

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

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

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

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

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

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 All voting/Nomination rights at the A.G.M. will be withdrawn if not financial.

LIFE MEMBERS

VIC DAVIS -D. EDWARD-L. DUNN-E. PARKER-J. STRONG-B. KLEIN-G. HOLMAN

The Swans and Canning Club of WA Inc

Topic: General Meeting 8 November 1999

Venue: Bedford Scout Hall **Time:** 8:07 PM **Present:** See List

Apologies: W Morris, Julie Kember, Morris Kolman, Trevor Stain. **Visitors:** Keith Derbyshire, Gordon Richards.

New Members: Bob Mitchell, Andy Griffith **Previous Minutes:** as read in the magazine.

Corres In: Letter from Basil Marsh accompanying his subs for 1999/2000 and advising of his ill health.

Corres Out: Letter to Fleets Morley thanking them for their sponsorship of the " Best Story" of the month

Treasurers Report: Not available **Property Officer:** Not Available

Field Day Officer: Little activity this month as the November field day was held in October. Next field day is at Cervantes on the 14/15 November. Sign on at the garage at 2PM Saturday. Weigh in at the garage at 9AM on Sunday. Boundaries as far as one can walk south of Cervantes and Hill River in the North.

December field day is Local from Two Rocks in the North to Mandurah in the South including the Swan and Canning Rivers.

Weigh in at George Holmans commencing at 6 PM followed by the usual night cast.

Dry Casting Officer: Thanks to all those who attended especially those who came to assist. A full report is in the Reel Talk

Jim Strong, The Patron passed on his congratulations to the club for winning the Patrons Trophy.

George Holman expressed his appreciation of those who came to assist the organiser and especially to Ken Black and his wife for running the sausage sizzle. Thanks also to Jim, Bob, Roy and Dave for their considerable efforts in organising and running the AVAGO day at Burswood Park.

AAA Delegate: See report.

Recorder: No records were presented. Ian commented that interest in the State Estuarine Championships was slow however he requested that both juniors and Ladies be encouraged to attend. Registration is between 12 and 1 PM on Saturday 28 November and will be held at Troy Park in Attadale. Boundaries are "upstream from the Fremantle Traffic Bridge.

As the rules for the day do not permit cleaning of the fish please ensure that your catch is kept in plenty of ice. **Car Security is an issue in the car parks all along the river system.** Please ensure that your car is locked and is in sight at all times.

Ian Cook requests a current copy of State records from the AAA.

Reel Talk Editor: Compliments were paid to Jennie and Peter Stoeckel for their efforts in the last Reel Talk. Fred Neale was presented with the Fleets of Morley "Best Story" Award.

Social Organiser: Ken commented on the success of the Fishing Clinic in attracting visitors to the meeting.

A Night cast will be held as usual at the completion of the December Field day comp. BYO eats and chairs, the club will provide refreshments. Also BYO small rod, Reel, glow stick, and 2oz sinker. A torch would be handy.

It would appear that Mathew Snedden has taken the initiative in providing data on the club and the Kalbarri house for an Internet web site. The site address will be published in the reel talk this month.

Special Resolutions:

General Business: George complemented the SCAC members who assisted in the first of the three fishing clinics. Whereas the public numbers were down the content was extremely informative. It is hoped that the remaining two clinics will be supported a little better.

Action

Darren has also been working with the webmaster of the Internet site with the view to publishing more info on the club

Bob Henderson requested that members provide him with maps or charts of their fishing locations so that he can compile them into a booklet to be made available to the club.

Don Batchelor will publish a chart of the Swan/Canning river system on a weekly basis. The chart will be published in the magazine.

The Instruction session was an extremely interesting and informative expose on fishing in the Swan/Canning rivers. If George had not called it a day when he did Darren would not have left the meeting until the early hours of the morning, such was the interest shown by the members.

Raffle Winners: Winner of the Raffle was Robert Mitchell a new member.

Winner of the chocolate wheel was Damien D'Melo who spun up \$48 at his second attempt.

Org:	Australian Anglers Association	DATE:	16 November 1999
SUBJECT:	Delegates Meeting	AUTHOR:	Ross Kember

16 Delegates attended.

Awards

- The meeting commenced with the presentation of awards for the 1998/1999 year. The following Surfcasters were presented with awards in their absence. Mathew Snedden – R/Up Junior Champion, Karl Whittenburg – R/up Mini Junior Champion.

Coming events

- The State Estuary Beach and Rock championships are to be held on the 27 and 28 November 1999 in the Swan and Canning rivers. Entry forms will be published in the next month.
- The final fishing clinic will be on Monday 21 Nov. Where as the content has been worthy the public attendance has been poor with only 38 on the first night and 29 on the second.

Recorder:

Two records were offered for ratification, both were passed.

- White Tongued Trevally 581.81 grams by Peter Baraskas from Offshore
- Oceanic White Tipped Whaler 28 Kg by Neil Ongwin

General:

- The AAA needs assistance in running the Mandurah 500 and is calling for people who are prepared to help
- It was Moved George Holman of the Surfcasters and Seconded Unknown that the venue for the 2005 Nationals be in Geraldton carried with one dissenter.
- The clubs now have until March 2000 to decide if they will support the event with assistance and fund raising. This is the date of the mid term AAA Executive meeting.
- A draft of the Wedge and Grey Master plan can be obtained from the offices of CALM Submissions are to be in by the 17 December 1999.
- No answer has been received from our request for changes to the Jurien Management plan. The secretary of the AAA has been in touch with the relevant authority but was unavailable to respond. The AAA has arranged for Dr Sue Osborne to speak at the February AAA meeting. We would strongly suggest that all interested should attend.
- We have been advised that in response to all submissions the proposed fishing license has been dropped from the Proposed Gascoyne Management plan. No other information is available on that proposal at this time.
- The dividing line that separates the Western fishery from the Eastern fishery has been removed. We can now expect to see Eastern States commercial fishing boats creating havoc in the West. The methods used in the East have decimated fish stocks in that fishery.
- Western 4WD clubs have called for all interested 4WD drivers in the fishing clubs to assist in their annual blanket appeal to be held in May 2000 The rally will leave from Murdoch and finish in Lidell Park Girraween. Blankets, Food, Clothes and any useful items are needed.
- Meeting closed at 10:30
- Next meeting is to be held on 16 November 1999

DECEMBER 1999 GENERAL MEETING

WHERE: BEDFORD DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB HALL 1 CATHERINE ST BEDFORD
WHEN: DECEMBER 8TH 1999 AT 8:00PM
INSTRUCTION XMAS PARTY DON'T FORGET TO BRING A PLATE OF GOODIES

DECEMBER DRYCASTING

WHERE: YOKINE RESERVE CNR ALEXANDER DRIVE AND WORDSWORTH AVE
WHEN: 5TH DECEMBER 1999
EVENTS: 112GM DISTANCE, 112GM ARTIFICIAL BAIT DISTANCE, D/H ACCURACY,
S/H ACCURACY,

DECEMBER FIELD DAY

WHERE LOCAL
WHEN 11/12 DECEMBER 1999
SIGN ON AT GENERAL MEETING OR PHONE IN BY 2000HRS THURSDAY NIGHT
LINES DOWN SATURDAY 1400HRS
WEIGH IN SUNDAY G.HOLMANS HOUSE 1800HRS FOLLOWED BY B.B.Q
AND NIGHT CAST, **DON'T FORGET YOUR GLOW STICKS.**
BOUNDARIES MANDURAH TO TWO ROCKS INCLUDING THE SWAN/CANNING RIVERS

JANUARY FIELD DAY

WHERE PRESTON TO MYALUP
WHEN 15/16TH JANUARY 2000
SIGN ON PRESTON BEACH TURN OFF UNDER TREES JUST AS YOU TURN IN
ON THE LEFT AT 2:00PM SATURDAY
WEIGH IN 10:00AM SUNDAY BACK UNDER TREES AT TURN OFF
BOUNDARIES PRESTON BEACH CARPARK TO MYALUP CARPARK

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR JANUARY 2000

SIGN ON PHONE IN SIGN ON TO F.D.O BY 2000HRS THURSDAY NIGHT OR AT GENERAL
MEETING IN SIGN ON BOOK PROVIDED.
LINES DOWN SATURDAY 1400HRS
WEIGH IN SUNDAY 1000HRS G.HOLMANS HOUSE. SCALES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON HIS
BACK PATIO. WEIGHTS MUST BE WITNESSED BY AN ADULT. FD MONEY TO
BE LEFT WITH THE SCALES IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME. NO MONEY
NO POINTS. RESULTS TO BE PHONED TO THE FDO BY 1800HRS THAT NIGHT.
BOUNDRIES SOUTH MOLE TO MINDARIE KEYS *EXCLUDING* THE SWAN/CANNING RIVERS

FIELD DAYS 1999/2000

DECEMBER	LOCAL	MARCH	BLUFF CREEK
JANUARY	MYALUP/PRESTON	APRIL	OPEN
FEBRUARY	OPEN	STATE B/ROCK COMP	ESPERANCE
		ON ABOVE FIELD DAY	

President's Notes

I wish to commence by wishing all the committee and Club members of the Surfcasting and Angling Club Season's Greetings and may the New Year 2000 be very special for you all in health and happiness from Kaye and myself.

Quite a good roll up at our last general meeting and we have two new applicants for membership in Bob Mitchell and family and Rhys Williams. Welcome to the Surfcasters!

Also present as visitors were Keith Derbyshire and Gordon Richards. Keith had also come down to our casting the previous Sunday and showed a lot of potential.

Big month for Eric Parker as on the 17th November he hit the big 50. All the best from us all Eric. Have a special wish on us! He also had his hand operated on and is mending well, so he will soon have a rod in his hand...

Basil Marsh's sense of humour hasn't abated even though he has been dealt a rough hand of late with skin cancer. He reckons he'll be back soon with a new look and a bit of stream lining!!

Congratulations to Karl Wytensburg on being equal runner-up in the mini-junior section of the overall Australian Anglers Association competition year. A good effort Karl, and one to be proud of.

A special thank you to Rhonda and Wayne Morris who travelled to Kalbarri to our cottage with a sewing machine and material and as a result we now have brand new curtains throughout our cottage. Wayne has taken photos of it for us to see. We appreciate these types of initiative and efforts.

Even though the attendance at our Cervantes venue was down everyone caught a fish and a great time was had by all. The wind was there but it wasn't too bad. The Woodfords arrived in their new diesel Patrol and christened it by going down the track and getting the usual scratch or two on the paintwork!! They were pleased and impressed with their purchase and we look forward to seeing a lot more of them. Damien D'Mello travelled away for the first time in his Mazda 4x4 with Andrew Griffiths and put his vehicle through its paces down the track and over the sand dunes. He had a ball and to top off the weekend, he caught a 4 kilo plus mackerel which was a real bonus! He made the comment that he had travelled all the way to Dirk Hartog to try and catch one and all he had to do was go to Cervantes!! Peter Stoeckel arrived in his dad's Patrol with the boys on board and they had a great time as we all did. Thanks to Darren and Ian for a great venue.

The State Drycasting Championships were held on 31st October and the Surfcasters once again had a good deal of success but most of all everyone enjoyed themselves. A strong easterly was blowing all day, which made casting difficult as we were casting into the wind.

Ken Black and his wife made the day by providing a sausage sizzle and drinks and a special thank you to both of them for their effort. There were a number of Surfcasters who worked all day and their assistance was appreciated by all present. A report appears elsewhere in the "Reel Talk".

The Anglers Association has been running a Fishing Clinic at the Floreat Lifesaving Club Hall and the number of Surfcasters helping out is very noticeable. There is a large number of gold and black t-shirts present and their manner and the way they are working is very noticeable. There should be a lot of benefits coming back to the club because of their efforts. The quality of the speakers has been first class and we have all learnt a lot by attending. The numbers of people attending is down so we need to look at this. We are looking at utilising a few of the speakers at our instruction periods. Ron McPhee from Ozflex is the main sponsor and provided a lot of hand-outs and the other sponsors have been Blue water Tackle Scarborough and Morley, The complete Fisherman (Garry Shugg) of Nedlands and Russell Harris and Paul Foster from Gotcha Tackle in Balcatta. Let them know who you are when you patronise them.

Things are now moving with our plans for our stall at the Caravan and Camping Show in March next year after a well attended group meeting to plan this project by our Club as this will be our major fund raiser. Wayne Morris is currently organising the raffle and we will commence pre-selling in January next year. Members who are able to give some time to help out are asked to contact Bob Henderson or Peter Stoeckel as they will be arranging the rosters...the more workers the easier the load! Any ideas are welcome... let the committee know.

Look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas meeting. Don't forget to bring a plate of goodies for supper! Remember the weigh-in, BBQ and nite cast at the Halmans' on the 12th December. It only needs your attendance to make it a great night!!

See you all,
George Holman

OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES

December 1999

1	Most Meritorious Fish					
2	Heaviest Shark	4.5 kg min	Lemon Shark	48.0kg	Dirk Hartog Island	Darren Batchelor
3	Heaviest Mulloway	3.5 kg min		5.0kg	Kalbarri	Mal Head
4	Heaviest Salmon	3.0 kg min				
5	Heaviest Dhufish					
6	Heaviest Tailor			4.8kg	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman
7	Heaviest Samson		Sampson Fish	20.0kg	Kalbarri	Fred Neal
8	Heaviest fish. S/H/rod	4.0 kg line class.				
9	Heaviest Pink Snapper			4.0kg	Quobba	Ian Neal
10	Heaviest Tarwhine					
11	Heaviest Mackerel		Narrow Barred Span Mack	10kg	Quobba	Fred Neal
12	Heaviest Trevally (S)	1.0 kg min				
13	Heaviest Trevally (N)	1.0 kg min	Gold Spot Trevally	7.5kg	Dirk Hartog Island	Glen Stoeckel
14	Heaviest Snook/Pike					
15	Heaviest Scale Fish	2.0 kg min				
	(other than sections 2 thru 14)		Cod	8.8kg	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman

Fred and Ian Neil have added a couple of new entries to the Open section.

LURE FISHING COMPETITION

December

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

Heaviest Tailor	4.8kg		Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman
Heaviest Salmon				
Heaviest Scale Fish	6kg	Shark Mackerel	Dirk Hartog Island	George Holman

The Scobles Lure competition needs a nudge so try a few lures for tailor and mulloway.

ROTTNEST FIELD DAY MAY 2000

The accommodation and bus transport has been booked for the May Field Day. The cost should remain the same as the August trip at approx \$85. This is good value since it covers accommodation, bus and ferry. To achieve this we have had to pay a booking deposit. I will require a commitment from members wishing to go and a \$10 fee to cover the deposit before 31st December 1999. There will be 12 places available so it will be first in best dressed. This is one of the best field days and always produces good catches as well as being a great social get together.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members and their families a Happy Christmas and a great New Year. Leave some time for a couple of fishing expeditions and you may have a few entries for me to start off the new Millenium.

*Good Fishing
Cookie Monster*

VENUE :	CERVANTES	SENIORS	11	JUNIORS	3
ATTENDANCE :	VENUE	SENIORS	0	JUNIORS	0
	LOCAL:				
	TOTAL:		14		

MEN		NO FISH	NO SPIEC	WEIGHT	POINTS
D'MELLO	DAMIEN	16	5	8.96	169.6
HOLMAN	GEORGE	24	3	6.00	140.0
BATCHELOR	DARREN	30	4	4.20	132.0
BENNETT	JOHN	20	4	3.33	123.3
BARBER	DERRY	30	3	4.25	122.5
WOODFORD	ANDY	10	5	3.13	121.3
GRIFFITHS	ANDY	12	3	3.90	119.0
COOK	IAN	30	2	3.70	107.0
MAXTED	DAVE	12	3	2.37	93.7
STOECKEL	PETER	1	1	0.35	63.5

LADIES					
WOODFORD	LARA	4	1	0.50	55.0

JUNIORS
NIL

MINI JUNIORS

STOECKEL	DANIEL	7	2	0.97	69.7
WOODFORD	MOLLY	8	2	0.80	68.0
STOECKEL	ANDREW	0	0	0.00	40.0

	FISH	KG	LAST YEAR	FISH	KG
TOTALS	202	40.46	NO PEOPLE	169	39.90
NO PEOPLE	14		AVE/MEM	25	
AVE/MEM	14.43	2.89		6.76	1.60

FIELD DAY PRIZES

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	DAMIEN D'MELLO	MACKERAL	3.36KG
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	GEORGE HOLMAN	MIXED	8.00KG
MYSTERY PRIZE	NIL	TARWHINE	
JUNIORS PRIZE	DANIEL STOECKEL		.97KG

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	DAMIEN D'MELLO	MACKERAL	3.36KG
HEAVIEST BAG SCALE FISH	DAMIEN D'MELLO	MIXED	6.96KG

FISH CAUGHT ON FIELD DAY

SPECIES	NO	WEIGHT	SPECIES	NO	WEIGHT
HERRING	152	17.62	FLATHEAD	3	1.00
TAILOR	27	14.06	GARDIE	4	0.80
MACKERAL	1	3.36	SKIPJACK	1	0.55
S/S PIKE	13	2.92	WHITING	1	0.15

YEAR TO DATE

MEN

D'ALONZO	TONY	1449.5
BATCHELOR	DARREN	1150.1
HOLMAN	GEORGE	742.5
D'MELLO	DAMIEN	442.1
COOK	IAN	414.5
KOLMAN	MORRIS	373.0
GRIFFITHS	ANDY	346.5
BLACK	KEN	316.6
FARNEY	MARK	277.0
KILLICK	ROY	268.0

LADIES

KAREN MADER	292.2
LARA WOODFORD	155.0

JUNIORS

MATHEW SNEDDON	219.50
KARL WHYTENBURG	40.00

MINI JUNIORS

MOLLY WOODFORD	168.00
DANIEL STOECKEL	142.20
ANDREW STOECKEL	101.00
EMILY WOODFORD	100.00

FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1999/00

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)	IAN COOK	MULLOWAY 5.1KG
HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)	DAMIEN D'MELLO	MACKERAL 3.38KG
MOST MERITORIOUS FISH		
HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)		
HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (2.0 Kg MIN)	IAN COOK	5.1KG
HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)	DARREN BATCHELOR	2.5KG
HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)	GEORGE HOLMAN	2.5KG
HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)		
HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)	TONY D'ALONZO	0.95KG
HEAVIEST S/FISH OTHER THAN ABOVE	MORRIS KOLMAN	Y.T.KING 3.0KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	TONY D'ALONZO	MIXED 24.25KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	GEORGE HOLMAN	13.0KG
HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY	IAN COOK	7.95KG
HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s max)	DARREN BATCHELOR	SKIPPY 0.75KG
HEAVIEST MACKERAL (3KG MIN)	DAMIEN D'MELLO	3.38KG

PENGUIN ISLAND

Recently I was invited to take part in one of fishing W.A.'s (an Internet site) field days down at Penguin Island. We all met down at the sand bar leading to the island at 6.30am, and after a quick walk out to the island, we headed to the Western side of the island to fish poppers for the big tailor that frequent the area. Because there was only about a dozen of us it was very comfortable fishing. We started fishing one of the numerous reefs and from first cast, we were constantly getting follows and small hits but unfortunately not many hookups. The Island is about half a kilometre long and about a hundred metres wide and the bay on the seaward side is littered with shallow reefs, large sandholes and crystal clear water.

While standing out on the reefs we saw mulloway up to 3kg cruising along the edge of the reef. After fishing for tailor we decided to fish for herring. Most of the guys used fly gear while the others used light spinning outfits and small slices. Danno was the first to come across a school of herring and from first cast he was out fishing everyone using the fly gear. He lost a very nice skipper after it buried him in the reef.

After a bit of lunch we headed to the eastern side of the island to wade the shallow sand flats and site fish for big whiting. (Derry Barber would have been in whiting heaven). Most of the guys were flyfishing and getting the whiting to take a fly was almost impossible. For me it was a different story, because I was fishing with bait. When a school swam past we would cast in front of it and hopefully pick up a whiting. After a few casts I picked up my first decent whiting. At about 30cm it was a far cry from the little "poddies" I always seem to catch. Eventually a guy named Ronnie managed to catch a whiting on the fly gear, and he was ecstatic. Whiting are, apparently, a difficult challenge to fly fishers. Although all fish were released Ronnie was "declared" the winner of the day because of the whiting on fly.

Penguin Island hardly gets fished and when I spoke to the ranger he said we were the first group of fisherman he'd seen in ages. He also said that some year's big Salmon schools are in the little bays on the western side of the island and the only people who know they are there is a few tourists. The reef has literally thousands of abalone on it because it has been a protected abalone fishery for the last couple of years. This spot is a great recreational fishery and we definitely need more spots on a coast like this. Overall I would have to recommend this spot to anyone, but please respect its resources.

Mat Sneddon

May 2000 is the Club's
48th Anniversary trophy month

November Drycasting Report

Congratulations to all the Club members who competed in the State Titles. Once again Surfcasters were the champions, both on and off the oval.

The November casting day ran ever so smoothly and finished well before noon. I put it down to the continual assistance I get from Jennie and the lads and I say thanks to all. Splitting the groups allows me to concentrate on our mini-juniors and they are getting better each month. (How about State Champs also).

In the Seniors, Darren Batchelor really got into the swing of things and cast well to win the 112gram and the 56gram events for the day. "Dazza" is built like a centurion tank and when he hits his stride, can really match the best of casters. The other one to watch is "Willo". Who's quietly sneaking up and getting ready to shake up the top boys.

Going on the Vets score sheets I also noticed the friendly rivalry between Mal Head and Allan Jones during their distance events. I see "Old Roy" is still producing excellent casting and winning the single handed and double handed events for the day. See Roy, I told you being deaf in one eye and blind in both ears is no handicap!

As usual, George kept stepping sideways and giving assistance to our visitors, encouraging fellow competitors and adapting to his pendulum casting style. Persistence paid off and George was a worthy winner of the day, plus winning the single-handed open event with a cast of 84 metres.

I always try to keep an ear open to hear any bullseyes being scored during the day. I did hear one slight tap happen and turned to see "Willo" strutting his stuff and being ribbed by his "mates" - say no more!

Every now and then I like to get serious (not often) and I'd like to acknowledge a bloke's effort. Over the past 18 months Pete Stoeckel has given me every assistance in running casting field days and has foregone any concentration on his own casting. Lately he has had a bit of time to start putting in an effort and some great results have evolved.

To enter the Club's State Team as the reserve caster (his request) then produce good scores on 7 out of 8 casts during the double handed event, place all distance casts straight down the middle and assist with the running of the day, deserves a pat on the back from all of us.

Then, to return to the Club's casting day and whip most of the Seniors in the double handed event shows that he can do it. Not only that, it also put the biggest smile on his mug that I haven't seen since he last caught a decent fish! On behalf of all your casting mates Pete, "well done mate" on a sterling effort.

Maybe Jennie will let you exchange your bamboo rod for a fibreglass one next year.

Keep it tight
Hendo

PS: Apologies to Mal Head for incorrect adding up last month.
Apologies to George for leaving him off the score sheet last month.
Willo and Aubs just apologise to everyone.

December Field Day - Open Event

Don't forget the "Nite Cast" after the December Field Day.

Weigh-in will be at 6pm at George Holman's place:

89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento.

BBQ will be held following the weigh-in.

Nite Cast starts when it's dark enough (approx 8pm)

Bring your flick rods and glow sticks and don't forget the mozzie repellent and chairs.

DRY CASTING RESULTS

7/11/99

SENIORS	112 gram			56 gram			D/H Acc.	S/H Acc.	DAY TOTAL
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
T. Willison	0	131	13	108	111	22	93	19	147
R. Henderson	104	117	22	98	92	19	98	14	153
P. Stoeckel	94	99	19	0	83	8	132	3	162
A. Aubrey	0	123	12	101	88	19	80	14	125
G. Gildersleeve	104	114	22	0	0	0	122	14	158
G. Holman	135	139	27	115	105	22	135	21	205
D. Batchelor	141	141	28	126	107	23	112	20	183
K. Black	107	88	20	0	0	0	43	6	69

VETERANS

T. Stam	85	97	18	79	91	17	77	11	123
J. Strong	46	86	13	0	77	8	116	11	148
M. Head	101	106	21	85	97	18	109	10	158
R. Killick	95	96	19	80	71	15	143	24	201
D. Redwood	65	54	12	59	40	10	74	8	104
A. Jones	112	109	22	90	93	18	71	23	134

MINI JUNIORS

A. Stoeckel	40	29	7	45	38	8	41	7	63
D. Stoeckel	49	48	10	47	38	9	51	14	84
R. Jones	71	75	15	50	37	9	9	12	45
K. Wytenburg	58	60	12	62	59	12	37	11	72

112 gram Winner

56 gram Winner

D/H Acc. Winner

S/H Acc. Winner

S/H Open Distance Winner

Winner of the Day

Mini-Junior Winner

D. Batchelor

D. Batchelor

R. Killick

G. Holman

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D. Stoeckel

Next Drycasting Date: 5th December, 1999. 8:30am start.

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State Drycasting Championship Report

The 1999 State Drycasting Championships were held at Yokine Reserve on Sunday 31st October.

A fine sunny day around 26 degrees in temperature which would have been pleasant except for a howling easterly breeze into which we had to cast and as a result the scores were restricted, particularly distances. However some very good casting resulted.

The attendance was once again disappointing as there were only 50-60 competitors present and it would be nice to see the clubs working to do something about this over the next 12 months. It is a great social event and a good, clean competition in which anyone may enter. Tuition is available to anyone over the year and an open invitation to attend the Surfcasters casting days on the first Sunday morning of each month applies. Make use of these offers.

To help with the social atmosphere Ken Black and his wife put on a sausage sizzle and cold drinks, which were very much appreciated by all present. Thankyou both.

Bob Henderson ran a raffle for an excellent spinning reel and a few dollars were raised toward the next casting team going away. Thanks for your initiative Bob, as well as your help overall.

Even though he was unable to attend on the day because of an operation on his knee, Ron Matthews helped out by getting the trailer gear ready for the event, which is noted!

Magic Nissan once again sponsored the main trophies for the day and their continued support is appreciated. I am sure your support would be noticed if you spoke to them if you were in the market for a vehicle, and an obvious benefit to both parties.

Because of the strong wind distances were well down overall and the longest cast for the day went to Joe Pullella with 147.23 metres, which was a great cast in the conditions.

There were still some good scores in all sections on the day but no new records set. There was good competition in both the Junior and Mini-Junior sections but a few more entrants would help.

The Ladies section was really disappointing with only four competing. work on this, clubs!!

Veterans and open were down slightly and I look forward to an increased attendance next year.

The results were as follows:

TEAMS

Open Division	1 st	Surfcasters
	R/up	Offshore Beach
Veterans Division	1 st	Whitfords
	R/up	Surfcasters
Ladies Division	1 st	Whitfords
	R/up	Surfcasters
Junior Division	1 st	Whitfords
	R/up	Whitfords
Mini-Junior Division	1 st	Surfcasters
	R/up	Whitfords

INDIVIDUALS

Open Division	1 st	George Holman (Surfcasters)
	R/up	Kevin Hughes (Bunbury)
Veterans Division	1 st	Ted Hayman (Whitfords)
	R/up	Tony D'Alonzo (Surfcasters)
Ladies Division	1 st	Filomena D'Alonzo (Surfcasters)
	R/up	Georgina Grimmett (Whitfords)
Junior Division	1 st	Anthony Lumbaca (Fremantle)
	R/up	Jason Reeves (Surfcasters)
Mini-Junior Division	1 st	Daniel Bell (Whitfords)
	R/up	Rhys Jones (Surfcasters)

Congratulations to all winners and thanks to all who attended and took part. I would like to see the numbers on the increase though.

I will call a meeting of the casting group in the New Year, possibly in February. In the meantime, best wishes for the festive season and may the new millennium bring new and greater interest to drycasting.

George Holman

I would like to thank all those who worked on the Saturday evening setting up the lanes and again all that worked on Sunday to make the event the success that it was.

George Holman

Daiwa Interline Rods

In the December issue (last year) of SCAC magazine "Reel Talk" there was an article about the Daiwa Interline rods and the difficulty of tying knots that wouldn't 'hang-up' inside of the rod tip.

I have tried the method detailed below and it works for light tackle game fishing with heavy leaders as well as for fly fishing in salt water, again generally light line with a heavy leader and small guides.

For anyone who has to join lines use a reputable knot. There are many knots that are suited to joining lines of different diameters. However many of them leave 'tag ends' hanging out of the knot which catch on the guide, collect weed, etc. To prevent this happening I suggest that anglers (or in your case 'casters') try the following.

1. Roll the knot in a Good Year product called Plio-Bond. Just a little is needed on the knot, which is then rolled between thumb and fore finger to form a cigar shaped cover over the knot. This will prevent the knot sagging on the internal guides. As Plio-Bond is a rubber based compound, it doesn't have any effect on the quality of the knot strength. Nor does it affect monofilament line in any way. Product should be available from any good hardware stores etc.
2. As an alternative, game fishing anglers bind their knots with dental floss to help prevent them causing bubble trails in the water. Wahoo and mackerel love to attack these trails and the resultant bite off causes the loss of tackle. I have some waxed thread, which is also used for similar purposes and can be moulded into the required cigar shape. I have used this successfully on heavy tackle such as ballooning rigs etc and may be of interest to club members.

Both of these methods could assist with the prevention of internal break-offs in the Interline series of rods.

John Curtis

Cervantes

Last weekend we all went to Cervantes except for Mum. She stayed home with her friend. Dad borrowed Pop's 4-wheel drive and we went on the beach with it. On Sunday, Daniel caught seven fish - 1 garpie and 6 herring. I caught a baby herring that we had to throw back because it was too small. Dad brought home a tailor. Darren caught a stingray and while he was winding it in, he thought it was a shark.

At the weigh-in, Darren let me help and I called out the weights to him. I had lots of fun. We got home at about 1.30pm. Then we went to next door's for a birthday party.

Andrew Stoeckel

Beginners luck at Cervantes!!

This trip started early in the morning with Damo and Andy (thats us) arriving at George's house where, as expected, Dave and George were still packing the car, late as usual.

(Ha Ha)

Finally we headed off (that is, after George Spielberg put his video camera away). Hours later, with an image of the back of lead car burned into my brain, we arrived at Cervantes. For the first time ever, we put my car in 4WD and did a bit of reconnaissance along the coast to Hill River. The 4wd was a real blast, and the car handled well (probably due to my superb driving skill!).

Back to the garage for sign on, and then off we went fishing. We arrived at the spot we picked earlier only to find half the club already there. After spending the next 15 minutes persuading everyone what a bad spot this is, they finally moved on, all except Andy Woodford and Co (but we knew he would pose no competition!!). Andy then proceeded to out fish us for several hours until he took pity on us and went back to town.

Now we could safely bring out our SECRET methods and started to catch some nice Tailor and a surprise Mackerel for Damo.

As night fell, and after battling with several large bathmats (rays) we called it a day. The next morning saw us awake rather late (we don't need to get up early to kick everyone else's butt). The small fish were around in numbers and we quickly caught a bag of Herring.

Overall, the field day was a great success. It's nice to see the way everyone was ready to help us at the drop of a hat. The weigh in saw many nice bags with Damo winning the day (OF COURSE!!)

WAS IT BEGINNERS LUCK, OR ARE WE JUST NATURALLY GIFTED!!

Damo and Andy

Fish the Internet

Look up fishing on the internet, and you will find an impossibly large amount of information. Most of this is either American, or not relevant to our way of fishing.

Enter the FishWA internet site.

I have been involved with this site for quite a while now and can highly recommend it to any fisherman. Located at www.fishingwa.perth.cc this site deals entirely with fishing in Western Australia, both from boat, or from shore and is written and updated by 'Steve', a knowledgeable fisherman and all round good bloke.. The site is jammed packed with useful information such as tips, articles, GPS co-ordinates, as well as various message boards where you can discuss anything of interest with other users.

Perhaps the most useful feature of the site are the fishing reports. These are current and are given by actual fisherman, not just reports from tackle store owners. With this info. you can keep up to date with what is biting and where.

This site has too many features to list in this article, the best way is to have a look yourself. I know of several other Surfcasters actively participating in the site, just ask Mat Sneddon, Darren Batchelor, and Andy Woodford.

Have fun.

Damo.

November Social Report

Hello! As I missed the very important duty of thanking all those people who sold raffle tickets before and during the State Drycasting Championships, I wish to do so now. Those I noticed most of all were George (who organised the 'aerocast reel'), Hendo who'd sold tickets before the event and Dave Redwood who walked miles on the Yokine oval selling tickets. Also thanks to those who were unseen. I believe the amount raised from this raffle was \$171. The proceeds have been split 50/50 between the AAA and SCAC. Also thanks to Marcelle, Jennie, Peter and the "apprentices" and the many others who assisted with the BBQ. Thanks to the "hippie" for driving many miles with the trailer and BBQ on his combie van.

After some anxious moments, the sausage sizzle raised \$30:90. This amount is to be retained by the Club! I don't wish to compare this years takings with the last, as everybody does the best that they can!

On behalf of my wife and myself, congratulations to all casters who competed and to those who were placed at the State Titles.

The nite cast is being held on December 12th after the weigh-in of fish and then the BBQ. After a hot day, this event fits in very well as the emphasis is on family fun. BYO meat and salad. Casting gear required is a 7' flick rod, 2oz casting sinker, small glow stick, headlamp, "aeroguard" and chairs. In Peter's case, a ladder to reach those drinks, which are "on the house"!!! A trophy is being supplied and a raffle is to be run on the same night.

I'm pleased to note that the Fishing Clinic is attracting several potential new members into the club, as are Matthew Sneddon's efforts on the Internet. Darren has also seen this avenue of communicating with other "fishos" and he's set up a web site on behalf of the club. Please support their efforts.

Thanks to Andrew Aubrey for organising the windcheaters, which hopefully can be ordered shortly so that we can then push ahead with the polo shirts with club logos.

Thanks for your attention and assistance.
Ken Black.

HAVE-A-GO-DAY

Well the have-a-go-day is over for another year. I would like to thank the Club members that came along and helped fly the Club's flag.

The Vets again were Jim, Trevor, Dave and Roy, also Bob.

I think most had a good day teaching a lot of people to cast and explain rigs. We gave out a lot of pamphlets, mainly on the Kalbarri house and Club information, as this was our main aim.

After all the single hand casting done teaching, watch the scores go up at the next drycasting competition.

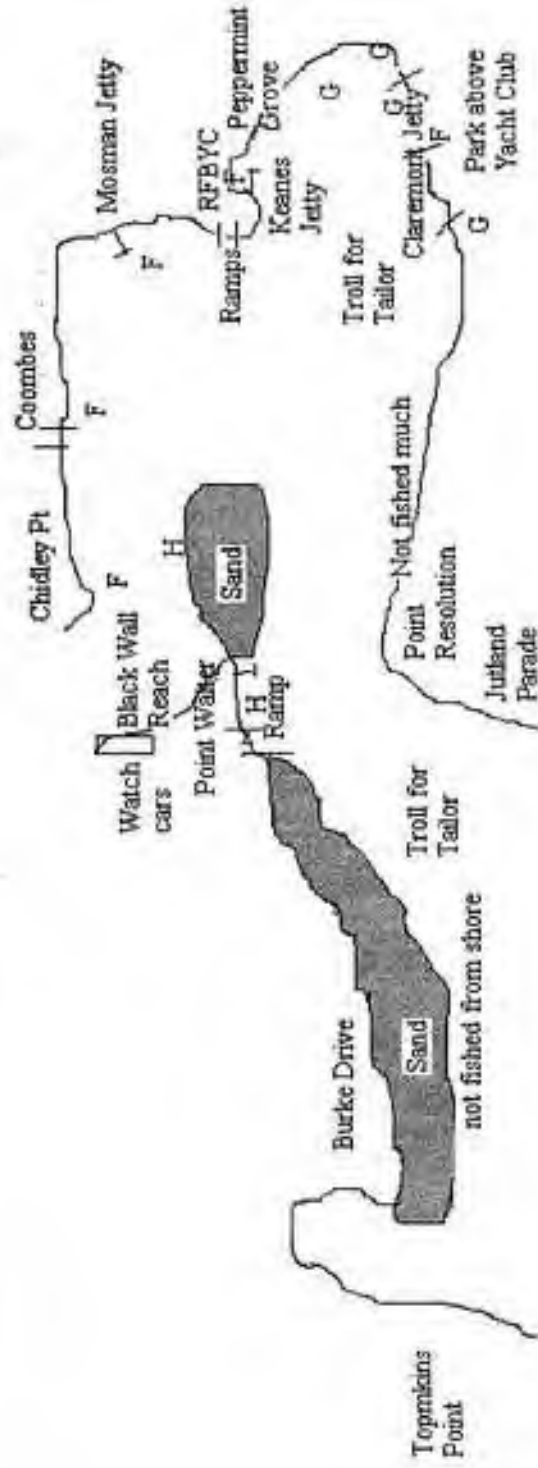
Thanks again chaps, especially to Bob and Dave.

Don Batchelor

F. Flathead, flounder, mulloway on the bottom. Tailor; baitcast whitebait with small sinker from Mosman Jetty to Chidley Point. Walk shore casting and retrieve along bottom with whitebait.

G. Flathead, flounder, tailor; early morning. Walk shore, need knee boots or drift in boat. All day. Cobbler at night. Bream during winter. Two jetties are also good.

H. Jetty and sandbar okay for flathead, flounder and tailor.



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A Poem by an Old Timer

A computer was something on TV
From a science fiction show of note.
A window was something you hated to clean,
And ram was the cousin of a goat.
Meg was the name of my girlfriend,
And gig was a job of the nights.
Now they all mean different things,
And that really mega bytes.
An application was for employment.
A program was a TV show.
A cursor used profanity.
A keyboard was a piano.
Memory was something that you lost with age.
A CD was a bank account.
And if you had a 3 inch floppy,
You hoped nobody found out!
Compress was something you did to the garbage,
Not something you did to a file,
And if you unzipped anything in public,
You'd be in jail for awhile.
Log on was adding wood to the fire.
Hard drive was a long trip on the road.
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived,
And a backup happened to your commode.
Cut you did with a pocket knife.
Paste you did with glue.
A web was a spider's home,
And a virus was the flu.
I guess I'll stick to my pen and paper,
And the memory in my head.
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash,
But when it happens they wish they were dead!



Sent in to the "Reel Talk" by Marcelle Black

Social Report - Special Note

Please bring a plate of food along to the December general meeting at the Bedford Hall. Drinks are supplied by the club.

Please think about the food that you bring along, as there appears to be no fridge in the hall. The weather could be hot, so if you could bring perishables in an esky, that would be the solution to that problem!

Thank you.
Ken Black

Windcheaters

Those who have not paid yet, could you please do so. The balance for what you owe can be brought to the December General meeting.
Thankyou.

Editors Report

It's hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of yet another year. It has been a very busy year for Peter and myself - maybe that's why the time seems to go more quickly every year. You may have noticed that Eric Parkers 50th birthday was mentioned in George's report, but I noticed that he forgot to mention his own coming up on the 12th December. **Happy birthday Georgell!** Maybe it's age that made him forget???

Once again I have been fishing (ha ha) through the old "Reel Talks" and found a lot of interesting and/or funny stories. Some of the former instruction periods are something that could be looked at for ideas. One that I thought would be good was a "Gadget & Gimmick" night where people bring things that they have made at home, rather than bought at tackle shops. Thank you to Don Batchelor who sent in the picture joke. There was something in one of the old magazines that goes with that - the longer your arms, the bigger the one that got away!

In case we don't get the next Reel Talk out before Christmas, our family wishes everyone a safe and Happy Christmas.

We need more stories for the Reel Talk. A lot of people mentioned how much they enjoyed the last issue. Without your input of stories and articles, the Reel Talk will suffer. Please keep these coming in? We would appreciate the articles either being given to Peter at the general meeting or as soon as possible after that. Don't forget that there is a prize from Fleet Tackle for the best story or article.

Jennie Stoeckel

KALBARRI HOUSE REPORT

On the weekend of the 13th and 14th of November my wife Rhonda and I decided to forgo the field-day at Cervantes and travel up to Kalbarri to make and fit new curtains throughout the house. This was done and the house now looks a treat with the new roof, internal paint job and curtains and is now ready for the coming school holidays. Many thanks to my wife who worked tirelessly over the weekend making the curtains, I only had to fit them.

As usual, (when club members are using the house), our caretakers, Margaret and Bob Hardie dropped in for a chat and Bob always tells you where the fish are biting. This proved to be good advice for the fishing on Saturday night. Seven good sized Tailor did not take long to catch along with a couple Herring and Whiting. On the down side, Bob told me that the house had been broken into again on or around the 9-11-99 and was duly reported to the local police station. Although there was nothing stolen and damage was minimal, it would appear that the house was used as an over night stop for someone travelling North / South and left the house in an untidy and dirty state. Fortunately for us Bob called around and was able to clean-up before our next tenant arrived. General concensus is that who ever broke in, had to be someone who had knowledge of the house arrangements or knew that the house was not being used at the time and is most likely a past member, a friend of a past or current member or "heaven forbid " a current member of the Surf Casters. I might add that this is not the first time that this type of break-in has occurred. Neighbours have been alerted and have agreed to report any suspicious activities to Bob or the local police.

At the last committee meeting it was decided that there is very little that we can do without spending a lot of money. Bob Henderson offered to measure the windows for security screens while in Kalbarri at the end of the month, as he can get them at minimal cost. This will be looked at and a decision made on the screens in the near future.

NOTE: Any person found guilty of being unlawfully on the premises will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Bookings: I currently have 1 week available from 11-12-99 to 18-12-99.
Vacancies available from the 15-1-00.

Wayne Morris
Property officer

Season's Greetings

The President and committee wish to extend Season's Greetings to all club members and their families and hope that the new millennium brings good health, happiness and the fulfilment of all dreams and aspirations of you all. Good fishing and casting as well!!



LUCKY DIP

A lucky dip will be held at the BBQ/Nite Cast at George and Kaye Holman's place on Sunday December 12th 1999. This is for all the adults only and the cost of the gift is not to exceed \$5.00. If you could please bring a wrapped gift for each adult attending, it will make a fun - and interesting - night of laughter!



Application For Membership

The following nominations for membership have been received and will come before the December committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any application should not be received they should contact a committee person and state their reasons.

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