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## Minutes of General Meeting, 13 October 2004

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room  
Time 8:00 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding.
- Announcement** President Bob Henderson announced that he would be resigning from January. He will be travelling and will attend the Australian Anglers Association national championships in Yeppoon in August. A replacement President will be needed, and Bob asked that if George Holman volunteers that other club members stand up and do some work to help. Also some help is needed with running the dry casting because Terry Willison's ankles will not stand up. Help will be needed with setting up and running the dinner dance and organising the trophies.
- Present:-** 28 members, 2 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Trevor Stam, Mat Henderson, Fiona Callender, Chas Riegert.
- Visitors:-** Peter and Philip Pekaar
- New Member:-** None.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Terry Willison, these are a true record. Carried. No business arising.
- Previous Committee:-** Bob Henderson outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.
- Correspondence In:-** Challenge Bank Bank statement for September.  
Ray White Kalbarri New contract, Report of some issues with the Kalbarri house. Account for expenses..  
AAA Minutes of September AAA Delegates' Meeting.  
Tracy Richards, Dave Moir Will not renew membership. (email)  
BT Financial group Annual report  
Swan Catchment Council Newsletter  
Brian Hill, Warwick Police (Details will be provided verbally by Secretary.)
- Correspondence Out:-** Surf Casting Club Members with email Recfishwest media release about Marine Parks.  
Dave Moir, Tracy Richards, Paul Email reminder that Club membership fees are overdue.  
Terpkos, Tony Slate, Joe Pullella,  
Mark Holdsworth, Damian D'Mello,  
Martin Johannesen, John Agnello,  
Robert Goodin and family Acceptance of membership application.  
**Moved** Terry Willison, seconded Peter Stoeckel that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Paul Thompson reported. Accounts for payment:-  
**Total accounts for payment** **\$669.09**  
Challenge Bank Account 880334. Balance as at 8 September 2004 \$14,414.03  
Money received tonight held for banking \$1,223.50  
Accounts for payment Terry Fuller, Sec/Reel Talk expenses \$254.88  
Kalbarri Lawnmowing \$56.00  
Malcolm Harris, Field Day expenses \$30.00  
Total Accounts for payment \$360.88  
Total available, after accounts for payment and outstanding cheques \$15,276.00  
**Moved** Ian Cook, seconded Terry Willison that Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Carried.
- Secretary's Report.** Nothing else to report other than covered by correspondence or in general business.
- Property Officer:-** Vix Alexander:- Nothing new to report. Booked now to middle of January. Question on the lawn mowing - it's done as required.
- Field Day Officer:-** Field Day Officer Malcolm Harris reported on the September and October Field days as in Reel Talk. Four people fished catch and release. The coming AAA State Estuary Championship is on 27/28 November.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson gave details of the October Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. Eleven visitors came from other clubs. AAA State Dry Casting is on 31 October. A volunteer is needed to run the sausage sizzle after the dry casting when Bob Henderson leaves.  
Night cast will be held at George's place after the December Field Day. Someone needed to look after the club's 4 burner barbecue.  
Meeting to be held at George's place Monday 8 November to discuss arrangements for Yeppoon.
- AAA Report:-** AAA State Estuary Championship is on 27/28 November - would like to see Surfcasters teams and individuals  
George Holman and Terry Fuller went to Melville club General Meeting and explained what's happening in AAA and were well received.  
Need another delegate to the AAA from the Surfcasters. Any volunteer?  
Terry Fuller is now the AAA's Recfishwest Board Member.  
State events to be promoted more this year and clubs are to be encouraged to participate.  
AAA State dry casting championships will be held on Sunday 31 October. SCAC will be fielding teams as usual. Interested members to contact Bob Henderson. Helpers would be

appreciated. Prize of a service to value of \$150 as a prize to be drawn from entrant number.

Recfishwest report to come – as published in the Reel Talk. Planning for Marine Parks is a big issue.

“Angler of the Year” presentations will be held on 16 November before the Delegates’ meeting at the Sportsman’s Club, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley.

**Social Organiser:-**

Bob Henderson advised that the Seniors “Have a Go” Day at Burswood on Tuesday 26 October. Bob unable to do it on this day due to house move. Need a volunteer to set up for the day. No one volunteered.

December night cast after the December field day weigh in.

**Recorder:-**

Nothing to report.

**Reel Talk Editor:-**

Not present at this time. Bob Henderson asked members to write something about their experiences fishing. Even if you don’t want to write it yourself, contact Bob or Terry and something can be worked out to get your story into print.

**Notices of Motion:-**

None.

**General Business:-**

Terry Fuller reported that Brian Hill from Warwick Detectives had advised that the former treasurer had been charged with a general deficiency, convicted and fined \$1,000 as a result of the investigation into the club’s complaint about missing money. An order for restitution \$1,840.50 to the club has been made by the Perth Court of Petty Sessions. Some legal advice may be needed on collecting this money.

George Holman reported on a trip to Brighton Road (too shallow) Pippidiny (too much weed) and Mindarie (no bites) on the local field day.

Andy Thorgersen has caught bream in the River.

Bob Henderson reported on Mulloway catches in the river.

Terry Fuller reported an recent action on Marine Parks and Reserves Authority and CALM.

Jim Strong thanked Terry Fuller for reprinting the article about the Jim and the 1964 Field day in the last Reel Talk, and gave members some info on numbers of members who came on Field Days. Terry and George spoke on Garden Island field days and Jim’s work as FDO.

**Instruction Period:-**

George Holman on rods and rigs for fishing - advice for new members.

**Meeting closed.**

9:10 pm

**Coming Club Events.**

**November Dry Casting.**

**When:-** Sunday 7 November 2004, casting starts at 8:30am.

**Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.

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

**November General Meeting.**

**When:-** Wednesday 10 November 2004, 8:00 pm.

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

**Instruction Period:-** Abra DeKlerk - A different approach to fishing.

**November 2004 Field Day - Cervantes to Sandy Point.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 13/14 November 2004.

**Sign On:-** Saturday 11:00 am at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.

**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12 noon.

**Weigh in:-** Sunday 11:00 am at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.

**Boundaries:-** Cervantes, southern boundary of town to as far as you can walk north of Hill River.

<b>Tides for</b>	Saturday 13 Nov	0.35m at 6:02 am	1.11m at 9:07 pm	<b>Sunrise:-</b>	About 5:20 am
<b>Jurien</b>	Sunday 14 Nov	0.30m at 7:08 am	1.13m at 9:38 pm	<b>Sunset:-</b>	About 6:50 pm
<b>Moon</b>	Saturday 13 Nov	<b>Moonrise:-</b>	About 4:50 am	<b>Moonset:-</b>	About 6:40 pm
	Sunday 14 Nov	<b>Moonrise:-</b>	About 5:30 am	<b>New Moon:-</b>	Fri 12 November

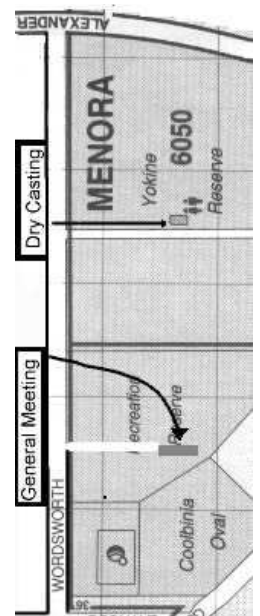
**Local Field Day for November 2004.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 13/14 November 2004.

**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.

**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12:00 noon

**Weigh in:-** Sunday 11:00 am at G Holman’s house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.



**Boundaries:-** Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

**Tides for** Saturday 13 Nov 0.33m at 6:01 am 1.08m at 9:16 pm

**Fremantle** Sunday 14 Nov 0.28m at 7:14 am 1.10m at 9:45 pm

### **December 2004 Field Day – Local, Penguin Island to Two Rocks.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December 2004.

**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.

**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12:00 noon

**Weigh in:-** Sunday 6:00 pm at G Holman's house, followed by the Christmas get together, night cast and barbecue.

**Boundaries:-** Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

**Tides for** Saturday 11 Dec 0.29m at 5:35 am 1.15m at 8:29 pm Sunrise:- About 5:05 am

**Fremantle** Sunday 12 Dec 0.23m at 6:24 am New Moon Sunset:- About 7:20 pm

### **December Night Cast.**

Don't forget it is on after the club Field Day weigh in at George's place. Bring your own food, we supply a few drinks. Enjoy each other's company. Some reel tosses are in action. Proudly sponsored by the "who?" group. Hendo.

### **Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.**

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

### **2004/2005 Field Day Dates and Venues.**

This list was voted in by the members at the April General Meeting.

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 November 2004	Cervantes to Sandy Point.
Saturday/Sunday 27/28 November 2004	AAA State Estuary Championships.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December 2004	Local only, Two Rocks to Penguin Island.
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 January 2005	Golden Bay to Myalup
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 February 2005	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 5/6/7 March 2005 LWE	Bremer Bay. Point Charles to Reef Beach.
Saturday/Sunday 23/24/25 April 2005 Anzac Day LWE	Port Gregory to Kalbarri. Boundaries Hutt River to as far as you can walk north of the Murchison River mouth.

### **2004/2005 General Meetings.**

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

Wednesday 10 November 2004	Wednesday 9 February 2005
Wednesday 8 December 2004	Wednesday 9 March 2005
Wednesday 12 January 2005	Wednesday 13 April 2005

### **2004/2005 Dry Casting Dates.**

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

Sunday 7 November 2004	Sunday 6 February 2005
Sunday 5 December 2004	Sunday 13 March 2005, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 2 January 2005	Sunday 3 April 2005

### **AAA State Estuary Championships**

Date: 27/28 November, 2004.

Boundaries: Upstream from the Fremantle traffic bridge (the old wooden one). Includes fishing from the bridge itself. Fishing is prohibited from any areas that are not open to public access eg private yacht club jetties.

Registration: Troy Park, Burke Drive, Attadale from 11am-12 noon Saturday, 27 November.

Weigh in: Troy Park, Burke Drive, Attadale at 11am sharp Sunday 28 November.

Presentation: Troy Park about 12 noon.

Lines Down: 2pm Saturday.

## AAA Rock and Beach State Championships

2004/2005 Location Cape to Cape  
Date Saturday and Sunday 28/29 May 2005 (that's in our 2005/6 competition year)

### Calendar for Next Three Months.

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

<u>27</u>	AAA Event																			
<u>1</u>	Dry Casting				11		General Meeting				<u>14</u> <u>15</u>		Field Day				<u>18</u>		Committee Meeting	
November 2004							December 2004							January 2005						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	<u>7</u>			1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>	31					1	<u>2</u>
8	9	<u>10</u>	11	12	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	6	7	<u>8</u>	9	10	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	<u>17</u>	18	19	20	21	13	14	<u>15</u>	16	17	18	19	10	11	<u>12</u>	13	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
22	23	24	25	26	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	<u>19</u>	20	21	22	23
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### Club Competition Rules and Constitution.

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

### Happy Birthday to:-

A lot of members haven't told us their birth date, so there may be more birthdays. Dob them in!  
Jennie Stoeckel, 6 November Rick Hirayama, 22 November TerryF, 29 November

### Wanted - Aluminium Cans.

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

### New Member Acceptances.

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

Grant Taggart, 3

### New Member Application.

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

### Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.

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

### Kalbarri House For Rent.

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

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:- Off season \$250 per week, On season \$390 per week } all plus \$50  
Club Members:- Off season \$160 per week, On Season \$210 per week } deposit / bond.  
Club Members:- Short term \$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights } plus \$55.00 cleaning

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

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

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

### **Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.**

We are looking for donations of old Reel Talks, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. A few copies, eg all of what we have for the early months of 1982 are not in good condition, so we would take any better copies if they were offered. See the list in the February 2002 Reel Talk.

### **South Coast Recreational Fishing Review.**

The comment period for the long awaited South Coast and Pilbara/Kimberley recreational fishing reviews finished on 14 October.

The Australian Anglers Association submission for the South Coast is as follows:-

#### **Response to Fisheries Management Paper Number 182 "A Quality Future for Recreational Fishing in the South Coast"**

The Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) Inc is an affiliation of 27 recreational shore and boat fishing clubs in the metropolitan and country areas, including five clubs in the South Coast region covered by this Fisheries Management Paper.

We wish to make the following comments on Fisheries Management Paper Number 182 "A Quality Future for Recreational Fishing in the South Coast"

**Proposal 1, the ten key principles of management.** The Association agrees in general with these ten principles, with the following specific comments.

*"Government should ensure adequate funding is available for comprehensive research and management necessary for the effective management of recreational fishing."*

This is absolutely critical and the definition of "adequate" must be such that the funding for necessary research to allow management is made immediately available.

*"Fisheries management should incorporate controls and measures that cover and anticipate increasing numbers of recreational fishers and their impact on fish stocks."*

Participation in recreational fishing has declined markedly in the past 12 to 18 months, with some reports of a 50% reduction, based on bait sales. This partly coincides with the introduction of new recreational fishing rules and limits in the West Coast and Gascoyne Regions.

It is critical that accurate assessments are made of the true numbers of recreational fishers and the true extent of their catches. The Association believes that the great majority of recreational anglers are very occasional fishers and are often not very successful in catching fish. The Pareto principle applies where a very small percentage of the fishers catch a large percentage of the fish, and simple extrapolation of their catches by the calculated number of fishers will lead to a massive overestimation of the recreational catch and impact.

*"As new information from research becomes available on biology or stock status, management arrangements should be modified accordingly."*

Management arrangements must be flexible both ways, that is, as well as allowing for tightened limits when required, arrangements must also include some relaxation of the limits if the research shows that the relaxed limits would still be acceptable for the impact on fish stocks and other dependencies and would enhance the recreational fishing experience.

*"Management should be based on the best available information, and where critical information is unavailable, a precautionary approach that seeks to minimise risk to fish stocks should be adopted."*

The Association supports this approach, however just as "the concept of precaution requires the onus of scientific proof to be on those who intend to draw benefits from the resource and contend that there is no risk" we expect that all available information is made accessible to the public so that affected people can see that the proposed actions are needed and are appropriate where "management authorities propose to take pre-emptive action where there is a risk of severe and irreversible damage....."

*"The value of recreational fishing should be clearly recognised and given proper weight in all government and community planning processes, for example, Marine Parks, industrial developments and any other future development..."*

The Association strongly endorses this principle and laments the failure of the Department of Fisheries, despite considerable efforts, to have this principle recognised in the planning processes for some recent Marine Parks.

*"Fishing rules should be kept simple and, where practical, made uniform across the region."*

The Association believes this should be "Fishing rules should be kept simple and made uniform across the State wherever possible." There is already considerable confusion among recreational fishers about the very complex rules introduced for the West Coast and Gascoyne regions, which has not been helped by the poor presentation and publicity about these regulations.

The rule that possession and size limits apply in the region where the catch is inspected, and not where the catch was made, leaves travelling anglers open to unintended breach of the regulations even if the catch was made legally, and reinforces the need for uniform regulations wherever possible.

*"Recreational fishing rules should be designed to protect the sustainability of stocks and manage the total recreational catch, as well as protect fish at vulnerable stages in their life cycle, for example, spawning aggregations."*

The Association would like to see much more research about and many more time targeted area closures to protect seasonal spawning aggregations and nursery areas.

*"The benefits from management of the total recreational catch should flow back to the recreational sector and be reflected in maintained or improved fishing quality and sustainability." and "Clear processes should exist to resolve resource sharing issues which support the integrated management of fish stocks."*

The Association believes these are critical issues for Integrated Fisheries Management.

#### **Proposal 2 - Major catch survey.**

The Association is concerned at the lack of current detailed information about our fish stocks and recreational catches. We therefore welcome any attempt to improve our knowledge of this resource, see our earlier comments. The how, what and where details of the surveys are critical and need to be made public so that the public can contribute to getting the best results for the considerable effort and cost involved.

#### **Proposal 3 - Structured logbook program.**

Our comments are as for Proposal 2.

#### **Proposal 4 - Priority species for research.**

We agree that the listed species are very important for recreational anglers, but are surprised at the omission of Herring from this list, or at least an indication that the Department considers that they already have sufficient information on herring if that is the case.

#### **Proposal 5 - Fishing quality indicators.**

As for proposal 4, we agree that the listed species are very important for recreational anglers, but are surprised at the omission of Herring from this list because of its great importance to South West and South Coast recreational anglers.

#### **Proposal 6 - Bag and Size limits.**

The Association agrees with the general thrust of the proposals, with the following specific comments.

The Association does not agree with the proposed common size limit of 300mm for Pike and Snook. Pike is a small species, and 300mm is an unnecessary increase. Snook is a larger species and a reduction to 300mm is too much, with the current 330mm or even longer preferred.

We would prefer to retain the current 500mm size limit for mulloway as in the West Coast Region, and consider that the proposed increase for mulloway to 700mm would probably not be unnecessary if Mulloway were made a "recreational only" species.

Black Bream. The Association believes that the slot limits of only 2 black bream over 350mm will cause confusion when compared to the West Coast slot limit of only 2 black over 400mm which only applies in the Swan-Canning Rivers. We would prefer to see a uniform rule, and one which is not simply the lowest common denominator.

The inclusion of unlisted species in category three with no individual daily bag limit and a combined limit of 40 leaves some species open to over-exploitation and socially unacceptable catches. The publicity should give a clear warning that such species will be transferred into category 1 or 2 with an individual limit if recreational anglers do not act responsibly with such species. The rules should be written to make it quick and simple to make such changes after suitable consultation with peak fishing bodies.

The Association is very surprised at the quoted and emphasised Department of Fisheries' Research Division advice:- *"Some concern exists in relation to the impact of current targeting of herring in the lower West Coast Region. Additional management of the herring fishery may be required in future years."*

This comment about targeting of herring fails to recognise the simple reality that herring is a critically important species for recreational anglers, particularly for the inexperienced and occasional angler. Herring

has replaced some other species in catches because the other species are not as abundant as they used to be in many areas, for example tailor on the West Coast, simply because herring are present in so many areas, and are relatively easy to catch with simple equipment.

This critical importance of herring for recreational anglers is a reason why large commercial catches of herring for low value uses and low returns is an unacceptable use of a community owned resource. The alternative allocation of some significant part of the current commercial catch to recreational anglers would provide a much greater overall benefit to the community, through the fishing experience, tourism and economic activity generated through quality recreational fishing. We have covered these points in our comments of 13 November 2003 on the Commercial Wetline Fishing review.

The proposed increase in the size limit for Blue Groper from 500mm to 600mm will make the size in the South Coast different to the size in the West Coast which is currently 500mm. The paper does not discuss the reason for the increase. See earlier comments about the need for uniformity of rules between regions.

#### **Proposal 8 - Increased protection for certain species.**

The Association strongly objects to parts of the *proposal "8(a) Spearfishing exclusion zones or a total spearfishing prohibition be introduced for western blue groper on the South Coast due to their ease of capture and vulnerability to overfishing."*

Total spearfishing prohibition is not justified given the current low participation rate in spearfishing, the daily bag limit of 1, the size limit, and the objective stated as *"Fishing rules should acknowledge that equitable access to fishing opportunities across recreational user groups is important."*

We believe that where research data shows that any species such as blue groper require special protection in some areas, that should result in equitable rules which affect all sectors equally. The only exception should be if there is also clear evidence, not just suppositions or opinions, that one sector has a disproportionate impact on the stocks.

#### **Proposal 9 - Recreational net fishing.**

The Association believes that recreational set and haul net fishing, with the exception of throw netting for bait collection and drag netting for prawns, is indiscriminate and not appropriate as a recreational means of accessing a community owned finfish resource. Recreational set and haul netting should be phased out as soon as possible and we do not believe there is any reason to delay this to over a three to five year period.

Throw netting for the sole purpose of collecting bait fish, including some specified common finfish species and prawns should be allowed in any waters, including in rivers and estuaries which are open for recreational fishing. Drag nets for prawns should be allowed in suitable designated areas.

Any potential concerns about people using such nets to catch other species should be handled by the rules and the penalties for non compliance and not by complete bans.

Current prohibitions on the use of throw nets in some areas are ineffective because they are ignored by some irresponsible people, yet make some responsible bait collecting users into law breakers. The bans have no nett benefit to the fish stocks and thus make it difficult for thinking anglers to accept that there is any valid reason for a ban.

#### **Proposal 10 - Fishing competitions.**

The Association and its member clubs fully support and actively promote responsible fishing. However, as we have commented on the similar proposals in the West Coast and Gascoyne Reviews, we disagree with some aspects of these proposals. The presentation of this topic is still confused and misleading, does not adequately address catch care of fish to be kept for consumption, and environmental responsibility as an integral part of all forms of recreational fishing.

**a) Formal Registration.** This document provides no detail on the administration of the proposal.

**b) Organisers to keep accurate records, etc....** This is an impossible proposal. The organisers of fishing competitions simply cannot comply with some of these requirements. An organiser can record the numbers who register, and the fish actually presented for weigh in, but has NO control over the results offered from the public about fish caught and released, or caught and not presented, and cannot compel a competitor to accurately record catch and effort. Any survey conducted from these records will be inaccurate, invalid and totally misleading.

**c) We agree that a formal "Code of Conduct"** for recreational anglers be developed, however this Code should not be developed without input from clubs and associations and peak bodies who in most cases already have stringent codes for all events. In fact competitions organised by clubs and associations are conducted under those stringent codes and have been for many years.

The Association considers these rules should only be applied to commercial organisations and any club run event sponsored by commercial organisations using recreational fishing as an advertising, money making or promotional venture.



### **Proposal 11 - Recreational fishing priority areas**

The Association supports the principles of this proposal, but considers it does not go far enough. We restate our view as presented in our Wetline Fishing Review submission.

Commercial fishermen are harvesting a community owned resource, and are sharing it with the recreational fishing community. This sometimes leads to overlaps or conflicts in time or locations.

Some commercial fishermen use high technology equipment and are able to operate in areas away from the areas used by the majority of recreational anglers. Other commercial fishing from beaches, estuaries or for inshore species is more visible and can lead to issues with the community.

Some existing license conditions, agreements or formal or informal "codes of conduct" cover some of these potential interactions by setting the timing, location and conduct of commercial fishing activities.

The principle of negotiating and publicising such license conditions, agreements or codes of conduct to minimise any possible conflicts and ensure public awareness should continue and should be extended to all areas of real or potential conflicts.

Agreements should be negotiated with the local community, or with Department of Fisheries and the commercial and recreational peak bodies as appropriate.

In special cases, these could negotiate "recreational fishing only areas" in some areas close to high populations or of very special attraction to recreational anglers.

As a general principle, we accept commercial fishing should be possible at all times to suit the commercial fisher's needs and the availability of fish. However the agreements should recognise, if not already included, high recreational use times such as Christmas, Easter, Anzac Day and some long weekends, and must place limits on some types and locations of commercial fishing which could have a large impact on the success of recreational fishing at these times.

### **Proposals 12 and 13 - Code of conduct for accessing pastoral leases, nature reserves and farming land.**

The Association supports these proposals, and we support Recfishwest's policy on access through leases as shown at <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/PolicyAccessPastoral.htm> and in particular the policies "The coastline of Western Australia should be accessible to the public" and "The major rivers of Western Australia should be accessible to the public" and "access to rivers or the coast should not be limited to the usage of tourism developments".

### **Proposal 14 - Position statement on restocking as a stock enhancement strategy.**

The Association supports this proposal.

### **Proposal 15 - Resource sharing.**

The Association supports this proposal in principle, however we consider that resource sharing is such an important issue that more detailed discussions are required on the priorities and the processes.

### **Section 3.6 Protection of fish habitats and Proposal 16 - Low impact wilderness fishing experiences.**

This topic encompasses many issues and interactions which may be covered by the current review of Bioregional Marine Planning. The Association agrees in principle with proposal 16 noting that it mentions low take and low impact in contrast to the Marine Parks "absolute no take" approach.

### **Proposal 17 -South Coast Region community education plan.**

The Association supports any effort to provide better information to recreational anglers.

Unfortunately the results of the equivalent proposals for the West Coast and Gascoyne Regions have not been up to the expectations and the reasonable requirements of recreational anglers. Many are confused and have been "switched off" by the complexity and the presentation of the information, both in the written form of brochures and the Department of Fisheries website which is quite difficult to use even by experienced users.

Advice should be sought from proven effective communicators, experts in web site usability and typical recreational angler users to identify and help fix up the problems with the written material and the Department's website and ensure that the information and presentation is suitable and can be readily accessed and understood.

### **Proposal 18 - VFLO program.**

The Association supports the proposals for the VFLO program as written but has received consistent reports that the reality is not as presented in the Discussion Paper. The main complaints are considerable limitations on what VFLOs can actually do and frustrations about the lack of support from Fisheries Officers for enforcement when people are observed breaking the regulations.

### **Proposal 19 - Additional patrol capacity.**

The Association supports the proposals for additional Fisheries Officer contact with recreational anglers, and consider that this is a very important activity and essential to handle undersize or excessive catches and other breaches.

The general opinion of recreational anglers, unfortunately, is that they almost never see Fisheries Officers when saltwater or estuary fishing and almost universally complain of failure to receive any response or action on Fishwatch reports about even serious illegal fishing.

Accordingly, recreational anglers are typically cynical about the commitment of the Department of Fisheries to enforce and deal with serious abuses of the regulations.

We note with interest the statement "would not be sufficient to achieve anywhere near a 10 per cent contact to trip ratio" and wonder what the figure would actually be and why it was not published. Specifically does this proposal deliver 0.01%, 0.1%, 1% or what?

### **Proposal 20 - Regional fishing management officer.**

The Association supports the proposals that adequate resources be allocated. We are unable to comment on the specific proposals for staffing.

Your sincerely, Terry Fuller, Secretary, Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) Inc.

### **Life Members of the Club.**

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

### **Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.**

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor. Thanks to Paul Thompson and Chas Riegert for the articles in the October Reel Talk.

### **Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.**

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

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

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

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

### **Ham Drive**

Contact John Romano for your Christmas ham order. Approximately \$7 per kilogram (price to be confirmed.)

### **AAA State Dry Casting Championships**

The 2004/2005 State dry casting championships were held at the Yokine reserve on Sunday 31 October. The weather was fine with varying wind conditions from still early, to southeast and swinging to southwest later with mild to light gusts.

Attendance was poor with only 40 casters present, and only four clubs represented which was disappointing. These were Surfcasters, Offshore, Bunbury, and Melville.

It was very pleasing to see Melville participated and they have a number of casters with ability and I hope they continue to pursue their interest in casting. They had teams in the open, ladies and veterans.

The junior and mini junior ranks were lean but I thank Emily and Jessica Hughes for their efforts.

Earlier arrivals all hopped in and helped to put the three distance courts the accuracy courts down. A few early hitches with team entries and a computer glitch, which has been addressed and will not be a problem in the future, resulted in a later start than we intended.

With the help of casters and in particular Terry Willison and John Romano, who worked all day marking, casting concluded a little after four o'clock. Everyone help pack up all the gear while the scores were collated and presentations went ahead just after 5 p.m., thanks to the efficiency of Paul Frzop who handled all the scoring on the computer. A special thank you to Paul, Terry and John for their efforts.

Bob Henderson deserves a large pat on the back as he organised and did most of the cooking on the barbecue, attending to the needs of those present in the food and drink line, and on top of that organised the raffle of a reel which was duly won by Nick Allsworth.

Events such as our casting could not be successful without the help of our sponsors, Magic Nissan and Gladiator Tackle and our thanks go to them for the continued support. Magic Nissan sponsor the winners and runners-up trophies and have done so for close to 20 years, may also made available a car service to the value of \$150. This was drawn on competitor's numbers and the lucky winner was Joe Pullella.

Gladiator Tackle sponsored the winning team members trophies. They are agents for Banax Reels and I note the longest cast by Chas Riegert of 179.6 metres and the open winner Nick Allsworth both use these reels for casting!

Jim Strong, our patron made himself available for the presentations. Thanks Jim.

Even though the number of casters was down, the quality of the casting was a very high standard. There were a number of casters who had personal bests on the day. These included Peter Stoeckel and Simon Waters from the Melville club in the open and Geoff Raftis in the veterans who all lifted the bar substantially.

Gary Gildersleeves led the way in the double handed accuracy with 141 out of a possible 200. Filomena D'Alonzo headed the ladies division and Bob Henderson was really on fire with a score of 165.

In the 56 gram level line distance Chas Riegert had the top aggregate in the open and George Holman had the longest cast with 152.7 metres. In the ladies Filomena D'Alonzo had the top aggregate just beating Janet Hughes. Bob Henderson led the way in the veterans section.

The artificial bait teams results were very close in the open with less than one percent separating Nick Allsworth casting for Offshore Angling club, Chas Riegert and George Holman casting for Surfcasters. Sandy Waters casting for Melville was the top lady and Alan Jones Surfcasters led the way for the veterans.

The open artificial bait event saw different casters come to the fore with Joe Pullella casting for Offshore leading the open division and his longest cast was 159.5 metres. Janet Hughes casting for Bunbury was top lady and Bob Henderson Surfcasters showed the veterans how it is done!

The premier event, the 112 gram level line distance event went to Chas Riegert, just beating Nick Allsworth by 0.02 of a percent. Chas also had the longest cast with 179.6 metres. Sandy Waters (Melville) was top lady and in the veterans Geoff Raftis Surfcasters just beat Allan Jones by half of one percent, closely followed by Tony D'Alonzo of the Surfcasters.

Emily and Jessica Hughes from Bunbury performed creditably all day.

In the teams events Surfcasters proved to be the winner being successful in the men's, ladies and veterans sections while Bunbury won juniors and mini juniors.

Champion in the open section for the second year in a row was Nick Allsworth casting for Offshore with 270.76%, second was George Holman, Surfcasters 267.73% and third was Gary Gildersleeves Surfcasters 266.36%. As you can see not a lot between the top three and casting was close all day.

Result in the ladies event was even closer with Filomena D'Alonzo Surfcasters 281.92% just defeating Sandy Waters (Melville) with 281.15%.

Casting in the veterans was just as tight with Mal Head, Surfcasters 253.70 % defeating Tony D'Alonzo 251.26 % and third going to Bob Henderson with 249.81 %.

Emily Hughes Bunbury was champion junior and Jessica Hughes Bunbury was champion mini junior.

To all the winners go my congratulations on great casting which was justly rewarded. To all who competed on the day my sincere thanks and I only hope to see a lot more clubs and club members participating in next year's event.

Most importantly to anyone who helped many way to make the day the success it was my heartfelt thanks. This contributes to the comradery and friendships which is the most important aspect of this type of event and which keeps us all involved in casting.

See you all next year

I would also wish our casters who will be attending Yeppoon in Queensland next year at the National Convention all the best.

George Holman, President, Australian Angler's Association, W. A. Division.

Thanks to JP's Bakehouse, Mt Hawthorn, for donating the bread rolls used at the State Dry Casting

### **Mens Overall Individual Results**

Rank	Name	Club	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	112g	Total
1	Nick Allsworth	OSAC Beach	78.72%	92.06%	99.98%	270.76%
2	George Holman	surfcasters	83.69%	89.10%	94.95%	267.73%
3	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters	100.00%	78.85%	87.51%	266.36%
4	Kevin Hughes	Bunbury	75.18%	85.02%	87.74%	247.94%
5	Simon Waters	Melville	63.12%	89.81%	93.54%	246.47%
6	Darren Batchelor	Melville	78.01%	78.77%	86.12%	242.90%
7	Mal Harris	Surfcasters (1)	47.52%	86.05%	94.72%	228.28%
8	Tony Ong	OSAC Beach	53.19%	81.34%	85.97%	220.50%
9	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	76.60%	40.60%	100.00%	217.20%
10	Joe Pullella	OSAC Beach	63.83%	100.00%	50.88%	214.71%
11	Peter Stoeckel	Surfcasters	48.23%	79.39%	86.27%	213.88%
12	Andrew Aubrey	Surfcasters	55.32%	76.81%	80.35%	212.48%
13	Scott Rolls	Melville	63.12%	86.15%	47.79%	197.06%
14	Jason Pember	Melville	42.55%	73.32%	80.07%	195.94%
15	Mick Burgin	Melville	49.65%	63.78%	79.24%	192.67%
16	Adam Eastman	Melville	33.33%	74.05%	80.28%	187.66%
17	Jeff Hewton	OSAC Beach	34.04%	79.75%	39.22%	153.02%

### Ladies Overall Individual Results

Rank	Name	Club	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	112g	Total
1	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	100.00%	86.22%	95.70%	281.92%
2	Sandy Waters	Melville	88.79%	92.35%	100.00%	281.15%
3	Janet Hughes	Bunbury	86.21%	100.00%	84.27%	270.48%
4	Vix Alexander	Surfcasters	79.31%	82.22%	90.17%	251.70%
5	Sharon Smith	Melville	68.97%	80.38%	46.04%	195.39%
6	Annella Riegert	Surfcasters	31.90%	60.03%	52.25%	144.17%

### Veterans Overall Individual Results

Rank	Name	Club	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	112g	Total
1	Mal Head	Surfcasters (1)	74.55%	88.53%	90.62%	253.70%
2	Tony D'Alonzo	Surfcasters (1)	72.73%	81.42%	97.12%	251.26%
3	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters (2)	100.00%	100.00%	49.81%	249.81%
4	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters (2)	70.91%	75.06%	81.35%	227.32%
5	Allan Jones	Surfcasters (1)	77.58%	45.13%	99.50%	222.21%
6	Geoff Raftis	Surfcasters	67.27%	45.69%	100.00%	212.96%
7	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters (2)	80.61%	55.78%	76.43%	212.81%
8	Jim Strong	Surfcasters (2)	71.52%	65.48%	64.08%	201.08%
9	Don Cox	Melville	61.82%	39.61%	79.05%	180.48%

### Mens Overall Teams Results

Rank 1 Surf Casting & Angling Club (1)	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Mal Harris	47.52%	94.60%	84.29%	226.41%
Chas Riegert	76.60%	99.68%	100.00%	276.27%
Gary Gildersleeves	100.00%	84.22%	41.10%	225.32%
George Holman	83.69%	99.57%	96.19%	279.45%
Andrew Aubrey	55.32%	82.47%	75.34%	213.13%
Ric Parker	44.68%	85.23%	79.14%	209.05%
Peter Stoeckel	48.23%	87.20%	76.15%	211.58%
Total Points (Top 6 scores counted)				1432.16%

Rank 2 Offshore Angling Club - Beach	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Rick Cameron	0.00%	71.32%	63.17%	134.49%
Jeff Hewton	34.04%	90.50%	38.02%	162.57%
Nick Allsworth	78.72%	100.00%	94.56%	273.28%
Joe Pulella	63.83%	51.10%	94.05%	208.98%
Mike Harrold	17.02%	72.29%	62.48%	151.79%
Tony Ong	53.19%	95.90%	84.62%	233.71%
Chas Riegert	76.60%	99.68%	100.00%	276.27%
Total Points (Top 6 scores counted)				1306.60%

Rank 3 Melville Amateur Angling Club	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Mick Burgin	49.65%	78.18%	66.12%	193.94%
Adam Eastman	33.33%	44.12%	66.12%	143.58%
Jason Pember	42.55%	77.62%	75.16%	195.33%
Darren Batchelor	78.01%	85.84%	80.25%	244.10%
Scott Rolls	63.12%	91.09%	38.68%	192.89%
Simon Waters	63.12%	80.33%	47.14%	190.59%
Total Points (Top 6 scores counted)				1016.85%

Rank 4 Bunbury Angling Club	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Kevin Hughes	75.18%	95.38%	40.69%	211.25%
Total Points (Top 6 scores counted) :				211.25%

### Veterans Overall Teams Results

Rank 1 Surf Casting & Angling Club (1)	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Allan Jones	77.58%	100.00%	88.52%	266.10%
Tony D'Alonzo	72.73%	79.97%	93.97%	246.67%
Mal Head	74.55%	85.91%	93.79%	254.24%
Roy Killick	90.91%	83.00%	84.11%	258.02%
Total Points (Top 3 scores counted) :				778.36%

Rank 2 Surf Casting & Angling Club (2)	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Terry Fuller	70.91%	78.92%	61.73%	211.56%
Jim Strong	71.52%	68.78%	66.11%	206.40%
Trevor Stam	80.61%	65.87%	61.67%	208.14%
Bob Henderson	100.00%	97.21%	100.00%	297.21%
Total Points (Top 3 scores counted)				716.91%

Rank 3 Melville Amateur Angling Club	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Don Cox	61.82%	74.32%	71.81%	207.95%
Wilf Core	36.36%	73.43%	70.41%	180.21%
Tony Bresnon	11.52%	39.79%	15.47%	66.78%
Total Points (Top 3 scores counted)				454.94%

### Ladies Overall Teams Results

<b>Rank 1 Surf Casting &amp; Angling Club (1)</b>	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Filomena D'Alonzo	100.00%	83.70%	100.00%	283.70%
Vix Alexander	79.31%	26.76%	82.69%	188.76%
Annella Riegert	31.90%	28.03%	65.63%	125.56%
Total Points (Top 3 scores counted) :				598.02%
<b>Rank 2 Melville Amateur Angling Club</b>	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Sharon Smith	68.97%	47.25%	93.13%	209.35%
Sandy Waters	88.79%	100.00%	48.97%	237.76%
Total Points (Top 3 scores counted)				447.11%
<b>Rank 3 Bunbury Angling Club</b>	Accuracy	Artificial Bait	56 Gram	Total
Janet Hughes	86.21%	95.69%	99.54%	281.44%
Total Points (Top 3 scores counted)				281.44%

### Mens 112 gram Individual

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	172.8	179.6	352.5	100.00%
2	Nick Allsworth	OSAC Beach	177.8	174.6	352.4	99.98%
3	George Holman	Surfcasters	168.6	166.0	334.7	94.95%
4	Mal Harris	Surfcasters (1)	165.4	168.4	333.9	94.72%
5	Simon Waters	Melville	166.7	163.0	329.7	93.54%
6	Kevin Hughes	Bunbury	158.1	151.1	309.3	87.74%
7	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters	153.6	154.8	308.5	87.51%
8	Peter Stoeckel	Surfcasters	152.8	151.2	304.1	86.27%
9	Darren Batchelor	Melville	145.9	157.6	303.6	86.12%
10	Tony Ong	OSAC Beach	150.8	152.2	303.0	85.97%
11	Andrew Aubrey	Surfcasters	132.4	150.8	283.2	80.35%
12	Adam Eastman	Melville	136.1	146.8	283.0	80.28%
13	Jason Pember	Melville	138.5	143.7	282.2	80.07%
14	Mick Burgin	Melville	144.3	134.9	279.3	79.24%
15	Rick Cameron	OSAC Beach	99.43	114.3	213.7	60.63%
16	Joe Pullella	OSAC Beach	179.3	0.00	179.3	50.88%
17	Scott Rolls	Melville	168.4	0.00	168.4	47.79%
18	Jeff Hewton	OSAC Beach	138.2	0.00	138.2	39.22%

### Veterans 112 gram Individual

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Geoff Raftis	Surfcasters	140.8	135.1	275.9	100.00%
2	Allan Jones	Surfcasters (1)	138.2	136.3	274.6	99.50%
3	Tony D'Alonzo	Surfcasters (1)	131.9	136.0	268.0	97.12%
4	Mal Head	Surfcasters (1)	124.8	125.2	250.0	90.62%
5	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters (2)	102.2	122.2	224.5	81.35%
6	Don Cox	Melville	110.5	107.6	218.1	79.05%
7	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters (2)	104.3	106.5	210.9	76.43%
8	Jim Strong	Surfcasters (2)	84.53	92.33	176.8	64.08%
9	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters (2)	137.4	0.00	137.4	49.81%

### Mens Artificial Bait Teams

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Nick Allsworth	OSAC Beach	128.4	127.5	256.0	100.00%
2	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	126.3	128.8	255.1	99.68%
3	George Holman	Surfcasters	127.5	127.3	254.9	99.57%
4	Tony Ong	OSAC Beach	119.8	125.7	245.5	95.90%
5	Kevin Hughes	Bunbury	114.3	129.8	244.1	95.38%
6	Mal Harris	Surfcasters (1)	118.5	123.6	242.1	94.60%
7	Scott Rolls	Melville	115.2	117.9	233.2	91.09%
8	Jeff Hewton	OSAC Beach	111.6	120.0	231.7	90.50%
9	Peter Stoeckel	Surfcasters	103.9	119.2	223.2	87.20%
10	Darren Batchelor	Melville	107.6	112.1	219.7	85.84%
11	Ric Parker	Surfcasters	106.3	111.8	218.2	85.23%
12	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters	100.7	114.9	215.6	84.22%
13	Andrew Aubrey	Surfcasters	99.14	111.9	211.1	82.47%
14	Simon Waters	Melville	102.3	103.3	205.6	80.33%
15	Mick Burgin	Melville	93.01	107.1	200.1	78.18%
16	Jason Pember	Melville	96.44	102.2	198.7	77.62%
17	Mike Harrold	OSAC Beach	88.84	96.22	185.0	72.29%
18	Rick Cameron	OSAC Beach	88.90	93.68	182.5	71.32%
19	Joe Pullella	OSAC Beach	0.00	130.8	130.8	51.10%
20	Adam Eastman	Melville	112.9	0.00	112.9	44.12%
21	Dale Coates	OSAC Beach	104.7	0.00	104.7	40.92%

### **Veterans Artificial Bait Teams**

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Allan Jones	Surfcasters (1)	102.9	114.6	217.6	100.00%
2	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters (2)	104.5	107.0	211.5	97.21%
3	Geoff Raftis	Surfcasters	98.98	102.3	201.2	92.50%
4	Mal Head	Surfcasters (1)	92.89	94.06	186.9	85.91%
5	Roy Killick	Surfcasters (1)	85.03	95.59	180.6	83.00%
6	Tony D'Alonzo	Surfcasters (1)	84.01	90.03	174.0	79.97%
7	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters (2)	82.33	89.41	171.7	78.92%
8	Don Cox	Melville	81.51	80.23	161.7	74.32%
9	Wilf Core	Melville	75.94	83.86	159.8	73.43%
10	Jim Strong	Surfcasters (2)	69.87	79.80	149.6	68.78%
11	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters (2)	72.21	71.13	143.3	65.87%
12	Tony Bresnon	Melville	38.98	47.61	86.59	39.79%

### **Ladies 112 gram Individual**

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Sandy Waters	Melville	107.8	108.8	216.7	100.00%
2	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	102.3	105.0	207.4	95.70%
3	Vix Alexander	Surfcasters	97.50	97.92	195.4	90.17%
4	Janet Hughes	Bunbury	85.73	96.91	182.6	84.27%
5	Annella Riegert	Surfcasters	56.27	56.97	113.2	52.25%
6	Sharon Smith	Melville	99.78	0.00	99.78	46.04%

### **Ladies Artificial Bait Teams**

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Sandy Waters	Melville	85.81	89.26	175.0	100.00%
2	Janet Hughes	Bunbury	81.29	86.24	167.5	95.69%
3	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	69.88	76.65	146.5	83.70%
4	Sharon Smith	Melville	82.72	0.00	82.72	47.25%
5	Annella Riegert	Surfcasters	49.07	0.00	49.07	28.03%
6	Vix Alexander	Surfcasters	46.85	0.00	46.85	26.76%

### **Mens Artificial Bait Individual**

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Joe Pullella	OSAC Beach	144.9	159.5	304.4	100.00%
2	Nick Allsworth	OSAC Beach	142.4	137.8	280.2	92.06%
3	Simon Waters	Melville	130.2	143.1	273.3	89.81%
4	George Holman	Surfcasters	140.8	130.3	271.2	89.10%
5	Scott Rolls	Melville	127.3	134.8	262.2	86.15%
6	Mal Harris	Surfcasters (1)	125.1	136.8	261.9	86.05%
7	Kevin Hughes	Bunbury	125.2	133.5	258.8	85.02%
8	Tony Ong	OSAC Beach	123.1	124.4	247.5	81.34%
9	Jeff Hewton	OSAC Beach	116.9	125.8	242.7	79.75%
10	Peter Stoeckel	Surfcasters	121.2	120.3	241.6	79.39%
11	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters	112.6	127.4	240.0	78.85%
12	Darren Batchelor	Melville	120.2	119.5	239.7	78.77%
13	Andrew Aubrey	Surfcasters	110.3	123.4	233.8	76.81%
14	Adam Eastman	Melville	110.2	115.1	225.4	74.05%
15	Jason Pember	Melville	103.3	119.8	223.1	73.32%
16	Mick Burgin	Melville	91.94	102.2	194.1	63.78%
17	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	0.00	123.6	123.6	40.60%
18	Rick Cameron	OSAC Beach	83.52	0.00	83.52	27.44%

### **Veterans Artificial Bait Individual**

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters (2)	122.3	124.0	246.3	100.00%
2	Mal Head	Surfcasters (1)	107.6	110.4	218.1	88.53%
3	Tony D'Alonzo	Surfcasters (1)	99.09	101.4	200.5	81.42%
4	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters (2)	89.79	95.13	184.9	75.06%
5	Jim Strong	Surfcasters (2)	77.37	83.95	161.3	65.48%
6	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters (2)	55.15	82.27	137.4	55.78%
7	Geoff Raftis	Surfcasters	112.5	0.00	112.5	45.69%
8	Allan Jones	Surfcasters (1)	111.1	0.00	111.1	45.13%
9	Don Cox	Melville	97.59	0.00	97.59	39.61%

### **Ladies Artificial Bait Individual**

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Janet Hughes	Bunbury	85.42	91.68	177.1	100.00%
2	Sandy Waters	Melville	75.81	87.75	163.5	92.35%
3	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	71.27	81.43	152.7	86.22%
4	Vix Alexander	Surfcasters	70.64	74.97	145.6	82.22%

5	Sharon Smith	Melville	68.01	74.35	142.3	80.38%
6	Annella Riegert	Surfcasters	51.03	55.28	106.3	60.03%

### Mens 56 gram Teams

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	152.4	150.9	303.3	100.00%
2	George Holman	Surfcasters	139.0	152.7	291.8	96.19%
3	Nick Allsworth	OSAC Beach	142.6	144.2	286.8	94.56%
4	Joe Pullella	OSAC Beach	143.7	141.5	285.3	94.05%
5	Tony Ong	OSAC Beach	125.1	131.5	256.7	84.62%
6	Mal Harris	Surfcasters (1)	126.2	129.4	255.7	84.29%
7	Darren Batchelor	Melville	121.3	122.1	243.4	80.25%
8	Ric Parker	Surfcasters	120.2	119.8	240.0	79.14%
9	Peter Stoeckel	Surfcasters	115.1	115.9	231.0	76.15%
10	Andrew Aubrey	Surfcasters	109.7	118.7	228.5	75.34%
11	Jason Pember	Melville	105.5	122.4	228.0	75.16%
12	Adam Eastman	Melville	98.13	102.4	200.6	66.12%
13	Mick Burgin	Melville	100.5	100.0	200.5	66.12%
14	Rick Cameron	OSAC Beach	88.30	103.3	191.6	63.17%
15	Mike Harrold	OSAC Beach	96.30	93.26	189.5	62.48%
16	Simon Waters	Melville	40.76	102.2	143.0	47.14%
17	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters	124.7	0.00	124.7	41.10%
18	Kevin Hughes	Bunbury	123.4	0.00	123.4	40.69%
19	Scott Rolls	Melville	117.3	0.00	117.3	38.68%
20	Jeff Hewton	OSAC Beach	115.3	0.00	115.3	38.02%
21	Dale Coates	OSAC Beach	95.90	0.00	95.90	31.61%

### Veterans 56 gram Teams

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters (2)	123.7	125.0	248.7	100.00%
2	Tony D'Alonzo	Surfcasters (1)	116.9	116.7	233.7	93.97%
3	Mal Head	Surfcasters (1)	119.4	113.8	233.2	93.79%
4	Allan Jones	Surfcasters (1)	107.9	112.2	220.1	88.52%
5	Geoff Raftis	Surfcasters	99.94	116.7	216.7	87.13%
6	Roy Killick	Surfcasters (1)	104.7	104.5	209.2	84.11%
7	Don Cox	Melville	90.10	88.53	178.6	71.81%
8	Wilf Core	Melville	84.05	91.10	175.1	70.41%
9	Jim Strong	Surfcasters (2)	81.02	83.43	164.4	66.11%
10	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters (2)	57.39	96.16	153.5	61.73%
11	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters (2)	56.41	96.99	153.4	61.67%
12	Tony Bresnon	Melville	38.49	0.00	38.49	15.47%

### Ladies 56 gram Teams

Rank	Name	Club	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	%
1	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	94.21	91.40	185.6	100.00%
2	Janet Hughes	Bunbury	97.57	87.19	184.7	99.54%
3	Sharon Smith	Melville	84.94	87.92	172.8	93.13%
4	Vix Alexander	Surfcasters	84.37	69.11	153.4	82.69%
5	Annella Riegert	Surfcasters	63.74	58.08	121.8	65.63%
6	Sandy Waters	Melville	0.00	90.89	90.89	48.97%

### Mens Double Handed Accuracy Teams and Individual.

Rank	Name	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	%
1	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters	13	23	22	21	14	11	14	23	141	100.00%
2	George Holman	Surfcasters	12	17	18	19	13	4	25	10	118	83.69%
3	Nick Allsworth	OSAC Beach	17	23	20	13	0	3	21	14	111	78.72%
4	Darren Batchelor	Melville	20	0	17	22	4	12	22	13	110	78.01%
5	Chas Riegert	Surfcasters	4	17	15	12	22	16	13	9	108	76.60%
6	Kevin Hughes	Bunbury	12	3	20	16	10	21	20	4	106	75.18%
7	Dale Coates	OSAC Beach	11	0	9	24	18	16	19	3	100	70.92%
8	Joe Pullella	OSAC Beach	20	29	9	9	4	4	0	15	90	63.83%
9	Simon Waters	Melville	0	17	10	18	0	7	22	15	89	63.12%
10	Scott Rolls	Melville	20	7	8	5	18	0	13	18	89	63.12%
11	Andrew Aubrey	Surfcasters	12	6	5	19	0	7	13	16	78	55.32%
12	Tony Ong	OSAC Beach	0	10	0	13	18	14	0	20	75	53.19%
13	Mick Burgin	Melville	0	6	0	0	21	6	15	22	70	49.65%
14	Peter Stoeckel	Surfcasters	0	18	9	10	10	6	15	0	68	48.23%
15	Mal Harris	Surfcasters (1)	3	0	20	18	4	10	0	12	67	47.52%
16	Ric Parker	Surfcasters	19	0	9	0	0	0	11	24	63	44.68%
17	Jason Pember	Melville	5	8	0	20	4	0	0	23	60	42.55%
18	Jeff Hewton	OSAC Beach	0	0	17	20	0	0	0	11	48	34.04%
19	Adam Eastman	Melville	0	0	15	9	0	0	19	4	47	33.33%
20	Mike Harrold	OSAC Beach	9	0	0	0	0	11	4	0	24	17.02%

### Veterans Double Handed Accuracy Teams and Individual

Rank	Name	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	%
1	Bob Henderson	Surfcasters (2)	21	24	21	19	23	22	22	13	165	100.00%
2	Roy Killick	Surfcasters (1)	17	20	19	24	6	20	21	23	150	90.91%
3	Trevor Stam	Surfcasters (2)	8	20	18	23	23	12	16	13	133	80.61%
4	Allan Jones	Surfcasters (1)	0	22	20	24	18	18	10	16	128	77.58%
5	Mal Head	Surfcasters (1)	20	19	18	22	9	14	15	6	123	74.55%
6	Tony D'Alonzo	Surfcasters (1)	6	17	25	15	14	17	10	16	120	72.73%
7	Jim Strong	Surfcasters (2)	17	13	19	17	9	7	13	23	118	71.52%
8	Terry Fuller	Surfcasters (2)	16	13	21	24	15	16	12	0	117	70.91%
9	Geoff Raftis	Surfcasters	13	20	22	5	15	7	12	17	111	67.27%
10	Don Cox	Melville	0	19	23	12	15	7	5	21	102	61.82%
11	Wilf Core	Melville	0	0	24	12	0	10	0	14	60	36.36%
12	Tony Bresnon	Melville	2	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	19	11.52%

### Ladies Double Handed Accuracy Teams and Individual

Rank	Name	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	%
1	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surfcasters	15	23	14	18	14	0	22	10	116	100.00%
2	Sandy Waters	Melville	20	9	16	23	0	20	0	15	103	88.79%
3	Janet Hughes	Bunbury	6	2	23	25	10	14	1	19	100	86.21%
4	Vix Alexander	Surfcasters	10	18	17	0	4	8	20	15	92	79.31%
5	Sharon Smith	Melville	13	18	6	7	5	0	11	20	80	68.97%
6	Annella Riegert	Surfcasters	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	14	37	31.90%

### Resignation.

Sometimes in one's life you are likely to get the occasional kick in the teeth, a belt across the ear, a blow to the belly (well it does happen to some). Your health starts to deteriorate, memory fades, good looks start to disappear. You start to question where life has gone & what exactly does the future hold (now none of the above relates to me).

Don't tell me you haven't woken up one morning & wondered what the day's going to bring.

Well, I was watching the idiot box the other night & this sheila tells me its about time I got off my backside & ventured forth to see & experience other parts of Australia. I always do as I am told...

I spoke VERY CAREFULLY to my lady....pointed out what could be done when & where... got an outstanding response (actually said I make sense)... Sold the house in two days.... TOLD her boss to STICK IT... We bought a poptop

NICKING OFF IN JANUARY.... Back in ????

NOW THE HARD PARTIFICIAL ..... Dropping my responsibilities onto George is a bit much so I hope you give him a hand.... Dropping my responsibilities onto Willo is another thing..... It is time some stood up & take on a little task to ease the burden on others. I'm calling on you to keep this club going on.

Since November 1989 I have had the greatest pleasure to be associated with this club & it's members. Many have come & gone but I have treasured memories of their friendship, & I have many, many valued friends & mates. The Club has persevered with my attitude and behaviour & there are a few who have guided me to become a better person. Sincere thanks to all of you.

I will be hanging about until then & look forward to boring you with my bragging on what & where I'm going (one or two have even mentioned where I should go & NOW.....)

I will be available only on my mobile phone from 5 November, and my email is suspended. Hendo

### October 2004 Recfishwest Board Meeting Report.

Priorities are being set for the fisheries research program.

Meetings have been held as a follow on from the proposals in 2002 for no take areas on Rottnest Island, and proposals for CALM to take over parts of the island and CALM's proposal to take over the Marine areas of the island, which was rejected by the Premier.

Recfishwest has received some information from the Cockburn Council about a list of shoreline areas in Cockburn sound where people are legally allowed to go and see if the access is actually available.

Terry Fuller and Mark Pagano from Recfishwest attended a meeting in Busselton with the group of local people who are concerned about the serious decline in fishing and crabbing in Geographe Bay.

Following lots of complaints over an extended period about the lack of response to many complaints lodged with the Fishwatch number, Recfishwest will write to the Department of Fisheries and ask for a report on the operation of the service, including what responses have been made to the data which has been collected and what percentage of reports do get a response.

Metro abalone season will open shortly, and commercial abalone collectors have complained about the very high recreational catches as a possible sustainability issue. This is an issue for the integrated fisheries management process which will commence very shortly.



Political parties have not yet given any response in writing to Recfishwest's election policies and questions. Considering the results of the recent Federal election, it is expected that the political parties will be reviewing previous policies to meet the current political climate.

The State election is due note later than 19 February, however there is no indication yet about timing.

The recent Federal election included promises of \$15 million for recreational fishing over four years.

Norman Halse has been appointed as one of the three members of the integrated fisheries management allocation committee. Norman is a member of Recfishwest and has been the chairman of Recfishwest.

Members of the Integrated Fisheries Management Allocation Committee will be invited to a breakfast with Recfishwest board members to discuss issues from the recreational fishing perspective.

Natural Resource Management. Several groups are working on planning for Marine management under various umbrellas. It is quite confusing trying to work out who's doing what. Recfishwest has commented on the Marine planning part of three separate very large documents covering the South Coast, the South West Coast, and the coastline of the northern agricultural areas.

Conservation and Land Management and Marine Parks Reserves Authority issues have taken up a lot of Recfishwest's time for several months now. Recent media releases, newspaper articles and the emails have attracted the attention of the Labor government Cabinet and in many members of Parliament and hopeful members of Parliament. The Premier is reported to be adamant that 30% of the Ningaloo Marine Park must be reserved in no take zones. Various proposals have been put together to see if these are acceptable. Investigations have found that some Fisheries legislation and some CALM legislation conflict. The government wants to make an announcement on Ningaloo. The three-month public submission period for Ningaloo closes at the end of October.

The Walpole Nornalup inlets Marine Park proposal does not propose any no take zones. This is because there are no areas which are consistently used by fish as spawning or nursery areas due to the changing nature of the inlets and the rainfall and water flow. This lack of no take zones has caused the problem in some people's minds because of their ideology that there must be some no take zones.

In the Rowley Shoals Marine Park the Premier's adviser cannot understand why action release is not being considered, showing the obvious influence of the Fisheries Department's advisers in telling the new players about what recreational anglers do and don't do.

Recfishwest had a meeting with the leader of the opposition Colin Barnett, and the opposition fisheries spokesman Bruce Donaldson. RFW received a good hearing. Topics discussed included recreational only zones, recreational fishing licences, habitat protection, access, boat ramps and jetties, Marine Parks planning, funding for research, changes to Department of Fisheries activities, and recreational fishing tourism. Very keen on infrastructure and jobs in small country towns. Was not aware of the extent of the commercial fishing activities in some areas shared with recreational anglers.

Recfishwest has had a meeting with the fishing tackle association, and discussed representation from the fishing tackle through nomination of a person to be a public board member on Recfishwest. Such board members are elected by all paid-up members of Recfishwest.

Recfishwest discussed issues for crabbing in Peel Inlet.

Recfishwest's Annual General Meeting and election of public Board Members will be on 12 November 2004.

### **Snapper Fishing in Cockburn Sound**

Fisheries Management Paper number 187 titled "Proposals for Community Discussion on the Future Management of Pink Snapper Fishing in Cockburn Sound and Surrounding Waters" has been put out for public comment just this week. It is out for public comment until January 2005.

You may recall that the current recreational fishing rules close Cockburn Sound to fishing for pink snapper from mid September to the end of October, which also stops people from catching snapper from the shore in this time. The closure is meant to cover spawning periods, however it is found that it is too early and so the paper proposes shifting the closure time.

The paper proposes changes to the closure times to 1 October to 30 November, and makes some changes to size of fish allowed to be in possession in this period to protect the larger pink snapper which aggregate in Cockburn Sound for spawning. These changes were made to allow people who fish outside Cockburn Sound and catch certain sized snapper to return to a boat ramp within Cockburn Sound without being in breach of the regulations.

It had been expected that some concessions would be made to allow fishing from the shore for pink snapper, but these are not in the paper. After all it is very different fishing from a boat to fishing from the shore. Boat fishermen have the opportunity to go wherever the fish might be or are, but shore based fishermen can only pick good spots and hope the fish will come to them.

There are confirmed reports that some recreational fishermen and some charter boats are targeting the aggregations of pink snapper in early November and catching heaps of large fish to the point where some fisheries researchers believe that some schools have been fished out

### **Sponsorship by Yallingup Beach Holiday Park**

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

The club can use this for fund raising, or a prize or a raffle, etc. The voucher is not redeemable during peak periods including long weekends or holidays.

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

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

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

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

### **October Dry Casting Report.**

An early arrival had Willo and I setting up as the sun caressed the horizon. The wind was swirling all over the place, but it did change to a tailwind during the later part of the day. These conditions caused a bit of havoc for the seniors during their distance casting.

A good turnout of club members and quite a few from other clubs to do some practice for the coming State titles had the Oval stretched. With the extra people in attendance George took leave to offer guidance and supervision. Let's hope it leads to plenty of competition and friendly rivalry at the State titles.

The vets hit the double handed court first up and couple of bull's-eyes had the competitors on notice that good scores were needed. I don't know how much of a stir it caused because Roy the Boy gave me a good run but the dark horse (no insult meant dear lady), our Vix had a steely look of determination and produced an outstanding score that was only a few points off with the club record. That smile was a delight to observe for the rest of the day.

The single-handed accuracy event had Tony and Terry sharing the limelight until I spoilt their party by fluking a win. The distance events went to a couple of blokes who gauged the windy conditions.

I must admit that each month at casting I get the chance to stand alongside many great people and surely does give me great pleasure to observe their personal efforts and keep on trying, especially the ladies for when they get it right those beaming smiles are worth it.

Being one of the old blokes doesn't give me a chance to join in with the young ones but I do glance over now and then when I hear the bawdy comments of or the cheers of success.

As the seniors hit the distance events first up they had to contend with some quite blustery winds which caused a few out of bounds. Still it takes skill to adjust and the rewards went to Chas and Mal. I did hear that clanger that Gary obtained in the double handed accuracy event and was told later that he had to change the sinker as it was shaped like a banana.

I also heard a reel scream its head off as if under a lot of stress but was told that a certain caster had failed to maintain his equipment as per his normal requirements and was a little embarrassed.

Bull's-eyes to George, Mal and Aubs in the single-handed accuracy put so much pressure on Willo that he washed out (what no money floating around?). I wonder if old "hopalong" is creating a new standard for single-handed accuracy as the angle of the dangle has others imitating him.

The snaggers went down well at the end of the day, the gear was collected by willing helpers and everyone was on their way by 1 pm. Another great day. Thanks to Chas for entering the scores into the spreadsheet.

October results Hendo.

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Seniors Winner</b>		<b>Veterans Winner</b>		<b>Ladies Winner</b>	
112 gram Distance	Chas Riegert	30	Bob Henderson	29	Vix Alexander	19
56 gram Distance	Mal Harris	24	Tony D'Alonzo	24	Filomena D'Alonzo	10
Artificial Bait	Chas Riegert	27	Mal Head	22	Filomena D'Alonzo	18
Double Handed Acc.	Gary Gildersleeves	106	Bob & Roy	147	Vix Alexander	145
Single Handed Acc	Mal Harris	28	Bob Henderson	33	Vix Alexander o	20
Days High Points	Bob Henderson	236				

## Dry Casting Results, 10 October 2004.

Results for the day Seniors.	112 gram			56 gram			Artificial Bait			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number								Target distance						
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S		Points
	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S		Points
Chas Riegert	144	156	30	0	156	16	130	136	27	0	9	20	19	7	21	8	14	98	3	10	1	8	22	193
Gary Gildersleeves	137	0	14	0	129	13	111	117	23	15	11	25	20	0	0	12	23	106	5	2	3	8	18	174
Mal Harris	137	137	27	124	117	24	119	0	12	5	4	17	14	3	15	3	21	82	10	8	3	7	28	173
George Holman	0	156	16	0	135	14	0	131	13	22	0	6	4	20	5	17	21	95	0	8	1	3	12	150
Andrew Aubrey	142	0	14	0	0	0	107	0	11	4	10	10	17	14	3	9	20	87	1	6	0	10	17	129
Ric Parker	0	0	0	118	0	12	113	0	11	20	0	19	16	6	18	0	0	79	7	6	4	6	23	125
Terry Willison	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	127	24	13	17	14	0	0	0	14	0	58	0	0	6	0	6	88
Mark Hanson	0	115	12	93	99	19	0	91	9	0	0	8	16	0	0	0	0	24	7	3	0	9	19	83
Veterans																								
Roy Killick	117	122	24	102	107	21	101	95	20	19	21	23	19	11	19	18	17	147	8	6	4	6	24	236
Bob Henderson	144	141	29	128	0	13	121	0	12	18	25	20	10	22	21	13	18	147	9	10	5	9	33	234
Tony D'Alonzo	126	129	26	119	123	24	105	107	21	15	17	25	4	18	17	0	19	115	10	7	1	9	27	213
Mal Head	127	124	25	112	111	22	114	107	22	12	13	12	20	8	19	17	21	122	6	0	7	3	16	207
Terry Fuller	99	103	20	105	96	20	90	93	18	10	13	13	22	18	16	16	9	117	6	8	9	7	30	205
Trevor Stam	0	111	11	94	104	20	0	79	8	5	14	16	23	20	22	18	21	139	5	7	5	6	23	201
Alan Jones	138	136	27	0	117	12	109	114	22	22	8	21	21	16	14	0	19	121	3	2	3	6	14	196
James Strong	92	86	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	16	19	16	8	21	17	19	138	6	0	4	6	16	172
Ladies																								
Vix Alexander	91	99	19	78	0	8	75	79	15	15	23	19	24	18	16	18	12	145	6	1	5	8	20	207
Filomena D'Alonzo	0	97	10	104	0	10	91	86	18	18	21	22	19	0	0	16	22	118	0	6	7	2	15	171
Annella Riegert	77	0	8	50	0	5	52	46	10	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	8	0	4	12	46

## Membership Fees are Now Overdue !

Membership fees came due on 1 July and should have been paid by 31 July. People who have not paid will not receive this edition of Reel Talk. So if someone asks you why you have a copy and they don't - ask about paying the fees.

## **October 2004 Field Day.**

The long weekend was fast approaching and John Romano and I loaded up John's Pajero and, as 4 pm hit, Chas Riegert was loaded (with gear). Weather forecast was excellent but we, as fisher people, required to know the long range weed forecast. Can't satellites detect weed? How about a 'Weed & Water' website, updated regularly for all travelling fisher people?

6.00 pm – Cataby. The Re Store rolls were demolished to the sound of crisp rolls, crunchy pickles and juicy firm cold meats, so good even the local 28 came down and sat next to Chas on the bench eating the crumbs. We were not the only car heading north. Cataby had its share of caravans, campers and trailers, not to mention boats, but the roads were clear and dry and everyone was driving safely.

Chas took on the driving and at 8.00 pm Strata Caravan Park in Dongara was sighted. We met Margaret and checked in. Now when I go away everything falls into place (good planning), but when Margaret said we had a free upgrade, we were stoked! Not the 2 bedroom fixed site, but 3 bedrooms – one each. We found Jim Yeates and his wife Maria were on site and as soon as we unloaded, knocked on their door. Well, the beer and wine were flowing and Jim's daughter, son-in-law and kids were up for the weekend. Bed at 10.30 pm.

I got up at 5.00 am and walked to the reef shelf next to the southern wall of the marina, no fish but a lovely still sunrise. After the sun had risen the water, which looked clear on the reef, showed how murky it was. John had got up early and walked the beach north of the marina, the river had broken through very dirty water.

Chas had a good friend up in the area, John Barnes, and after breakfast we found out by mobile that Flat Rocks had weed, Lucy's was weeded and water was murky, only south of the marina looked clear.

We drove up to sign on and 7 Mile and 9 Mile were weedy and murky also, so the boundary was extended south 10 kms of the marina.

That afternoon we fished the beach south of the marina and Jim joined us. Water was clear with small amounts of weed, nothing small on the bottom. Chas walked in waist high water trailing a lure, John chased whiting, Jim flicked a lure and so did I. Back to the marina north wall, no one fishing - the water was very cloudy. John tried for whiting (using stewing steak marinated in fish sauce) and they were there. Jim, Chas, John and myself all fishing for whiting.

In the evening we drove up to Flat Rocks and fished. An ex-member of the club (Philpot and friend) had been there all day and had no luck on mulies. John and Chas fished next door to them and John caught a tailor 2nd cast out on a whiting. Jim fished on the same rock and I walked north throwing poppers and slices. Some areas were much weedier than others.

After no luck, around 8.00 pm I returned to find 2 tailor (John) and 1 (Chas) but not too big, caught and released. Jim and I didn't catch a thing. John and Chas stayed another half hour and Jim drove me back to the caravan park. That's where I discovered my wife works with Jim's son Andrew. Perth is a very small place indeed!

I thanked Jim and got stuck into warming up the evening meal. When Chas and John turned up the lamb casserole and fried rice were ready, the table set, and the white wine corked. Simple homemade casserole, frozen and brought up. I thought we had too much but was proved wrong – fresh air feeds an appetite that's for sure. Chas selected the white wine which was a thank you to John for the dry casting day international rules. Then the Galway Pipe came out.

Sunday, 4.00 am we were up, by 5.00 we had driven to Flat Rocks. No Jim this morning (wise to stay in bed). 3 to 4 vehicles were already there. I walked north. Two hours later no fish to anyone. Back for another of John's cooked breakfasts.

We cleaned up our gear and Jim came over and talked a while. Jim took Chas and John to the tackle store while I had a sleep at the shack. I awoke to find new hooks being tied onto new rigs to chase the whiting. John was looking at Jim's Penn reel and commented on the feel of the gearing. Without any hesitation, Chas had the reel apart on the table while Jim looked on learning how to oil the bearings and grease the gears. The job was done and everything running smoothly virtually as soon as it was taken apart. Now that's why we join a club – knowledgeable, helpful members who enjoy their hobby and are happy to share that knowledge.

After a tasty lunch of fresh bread, cheese, salami, olives and John's wife's secret roasted capsicum we were ready for the north wall of the marina. Sounds like a mountain climb! Jim joined us and by 2.00 pm the whiting were hitting the bucket and bigger ones today. Also small mullet, yellow tail and a local caught a shovel nose ray.

At 4.00 pm we drove to the lagoon north of town (water clearing). John and Chas put the waders on and walked the shelf reef, casting lures and whiting for tailor. Jim and I tried for tarwhine, herring and whiting off the beach, only the blowies showed any interest.

Back for John's meatballs for the evening meal – YUM YUM.

We did not fish again. Monday up early and on the road for an early return before the roads got too busy. No fish to weigh in so we rang to apologise we couldn't make it.

Thank you to my fishing partners (John, Chas and Jim) for all their help. We may not have caught much but we had an enjoyable social weekend. Paul Thompson.

Results for the October 2004 Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	24.5 kg	4	12	335
Malcolm Harris	5.65 kg	2	7	126.5
Vix Alexander	2.7 kg	2	2	97
John Romano	1.2 kg	1	2	72
Tony Ong	0.7 kg	1	1	67
Charles Riegert	0.4 kg	1	1	64
Peter Stoeckel	0.2 kg	1	1	62
Paul Thompson	0 kg	0	0	50
James Yeates	0 kg	0	0	50
Andrew Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40
Brian Stokes	0 kg	0	0	40
Eric Parker	0 kg	0	0	40
Paul Beey (Visitor)	0 kg	0	0	40

#### Field Day prizes for October.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.05 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Malcolm Harris	Mixed Bag	5.65 kg

#### Sportsperson of the Year Sections for October.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.05 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	24.50 kg

#### Field Day Top Ten for 2004/2005 up to October.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	1643.0	6	George Holman	288.0
2	Filomena D'Alonzo	463.5	7	Joe Pullella	274.0
3	Malcolm Harris	427.0	8	Mark Farnay	251.5
4	Vix Alexander	278.0	9	Grant Taggart	246.0
5	Spencer King	315.0	10	Ian Taggart	233.0

#### Field Day Sections for 2004/2005 up to October 2004.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.05 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Joe Pullella	Shark	16.85 kg
5	Best Tailor	Malcolm Harris	Tailor	1.70 kg
6	Best Salmon	George Holman	Salmon	3.65 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Skipjack Trevally	1.15 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	2.0 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	24.575 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	19.85 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Malcolm Harris	Tailor	5.55 kg

### **Role of Science in Marine Park Planning.**

Discussions in a small group at the Bioregional Marine Planning Workshop held on 31 August 2004 came up with these suggested rules for the use of Science in planning Marine Parks. If these approaches were used, then we could have a lot more confidence in the outcomes.

#### **"Precautionary Decision-making:- The Role of Science; Information; Monitoring; Auditing".**

1. There is a significant body of scientific information relevant to bioregional marine planning and it is important that this information be utilized.
2. There are significant gaps in the scientific information necessary for proper bioregional marine planning, in particular regarding marine biodiversity and resilience of the environment to pressures. Such information is necessary to enable science to develop predictive capabilities and to differentiate natural variability from human induced change.

3. Local knowledge is a valuable resource regarding regional marine environments and should be included in developing the scientific information base for particular bioregions.
4. Scientific input to bioregional marine planning should be independent and impartial.
5. All processes, data, workings and outputs of scientific input to bioregional marine planning should be publicly available and transparent.
6. Relevant data sets and sources of scientific information need to be centrally and publicly available and integrated.
7. Science has a core role in data and information interpretation and providing assessment of what data sets mean. Such information needs to be provided in publicly accessible language.
8. A critical issue is the provision of adequate funding to enable appropriate research to be undertaken to provide essential scientific information.
9. It is essential that research programs be properly coordinated to meet priorities determined by independent scientific input to bioregional marine planning.
10. The Terms of Reference for scientific input to bioregional marine planning should be clearly and publicly stated.
11. Bioregions are not static entities and processes such as global warming may have cross-bioregional effects. Scientific input to bioregional marine planning needs to recognize, account for and advise on such issues.
12. Scientific input to bioregional marine planning needs to be outcome-based. Measurable and quantifiable outcomes should form the basis of auditing processes.
13. Identification of research priorities (and hence funding priorities) should be determined through independent scientific input to bioregional marine planning.
14. Science needs to play a role in contributing to decisions on the application of precautionary management in bioregional marine planning.
15. Scientific input to bioregional marine planning should include identification of approaches which are likely to deliver desired outcomes.
16. Scientific reference sites are essential, as is identification of indicators of change.
17. Developing monitoring frameworks (including protocols, appropriate indicators and criteria) is a core role of scientific input to bioregional marine planning.

TerryF

### **Comments on "Sports Fishing" Article.**

I have read Chas' proposal, and I would like to congratulate him on his ideas and thinking. I know that I no longer participate in field days, but that is due to overall health reasons. However, be that as it may, I would very much like to see a catch and release policy adopted. We had the policy in my Rhodesian Fishing Club, BASS MASTERS, which was an affiliated chapter of the American Organisation. The policy there was easier to adopt as we all fished from smallish boats powered by engines up to 15hp, and all boats had live wells fitted, where Bass were kept in pristine condition. It was a case of live well to scale to release. I appreciate it will be more difficult to adapt to our style of fishing but it can and should be done.

I tend to agree that fish weight is not all that important on a field day, unless a record fish has been captured. But with normal capture and release, I feel there would be too many problems with weighing individual fish. For instance, if there is a tailor run, will your companion be happy to put his rod down to witness the fish weight, length, etc and then sign your form, bearing in mind that all this will be going on while the shoal passes by with no bait in the water to hold them!! Consider also the scales which would probably be required. I feel each member would require at least two spring scales, because a spring scale to weigh a 6kg plus species would probably not register the weight of a herring!!! Obviously balance scales in a back pack are not on. Length measurements to my mind are far more practical. Easy to remove a tape from pocket and note length of fish - (fishing mate could see this while he continues fishing and wont have to try to remember length, girth, weight and whatever other measurements may be asked for). But the biggest consideration to my mind is the fact that it will be far less stressful for the fish with better survival chances as well.

If Rays are to be counted, then I would suggest the measurement be taken from wing tip to wing tip over the top of the head rather than on the flat underbelly or nose to tail joint. Shovel nose rays (or sand sharks as we called them), would be measured nose to tail as will all other 'non flapper' species. I suggest the wing tip to tip over the head because the bigger the ray, the wider it is and the higher the head mound. (Personally I wouldn't even be able to lift a 20kg ray if weights are required!!).

As I will not be a field day participant, I make no suggestions re points to be allocated, other than to say we should avoid cricket score totals per fish!!! Perhaps one point per complete 5cm with the 20cm minimum length to remain. Thus most herring would go at 4 points a piece!!!

One aspect that has long bothered me, is our present policy of 30 fish only to be weighed in. Much has been made of this policy in the past because it has been trumpeted when fish kills have been raised - and

the Clubs response has been "But we have a limit of 30 fish to be weighed in". This is so, but no account is ever taken of all the fish kept back from the weigh in and much of it, only just keeper size!!

I still remember my first field day to Cervantes, when I caught and released at least a dozen rock cod. All keeper size, but I kept only the one to record, and reported the others released. All captures and releases were witnessed by club members fishing near me. The FDO and one other member told me that only Salmon species could be counted for release.

For what they are worth, these are my initial comments to the proposal which to my mind has considerable merit. Cheers,

Roy Killick.

*These are the only comments I have received in writing as Secretary and Reel Talk Editor.*

## **Field Day, August 1961**

The August field day was held at Garden Island over the weekend of the 12th & 13th with 27 members and 4 juniors attending,

Conditions were certainly against us for the wind was from the NW and later turned SW and the conditions were very squally indeed. Owing to the stormy conditions and heavy swell the boat to the mainland was delayed 7 hours, and even when it did eventually reach the island only a limited number of members were able to return to the mainland. The remainder were stranded on the island and were not able to return till the following morning.

Despite the conditions most members enjoyed themselves and none of the lads who were stranded seemed very anxious to return to the mainland at all.

Upon arriving at the island on Saturday morning, we settled into the hut and after preparing lunch the boys began to move off to their favourite spots. Norm Giles and myself decided that we would once again try the north end, and whilst proceeding to same we came upon Bob Jensen and son Rick who were surveying the scene from the top of the sandhills at the end of the track.

Bob again decided to go South to his usual hunting ground, and his decision proved to be wise as both he and Rick landed a couple of nice Salmon. Norm and I proceeded northwards and upon reaching our favourite spot we found the area to be heavily weeded and the beach very churned up. However we selected the most likely looking water and settled in to do battle. (What with, Jim? the weed or the fish.)

Late in the afternoon we were joined by Bob Lilly's party and Bob remarked that he was very pleased to see that his "Burley Boys" were on the job and burleying up for him.

Norm and I were each successful in landing a Tailor but as our spirits had been dampened by heavy showers of rain and driving winds, we decided around seven that we would head back to the shelter of the hut, for quite a heavy build up of storm clouds could be seen in the north, and we had no wish to be on the beach when the storm broke. Saying farewell to Bob and his gang we left them and headed for home.

Bob's party actually stayed on the beach for the night, as did John Bellman and his coppers. What a night they must have had. No doubt about some blokes. They're keen.

Back at the hut members began to roll in. Even with the conditions as they there some members had caught fish. Norrie Cross had some nice skippy and herring, Snow Tate also had some very good skippy. However, Bob Jensen returned with two salmon and his son Rick had one. The south end had proved to be the best spot again as the lads who had gone north to the gun returned to the hut fishless.

For the next couple of hours the hut was a hive of activity. Countless cups of tea and coffee were consumed, and the frying pan also had its fair share of use.

By midnight the boys were all nicely tucked up in their sleeping bags but they did not sleep long. Around 1 a.m. the full fury of the storm broke. Vivid flashes of lightning combined with the noise of heavy rainfall on the roof of the hut soon had the boys awake.

The wind was close to gale force and this caused loose sheets of roofing iron on the old hut next to ours to bang incessantly and add to the discomfort of the lads.

Around dawn, a couple of hardy anglers ventured over to the beach but they were not there long before they returned to the hut.

At 8 am. the weigh in commenced and it appeared that Bob Jensen would take off the heaviest scale fish award. However, Ron Shirley appeared pulling his trolley on which he had his fish. Unfortunately for Bob, Ron had a couple of Salmon (one of which was a pound heavier than Bob's) and also 12 Tailor. Ron McQueen also weighed in a Salmon and 13 Tailor. These boys had finally caught up with the fish. Ron Shirley had been finding them most elusive of late, and he was very pleased that he had caught up with the fish at last.

With the weigh in completed the lads commenced to pack their gear, but with weather conditions as they were it was apparent that the boat would not be able to come across to the island. It looked as if we were going to be stranded on the isle for a while and as provisions were in short supply many hungry eyes glanced the way of Ron's trolley and to his bag of fish. Ron was quick to notice this and smartly returned to his little hut. He was closely followed by Ron McQueen. With all that fish it's no wonder that they had a little

hut to themselves away from the rest of the boys. (However I scored one of Ron's salmon later and this was guarded zealously by Norm Giles and myself).

Jim Hawkins phone was kept very busy as most of the members phoned their wives to advise them that we were stranded on the island didn't know when we would get back.

As there was nothing else to do the boys sat around spinning yarns (Not all fish stories either) and drinking coffee. Never before have I ever seen so much coffee consumed. The boys on wood detail were kept very busy, and I must say they did a good job.

After scrounging what lunch they could the lads started a baseball game, which was well attended. The ball consisted of a crayfish pot float, and with the outfield packed it was very difficult to score a home run, but several members managed to do so. Unfortunately it did not last long with such tough hammering and soon broke into many pieces. It was then replaced with a jarrah blob, but then the rain started again so into the shelter of the hut we went.

Late in the afternoon Jim Hawkins advised us that an attempt was to be made to reach the island and transport us back to the mainland. The boat eventually did reach us but owing to the stormy conditions, only half of the members could be transported. This left fourteen of us stranded on the island.

Once again we returned to the hut and started to scrounge up something for tea. Fortunately a few herring had been caught and these were soon sizzling in the pan. Tinned food was procured from the store so we did not go hungry.

We stayed yarning till around 8 and then after a final cup of coffee (at the insistence of "Tichie") we hit the sack.

Sunday night seemed to be even wilder than the previous night, but being pretty tired we slept, but only for a while as another storm hit us. We all began to wonder as to how long we would be stuck on the island, but no one seemed worried about it. Who would. Home was never like this.

After an early breakfast on Monday morning, and being informed that the boat was endeavouring to reach us, we packed our gear, and adjourned to the jetty. The boat arrived about 7:40 and at 8 we departed for the mainland and, unfortunately, work.

So closed another and most eventful field day. I am sure that it was enjoyed by all. Hope to see you on the next Field Day which will again be held at Garden Island.

In closing I would like to extend my congrats to the award winners. They earned their fish.

Also I would like to mention that John Bellman had the misfortune to slip on the cement and badly bruised a couple of ribs. Hope you are fully recovered now John. Better be fit for the next Field Day.

Nelson Smith was the target for Ray Porter as Ray landed his blob right in the middle of Nelson's unprotected back. (What a mate).

Well chaps that's all for now. SEE YOU ON THE NEXT FIELD DAY.

P.S. Mention must be made of the assistance given to us by Jim Hawkins, who readily made available the use of his phone to members, and also assisted us in other small ways. He certainly does his best to help us and make our stay on the island enjoyable.

Must also mention the culinary efforts of Ted Savage. The way he prepared his fish for steaming would I am sure tempt the palate of any gourmet.

Jim Strong. FDO 1961

### **Field Day Special Mentions, August 1961**

Junior Rick Jensen on his effort of landing a 6 1/2 lb Salmon. Good show Rick, that effort should inspire the other Juniors,

Mick Crouch on his splendid catch as he walked out of the hut to dismiss hard hitting Bob Tucker (Baseball???)

Top marks go to Ted Savage for his culinary efforts of cooking his steamed fish on the lid of saucepan. It must have been good for he had envious eyes on him and he devoured every morsel.

Arthur Backhouse had quite a few troubled moments during his meal of sausages, as every time he turned his head one of the sausages disappeared, "What a mob of scroungers."

Bob Tucker tried out a novel method of getting "his mates" out of bed by pouring a bucket of water slowly into another container, and then back again. It soon brought results. "What a cad," He is always "up to some trick"

When Nelson Smith came in and said that he had just received a good report we were all ears to hear it. Yes, Nelson said that he had just rung one of our TV dealers and they said that they would have TV out to us in 30 minutes. Hell, even the seagulls were grounded that day.

I believe that Ron Shirley invited Hal Neil to dinner and put on a special chow of tailor fillets. All I can say on that is that Ron must have been running awful short of rations.



Sorry to hear that John Bellman cracked a few ribs over at the Island. It was reported to me that John slipped by the Gun, falling heavily and hurting himself, but I'm more inclined to think that his ribs were bruised by Alan Livesey's and Snow Tate's very fine repertoire of nice clean parlor jokes etc. To be candid I feel sorry for those who missed out on that weekend.

Incidentally chaps don't forget to listen to John on 6KY Thursday nights at 7pm for he gives a very interesting talk on Club activities etc.

### **Frustrated Feelings (September 1961)**

Now this is a story, true of course, told to me in the strictest of confidence that I would not divulge it, to which of course I promised I would not, so hence it appearing in "Reel Talk", which only goes to prove that in this Club you must be careful to whom you talk, especially if it happens to be the Editor, because if he cannot get copy one way, he will get it some other way.

To get on with the story. It appears that two of our well known members who had recently returned from a Field Day at the Island, and not satisfied with their result over there (though they had not done too badly for themselves) decided to take themselves off to one of the Metropolitan beaches and try to build up their ego and fish captures by hook or by crook (and what a pair of crooks, more about this later) .

Well this pair (notice how I haven't mentioned any names, this is part of the confidence I mentioned earlier, but I'll give a clue. One of these chaps has a slightly feminine name (but he doesn't live down Fremantle way) and the other chap is a Killer), duly arrive at the scene of the crime, whereupon the 'Killer' chap says. to the chap with the feminine surname "What do you reckon about this spot". "No!" says his mate "Let's get away, from this crowd a bit. I noticed a bit of a hole down here a way. So the pair duly make their way to the likely hole.

Now this chap with the feminine surname, he knows his holes, he's real experienced. They weren't there long before he latched onto a fish and the way he surreptitiously and sagaciously played it in, so that no one who was watching would notice it, was pure pleasure. For Killer reckoned that that kingie came in looking more like a bundle of weed than a bundle of weed would look like a kingie, and was slipped into the fish bag so promptly that Henry Bester's sleight of hand would look like the work of an amateur, exit one kingie.

The plot starts to thicken about now, for it appears that one of the crowd of anglers decided to forsake his mates and make for newer and untried grounds to try his luck and to do so he had to by pass the two I have already mentioned. Now about half way between his old mates and making a point of meeting new mates this "Killer" chap gets a strike, whereupon his mate (the chap with the feminine surname) says "Keep you xxx rod tip down and give it some line, so they won't know it is a fish or they will be up here like "Red Shankers". So Killer, not wishing to break up a happy friendship and foul up an evening's fishing complied with his mate's wishes and dropped the rod tip to the water. About this time the third party really comes into the picture, for he was up with the pair, and was ready to relieve his fishless feelings with conversation - for which our two had not the slightest use at the time\*

"How yer goin' mates, catching 'em all?" was the opening remark of the new arrival. "Not too good" was the Killer's .reply, wishing him to hell out of the place. The chap with the feminine surname made no reply. He wasn't going to give the new chap an opening at all. The silent treatment. But at this juncture, nature and other forces decided to come into action. The fish on the end of Killer's line had had enough of fooling around and decided to make a run for it. The drag screamed and the game was on, and the game was up too.

"What do you know about that?" says Killer. "I've got a strike" trying to look like a character that had just genuinely got a bite, and that the motions and appearance of his rod for tie previous two minutes had been a perfectly natural function that anybody would assume while they were holding a rod, waiting for a bite. What a cad!

To cut a long story short, this Killer chap eventually gets his Salmon upon the beach and into his bag. Now any normal chap arriving at the scene of a fish capture would at this point, decide to wander off and see if he could catch one himself. But not this fellow, as mentioned earlier this chap was quite keen on conversation, so he decided to stay on a while.

"Not a bad fish mate, but he came in pretty easy" was his remark. "It's up to your .mate to catch one now" Neither of the two answered. They .were worried in case they had been observed. At that he turned . around to make off, but at the most inopportune moment the kingie the chap with the feminine surname caught about five minutes or so before gave a few kicks and a couple of flaps, which broke the embarrassing silence. "So your mate caught one too", he said\* "Oh no!" said 'Killer' "He's only a little tailor" Thinking that he was doing the right thing by his mate, and by saying that - as the conversationalist was on the point of going - that he would continue on his way.

But how wrong can you be, for this fellow was made of sterner stuff than that. "Mind if I have a look at it" he said shining his torch on the bag, and proceeding to peer in and remarking, "Not a. bad kingie for a little tailor". "Did I say tailor?" said 'Killer' "What I really meant was kingie". At any rate that was good enough for the new arrival. He smartly proceeded to set up shop and be in it. In a hole that was hardly big enough for two to fish, let alone three.

Now this is a story with a moral - which can be broken into four parts as follows:-

- (a) Don't visit the spot again for a while
- (b) Don't let the Editor of "Reel Talk" hear about these things.
- (c) Make sure you turn your beanie up over your Club badge.
- (d) Don't put your fish in a bag, dig a hole and bury them, but don't forget where as one member in our Club did. I might even relate that story later. I most probably will have to if "copy" keeps coming in for publication as it has been. I've got to put something in "Reel Talk."

### **Club Competition Rules and Constitution.**

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

### **December Night Cast.**

Following the December Field day weigh in held at George Holman's house, we will hold a BYO barbecue and the club supplies the drinks. On dark, we venture out onto the adjacent oval and run a night cast for those who think they can cast a sinker accurately.

The use of a flick rod, a small sinker and a glow stick supplies many laughs and giggles and a lot of "could haves", and "would haves". With such huge trophies and prizes available, the competition is hot!

So simple, so easy and yet so many excuses. A lot of fun, friendly rivalry and a great night. Finishes by 9:00pm so come and join us. The challenge is out, the drinks will be cold, the rewards will be huge, the comradery is great, and the honour of being champ will stay with you for the next 12 months. Hendo

### **Recfishwest Annual General Meeting.**

The Recfishwest Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 12 November in the Bridge Room at Fremantle Sailing Club.

Yep, I know it is too late now, but all paid members are welcome and have the opportunity to nominate themselves or others for a position on the Recfishwest Board by 30 October. If you are not a member and would like to vote you can join before 5 November to have your say. Membership details can be found at our website [www.recfishwest.org.au](http://www.recfishwest.org.au) What is Recfishwest? Are you a member? If not, why not?

Recfishwest is a representative body of dedicated and concerned anglers, which is independent of government and which represents all Western Australian fishers at the local, state and federal level. Our fisheries continue to be under threat from pollution and deteriorating water quality. Increasing fishing pressures, both commercial and recreational, continue to reduce fish stock numbers and some non-selective, and at times destructive, commercial fishing practices add still further pressure.

To try and cope with this pressure fisheries management is changing and Recfishwest is actively participating in these management processes whenever the interests of the recreational fishing community require presentation, which is nearly always. Currently Recfishwest is one of the advocates placing submissions before the committee inquiring into Integrated Management of Fisheries.

Planning for marine parks includes locking away large areas, often taking the very best recreational fishing areas near the shoreline. Conservation groups have targets of 50 percent of areas in marine parks to be closed to all taking of all fish which effectively bans recreational fishing in these areas.

Do not think you can get away with catch and release, CALM and the conservation groups do not recognise this, and completely ban all fishing for fish even if you do not intend to keep any of them.

Decisions are being made now which will affect future fishing and access opportunities for you, your children and your grandchildren. One of Recfishwest's functions is to represent the needs of these future generations of recreational fishers and to maintain their access to their fair share of the State's fish stocks, which are a community resource.

Specifically Recfishwest is your public voice whenever decisions which affect our fisheries, or access to them, are being made.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Recfishwest please contact the office on (08) 9387 7864, email to [recfish@recfishwest.org.au](mailto:recfish@recfishwest.org.au) or apply at the Recfishwest website, [www.recfishwest.org.au](http://www.recfishwest.org.au)

The RFW Board is made up of five General members, from:

- (a) Australian Anglers' Association (WA Div) Inc.; Terry Fuller
- (b) Australian National Sportfishing Association (WA Branch) Inc; Stephen Gill
- (c) Australian Underwater Federation (WA Branch) Inc; Graeme Anderton
- (d) Western Australian Game Fishing Association Inc; John Webber
- (e) Western Australian Trout and Freshwater Angling Association Inc:- Harry Vosper

and six Public Members, persons who are interested in recreational fishing, elected by paid up members, plus a Chairman elected from either the General or Public members, who is then replaced by another person from that organisation or the public.