or an acquaintance to a General meeting, to Dry Casting or to a Club fishing Field day.

Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members.

Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

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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.

Malcolm Head

Buy, sell or swap

Members who want to buy, sell or swap something fishing related can advertise in the Reel Talk free of charge. Contact me with the details.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Raffle of scabbard and knife

Ian Pereira has kindly donated a leather scabbard and knife to be raffled, the proceeds of which are to go to the Surf Casting and Angling Club. The scabbard is beautifully hand made by Ian in fine leather. Tickets are \$2 each and will be available from Marcia Pekaar at General Meetings and Dry Casting up until Sunday, 5 June 2011.

The raffle is to be drawn at the Surfcasters’ Trophy Presentation Night on 25 June 2011. Please see Marcia to get your tickets.

Presentation night 6:30pm 25 June Glengarry Tavern

This Presentation night will be the culmination of the Club's 2010/2011 competition year.

A booking has been made for Saturday 25 June 2011 at the Glengarry Tavern, corner of Warwick Road and Glengarry Drive, Duncraig for a three course sit down meal.

There will be pre dinner drinks for 30 minutes:- sweet / dry sherry, red / white wine, squash, cool drinks.

Two bottles of wine per table of 8. Squash and cool drinks, tea and coffee all night. Buy others from the bar.

Starters:- Fresh crusty bread.

Entrees:- Soup of the day or Bruschetta.

Mains:- Chicken Tenderloins wrapped in bacon and served with creamy mashed potato and topped with a mushroom cream sauce, or

250 gram Rump Steak served with crunchy beer battered chips and your choice of sauce, or

Fish of the day served with crunchy beer battered chips and tartare sauce.

All mains served with fresh Garden Salad.

Dessert:- Home made Apple crumble with ice cream, or Pavlova.

Children's meals.

Mains:- Sausage with either mash potato or beer battered chips, or Fish and Chips, or Calamari and Chips, or Nuggets and Chips.

Dessert:- Kid's Ice cream sundae with choice of topping.

Price:- \$45 per person, or \$10 per child having children's meal.

Organise your party now. Get your group together and book your tickets.

Contact Social Organiser Pat McKeown.

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown

Win free Club membership for a year

The Committee has decided to extend the offer of one year's free Club membership to the 2010/11 year as an added incentive for new members to join the Club. In the second draw to be held at our Presentation night on 25 June 2011, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2010 and June 2011 will be in a draw to receive 1 year's free membership. The free membership will be for them and be the same type as they held in 2010/11, that is, single or family, etc.

Please let your fishing friends, relatives, workmates, neighbours or acquaintances know about this **"win free club membership for a year"** offer, what the Club does, and the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members. Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

Membership Coordinator, John Crompton

Happy birthday to

Lauree Lindsay, 1 May
Jane Keet, 11 May

Ray Walker, 4 May
Marcia Pekaar, 20 May

Wayne Collis, 5 May

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

Can I please have general articles and reports for the June Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Friday 26 May. Please contact me if any item will be late.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Field day venues and boundaries 2011/12

Venues and boundaries for the coming year were decided by the members at the April General Meeting after discussions over the previous few months. Areas exclude any no fishing zones which may be within the boundaries.

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

Month	Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details /
May 2011	Rottnest	14/15 May	<i>Short.</i> All areas around the perimeter of the island
Jun 2011	S Bend	4/5/6 June LWE	<i>Long.</i> 7 Mile to Tarcoola
Jul 2011	Open	16/17 July	<i>Short to long.</i> Noon to noon. All WA tidal waters, excluding private jetties, or places needing access through private property unless these are also accessible to all SCAC members on the field day. Weigh in 6pm at George Holman's.
	Safari, Steep Point	From 16-31 July	<i>Long.</i> Safari "Field Day" will be from noon 21 July to noon 22 July.
Aug 2011	Rottnest	13/14 Aug	<i>Short.</i> All areas around the perimeter of the island
	Capes the alternative if there are not enough starters for Rottnest	13/14 Aug	<i>Medium.</i> Busselton Jetty to river mouth at Augusta
Sep 2011	Cervantes	17/18 Sept	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Oct 2011	Port Gregory	LWE Fri/Sat/Sun 28/29/30 Oct	<i>Long.</i> Kalbarri to mouth of Bowes River at Horrocks
Nov 2011	Cervantes	12/13 Nov	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Dec 2011	White Hills	17/18 Dec	<i>Medium.</i> South wall of the Mandurah Cut to 2 km south of Preston Beach access
Jan 2012	Mindarie to Yanchep	14/15 Jan	<i>Short.</i> North wall of Two Rocks Marina to Mindarie Marina south/west rock wall
Feb 2012	Cervantes	Feb 11/12	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Mar 2012	Bluff Creek	3/4/5 Mar LWE	<i>Long.</i> Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.
Apr 2012	Capes	14/15 Apr	<i>Medium.</i> Busselton Jetty to river mouth at Augusta

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Heavy duty sewing

Contact Terry Fuller if you need some heavy duty strong sewing. The sewing machine can handle reinforcing or repairing tarpaulins, rope edging, plastic, canvas, leather, shade cloth, webbing, straps, buckles, etc, for tent flies, windbreaks, bags, fish bags, covers, etc.

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Calendar for 2011/12

Now updated to show field days as confirmed at the April General meeting.

Spot any mistake(s), please. I need people to read and check all these dates. Please tell me if you find anything wrong or if **you think** something's wrong.

22	Safari	25	Presentation Night	25	AAA Event	?	Night cast (TBA)	
3	Dry Casting	13	General Meeting	16	17	Field Day	20	Committee Meeting

SCAC event calendar 2011/12 - Version dated 27 March 2011.																													
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Fil-o-Fish fish identification book

This new edition is a waterproof version. To obtain a copy for a 20% discount which brings the cost down to \$39.95, please contact John Curtis. Sufficient copies have been ordered to obtain the discount and he will be placing an order by the first week in May

It is small (120mm x 85mm x 23mm thick.) Perfect for the tackle box for instant identification. Lists over 400 of Australia's most popular marine species with colour photos to match. It covers all Australian waters including freshwater. All fish are in accordance with the Australian Fish Names Standard.

Notice of Motion to amend State Dry Casting Rules

The following amendment is proposed to the State Dry Casting Rules as adopted at the September 2010 Delegates Council Meeting. The amendment is to paragraph 3.5.3 - Line and Terminal Knots. It is proposed that Rule 3.5.3 be amended by adding "*There shall be no knots, splices or joins in the first 85 metres of the main line*" to read

"Rule 3.5.3 Line and Terminal Knots. The breaking strain of the main line used is at the discretion of the caster. The gauge of the line shall be of a consistent diameter throughout. *There shall be no knots, splices or joins in the first 85 metres of the main line.* Any leader used shall comply with Rule 3.5.4. The style or type of knot used to attach any weight, dowel or swivel shall be at the discretion of the caster. Terminal knots used shall not exceed 100 mm in length. The knot length shall be measured from the edge adjacent to any weight, dowel or swivel affixed to the line."

This notice of motion will be debated at the May AAA Delegates meeting and voted at the June meeting.

This change will affect State Dry Casting run each year, on 25 September this year.

It will not affect Club dry casting which is run under the Club' rules, but it will affect any application for a State Dry Casting record which may be cast during a Club event, since WA State records must comply with AAABA rules.

AAABA Delegate, Terry Fuller

Assorted fishing gear for sale

This gear would be very useful for someone heading north on the safari to Steep Point a little later in the year. A percentage of the proceeds of the sale goes to club funds. At this point I have the following items for sale.

Custom built 8120 Alvey ballooning rod - as new. Offers over \$150

Star sinkers, in packs of five; 13 x 4oz; 8 x 5oz and 5 x 6oz \$2 per pack.

Alvey 650 bakelite spool, handle, and drag system. \$100.

2 x Alvey 651 drag washer sets; 5 x anti-reverse pawls; 650 or 651C5 ratchet assembly; 2 x springset to suit 650 / 651.

39 packs of 2 or more lures - some used, many brand new, including lures from Rapala, Cotton Cordell, Kingfisher, Nilmaster, Elliot, Bomber, "C" Lures, Scoobs, Lively, and others. \$10-00 per pack.

Boxes of assorted Mustad hooks; 1 box Beak 92554 (suicide) size 6, 3 x boxes #7 Beak; 2 x #2 9555 bronze Baitholder; 1 x #2/0 9555 bronze Baitholder; Box (30) #10 7766 Tarpon; box 8260D Limerick 5/0; 30 x 8260D 4/0 Limerick

Eagle Claw trebles; 50 x #6 (4xs) \$5; 50 x #2 (4xs) \$5; 50 x 2/0 (2xs) \$5

300m 50lb Platypus Pretest line (suit rigs) 500m 6lb Olympic nylon; assorted baitchaser rigs.

Plano 2 tray tackle box; Fenwick 20 - 20 compartment tackle tray / storage box; 7 assorted tackle containers.

My contact details are in the front of Reel Talk.

John Curtis

Fish and fishing photos wanted

I would like to get pictures from members of good fish captures and fishing locations for use on the ABC web site where I place my weekly fishing report. Good clean pictures with no blood on the fish are preferred.

If the photos show people wearing SCAC shirts, all the better as it will provide some advertising for the Club.

Pictures can be emailed to me or burned to disk and I will copy them and pass them on to the ABC Web master for inclusion on the site. My contact details are in the front of Reel Talk.

John Curtis

Club's code of ethics

Use of vehicles.

Vehicles using beaches or accessing beaches shall be encouraged to use a pole carrying a flag or bunting which shall be a minimum of three (3) metres from ground level on all field trips whilst off road.

The maximum speed on beach or tracks shall not exceed 50 km per hour. Members must always drive with caution when there are other people sighted in any location. All vehicles entering or leaving the beach should preserve vegetation at all times and keep to made tracks where ever possible.

Offer aid and assistance to any fisherman or motor vehicle in trouble on the beach.

Camping and environment

Respect local, state and national statutes and the rights of property owners, particularly in regard to camping.

Do not litter the beach or campsites. Use rubbish bins when available, or take your rubbish with you to prevent pollution and to protect wildlife

Leave the campsite clean and tidy.

Our Fishery

Take no more than your immediate needs.

Understand and observe all fishing regulations.

Support and encourage activities that restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitats.

Observe the rules of common courtesy on the beach. Try not to overcrowd and leave room for fellow anglers.

Quickly and correctly return unwanted or illegal catch to the water.

Use only legal tackle, attend your gear and value your catch.

Respect the rights of others and treat fish humanely.

Inform and encourage other people to adopt a code of ethics.

The philosophy of "Catch and Release" should be encouraged at all times.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Hire of Club's 240 volt alternator

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

The alternator is available for short term hire for use by club members only.

Members who hire the alternator will be responsible for its safe keeping and security and operation in accordance with the operator's manual from the time it is signed for until it is returned to an authorised Club person. A copy of the Operator's Manual is available from the Club Treasurer.

Terms of hire.

Bond	\$100, refundable on satisfactory check by service people after return.
Hire rate	Less than 1 week \$10 per day, or \$1.50 per hour of running time whichever is greater. More than 1 week \$50 per week, or \$1.50 per hour of running time whichever is greater.
Hire times	Arrangements may be made to collect the unit before the period it will be used without requiring payment for those extra days.
Fuel	Supplied by the hirer.

Contact the Treasurer if you would like more information or make a booking.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Please speak up at meetings

Some members have commented that they can't hear what some other members are saying at the General Meetings. Sometimes the background noise makes it hard to hear. And yes some of us are older and our hearing is no longer as sharp as it used to be or should be.

Please consider other members and speak clearly and loudly enough for everyone to hear what you are saying.

A reminder that all comments should be made to the whole meeting and only after you have been recognised by the meeting Chairman and invited to speak. You may be answering a question or making a comment in reply to a member near you, but everyone should be able to hear everything that is said.

If you don't want it to be heard by everyone, then please wait until the meeting is over. This is all just the standard protocol for meetings everywhere and helps the meetings run more smoothly for everyone.

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Acknowledgement of club member and family donors

The club gratefully acknowledges the support from club members and family for the donations towards our Presentation night and trophies for winners of our fishing and dry casting competitions.

Donors for 2009/10 were Peter Osborne, Geoff Raftis, Mal Head, Vince Iozzi, Pat McKeown, Marcia and Peter Pekaar, Laurel and Terry Fuller, Jim Strong, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Trevor Stam, Ric Parker, Ian Pereira, Kaye and George Holman, Morris and Elana Kolman, Wayne Shaw, Tegan and Nick Edwards, Rhys and Allan Jones, Bill Ransted, Paulette Zissis.

Company sponsors are shown on the Back cover of Reel Talk.

Thank you all.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Short busy bee for Kalbarri

The Club has bought a replacement queen sized mattress and base for the bed in the main bedroom and a replacement TV.

Two bedrooms still need to be painted, plus some other finishing off handyman type work. All the materials are ready.

There is a break in the bookings due to a late cancellation from 8 May to 21 May.

John Curtis has offered to take the bed and TV to Kalbarri possibly from 19 to 22 May, travelling up on the 19th, 2 days' work (and some fishing if it can be fitted in) and back on the 22nd.

Please contact John if you can help.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Dry Casting report 3 April 2011

The day started with the temperature around 17 degrees with a moderate east to north easterly breeze. There were 20 casters, who I hope had an enjoyable time as the temperature gradually warmed up to 27 degrees.

Casting started with the Vets doing accuracy then distance, and Seniors, Ladies and Mini Juniors doing distance then accuracy.

I would like to thank the following people Terry Willison, Bob Henderson, George Holman and Garry Gildersleeves for setting up the courts. Allan Hale, Owen Williams and Sarah Wignell for putting out the flags and banners and for bringing them in at the end of casting.

My special thanks go to Geoff Raftis for marking the veterans distance events and helping get through that quickly.

Best distance casts	Seniors	Alan Hale	139 metres	112 grams
	Veterans	George Holman	126 metres	112 grams
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	88 metres	112 grams
	Mini Juniors	Owen Williams	53 metres	112 grams

There were 5 bullseyes in total.

Seniors	Rhys Jones	1 in double handed accuracy
Veterans	George Holman	1 in double handed accuracy
	Gary Gildersleeves	1 in double handed accuracy
	Allan Jones	1 in double handed accuracy
	Terry Fuller	1 in single handed accuracy

Section winners	Seniors:	Peter Pekaar	205 points
	Veterans:	Gary Gildersleeves	266 points
	Ladies:	Marcia Pekaar	157 points
	Mini Juniors:	Sarah Wignell	65 points

After normal casting events were completed, the last Open casting event for the 2010/11 year was run, a 112 gram Open.

May casting will see Veterans starting with distance first followed by accuracy. The Seniors, Ladies and Mini Juniors will have accuracy first then distance.

May will be the first casting event for the new 2011/12 Club Competition Year. This will be your chance to start off the new year, so come along. Remember on the first day's casting, every cast over 120 metres, or 100 metres for Ladies, Juniors and Veterans, receives 1 point for Sportsperson of the Year.

An optional double handed 56 gram Open will be held in May after the other events have been run. This is not part of the normal competition. It is just a fun event and practice for the people going to the AAA National Championships.

A similar optional, not part of the competition, double handed Artificial Bait Open will be held in June, and a 112 gram Open, which IS part of the 2011/2012 Dry Casting competition, will be held in July.

See you at the next dry casting, Sunday 1 May.

Dry Casting Officer, Allan Jones

Dry Casting Seniors, Ladies and Mini Juniors

Wins in the distance events this month were shared around amongst the Seniors. Shane Wignell had an opportunity to try out a casting rod lent by George Holman, and fared well.

In the accuracy events, Rhys Jones was the only Senior to record a bullseye and this time, spooled up with new braid, had no break-offs. Jeff Hewton's horror run stayed with him for most of the day, although he did make up some lost ground with his last two casts in double handed accuracy.

Unfortunately for Marcia Pekaar, a number of zeros reduced her overall score.

A real battle has started with the Mini-Juniors. Owen Williams did well to win the Distance events, as did Sarah Wignell to win both double handed and single handed accuracy. Shane Becu was close behind in both events, and is improving each month.

Well done to all competitors. We look forward to seeing everyone at May Dry Casting, the beginning of a new Club competition year.

Peter Pekaar

Dry Casting winners for 3 April 2011

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	24	Rhys Jones	25	George Holman
56 gram Distance	119	Rhys Jones	126	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	22	Peter Pekaar, Alan Hale	21	George Holman
Artificial Bait Distance	114	Peter Pekaar	107	George Holman
112 gram Score	28	Alan Hale	25	Gary Gildersleeves, George Holman
112 gram Distance	139	Alan Hale	129	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	98	Peter Pekaar	163	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	17	Peter Pekaar	25	Gary Gildersleeves
Section Highest Points	205	Peter Pekaar	266	Gary Gildersleeves

Event	Ladies winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	8	Marcia Pekaar	10	Owen Williams
56 gram Distance	76	Marcia Pekaar	52	Owen Williams
Artificial Bait Score	13	Marcia Pekaar	8	Owen Williams
Artificial Bait Distance	68	Marcia Pekaar	42	Owen Williams
112 gram Score	17	Marcia Pekaar	10	Owen Williams
112 gram Distance	88	Marcia Pekaar	53	Owen Williams
Double Handed Acc.	83	Marcia Pekaar	23	Sarah Wignell
Single Handed Acc.	16	Marcia Pekaar	12	Sarah Wignell
Section Highest Points	157	Marcia Pekaar	65	Sarah Wignell

Event	Overall winner for April		Year's best up to April	
56 gram Score	25	George Holman	30	Peter Pekaar
56 gram Distance	126	George Holman	155	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	22	Peter Pekaar, Alan Hale	32	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	114	Peter Pekaar	162	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	28	Alan Hale	37	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Distance	139	Alan Hale	185	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	163	Gary Gildersleeves	167	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	25	Gary Gildersleeves	35	Dean Stewart
Section Highest Points	266	Gary Gildersleeves	281	George Holman

Dry Casting top scores for 2010/11

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	2905	1	Trevor Stam	1250	14	Ian Cook	312	27
Allan Jones	2738	2	Eric Parker	1225	15	Shane Wignell	297	28
Peter Pekaar	2675	3	Pat McKeown	1012	16	Wendy Hansen	269	29
Peter Osborne	2650	4	Jim Strong	953	17	Stephen Pekaar	239	30
Bob Henderson	2539	5	Geoff Raftis	947	18	Sarah Wignell	231	31
Terry Fuller	2247	6	Terry Willison	886	19	Ian McGillivray	200	32
Malcolm Head	2193	7	Ray Walker	830	20	Nick Allsworth	188	33
Marcia Pekaar	2136	8	Owen Williams	727	21	Wayne Shaw	157	34
John Crompton	1996	9	Mark Hansen	702	22	Shane Becu	153	35
Gary Gildersleeves	1934	10	Ken Bibby	363	23	Simon Ryan	105	36
Jeff Hewton	1751	11	Andrew Pekaar	352	24	Nick Edwards	54	37
Rhys Jones	1546	12	Danny Fimeri	348	25	Sheryl Wilson	41	38
Dean Stewart	1342	13	Alan Hale	317	26	Bev Grigo	10	39

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

112 gram Open held 3 April

This month's 112 gram Open was the last Open and indeed the last casting day for this Club year. It was very well attended with all but Juniors represented.

The longest cast was sent down by Peter Pekaar with 159.92 metres and the next in line was Allan Hale, who, as a newcomer and with 133.29 metres, is quite impressive. Shane Becu with 34.45 metres and Gary Gildersleeves with 134.1 metres won the Mini Junior and Veterans' Divisions respectively and I won the one horse race in the Ladies' Division with 95.76 metres.

Next month begins the 2011/2012 casting year, so let's see how many of us can get that elusive extra point for casting 120 metres or 100 metres dependent upon the Division you cast in.

Marcia Pekaar

Men	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Best cast (metres)
Peter Pekaar	159.92	153.12	159.92
Alan Hale	133.39	137.73	137.73
Jeff Hewton	108.72	100.61	108.72

Veterans

Gary Gildersleeves	134.1	131.12	134.1
George Holman	130.02	129.64	130.02
Bob Henderson	117.25	127.11	127.11
Peter Osborne	119.78	122.71	122.71
Terry Willison	Break off	116.04	116.04
Allan Jones	110.54	113.82	113.82
John Crompton	107.66	109.66	109.66
Trevor Stam	Break off	84.38	84.38

Ladies

Marcia Pekaar	95.76	92.86	95.76
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Mini Juniors

Shane Becu	34.45	27.49	34.45
Owen Williams	Break off	34.32	34.32

Albany Salmon Holes Easter safety project

Following the recent tragic drowning accident at the Albany Salmon Holes, Andrew Jarvis and friends from the Southern Fish south coast fishing forum based in Albany <http://southernfish.9.forumer.com/> with help from the Nathan Drew Foundation organized a roster of local people to have Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) available in the car park at the Salmon Holes for free rental over the Easter weekend.

The Nathan Drew Foundation supplied lists of dos and don'ts for fishing the rocks. One thing which seemed to be missing was the critical topic of the right footwear to use.

Dept of Fisheries supplied info to give out to people fishing there over the weekend so everybody would know how many Salmon they are allowed to keep so no excuses for over fishing. Despite this, some people got caught with too many fish.

On the Friday, there was no one fishing from the rocks and a bit of swell running. There was no need to fish from the rocks anyway, it was a salmon a cast from the beach, with the salmon swimming in the waves 5 meters from the sand at both ends of the beach.

However, later in the weekend when there were no salmon being caught from the beach, some people moved around and fished off the rocks to the left without wearing PFDs, despite the stall offering free use of PFDs and a fair swell pumping through.

It seems when there aren't any fish around it makes people try those dangerous rocks, but it's hard to understand why they wouldn't take a free PFD. It's probably all about not recognising the very real risks, feeling that "it can't (won't) happen to me", but so many people have been wrong and paid the ultimate price.

It must be hard on the people who were involved in the harrowing recovery of previous drowning victims who fell or were washed in off those very same rocks to see people taking unnecessary risks again and again despite all the publicity and attempts to show them the risks and the ways of avoiding many of them.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Challenge the threats to recreational fishing

A new report calls for national campaign to challenge the threats to recreational fishing.

After years of seeing all manner of threats to recreational fishing from fish kills on major rivers, habitat degradation and urban pollution through to unjustified Marine Park lock-outs, the major organisations representing Australia's most popular pastimes have come together by commissioning a report on how anglers across the world have united to save their fisheries and their sport.

Mr Salter, who served as Parliamentary Spokesman for Angling under both the governments of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown has spent three months working on a report for the Boating and Fishing Council of Australia (BFCA) which was formally launched on 14 April.

Key recommendations include:

- That the Commonwealth government be pressed to fund a five yearly comprehensive survey of participation rates in aquatic based wildlife activities, including recreational fishing, and also to determine economic, social and other benefits together with a reliable estimate of employment generated.
- Further research should also be carried out to determine the economic value of specific recreational fisheries to assist the case for some further recreational only designations.
- That an appropriate vehicle be identified to enable the commercial, voluntary, national, regional and specialist parts of the recreational fishing sector to come together to develop a vision for the sport and an Australian Charter for Recreational Fishing.
- That the recreational fishing sector enter into partnerships with like-minded organisations, groups and prominent individuals to prepare a coordinated policy position on Marine Parks and their contribution to sustainable and effective fisheries management. This work to use the emerging UN guidelines and experience from elsewhere and with the intention of re-building community support for scientifically justified marine protection measures and working with government to overhaul their current operation, management and structure.
- That a code of conduct be established in respect of recreational fishing in remaining sanctuary zones or highly protected marine areas which would provide useful data and information, limit fishing methods, and, where appropriate, require total catch and release.
- That restrictions on trolling for pelagic species be lifted in Marine Park areas open to other boating activities.
- As part of the Charter process the recreational fishing sector should adopt a clear statement of environmental objectives, begin promoting habitat restoration projects, seek tougher controls on pollution and poor land management practices and seek to build partnerships with conservation and environmental groups on matters of common concern.
- That discussions begin with all relevant bodies in the recreational fishing sector in Australia to draw up proposals on new representative and funding models to be put to government and that as a matter of priority AFTA and the BFCA begin work to establish a new Australia wide campaigning organisation "Keep Australia Fishing".

The report is available from the Recfish Australia website <http://www.recfish.com.au/>

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Reef Beach Revisited

Some 20 years ago I had the pleasure of an enjoyable and successful field day with Surfcasters at Reef Beach. Hence when this venue was discussed at our general meeting and our FDO, Peet Wessels, advised he wanted to fish Bremer Bay, even though only a small number had nominated to go into this venue I jumped at the chance be responsible for a separate weigh-in and to fish at Reef beach. i.e. Reef Beach revisited.

Went down Thursday and stopped overnight at a Motel. Our daughter Heather has been posted north and had a special remote assignment over the Easter break, so she sent her kids down to Perth. Hence as Sharon wanted to get involved with the kids, I was doing this trip by myself. For such a trip I use my vehicle not only for transport but to live out of for this period. I take lots of gear but no tent.

I thought that I might have a problem finding my way in to Reef Beach (based on memory of 20 years ago) however as advised on the road to Bremer Bay, Reef Beach Road is well signed. The first part of the road was gravel and wide, however this turned into a narrow track which was initially firm sand. On this premise I stopped and let down my tires. Wrong, didn't go far when the track turned to very narrow and lots of rough limestone where the distance was a lot further than I remembered. I had to drive very slowly to ensure no tire damage.

The vehicle needed low pressure in the tires on the last major dune going down to the camp area and beach. I did not meet anyone coming in the opposite direction going in, but on the drive out had two lots of vehicles coming in. Fortunate that just a few metres behind me there was room on the side to pull off the track and let the vehicles through. In summary, long trip in, initially firm sand, then patches of very rough limestone, then softer sand on a hill down when you arrive. Allow at least an hour to get in after leaving the Bremer Bay bitumen road.

Friday. On arrival early morning could not find any Surfcasters. Mark and Wendy had told me they were going down Thursday and would be there when I arrived. Similarly Cookie said he would be there on Friday when I arrived. I decided to do a bit of a look see. Drove a few km down the Beach (east) and came upon a very good looking gutter, outside flanked by a reef 200 metres out. No question, had to try this spot. Set up gear and had two rods in the water.

Very slow at first, most of mid morning to mid afternoon, think I had one hit in this period, then, mid afternoon some action. Did catch and release on some six salmon, all good size. Yep. Reef Beach revisited. Mark had found me in the afternoon and gave me directions to their camp. He and other friends had set up their Taj Mahal area with sleeping tents around. Joined them for the evening meal, then emptied my vehicle and had a good night's sleep.

Saturday. Saturday morning went to the same spot, joined by a few other anglers that had heard I had caught salmon there. Didn't get a touch, although beside me one fish dropped and one fish caught, for a total of between 6 to 8 anglers working this spot. At 11:00 am, back to camp area for sign-on.

Based on what happened on Friday evening, returned to same gutter to start the formal field day competition. Quiet during afternoon, but later afternoon, early evening had three good salmon in the bag and a reasonable skippy. I tried heavy gear for a couple of hours after dark but no takers. So slept in the vehicle overnight while parked on the beach.

Sunday. Sunday morning, again a beautiful sunny day, warm and blue skies. A front had been forecast to come through late afternoon, which subsequently proved correct. It was a great morning on the beach, but no action. Mark had stopped by and advised that he, Ian, and some of his fellow fishermen were going to fish the east end of the beach adjacent to a rocky headland.

Hence late morning, decided to go and join them. Of course, travelling by myself, misjudging on a tight slope close to water, I managed to slide off the track and bog myself. However as in most cases, a stranger fishing further up the beach noticed my predicament and gave me a pull out. With the tide on the make, that tends to be a worrying moment until back on firm ground.

This east section of the beach is sheltered by the headland and has an outer reef with inner rocks, weeds banks etc, and is relatively shallow. The fellows were correct, there were salmon. A few salmon would come into the lagoon like area, two or three rods would go off, then they would leave. I had a mixture of large salmon, and a try for small fish resulted in a small success. Initial dropping in a paternoster rig with prawn and blue sardine bait resulted in a 36 cm King George Whiting.

Ongoing, between salmon catch and release or keeping of a couple of big ones I caught a couple more small fish - a Western Rock Blackfish and another small skippy, but not prolific. One of the salmon was my largest weighing in at 5.0kg, gutted and gilled, however estimate would have been close to 7.0 kg as when caught besides being full of roe, it had a whole solid fish of nearly 30 cm in its stomach. It must have been very greedy to take my mulie on a full stomach.

It was great to see all the various anglers tying into quality salmon. My estimate was that most of the salmon that came out of this stretch were 6 kg fish. Ian had chalked up some fish; Mark and Wendy had flogged the water to foam with lures, but no luck.

Late afternoon most anglers returned to camp. I stayed on the beach to do some night fishing and sleep overnight to be on the spot first thing in the morning. Just before dark, the storm came through, rain, heavy but short lived with some lightning and thunder. I tried some night fishing, but no luck.

Monday. Monday morning came through with weather good, cloudy but still warm; shades of summer in the Albany area in April - not expected but great for fishing comfort. I managed another large salmon before the crowds of anglers came down; then a repeat of the previous afternoon. Quiet then all of a sudden two or three rods would go off within seconds of each other; again mostly the larger size salmon.

Mark tried again with lures, still no luck; he then switched to light gear for herring, but no show for these. I also tried with prawn bait, but only undersize salmon trout. During this period Ian was finalizing his bag limit of salmon. Later in our fishing period, Mark switched back to using lures for a salmon and got it right. Within a short period he had two good salmon. Wendy kept plugging away, but no such luck.

Meanwhile I had switched from catch and release of salmon to trying for Western Rock Blackfish. Used a weighted bait casting rig to get out over the reef area, but the water was so shallow that immediately snagged up and after losing a couple of rigs switched to using a float with a metre of leader to mulie on a gang of hooks with a trailing no 2 hook. These fish have small mouths and this set-up generally works. Although eventually snagging up with this set-up, did manage to get a few blackfish.

Mid morning came our weigh-in. Some great salmon put across the scales. All commenting we should come back to this venue; a long way to go but very worthwhile.

Tight lines. Peter Osborne

"Surfcasters" on both sides on a car flag



I heard a comment that it was hard to get letters stenciled on the material usually used for a car flag so that it could be read from both sides.

I love a challenge. So I got some super bright flouro orange material, a stencil and some spray paint and sewed one up.

This first version is probably a bit big at 600mm x 280 mm, but it can be made smaller.

Contact me if you are interested.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri House for rent – updated again

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

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

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, large fridge and a separate chest 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. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Rates are:

Public

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

Surf Casting and Angling Club members

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

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

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0422 455 119 for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc. Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval.

Regulations do not allow caravans to be occupied (lived in) on the Kalbarri site.

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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