



Surf Casting & Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.)

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CLUB INFORMATION

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

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

FIELD DAYS:- Are normally on the weekend following the General meeting. It is compulsory for safety reasons for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign on.

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

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

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

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

LIFE MEMBERS

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

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

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:05 PM
- Present:-** 22 senior members, 1 Junior member.
- Apologies:-** T Stam, K Black, D D'Mello, F Shim, D Batchelor.
- Visitors:-** Bib Smith, Keith Derbyshire
- New Member:-** None
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. No Business. **Moved** J Strong, seconded P Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.
- Previous Committee:-** Business arising. Work to be done on Catch and Release rules.
- Correspondence Out:-** John Livanos – Club information.
Shire of Dandaragan – camping at Cervantes field day.
Sue Brennan and Rom Niecejewski – membership fees for previous years.
Dean Brown and Andrew Griffiths about membership fees.
Minister for Environment – Jurien Bay Marine Park.
Fisheries Minister – Jurien Bay Marine Park.
- Correspondence In:-** Acknowledgements from Minister for Environment, Fisheries Minister.
Moved C Riegert, seconded P Stoeckel, correspondence be accepted: Carried
- Treasurer's Report:-** Total, including money received tonight. \$5305. Accounts for payment:-
City of Stirling, oval hire \$198.00
Yokine Bowling Club \$50.00
Reel Talk Editor \$144.20
Moved G Holman, seconded C Riegert, that accounts for payment be passed. Carried.
- Property Officer:-** Kalbarri is fully booked for some weeks.
- Field Day Officer:-** M Sneddon standing in gave details of October S Bend Field Day, as in Reel Talk. J Jardine asked for decisions on the boundaries for the Cervantes Field Day. On a show of hands, the northern boundary will remain at Hill River.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Brief details of the October dry casting were given. Details in Reel Talk. It was decided to use the area close to the northern end of the building at Yokine Reserve. There will be a night cast and barbecue after the Field day on Sunday 9th December. Bob Henderson read out the team members for the State Drycasting 28th October.
- AAA Report:-** Club will field a team for the State Estuary Championship 24/25 November at Peel Inlet. The club will make a \$50 donation for prizes.
G Holman reported on a meeting with Fisheries Minister – see Reel Talk for the full report.
2002 Rock and Beach Championship moved to 16/17 March 2002 at Cervantes/Green Head.
2003 Rock and Beach Championship moved to Bunbury Cut to Binningup in April.
- Recorder:-** No report.
- Social Organiser:-** Bob Henderson advised that the rules for the meeting “chocolate” wheel will change - club is losing money on this.
Members who want club shirts should contact him.
Corporate bowls night will start on Wed 17th October.
- SubCommittee Report:** Derry Barber described proposed arrangements for membership drive and “Buddy” system.
T Fuller showed a draft brochure about the club and gave details of quotes for printing. **Moved** I Cook, seconded T Willison that 2000 brochures be obtained at quoted price of \$550 - carried.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** Survey/Information gathering sheet to be run in next Reel Talk.
C Riegert advised of the Safari to Exmouth May 2002. Accommodation has been arranged for 22 people. Still one place available - deposits will be called for by November General Meeting.
T Fuller advised that the West Coast and Gascoyne Recreational Fishing Proposals and the Minister's responses have been released for comment. He gave a summary of the Minister's proposals and advised copies are available from Fisheries Department. Club will examine and prepare comments.
- Instruction Period:-** Demonstration by Chas Riegert of the difference in friction on different types of rod guides.
Talk by Derry Barber on financial issues arising from terrorist attacks and reactions by the financial markets.

Meeting closed at 10:00 pm

Coming Club Events.

November Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 4 November 2001, 8:30 am start.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, about 400 metres from Alexander Drive.
Events:- 112 gram distance, 56 gram distance,
Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

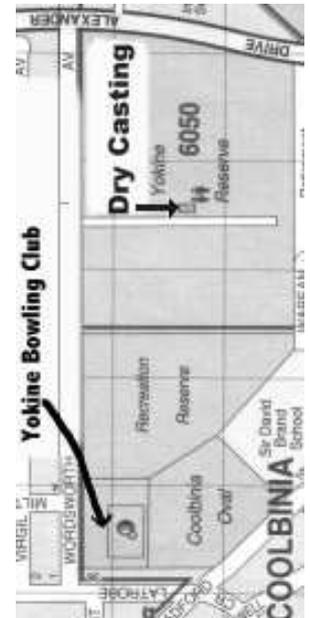
November General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday, 14 November 2001, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.
Instruction Period:- Gary Shugg from "The Complete Fisherman" in Nedlands, talking on estuary fishing. Come and find out the good oil for the State Estuary Championship 24/25 November.

November Field Day.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 November 2001.
Where:- Cervantes.
Sign On:- Saturday 12:00 at the Shell Garage, corner Aragon and Seville Streets Cervantes.
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.
Boundaries:- Cervantes to Hill River.
Note:- FAAC also have a field day on this weekend from Cervantes to Jurien.

<u>Tides, etc for Jurien.</u>	Saturday 17th November	0.34m at 7:12 am	1.04m at 9:43 pm
	Sunday 18th November	0.34m at 7:57 am	1.01m at 9:57 pm
	Sunrise:-	Around 5:10 am	Sunset:- Around 6:55 pm
	Moon Phase:-	New Moon is on Thursday 15th November.	



Local Field Day for November.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 November 2001.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 13:00
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 20:00 hrs that night.
Boundaries:- ASI Groyne to Mindarie Keys, including the Swan River.
Tides for Fremantle.

Saturday 17th November	0.32m at 7:30 am	1.00m at 9:36 pm
Sunday 18th November	0.33m at 8:12 am	0.98m at 10:00 pm

December Field Day.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 15/16 December 2001.
Where:- The December Field Day is a Local, in the Perth Metropolitan Area.
Sign On:- At the December General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 13:00
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 20:00 hrs that night.
Boundaries:- Rocks 500m south east of Point Peron to Mindarie Keys, including the Swan River.
Tides for Fremantle.

Saturday 15th December	0.29m at 6:42 am	1.04m at 8:58 pm
Sunday 16th December	0.30m at 7:13 am	1.02m at 9:20 pm
Sunrise:-	Around 5:05 am	Sunset:- Around 7:18 pm
Moon Phase:-	New Moon is on Saturday 15th December.	

Surfcasters S Bend Field Day - 29/30 September / 1st October 2001.

Well after picking up Kade on Friday afternoon, and then backtracking to my house (trust me to always leave something behind!!), we (Chas, Kade and myself) left Perth in relatively nice weather. An hour or so later the skies darkened and it started raining. What's a bit of rain, we all thought to ourselves. Out of nowhere came a full blown storm with some very heavy rain, thunder, lightning and very strong winds.

As we progressed slowly towards the S-Bend caravan park we realised that the storm was only getting worse and we would just have to put up with it. About 11 that night we arrived at the caravan somewhat weary and tired and praying that the weather would abate overnight. We did what most other people do in a situation like that and we eventually settled on a few relaxing drinks and a game of scrabble.

Now I'm not really keen on games such as scrabble so Chas easily beat the pants off me and Kade in the first game. However it was a different story with the second game. A change of rules saw some new and very original words developed, which definitely made a usually "boring" (for young people like myself anyway) game quite amusing and fun. Soon after we decided to call it quits and hit the sack. Not long after, George, Dave and Derry arrived and decided that in the bad conditions putting up a tent probably wasn't the best idea, so they ended up staying with us.

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George and a lonely S Bend tailor.

rough it was still fishable. George managed to land a nice tailor but that's about as far as things went before we decided to pack up and head off to the BBQ. Although the weather wasn't the greatest, the sun did manage to shine through and made the BBQ very enjoyable and relaxing.

That afternoon we all headed off to fish the Lucy' s area and that too looked very fishy. Although this area didn't look weeded up, nearly every cast resulted in a pile of weed. Now those that know me will tell you that I'm not very patient a lot of the time, so I headed off to throw some lures around the reefy areas. That too resulted in a lost lure or two and no fish.

Things weren't looking good at that stage. That night we headed home early and Chas and Derry seemed to play scrabble till the early hours of the morning, whilst Kade, George and Dave went back down for a fish. That night the wind died down and the clouds broke up but still very few fish were caught anywhere.

The next morning we finally awoke to magnificent weather with clear, bright skies and the gentlest of seabreezes. We threw lures around the reefy areas for hours that morning and came home empty handed. The only thing of interest that morning was a bloke next to me hooking and then losing a very nice sized crayfish on a mulie!!

We headed off to the weigh in and well.... the results speak for themselves.

Although the weather was terrible, to say the least, and fish were few and far between, it was still an enjoyable weekend for all those that went.

Mat Sneddon, Acting Field Day Officer.

The next morning the conditions had improved slightly so we headed off, following George, to have a look at some of the spots. Having never been to S-Bend before, the water looked very fishy and certainly very productive. After the sign on we eventually made it up towards the Greenough River mouth area and although it got windier as the afternoon progressed we managed to find a reasonably sheltered spot to fish. The water looked very fishy indeed, but produced nothing at all. Towards dark we headed back to the caravan park and started having dinner and relaxing in general. Later that evening George and Co. arrived home, somewhat happy that George had managed to nail a 6kg mulloway in the Flat rocks area.

We decided to fish Flat Rocks the next morning and although very windy and

Peter Stoeckel was a bit miffed that he couldn't weigh in his catch after all the hard work he put in to landing it - something about it not being in the "eligible species list". Well judge for yourselves.

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Peter in action.

The result !

Battle of the elements at S Bend.

Left Perth at 7.45pm with black skies, heavy wind and rain with little enthusiasm in erecting the tent when we arrived. Fortunately for us, but unfortunately for Bob Henderson, (who was too sick to attend) we were able to bunk in with Chas Riegert, Mat Sneddon and Kade Ross. The host crew quickly attempted to return to the sleeping pattern, which appeared preferable to Barber's snoring, who had no trouble going to sleep.

Saturday morning saw heavy showers, overcast skies and strong wind. All were silent when the alarm went off, with the rain pelting down and the sound of high-pitched wind gusts. Holman blew it with the unforgivable statement that it was time to go to the loo. Bladder driven, the sorry line of rain and wind blasted figures left the warm sleeping bags and trooped outside.

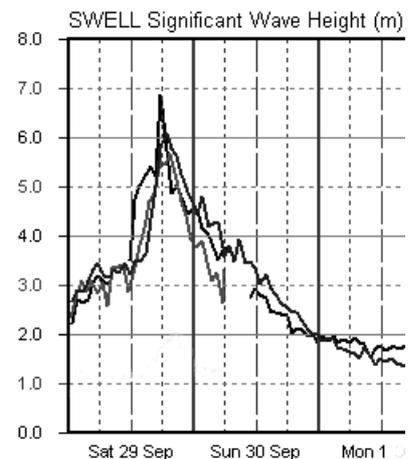
The seas were rough with huge mounds of seaweed giving a clear indication of what was underneath. The group elected to go to Flat Rocks, subsequently moving further north before settling in. The day's effort resulting in only one tailor caught by George. As the night closed and bad weather persisted we decided to pack up. George had two rods set up and was the last one to up stakes. The rod tip bent and George was on, landing a magnificent 6.25kg mulloway.

Saturday night was devoted to the scrabble competition that resulted in Riegert being banned for life (We reckon he takes a dictionary to bed at night). No one else had caught a fish, which was a pity particularly for Mat and Kade who tried hard and were good company

It was reputed that some members did not wet a line (no names mentioned.)

Sunday resulted in a rock hopping hike south of Lucy's resulting in numerous silver bream all of which went back with not an Errol Flynn amongst them. Field day results were unaffected on Monday, with the top tally number of fish being six.

Derry Barber.



Swell on S Bend Weekend – peaked at over six metres!.

Attendance: Seniors 9 Juniors 1 Mini-Juniors 5 Visitors 0 Total 15

Angler	Total Weight	No of Species	No of fish	Total Points
George Holman	8.2 kg	3	4	162
Tony D' Alonzo	3.4 kg	5	7	124
Chas Riegert	0 kg	0	0	50
Derry Barber	0 kg	0	0	50
Matthew Sneddon	0 kg	0	0	50
Peter Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	50
Andrew Aubrey	0 kg	0	0	50
Kaitlin Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40
Dave Maxted	0 kg	0	0	40
Kade Ross	0 kg	0	0	40
Andrew Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40
Jenny Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40
Chloe Aubrey	0 kg	0	0	40
Chris Aubrey	0 kg	0	0	40

Sportsperson Of The Year Sections.				Masters Fish		
Best Scale Fish	George Holman	Mulloway	6.25 kg	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Bag of Scale fish	George Holman	Mixed	8.15 kg	George Holman	Mulloway	6.25 kg
Field Day Prizes.						
Best Bag of Scale fish	George Holman	Mixed	8.15 kg			

Top Ten up to October

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D' Alonzo	1309.55	6	Ian Cook	307
2	John Jardine	816.25	7	Ian Taggart	245.5
3	Damian D'Mello	550.5	8	Ken Black	230.5
4	George Holman	353.01	9	Mark Farnay	224.5
5	Andy Woodford	314	10	Chas Riegert	214.5

Field Day Sections up to October.

Section	For	Angler	Species	Weight.
1a.	Best Scale Fish (1st 6 Months)	Chas Reigert	Yellowtail Kingfish	6.85 kg
1b.	Best Scale Fish (2nd 6 Months)			
2.	Most Meritorious Fish	Committee decides		
3.	Best Shark (4.5 kg min)	No entry		
4.	Best Mulloway (2.0 kg min)	George Holman	Mulloway	6.25 kg
5.	Best Tailor (1.0 kg min)	Tony D' Alonzo	Tailor	2.15 kg
6.	Best Salmon (3.0 kg min)	Tony D' Alonzo	Salmon	3.6 kg
7.	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D' Alonzo	Skipjack	0.85 kg
8.	Best Mackerel (2 kg Min)	No entry		
9.	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Chas Reigert	Yellowtail Kingfish	6.85 kg
10.	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D' Alonzo	Mixed	22.5 kg
11.	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish min)	No entry		
12.	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish min)	Damian D'Mello	Tailor	6.9 kg
13.	Best Fish On Single Handed Rod (4kg Line max)	No entry		
14.	Best Fish Caught On Fly Rod	No entry		

Fishing Cervantes.

The small fishing town of Cervantes is named after the island off the coast, which in turn was named after the wreck of the Cervantes, a two masted American whaling ship, wrecked on 29 June 1844.

Getting There. Cervantes is approximately three and a half hours drive north of Perth on the Brand Highway.

Accessibility. Four-wheel drives are an advantage for this venue but by no means a necessity. There are several good fishing spots accessible by two-wheel drive vehicles, with the town jetty being just one.

Tackle Shop. Tackle and bait can be bought from the hardware store but the selection is fairly limited. Bait can also be bought from the Shell garage as you enter Cervantes.

Caravan Park. There is only the one caravan park in Cervantes. Located on the beachfront 500 metres north of the Post Office, the Cervantes Pinnacles Caravan Park 9652 7060 has powered and un-powered sites, on-site shop, barbecue facilities, playground and campers kitchen. Also on site vans and park cabins to accommodate 2 to 6 persons with refrigerator and full cooking facilities. A short walk away are the nearby shops and beach, where you can swim, or fish from the jetty or beach.

Camping on the Beach. Camping on the beach or behind the dunes is only allowed if prior permission is sought from the Shire. If you do camp on the beach or behind the dunes please be sure to take all your rubbish away with you when you leave, other wise this privilege will be lost to everyone.

Fish Species. Tailor can be caught from the Jetty and all along the beach to the Hill River Mouth. Favourite spots include the reef at Black Rock and Hill River mouth.

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Herring can be prolific at the Jetty especially when the Cray Processing plant is pumping out. The herring can sometimes become focused on the output from the Cray Processing plant and ignore other offerings. They can also be caught along most of the beach.

Mulloway. Although not as common as they once were mulloway can be caught all along the beach with probably the best bet being at the Hill River Mouth.

The "Cervantes Hilton", November 2000.

Sharks. If you want to catch a shark then I'd recommend fishing a live-bait from the jetty at night Sharks can be caught from the beaches, but again a live bait at night would be the best ploy. Dead baits are prone to being picked up by the numerous large rays which inhabit the area.

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Mackerel are picked up very occasionally, usually when fishing for tailor. They are not common enough to fish for specifically, but make a most welcome catch when they do put in an appearance.

Fishing Spots. The Cervantes Jetty can really fire for herring especially when the Cray processing plant is pumping out. The herring can sometimes become preoccupied with the Cray particles though and be difficult to catch on anything else.

Chopper Tailor are always a good bet. Bait casting a mulie or whitebait is probably the most effective method.

Other species often encountered are Snook and small Tarwhine, which can sometimes be a nuisance.

I have seen a couple of people spooled from the jetty when bait casting Mulies, so pre-set your drag and be prepared just in case something bigger happens along.

Sharks caught at Cervantes.

The resident seals that hang around at the end of the jetty by the fish cleaning table and mop up the scraps will provide some

entertainment when the fishing is slow.

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Black Point.

This small point at Black Rock offers a sheltered camping spot that is usually already occupied by others. There is a low flat reef here from which tailor can usually be caught by baitcasting mulies. Best times as ever are first light and dusk.

There are a number of locations along the beach between Black Rock and Hill River Mouth where there are some deep gutters. These are deep enough to fish both during the day as well as at night. Some of these gutters have channels running out to sea through the seagrass beds. Fish appear to run in and out through these channels. Camp sites can normally be found up behind the dunes adjacent to these spots.

Hill River enters the sea between Cervantes and Jurien. Following the tracks north through the dunes will eventually take you to the river mouth where there is a reasonably comfortable camping area.

Tailor and mullet are the prime targets here with plenty of herring and whiting present for a bit of variety. As with all of this area big rays can be a problem when fishing at night.

Reprinted from the November 2000 Reel Talk. Thanks to Andy Woodford.

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The club has received a letter with an OK from the Shire of Dandaragan to use the beaches within the Shire except those within the coastal towns of Cervantes and Jurien for our November 17/18 Field Day.

The conditions are – comply with any regulations, by laws and Acts of Parliament while camping, including the Off Road Vehicle Act and the Traffic Act; take away all rubbish; use existing tracks, no damage to flora, vegetation or wildlife; lighting of fires to be in compliance with the Bush Fires Act as it applies to the Shire.

The club has a good reputation with the Shire which we want to keep. Please observe the Club's Code of Ethics, and if you see any other people doing things which might be thought to have been done by Club members, take some notes so we can let people know it wasn't us.

Have A Go Day.

To be held on Tuesday 13th November, at the Burswood Park near the lake starting at 9 am. The club will be participating with a display annexe and the small casting arena, teaching everybody the art of using a single-handed rod to their best advantage.

A fun day and you meet a lot of interesting people and also participate in other activities. Contact Bob Henderson for more details, or if you can come along.

Corporate Bowls.

Eight Surfcasters turned up on Wednesday 17th October for an evening of fun at Yokine Bowling Club. After a sausage sizzle, we went to the rink to have, in most cases, our first experience of the art of bowling a ball on grass.

It's all a matter of getting the right line and length, just like dry casting, but the practise is a lot harder than the theory. Still, there were some skillful shots – a cynic might say luck had some part, there were some shots with not enough weeties, and quite a few where the brakes failed and the bowl just kept going and going and going.....

We fielded two four person teams. Surfcasters 2 salvaged a 7 all draw, while Surfcasters 1 went down with a score of (I think 16 to nowhere near enough). Still there's the next few weeks to try again. Terry Fuller.

Dry Casting Report - 7 October 2001.

Blustery conditions greeted us at the start of the day and continued throughout the morning. Considering the wind was in our faces and quite strong at times, it was great to see that quite a few put down casts over 130m - good training for the State titles if the wind joins us on that day.

Bullseyes by Gary, Roy, Terry F, and two by "AJ" did not outshine the classic of the day. After over 10 years of casting this bloke "popped" his second bullseye but did it the hard way by obtaining it in the double handed event. It was impossible to wipe the huge grin off his face for the rest of the day, so we shouted "Willo" a free drink at the sausage sizzle and begrudgingly admitted to his rare talent.

To George and Terry F who always step aside to assist our visitors no matter what time they turn up, we say a special thank you to you both.

Well done to Chas and Nick for their efforts in the 112 gram event, to George for taking out the artificial bait division, to Gary for his usual brilliance in the double handed event and to Terry F for his efforts in the single handed event. They don't outshine the winner of the day - that goes to Nick Allsworth. Also congratulations to young Kade and Rhys for their efforts.

A couple of blokes were missing on Sunday, so we hope to see Ken Black and Trevor Stam back with us in the near future - just leave that flu bug back home, Ken.

Enjoy your casting fellas.

Hendo

Special Request

Would all drycasters please wear club shirts at monthly casting days.

	112 gram			Artificial Bait			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Points	Cast 1	Cast 2	Points			
Seniors.									
Terry Willison	110	114	22	0	100	10	88	10	130
Chas Riegert	138	137	28	0	0	0	117	15	160
Gary Gildersleeves	130	127	26	98	0	10	163	10	209
Nick Allsworth	136	145	28	102	109	21	154	28	231
George Holman	133	133	27	109	107	22	99	24	172
Andrew Aubrey	121	120	24	0	100	10	99	10	143
Ric Parker	125	131	26	0	88	9	108	15	158
Peter Stoeckel	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	10	46
Darren Batchelor	130	136	27	103	0	10	105	26	168

Veterans.

Andy Thorgersen	0	75	8	65	69	13	71	8	100
Terry Fuller	0	107	11	81	87	17	52	30	110
Jim Strong	68	71	14	52	70	12	107	22	155
Mal Head	109	115	22	95	98	19	78	13	132
Bob Henderson	137	135	27	0	99	10	102	19	158
Roy Killick	121	125	25	101	96	20	149	18	212
Alan Jones	94	104	20	80	0	8	103	27	158

Juniors.

Kade Ross	106	0	11	76	0	8	107	20	146
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Mini Juniors.

Emily Woodford	62	56	12	41	48	9	33	16	70
Rhys Jones	70	65	14	62	57	12	52	19	97
Chloe Batchelor	38	0	4	0	0	0	31	15	50

Day Winners.

112 gram winner	Chas Riegert/Nick Allsworth	28
Artificial Bait winner	George Holman	22
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Gary Gildersleeves	163
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Terry Fuller	30
Winner of the Day	Nick Allsworth	231
Junior winner	Kade Ross	146
Mini Junior winner	Rhys Jones	97

Next Dry Casting Date:- Sunday 4th November 2001, 8:30 am start.

**Events:- 112 gram distance, 56 gram distance,
Double Handed accuracy, Single Handed accuracy.**

2001-2002 Dry Casting Progress Report.

	112 Gram	56 Gram	Artificial Bait.	Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Dry Casting Top 10	Score
1	Bob Henderson	Roy Killick	George Holman	Roy Killick	Bob Henderson	Roy Killick	1370
2	Nick Allsworth	Bob Henderson	Roy Killick	G Gildersleeves	Roy Killick	Bob Henderson	1280
3	Chas Riegert	Chas Riegert	Nick Allsworth	Bob Henderson	Terry Fuller	G Gildersleeves	1178
4	George Holman	G Gildersleeves	Bob Henderson	Nick Allsworth	Alan Jones	Nick Allsworth	1062
5	G Gildersleeves	Jim Strong	Chas Riegert	Alan Jones	George Holman	Chas Riegert	1047
6	Roy Killick	Terry Fuller	Darren Batchelor	Mal Head	Chas Riegert	Terry Fuller	1023
7	Alan Jones	George Holman	Alan Jones	Chas Riegert	G Gildersleeves	Alan Jones	1013
8	Terry Fuller	Trevor Stam	Terry Fuller	Jim Strong	Nick Allsworth	George Holman	947
9	Ken Black	Mal Head	G Gildersleeves	Terry Fuller	Darren Batchelor	Mal Head	888
10	Mat Sneddon	Nick Allsworth	Andrew Aubrey	George Holman	Mat Sneddon	Jim Strong	829

State Dry Casting Team Members.

Seniors.	Veterans No 1.	Veterans No 2.	Mini Juniors.	Juniors.
Chas Riegert (Captain)	Alan Jones (Captain)	Terry Fuller (Captain)	Daniel Stoeckel (Captain)	Kade Ross
George Holman	Mal Head	Trevor Stam	Rhys Jones	
Darren Batchelor	Roy Killick	Jim Strong	Emily Woodford	
Gary Gildersleeves	Bob Henderson	Andy Thorgersen	Andrew Stoeckel	
Andrew Aubrey				
Ric Parker				

Spotter's Fee Offered to the Club.

Kade Ross' mother has a real estate business, and has made an offer to the Club of \$200 for each real estate lead which results in a settled sale. The money could be used to help fund special club days and events which the club may have planned. The donation would be made upon settlement of each property.

If you have any leads, make sure you mention the Club and contact Tina Ross on:-

email:tina@tinross.com.au, www.tinross.com.au, mobile 0413 136 769 phone 9448 8462 fax 9448 1589.

Wanted - Team Members for AAA State Estuary Championships - November 24/25.

The AAA State Estuary Championships will be held at the Peel Inlet, Mandurah on Saturday/Sunday November 24th/25th, 2001.

Registration is at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club, on the foreshore behind "The Atrium", 11.00 am to 12 noon Saturday, \$10 seniors, \$5 Vets, Juniors and Mini Juniors. Lines down 2.00 pm Saturday.

At least ten club members have put their hand up to join and the land based members hope to fish together off the wall of the Dawesville Cut. A barbecue will be held so even if you don't want to stay the night, come on down for a drive and join us for tea.

Participation counts towards individual and club points for AAA Angler and Club of the Year.

It's only around 100 km from Perth, that's under 1½ hours easy driving. Fishing can be from shore or boats - you don't **need** a boat.

Please contact Bob Henderson 9451 6341 or Peter Stoeckel 9248 5748 if you are interested in going. Names will also be collected at the November General meeting.

Boundaries are from a line drawn between the ends of the two groynes at Dawesville and Mandurah and all waters upstream. No fishing on the ocean side of the groynes.

Weigh in commences at 10.00 am sharp Sunday. All bags must be in the weigh in area by 10.00 am. Please pick up and read the AAA "Rules of the Day" when you register.

Maximum 1 day's bag limit or 8 of any one species, maximum total of 50 fish. 1 point per fish, 8 points per kilogram, 10 points per eligible species. No cobbler to be weighed in.

Mandurah Tides

Saturday 24th November	0.57m at 12:13 pm	0.76m at 10:28 pm
Sunday 25th November	0.60m at 12:15 pm	

Peel Inlet Tides

Saturday 24th November	0.56m at 3:02 am	0.40m at 3:20 pm
Sunday 25th November	0.54m at 12:55 am	0.41m at 2:42 pm

Dawesville Cut Tides

Saturday 24th November	0.49m at 12:35 pm	0.71m at 9:30 pm
Sunday 25th November	0.52m at 12:45 pm	

Sunrise:- Around 5:05 am **Sunset:-** Around 7:03 pm

Moon Phase:- First Quarter is on Friday 23rd November.

Wanted.

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

Membership Coordinator.

Derry Barber has been appointed Membership Coordinator, and has some ideas to help with getting and keeping new members.

This will be in a least three parts:- Attracting new members, inducting new members into the Club, and then ongoing work to keep existing members in the club.

A presentation is planned to members of the Yokine Bowling Club, and a brochure is being printed to give to interested people through tackle shops, etc.

Derry is collecting a set of information to give to new members, and drawing up a roster of existing members to look after new members at dry casting, general meetings and field days.

Fly Fishing.

The Australian Fly Fishing Institute, based in Tasmania, has written to the Club, offering affiliation, and seeking information about members interested in Fly Fishing. The Institute is in the process of becoming a Registered Training Organisation and would then be able to offer accredited training courses. These introductory, intermediate and advanced courses in recreational fly fishing would qualify people to become professional guides and casting instructors.

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Reel Talk November 2001

AAA Meeting with Hon. Kim Chance, Minister for Fisheries.

On 26 September, John Curtis, Immediate Past President AAA, Max Law, Secretary AAA, Angus Horwood, and Terry Fuller, representing George Holman, Senior Vice President AAA, had a meeting with the Minister for Fisheries, Hon Kim Chance to discuss several recreational fishing issues. Kevin Donohue, the Minister's Policy Officer, Fisheries, also attended.

Max Law outlined the composition and recent history of AAA, including the number of clubs and members represented by AAA.

West Coast and Gascoyne Recreational Fishing Proposals. The Minister advised that there will be an updated release of the West Coast and Gascoyne Recreational Fishing proposals. These will not repeat all the details contained in the original documents, but will take the form of new, brief, specific and concise documents containing:-

- 1) the final recommendations put to the Minister by the Working Groups, and
- 2) the Minister's comments on those recommendations, not all of which will be in agreement with the Working Group's final recommendations.

These recommendations and comments from the Minister will be put out for public comments for a period of about eight weeks, with the public's comments will go to the Minister and not to the Working Group. The Minister will then consider the comments and make a final decision.

A press release has now been issued so that the wider community is made aware of this action, and can make comments. Printed copies will be supplied, and details will be also available on the web site.

These answered some of the issues which AAA had wanted to raise - the lack of feedback on West Coast and Gascoyne and the secrecy about the updated proposals.

Representation on Management Committees. AAA is concerned at the apparent imbalance of representation by recreational fishers on some of the many Management Plan Committees, and the resulting proposals which aren't equitable, and which have, in AAA's perception, an unbalance against Recreational fishing. This includes RFACs of all kinds, West Coast Working Group, the Jurien Bay Marine Park, the Gascoyne Committee, Management Advisory Committees of all sorts, most recently the Mackerel MAC. The Minister acknowledged this point, and said that lessons had been learnt from the public reactions to these plans.

The Minister explained the need to take some early action on mackerel catches in advance of the outcomes of the Integrated Fisheries Management decisions. AAA had earlier made a representation that a particular person on the committee could not actually represent recreational fishers. The Minister accepted this and had changed the group that person represented, and now acknowledged that as a result of this change recreational fishers were now not represented on this committee.

Proposed Jurien Bay Marine Park. John Curtis explained, as an example of AAA concerns at the outcomes and apparent lack of recognition of the realities of recreational fishing in this area, how the proposals would prevent shore fishing at one of the few good spots in one stretch of beach, Target Rock. He also covered the inequity in the 21% area proposed to be unavailable to recreational fishers, compared to the very small 4% area unavailable to professional rock lobster catches. Angus Horwood explained how he had suggested changes in the proposals for the North Head area, for similar reasons, which had been accepted.

The Minister for Environment controls this Committee, but the Minister for Fisheries has to agree with the proposals. The Minister advised he does not agree with all the proposals for several reasons, including that the costs of compliance would be unworkable. He was aware of the drive by the rock lobster industry in these proposals. He believes it will not progress in it's present proposed form. Whatever is done has to make sense, in everyone's interests. He would welcome submissions from AAA and any others with detailed comments on the proposals as published, and suggestions for changes, supported by reasons.

Management of Total Catch of Fish. AAA is concerned that proposed changes to Recreational bag and possession limits are not matched by any effective controls on professional catches. Although professional boat and license numbers are controlled, there is no effective control on how much fish is actually caught by professional fishers, for the great majority of species of interest to recreational fishers. The catches are often controlled by other influences such as weather, abundance of fish, time available to fish, etc. AAA is concerned that increased abundance of fish if recreational catches are reduced, could simply result in increased professional catches.

The Minister advised that he is committed to resource sharing. A critical issue was the outcome of the Justice Toohey committee on Integrated Fisheries Management. He expected that resolving all the issues would take two terms of government (eight years), with the most difficult and controversial decisions having to be taken in the early period. The report of the Toohey committee is not due until July 2002, so it is difficult for the Government to make decisions before then.

At present most controls on professional catches were "input" controls, that is restrictions on the number of boats and licenses, times, etc., which had some effect on total catches, but these could still vary a lot, so were not necessarily effective. Choices would need to be made which could include "output" controls, that is limiting the catch by weight or quantity. This is already done for the pilchard fishery this year.

Tuna and Billfish Catches. AAA raised the professional catches of these species, which are important for tourism, and commented on the recent Fremantle meeting run by the Federal Minister, Wilson Tuckey. Mr Chance explained that most of this problem was a result of Federal Government arrangements. A Commonwealth trawl license allowed the operator to fish anywhere for any species, including in locations/fisheries where WA controlled fishing access. The Minister restated his position, covered in a media release, that it would be better to add the poorly managed 10% federal component of fisheries in WA waters to the well managed 90% WA component, rather than the other way, as proposed by Minister Tuckey.

Assessment of Fish Stocks. AAA is concerned at the lack of assessment of stocks for most fish species which are of interest to recreational fishers. This assessment is needed to allow a balance of take between the recreational and professionals, and so that the professional take can also be managed to be sustainable. On 25 September, the day before this meeting, the Minister made a media statement on Fisheries Research, which said in part:-

"Work will start on a new fisheries research and community education centre at Hillarys Boat Harbour, following a \$15 million boost to the Department of Fisheries capital program through this year' s State Budget. The capital allocation, to be spread over four years, was designed to meet the State' s needs for fisheries research and education over the next 20 to 30 years.

"The Government' s recognition of the need to conserve fish stocks for future generations and to develop and maintain ecologically sustainable fisheries is reflected in this allocation," he said. "Without valid scientific research carried out by highly skilled people, Western Australia could pay a terrible penalty, such as the over-exploitation of important species. Our fisheries researchers need to be supported in their work to carry out the tough balancing act between conserving fish stocks for the future while allowing for their optimum current use."

Communication with AAA. AAA is concerned at the lack of communication from these Working Groups with AAA, which is the largest group with real recreational fishing experience and expertise to draw upon. AAA does not get feedback on the comments and suggestions it supplied, and has great difficulty in getting any information on the latest proposals.

AAA contrasted that with the recognition apparently given to Recfishwest's comments and inputs to these Committees and proposals, and the access Recfishwest apparently has to updated proposals. AAA acknowledged that Recfishwest does a lot of very good work for many aspects of recreational fishing, however AAA expressed concern at the representation of the general public (non club members) in the issues covered by the various management plans.

Recfishwest claims to represent WA's 600,000 odd recreational fishers, but the AAA does not see much evidence that the general recreational fishing public is actually being consulted on these issues. Recfishwest public membership is small, (believed to be less than 100). The Minister agreed with these comments.

AAA raised the issue of funding, explaining how previous arrangements, which were supposed to flow through the new organisational arrangements, were not actually working as expected. The Minister will look at the funding situation.

AAA explained that the representation of AAA on Recfishwest had some difficulties in the past, but added that recent approaches have been made to Recfishwest, and some of the issues between AAA and Recfishwest are now fixed or are being fixed.

What will be achieved by proposed changes. AAA suggested that some changes to bag limits may not actually achieve what they are expected to achieve, and may actually have other impacts. AAA gave data on dhufish captures, where the proposed reduced bag limit will not actually have any significant effect on total catches, but may affect recreational fishers perceptions and enjoyment through limiting that rare, once in several years lucky day when the catch is above the average. The cost of fuel, travel, etc for recreational fishing has increased recently. AAA is concerned that limiting recreational fish captures and changing bag limits will have an impact on people's willingness to travel to go fishing, or on the amount of fishing they do, and thus have an impact on tourism, and on the economy of many places where recreational fishing is popular. The Minister accepted these comments.

AAA is not against change, where data shows this to be needed for the good of the fish stocks. We realise that there is a shortage of data in many areas, and that the best available data must be used. We asked that the interpretation put on the data be reasonable and that sacrifices, if there are to be any, be shared equitably.

AAA offered our assistance in any way that we can help with these processes.

At the end of the meeting, the Minister said that he had found the meeting very useful and thanked us for our comments, and that he looked forward to further meetings with AAA.

Terry Fuller

West Coast and Gascoyne Recreational Fishing Reviews.

Well, things are now moving!. See the AAA report on page 12. On October 8th, Fisheries Minister Kim Chance released a media statement and the West Coast and Gascoyne Recreational Fishing Working Group reports. The Minister has not accepted all of the recommendations, and has also issued a draft of his responses and alternative proposals.

He is calling for community comment on the recommendations in each report and on his draft responses. The printed reports are available from the Department of Fisheries offices in Perth, Fremantle, etc., or online at <http://www.wa.gov.au/westfish/comm/broc/mp/mp154/index.html>. or/mp153/index.html

Mr Chance said due to intense public interest, the extended time the reports had been under consideration and the significant changes from the draft proposals, he decided to seek further community feedback on those recommendations he was proposing to adopt. Submissions will be welcome until 7 December. The Minister had a clear message about repeating comments already made:- **Please note:- I have reviewed the existing public submissions. Further submissions should contain new or additional information that has not already been provided.**

The club has already put in comments on the original proposals on your behalf, and a sub committee of Ross, Ian and Terry will review these new papers and, if it has new information, will put in more comments on the updated proposals on behalf of all the members. We hope to publish those comments in the Reel Talk and discuss them with members before the deadline if possible.

The Club's previous comments on the original West Coast proposals are on the web site under "Submissions" or I can show you a printed version. A summary of some of the major changes is below.

The Minister's proposals cover many of the comments the club made, and also seem to have taken note of the public's agreement or otherwise with the original proposals.

Club comments that weren't accepted were the pike/snook and tailor size changes. This will have a big impact on kids and older people who fish the rivers and jetties – they'll be lucky to be able to keep (legally) any tailor during the summer runs of smaller fish. And many of those small pike caught in summer will now be undersized, but small snook (the ones that can grow into big fish) will be able to be kept.

But nobody can claim that it limits shore fishers too much. You can still have up to 40 herring, up to 8 tailor, up to 8 skippy, a couple of salmon, a couple of sharks, a couple of mulloway and still be within the limits, but you would be hard put to justify keeping that many fish in one day.

So you now have just **one** more chance to comment on the proposals. Get your copy of the papers, and if you don't like anything, and think you can put up a good argument for something different, speak up or put up with it.

Terry Fuller.

Minister's Proposals for West Coast Recreational Fishing.

The following tables are some of the Fisheries Minister's proposals for the new recreational rules for West Coast. Get your copy of the papers for the full set of proposals.

Category 2 fish. Total daily mixed bag limit of sixteen (16) fish. ** denotes proposed change to current management.			
Species	bag limit	Size limit	Other controls
Bream – black	4 **	250mm	Only 2 fish over 40cm **
Bonito	8		
Flathead/flounder (combined)	8 **	300/250mm	
Goatfish	8 **		
King george whiting	8 **	280mm **	Only 4 fish over 35cm **
Leatherjacket	8 **	250mm	
Mackerel – school	4	500mm	
Mangrove jack	4 **		
Skippy / trevally	8 **	200mm	
Snook	8 **	300mm **	
Tailor	8	300mm **	Only 2 fish over 50cm **
Yellowfin whiting	16 **		

Category 1 fish. Total daily mixed bag limit of seven (7) fish. ** denotes proposed change to current management			
Species	bag limit	Size limit	Other controls
Billfish (sailfish, swordfish, marlins)	1 **		
Blue groper	1	400mm	
Cobbler	4 **	430mm	
Cobia	2 **		
Cods (Serranidae family) inc. breaksea and harlequin	2 **		Max. size 1.2m
Coral trout	2 **	450mm	
Dhufish	2 **	500mm	
Baldchin groper / tuskfish	2 **	450mm **	Closed season Abrolhos **
Mackerel – spanish,	2 **	900mm	
Mackerel – wahoo	2 **	750mm	
Mackerel – shark	2 **	500mm	
Mahi mahi	2 **		
Mulloway	2 **	500mm **	
Nannygai / red snapper	4 **	230mm	
North-West snapper	4 **	280mm	
Pink snapper	4 **	450mm **	Closed season – metro area **
Queen snapper	2 **	410mm	
Red emperor	2 **	410mm	
Salmon, Australian	4	300mm	
Samson fish/Amberjack	2 **	600mm	
Shark	2 **		Max. size 2m **
Spangled emperor	4 **	410mm	
Trevally, golden/giant	2 **		
Tuna – southern bluefin, yellowfin, bigeye	2 **		
Yellowtail kingfish	2 **	500mm **	

Category 3 fish. Total daily mixed bag limit of forty (40) fish. ** denotes proposed change to current management.	
Species	Size limit
Blue mackerel	
Garfish	
Herring	
Mullet – sea	
Mullet – yelloweye	
Pike **	300mm **
Tarwhine (silver bream) **	230mm
Whiting – sand, school,	
All fish not in other categories except baitfish of the sardine and anchovy families, redfin perch, goldfish, carp and tilapia.	

Possession Limits for the West Coast Region.

20kg of fillet or parts of fish, or

10kg of fillet plus one day's bag limit of whole fish, or

Two days bag limit of whole fish.

Letters about the Jurien Bay Marine Park Indicative Management Plan.

Following the AAA meeting with the Fisheries Minister, the following letter has been sent to Dr. Judy Edwards, Minister for the Environment, and to Kim Chance, Minister for Fisheries.

Dear Minister,

The members of the Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.) would like to express our concerns at proposals in the Jurien Bay Marine Park Indicative Management Plan, and the delays in the resolution of the issues raised in this Plan.

We supported the objectives and principles in some of the original proposals, but we did not support some for various reasons. All this is detailed in the submission we made to the Plan Coordinator. I have attached a copy of that submission for your information.

In particular, we are concerned that some proposals significantly affect recreational fishing on top of decisions which will be made as part of the West Coast Recreational Fishing Review and Integrated Fisheries Management.

We believe that rock lobster fishing must have a significant impact. We have seen reports that the Cottesloe Reef Fish Habitat Protection Area bans rock lobster pots because of the potential damage to the sea floor and living structures. If correct, then this ban should also apply in any zones such as Scientific Reference Zones in any Marine Park.

Apart from the comments in our submission, we are also concerned that the process does not appear to allow the residents of W.A. to know what is proposed before it is submitted to Parliament and applied. We are unable to find out definitely what has now been proposed in response to the public's comments which were submitted on the original proposals.

In keeping with the Labor Government's Environment Policy, which states "*Labor believes the public has a 'right to know' about the state of the environment. This means working with the community and stakeholders to achieve consensus on the natural resource, environmental and economic decisions that affect them.*", we believe that the revised proposals should be published before a decision is made.

In that way, the residents of W.A. can see how the community commented on the proposals and how these comments have been considered in the revised proposals, and also if or how the revised proposals are supported by research or other data.

Please be assured that the members of this Club fully support and actively practise conservation and responsible fishing, and will not argue with any changes which are really necessary and will be effective for the preservation of the environment and/or conservation of fish stocks. But we ask that the process of deciding those changes be open and equitable and supported by data which is appropriate and relevant to the proposed changes. You will see from our comments in the original submission that we believe the proposed Plan fails in several important areas.

We look forward to changes to these proposals to address the inequities and inconsistencies, and a release of the revised proposals for further public comment.

Yours sincerely

Terry Fuller, Secretary.

Social Report.

Don't forget the night cast after the Local Field Day on Sunday 16th December. There's the barbecue, and then the night cast, so bring your snaggers and/or chops and steak, and the glow sticks. For all those "night tossers", there'll be a special event over a slightly longer distance with a substantial prize for the winner.

It has been pleasing to note many of the members wearing the Club colours at the dry casting and fishing field days. Those of you who still don't have a shirt – contact me and I'll fit you out.

A fund raising raffle is being arranged to raise funds for the 50th anniversary night. Tickets will be \$5 each with five prizes of \$100 each, so a quick response may give you that extra little bit of cash for Christmas. Tickets will be available at the next general meeting.

I need a couple of volunteers to help with the sausage sizzle at the State Dry Casting Titles on Sunday 28th October. **Any offers?**

Under the current rules for the "chocolate" wheel at General Meetings, the Club has been losing money. Even though the long term odds are in the Club's favour when all the numbers are sold, in the short term, and when all the tickets don't get sold, there's a good chance of the Club losing money. And that's what's happening. Only twelve draws a year mean the long term odds don't mean much.

The Committee has decided that new rules will apply from the October meeting.

The prize for the winning number will be \$20. If the winning number has not been sold, \$10 will jackpot to the prize for the next meeting.

Hendo, Social Organiser.

Club Web Site.

The Club Web site is at <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> We hope this will get the Club some exposure and attract some new members. The Club has a lot to offer - but it needs to be put together and publicised.

There's a lot more that can be done. If you have ideas for anything else, please let me know.

We need more photos of fishing, drycasting, fishing type scenery, rigs and gear with a description of what they show, where they are etc, but we don't want to give away any real secret spots, because we all know what that can lead to, so the locations given will be very general.

Also need articles, stories, tips, hints, etc. Ideally these should show that the club's activities make it worth becoming a member.

Please tell people you know about the site if you think they would be interested or would tell someone they know.

Terry Fuller, Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Web Page Editor.

For Rent.

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

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

For bookings and further information, contact the Club' s Property Officer, Rob Mitchell, business hours on (08) 9244 4900 or after hours on (08) 9248 8164.

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2001/2002 Field Days.

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 November 2001	Cervantes/Jurien.
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 December 2001	Local Metro Area.
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 January 2002	Preston/Myalup.
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2002	Garden Island.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 March 2002 LWE	Bluff Creek.
Saturday/Sun/Monday 30/31 March / 1 April 2002	Wago.
Easter Long Weekend	

2001/2002 Dry Casting.

Sunday 28 October 2001 A.A.A.	
State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 4 November 2001, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 2 December 2001, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 6 January 2002, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 3 February 2002, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 10 March 2002, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 7 April 2002, 8:30 am	Yokine Reserve.

2001/2002 General Meetings.

Wednesday, 14 November 2001, 8:00 pm	Yokine Bowling Club.
Wednesday 12 December 2002, 8:00 pm	Yokine Bowling Club.
Wednesday 9 January 2001, 8:00 pm	Yokine Bowling Club.
Wednesday 13 February 2002, 8:00 pm	Yokine Bowling Club.
Wednesday 13 March 2002, 8:00 pm	Yokine Bowling Club.
Wednesday 10 April 2002, 8:00 pm	Yokine Bowling Club.

Reel Talk Updates.

Reel Talk postage is 98 cents per copy. Every copy hand delivered instead of posted saves the club nearly \$12 per year - and you may get it sooner. I deliver some to Terry Willison's work address in Balcatta, and some to homes in Hamersley, Carine, Duncraig, Marmion and Sorrento. Please contact me if you have ideas or can help for other areas.

This and future Reel Talks (minus the preprinted yellow cover sheet) will be available as Microsoft Word 97 documents and can be sent to your email address. Most of the photos in that document will be in glorious colour, but we can only do black and white photos in the posted version.

I still need more articles, tips, hints etc. We need some different names on the bottom of the articles, please.

Terry Fuller, Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Web Page Editor.

Support our Trophy Donors and Advertisers.

In these tough times for many businesses, trophy donors and advertisers sometimes wonder about the return they get from their support for the Club.

Show them that their support is worthwhile by buying your gear and getting your services from our trophy donors and advertisers. Let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club when you go to them.

Advertisers are on the Reel Talk cover pages. Our 2000/2001 trophy donors were:-

Bluewater Tackle, Scarborough, Morley, Exmouth.	Crackel For Tackle, Perth.	Club Members:-
Gary Shugg, The Complete Fisherman, Nedlands.	Ron McPhee, Ozflex.	
Joe Pullella's Fishing Tackle, North Perth.	Victoria Park Tackle.	Julie & Ross Kember.
Joondalup Fishing and Camping World.	Benbow and Co.	Rhys & Alan Jones.
Got'Ya Tackle and Camping, Balcatta.	Western Angler.	Bob Henderson.
ARB 4x4 Accessories, Osborne Park.	Don Batchelor.	Jennie Stoeckel.
Fleets for Tackle, Morley, Fremantle.	Hankook Tyres.	George Holman.
Doug Clegg, Cleggies Tackle, Trigg.	Hills Trading.	Terry Willison.
Campbell's Protackle, Leederville.	Fishing WA.	Terry Fuller.
Midland Gun Mart and Tackle.	Bruce Alvey.	Jim Strong.
Seaducer Tackle Corporation.	Basil Marsh.	Trevor Stam.
TJM 4x4 Products, O'Connor.	Rodwise.	
Joondalup Cash Converters.	Halco.	
Fisheries WA, Neil Sumner.		

We haven't yet approached companies about donations for our current 2001/2002 year. Club donors so far are:-

George Holman - rod trophy not allocated last year.

Derry Barber - money not used last year.

Terry Fuller - money not all used last year.

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

For Sale.

Twin tube fluorescent rechargeable lantern, complete with 12 volt D.C. and 240 volt AC recharging adapters. As new condition - used only twice - still in original box. \$35 o.n.o.

Phone Roy Killick, 9279 1150.

Snippets From 'Western Fisheries' Magazine, Winter 2001.

The wheel has turned and Fisheries WA will again be known as "Department of Fisheries."

FishWatch number 1800 815 507 is advertised as "toll free", and is a local call from fixed phones, but may cost more from mobile phones. A letter asked for assurances that it would be answered by local people who knew what you were telephoning about, and not by Eastern States operators, who often take extra time because they don't know the locality names. This FishWatch number is answered by people in Perth. The cost of calls from mobile phones is being investigated. Will watch for a follow up article.

An article profiling Vikki Gates, the new Chief Executive Officer of the WA Fishing Industry Council, notes that public concern about the environmental impact of the fishing industry does not escape her. "People are concerned about the social, economic and ecological impact of commercial fishing" she accepts. "Ecologically sustainable development is going to become a catch cry, and is a critical issue the industry will have to face and deal with." Access and resource sharing are two big issues.

The article also quotes her saying "of the 98% of the WA population who eat seafood, 83% prefer to buy their fish." (*That would leave 17% who prefer to catch their own fish, and that's a lot less than the often quoted figure of more than 600,000 recreational fishers. I guess that could mean that a lot of recreational fishers don't catch enough to supply their own needs. It could also mean that, even though they could catch enough, they still prefer to buy their fish, but is that likely? Ed.*)

This issue has an interesting three page article on Salmon. It seems that good catch years coincide with a weak Leeuwin current, and a strong current often means poor catches on the West Coast. The southward flowing Leeuwin current is about 300 metres deep and has a northward flowing counterpart called the "Leeuwin Undercurrent". Inshore of the Leeuwin current, there is a seasonally reversing current which is affected by strong winds and often flows northward when the wind blows strongly from the south, as in summer, or during winter storms. This "Capes Current" between Cape Leeuwin and Geographe Bay, can play an important part in the life of salmon.

We often think of salmon as surface or shallow water fish during migration, being used to seeing schools travelling along the beaches. But professionals sometimes catch them as bycatch at depths of well over 50 metres.

The article says 18 salmon fishing teams are licensed for the South Coast, and 13 teams for the South West, although only 3 can operate east of the Busselton jetty. 2280 tonnes of salmon were caught on the south coast in 2000, but only 0.22 tonnes on the South West coast. The big majority of salmon is canned for human consumption, and the rest "usually poor quality" is used for pet food. (*I wonder why it would be "poor quality"?* Ed.) The Fisheries annual report for 1999/2000 gives the value of salmon at less than 50 cents per kilogram to the professional fishers.

A group of Kimberley recreational fishers has started a barramundi stocking trial in Lake Kununurra. Fish are caught in the lower Ord river, tagged and released in the lake. The group has authority to relocate up to 2,000 fish. The trial should provide information on what the barra do in the lake. Funds are being collected to do an engineering study of how to provide a "fishway" access from the Lake to the Ord River, to give access to and from the ocean for breeding.

An article on Shark Bay said that management measures introduced for the Western Gulf had been effective in reducing the recreational fishing impact on pink snapper and blue lined emperor. It also gave an estimate of a reduction in boat based fishing effort from 51,000 fisher days in 1998/99 to 35,000 fisher days in May 2000 to April 2001. (*Maybe this shows that people will stay away if they think the restrictions don't make the trip worthwhile. What impact will this have on tourism and revenue for the area?* Ed.)

The court cases for recreational fishers did not have any line fishing offenses. Nine rock lobster cases, fines up to \$4,400, eleven abalone cases, fines up to \$56,600 for 916 in excess of limit, one crab case, fine of \$950 for 57 undersize, four marron cases, one person fined nearly \$10,000 for two offenses of 80 caught out of season and 56 over the limit, and four netting cases, one fined around \$5,000 for 225 black bream from closed waters.

Professional fishers were also caught. Six rock lobster cases, up to \$9,400 for 53 undersized, one case fishing in closed waters \$2,300, two crab cases, fines up to \$7,600 for out of hours pot pulling, one abalone case, \$57,700 for 581 in excess of possession limit, and one yabbie case \$6,500 for selling yabbies from his own property while not licensed on 25 occasions.

Freezer For Sale by Tender.

Westinghouse Silhouette Series 2, 383 litre Frost Free all Freezer, on rollers, in very good condition. This was donated to the Club, but is not required for the Kalbarri house. Contact Ian Cook for an inspection.

Please place tenders in a sealed envelope, marked "Tender for Freezer", and addressed to SCAC, PO Box 2032, Marmion WA 6020, by the Committee meeting, 21 November 2001.

The Committee will decide, but the highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Wanted.

Ice box or "Eskey" about 90 to 110 litres, around 900mm long, not too heavy, with good insulation. Reasonable price.

I already have a 45 litre Coleman Polylite Cooler, which is 600mm long, and a larger one of those would be ideal, but anything will be considered.

Terry Fuller 9447 4545.

Happy Birthday to:-

George Tangaris, 12th November

AAA Coming Events.

This information has been updated from the latest (September) AAA report. Check for updates in later Reel Talks.

October 28, 2001	AAA State Dry Casting Championships,	Yokine Reserve from 8:00 am.
November 10/11, 2001	MAAC - Club Competition.	
November 10/11, 2001	OSAC Beach Field Day	Jurien Cervantes to Green Head.
November 17/18, 2001	FAAC Field Day	Cervantes to Jurien.
November 18, 2001	Rockingham OFC - Field Day.	
November 24/25, 2001	AAA State Estuary Championships for this - see the item on page 11.	Peel Inlet. The club will have a team
December 8/9, 2001	MAAC - Club Competition.	
December 15/16, 2001	FAAC Field Day	Myalup to Preston.
December 16, 2001	Rockingham OFC - Field Day.	
January 19/20, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Moore River to Wedge.
January 26/27, 2002	Mandurah 500	
February 16/17, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Yanchep to Moore River.
March 2/3/4, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Go anywhere.
March 16/17, 2002	AAA State Beach/Rock Championship	Cervantes/Green Head.
April 20/21, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Cape to Cape
April 27/28, 2002	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Marmion AAC.
May 18/19, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Rottneest
June 1/2/3, 2002	FAAC Field Day	Cheyne Beach
October 27, 2002	AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve.
November 2002	AAA State Estuary Championships	Peel Inlet.
March 2003	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Lancelin AAC.
April 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Bunbury Cut to Binningup.

Club's 50th Anniversary.

The Surf Casting and Angling Club celebrates 50 years as a fishing club in June 2002, and will be inviting past members to join us.

We plan to hold our 50th anniversary celebration in conjunction with our annual dinner, dance and presentation of trophies in June 2002.

Planning for the night has started. Bob Henderson has contacted some newspapers and magazines and will put in notices.

Terry Fuller has been scouring old Reel Talks for names - but some of the addresses are many years old. Because we are missing many Reel Talks, (see the article calling for back copies), we are also missing many names. Even so, we already have over 700 names - some of which were children at the time.

We plan to go through the current phone book, and see if we can get the current addresses and phone numbers. When the list is a bit more organised, it will be published in Reel Talk to see if members can also help with updates.

If you know of a past member, please contact Terry Fuller.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

Thanks to Peter Stoeckel and Roy Killick for donations of recent years' Reel Talks. These almost complete our collection back to 1995, except for the February 1999 issue.

See October's Reel Talk for back issues we still want from 1994 and lots from earlier years. We are looking for donations, or can copy yours if you want to keep them.

Please contact Reel Talk Editor Terry Fuller if you have or can donate any of the missing issues.

2001/2002 Open Competition.

Cookie needs more entries !!! Someone must have caught some fish ???

Section	For	Min weight	Current Leader.
1.	Most Meritorious Capture	None	Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.
2.	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry.
3.	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	No entry.
4.	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	No entry.
5.	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry.
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	No entry.
7.	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry.
8.	Best Fish on single handed rod, maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	No entry.
9.	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry.
10.	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry.
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	No entry.
12.	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry.
13.	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry.
14.	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry.
15.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	Ross Kember, 3.0 kg Cobia at Steep Point.
16.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	No entry.

Seaducer Lure Fishing Competition.

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

Heaviest Tailor	No entry.
Heaviest Salmon	No entry.
Heaviest Scale Fish	No entry.

Exmouth Safari.

A booking for accommodation in Exmouth has been made for Saturday 11th - 18th May 2002. So far, 21 club people have their names down to go, and there is one spot left in the accommodation already booked. More houses are available if numbers go past 22, but it would need to be booked ASAP. If you are interested, please give your details to Chas Riegert on 9402 3180.

Chas needs a deposit of \$50 from all those with their names down by the November General Meeting, and the balance of \$90 by March 2002.

Name	Deposit	Name	Deposit	Name	Deposit
Derry Barber	Paid	Bob Henderson	Paid	Chas Riegert	Paid
Darren Batchelor		John Jardine		Kade Ross	
Peter Brightman		Ross Kember		Frank Shim	
Ian Cook	Paid	Julie Kember		Nadine Shim	
Damian D'Mello		Spencer King	Paid	Mat Sneddon	
Ric Dunstan	Paid	Ian Mascarenhas		Peter Stoeckel	Paid
Terry Fuller	Paid	Ric Parker		Brad Zaknich	

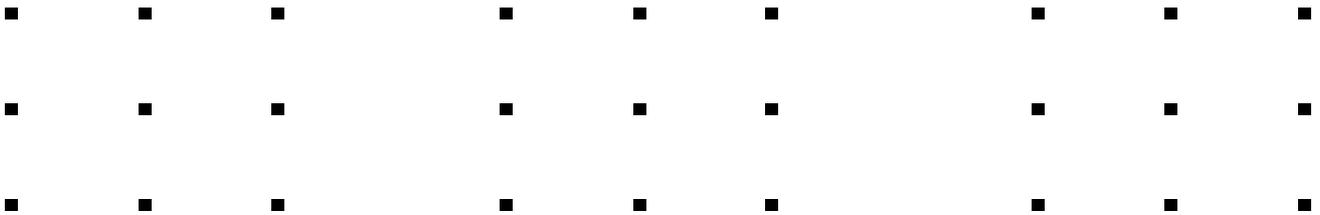
The “Nine Dot” Exercise.

All you have to do is draw **four** lines that connect **all nine** dots to successfully complete this exercise. There are, however, three instructions you must follow:-

1. Once you begin you must not lift your pen from the paper.
2. All four lines must be straight.
3. You can only intersect each dot once.

We'll give you three sets of nine dots to work on – just in case you don't get it right the first (or the second) time.

Roy Killick will supply the answer for the next Reel Talk.



New Member Application.

An application for membership has been received and will come before the November Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why the application should not be accepted, please contact a Committee Member and state the reason.

Keith Derbyshire
60 Manbari Crescent,
Wanneroo 6065

Member Information.

We would like to increase the value of being a member of the Club. Apart from fishing, members of the Club have a very wide range of hobbies, interests and skills which aren't known to other Club members.

The Club would like to have some more details about our members which may be used by us and other members for contacting you; getting help from and giving help to other members using the personal and business skills, tools and equipment members may have; helping members get together with other people with common interests; celebrating birthdays and other important dates; Club history; and so on.

The details asked for on the following tear out page are all optional, but the more you can give, the better use the Club and members can make of it. You can give only the type of information you're happy to have known to other club members, but members will get out of it in proportion to what they put in to it.

These details will be kept by the Club Secretary, and summaries may be published in Reel Talk for members, but it would not be in the Reel Talks which go to people outside the Club. Nothing will be published or used outside the Club. If you have second thoughts later, we can take out any details you have given us which you don't want used.

Members would be able to ask the Secretary a question like “do we have any members who know how to fix a problem with a xxxxx?, or help me to do yyyyyy?”, and the Secretary would be able to give some names of members who we know could do that. Whether you could or would actually help, and what if anything, you would want in return for that help, would be negotiated between you and the other member.

For an example, part of my answer would be:- Computer skills. Able to scan photos, documents, etc. Write up and print out letters, documents, notices, raffle tickets, small posters, etc. Select parts of photos, enlarge, reduce and reprint photos in colour or black and white. Make up special birthday cards, invitations, etc, using existing photos or new photos taken for the purpose. – eg the sort of things I do in the Reel Talk and the web page.

So please put your details on the form and send it in.

Terry Fuller.

Member Information.

Name Date of Birth Age Place of birth

Address Suburb Postcode

Home Phone Work Phone Mobile phone

Fax Email Date of joining Club

Occupation Nickname

Partner's name..... Anniversary Date

Children's names

Club positions held

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Club success

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Fishing/Casting success

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Personal aims

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Interests

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Hobbies

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Skills

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Personal or business skills, tools, equipment, etc I am prepared to use to help other Club members

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I would like to get some help with (show regular, sometimes, or once off)

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Comments / anything else

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Please copy and fill out a sheet for family members. Use the back if more space is needed.
Tear out and send to:- Secretary, SCAC, PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020, or bring to a General Meeting.
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