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Minutes of General Meeting, 11 September 2002

Venue:- Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:05 PM. Vice President Bob Henderson presiding.
Present:- 32 senior members and 1 junior. **Visitors:-** None.
Apologies:- Ross Kember, Spencer King, Morris Kolman, Trevor Stam, Kade Ross, Dave Maxted, Peter Stoeckel.
New Members:- John Hall, Tony Slate, Colin and Ben Lilburne and Peter Mahony were welcomed to the Club.
Previous Minutes:- Published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Roy Killick seconded George Holman, these are a true record with this addition. Carried.
Previous Committee:- No business arising.
Correspondence Out:- Rob Mitchell Offer for him to explain the situation with cash deposits to the club Bank Account.
Colin Davidow Information about the club.
Paul and Ida Thompson Acceptance into the club.
Peter Mahony Acceptance into the club.
Ben and Colin Lilburne Acceptance into the club.
Dean and Marion Stewart Progress with application.
Tim Tran Progress with application.
Clive Willis and family Progress with application (missed in Reel Talk).
Email Ray White Kalbarri New Property Officer.
Metplant (R Kember's work) Request for sponsorship of safety equipment.
Correspondence In:- BT Funds Purchase by Westpac
Ray White Kalbarri statement for August 2002.
Ray White Kalbarri offer for sign.
Northampton Angling Club 50th anniversary 2 March 2003
Australia Post Registered Mail Delivery Receipt.
Seniors Recreation Council Have a Go Day details.
Chas Riegert Competition Details at Greenough.
Roy Killick asked about a deadline and if any reply from Rob Mitchell. Deadline was Monday 9 September. No reply received to PO Box. It's not known if contact has been made with Ross Kember.
Moved Jim Strong, seconded Chas Riegert, that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
Treasurer's Report:- Accounts for payment.
\$585.00 Ian Cook Rottnest Ferry August 2002 F/D
\$28.00 Kalbarri Lawnmowing Lawnmowing 28 August
\$60.00 Kalbarri Lawnmowing Weed Spraying at Kalbarri.
\$447.55 JY Signs Screen Printers Tee Shirts, from 2001
\$109.28 Jiffy Print Reel Talk, September 2002.
\$50.00 Yokine Bowling Club Meeting Room September.
\$515.18 Shire of Northampton Rates 2002/3 for Kalbarri House.
\$1,795.01 Total of accounts for payment at September 2002 General Meeting.
Available funds 10/9/2002 from bank statement on line \$9,319.07
Accounts for payment \$1,795.01
Already held, to be banked \$224.00
Total available as at 10/9/2002 \$7,748.06
Moved Derry Barber seconded Allan Jones report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment - carried.
Property Officer:- Vix Alexander reported two new bookings for Kalbarri. House is available as in Reel Talk. Mattress protector has been bought and taken up by Ian Pereira.
Field Day Officer:- Past FDO John Jardine presented field day prizes for May Rottnest, June Bremer Bay, and July Cape to Cape Field Days.
Ian Cook reported on the August Rottnest Field Day and presented field day prizes, as in Reel Talk. FDO Malcolm Harris reported on the coming Greenough Field Day.
Chas Riegert advised of fishing competition and barbecue by Port Denison Volunteer Sea Rescue Group on Sunday 29 September.
Dry Casting Officer:- Bob Henderson gave details of the September Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. Club teams for AAA State Championships will be published in Reel Talk.
AAA Report:- George Holman reported on situation with access to Long Point, gave details of the AAA fishing clinics in September, and a WARCO meeting on access through pastoral leases.
Social Organiser:- Asked members for details on what social and instruction periods they would like.
Recorder:- Nothing to report. More entries wanted !!
Reel Talk Editor:- None
Notices of Motion:- None
General Business:- Andy Thorgersen advised of good bream at Garrett Road.
Bob Henderson asked for volunteers at the Have A Go Day, 29 October, as in Reel Talk.
Colin Lilburne offered various sizes of buckets and plastic containers, for a gold coin donation to the club. Used cooking oil in 20 litre tins available for \$4.
Instruction Period:- George Holman described where to fish between Port Denison and Geraldton for the Greenough Field Day.
Ian Pilton demonstrated how to use oil stones and butcher's steels to sharpen knives.
Meeting closed:- 9:40pm

Coming Club Events.

October Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 6 October, 8:30 am start.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance, Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 112 gram Open.

October General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday, 9 October 2002, 8:00 pm.
Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.
Instruction Period:- To be advised

October 2002 Field Day Cervantes to Jurien.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 October 2002.
Sign On:- Saturday 12:00 at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.
Boundaries:- Cervantes to Sandy Point (North of Jurien). To be confirmed.

Tides for Jurien	Saturday 12 Oct	0.40m at 12:43 pm	0.95m at 11:53 pm	Sunrise:-	About 5:40 am
	Sunday 13 Oct	0.41m at 1:30 pm		Sunset:-	About 6:25 pm
Moon	Moon Phase:-	First Quarter 13 October		Moonrise:-	About 10:10 am 12 October
				Moonset:-	About 1:00 am 13 October

Local Field Day for October.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 October 2002.
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:- "North" Local, South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River.

Tides for Fremantle	Saturday 12 Oct	0.35m at 1:03 pm	0.91m at 11:53 pm	Sunday 13 Oct	0.37m at 1:46 pm
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November 2002 Field Day Lancelin to Cervantes.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November 2002.
Sign On:- See November Reel Talk.
Lines Down:- See November Reel Talk.
Weigh in:- See November Reel Talk.
Boundaries:- See November Reel Talk.

Tides for	Saturday 16 Nov.	0.23m at 12:45 pm	0.52m at 8:52 pm	Sunrise:-	About 5:15 am
Cervantes	Sunday 17 Nov.	0.28m at 4:57 am	0.29m at 7:45 am	Sunset:-	About 6:55 pm
Moon	Moon Phase:-	Full Moon, Wed 20 November		Moonset:-	About 3:35 pm 16 November
				Moonrise:-	About 3:45 am 17 November

Local Field Day for November.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon **(To be confirmed).**
Weigh in:- Sunday 10:00 am **(To be confirmed)** 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:- "South" Local, Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River.

Tides for	Saturday 16 Nov.	0.65m at 8:30 am	0.58m at 1:00 pm	0.85m at 8:05 pm
Fremantle	Sunday 17 Nov.	0.55m at 3:27 am	0.64m at 9:45 am	

Have a Go Day – Tuesday 29 October 2002.

The Seniors Recreation Council of WA will be holding their annual "Have a Go" day at Burswood Park on Tuesday 29 October from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

The club will be presenting a casting area and providing guidance on the use of a flick rod, etc, and displaying our club exhibits. All club members are welcome to attend and please wear your Club shirt.

We have a usual turn up of over 3000 people during the day, and we can expect another 1500 international guests turning up this year. Many static displays and numerous activities, free tea and coffee and access to buy food and drinks, all for your entertainment.

<u>6</u>	Dry Casting	<u>6</u>	General Meeting	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	Field Day	<u>16</u>	Committee Meeting												
October 2002							November 2002							December 2002						
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	<u>6</u>					1	2	<u>3</u>	30	31					<u>1</u>
7	8	<u>9</u>	10	11	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	<u>16</u>	17	18	19	20	11	12	<u>13</u>	14	15	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	9	10	<u>11</u>	12	13	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	<u>20</u>	21	22	23	24	16	17	<u>18</u>	19	20	21	22
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Dry Casting Report, 8 September 2002.

'Twas a tad chilly as I headed for the oval. Travelling down Alexander Drive, I glanced over to see if Willo had arrived. The oval was blanketed with fog and I couldn't see anything. with the grass all slippery and wet we took our time setting up, sipped on a hot coffee and watched the sun come up to provide a beautiful morning.

With the body still in repair mode I called on volunteers to look after scoring and was grateful that Mal and AJ, Aubs and Gazza quickly stepped up and gave assistance. Thanks fellas.

A tricky southerly wind wafted across the oval, causing a few out of bounds and wayward casts, but the jovial mood kept going. A few clangers (bull's-eyes), lots of friendly ribbing, some great casting and a lot of happy people enjoyed another good morning. The bull's-eye scored by Young Rhys only just put a grin on his face and his total score for the single handed event put many of the older mob into the background.

The score sheets prove that Chas won the 112 gram distance, Gary the 56 gram distance, yours truly won the double handed and "Weeping Willo" won the single handed. That old warhorse Roy the Boy, (more like a knackered old draft horse) has the honour of being top dog for the day.

To those who assisted throughout the day a big thank you, to young Rhys a well done on the casting arena and for cooking the snags to perfection.

Keep it straight and long.

Hendo.

Results for the day:-

	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points			
Seniors.									
George Holman	151	149	30	137	129	25	118	22	195
Chas Riegert	164	153	32	119	-	12	115	28	187
Ric Parker	126	118	24	110	104	21	115	24	184
Gary Gildeersleves	140	-	14	127	130	26	115	16	171
Andrew Aubrey	124	126	25	109	107	22	93	16	156
Ian Pereira	132	123	26	-	101	10	100	8	144
Ken Black	123	-	12	-	-	0	82	12	106
Terry Willison	-	-	0	107	-	11	56	30	97
Malcolm Harris	100	103	20	66	70	14	50	7	91
John Hall	-	-	0	65-	69	13	32	1	46
Tim Tran	-	-	0	-	-	0	4	4	8

Veterans.

Roy Killick	134	137	27	111	115	23	139	29	218
Mal Head	111	123	23	108	110	22	139	19	203
Bob Henderson	132	-	13	103	-	10	149	14	186
Jim Strong	93	96	19	97	88	19	107	13	158
Trevor Stam	78	88	17	79	85	16	101	12	146
Allan Jones	101	105	21	-	88	9	65	16	111
Andy Thorgersen	-	83	8	77	88	17	39	13	77

Ladies.

Joy Brann	60	59	12	61	56	12	72	7	103
Vix Alexander	-	80	8	-	-	0	67	4	79
Maureen Lissiman	59	58	12	60	63	12	24	14	62

Juniors.

Rhys Jones	84	76	16	76	71	15	68	29	128
Ben Lilburne	102	100	20	-	80	8	78	17	123

Day Winners.

112 gram winner	Chas Riegert	32
56 gram winner	Gary Gildersleeves	26
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Bob Henderson	149
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Terry Willison	30
Winner of the Day	Roy Killick	218
Ladies winner	Joy Brann	103
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Special Request

Would all drycasters please wear club shirts and name badge at monthly casting days. Hendo

**Next Dry Casting:- Sunday
6 October 2002, 8:30 am
start.**

Events:-

**112 gram Distance,
Artificial Bait distance,
Double Handed accuracy,
Single Handed accuracy.
112 gram Open.**

AAA State Dry Casting Competition 27 October 2002.

The AAA State Dry Casting Competition will be held on Sunday 27 October starting at 8:00 am. SCAC team members are:-

Seniors	Veterans (1)	Veterans (2)	Ladies
Chas Riegert (Capt)	Allan Jones (Capt)	Don Batchelor (Capt)	Vix Alexander (Capt)
Andrew Aubrey	Mal Head	Jim Strong	Maureen Lissiman
Ric Parker	Roy Killick	Trevor Stam	Joy Brann
Gary Gildersleeves	Bob Henderson	Andy Thorghersen	Filomena D'Alonzo
George Holman	Juniors	Mini Juniors	
Malcolm Harris	Rhys Jones (Capt)	Andrew Stoeckel	
Ken Black	Ben Lilburne	Emily Woodford	
	Daniel Stoeckel		

Help at State Dry Casting!!

The Surfcasters will be running a sausage sizzle on this day. I'm asking for two volunteers to run it. Everything will be provided. Please give me a call ASAP!

As usual, our club will prepare the casting arena, so twenty minutes of your time on Sunday morning would help take the work load off some of us. Hendo.

Surfcasters Greenough Field Day September 2002.

The field day is at the end of the month, and this issue of Reel Talk was published before the Field Day, so no results yet.

Port Denison Fishing Competition.

Will be run by the Port Denison Volunteer Sea Rescue Group, on Sunday 29 September, while the club Field Day is in the area. Entry: \$15.00 Junior \$5.00. Entry forms available and entry fees payable on Saturday 28th September and on the day of the competition at the Sea Rescue Base, Port Denison.

Start time: 6 a.m. Finish time: 4 p.m. Weigh in time 5 p.m.

Prize Categories:- Maximum two trophies per person.

Beach Fishing

- | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--|
| 1. Most points | Most points | Most points categories exclude sharks and Samson fish. |
| 2. Largest Tailor | Largest Fish. | |
| 3. Largest Whiting | Largest Whiting. | |
| 4. Largest Shark | Largest Tailor | Largest shark categories exclude Wobbegong. |
| 5. Other Species | Other Species | committee's discretion. |

Barbecue and presentation of trophies to follow weigh in. BBQ Packs and refreshments available. A plate of salad to share would be very much appreciated.

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.

Happy Birthday to:-

Daniel Stoeckel, 9 October

Paul Thompson, 24 October

Fishing Cervantes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The resident seals that hang around at the end of the jetty by the fish cleaning table and mop up the scraps will provide some entertainment when the fishing is slow.

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

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

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

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

Reprinted from an article by Andy Woodford in the November 2000 Reel Talk.

AAA and Club Publicity.

The AAA had more than a full page in the September West Coast Fisherman newspaper, covering the AAA President's 2001/2002 report, the AAA Fishing Clinics and the WARCO Report.

The October issue covers AAA State Dry Casting. For photos and all the results for all the AAA State Championships, look at the Australian Anglers Association, (WA Division) website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

Wanted – Aluminium Cans.

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

SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003.

2002/2003 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 6 October 2002

Sunday 3 November 2002

Sunday 1 December 2002

Sunday 5 January 2003

Sunday 2 February 2003

Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 6 April 2003

2002/2003 General Meetings.

All at Yokine Bowling Club, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 9 October 2002

Wednesday 13 November 2002

Wednesday 11 December 2002

Wednesday 8 January 2003

Wednesday 12 February 2003

Wednesday 12 March 2003

Wednesday 9 April 2003

2002/2003 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 October 2002

Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November 2002

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December 2002

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003

Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003

Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE

Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003

Cervantes to Jurien, and "North" Local.

Lancelin to Cervantes, and "South" Local

Open.

Mandurah 500, and "North" Local

Open.

Bluff Creek, and "South" Local

Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin, and "North" Local.

Boundaries for Local Field Days.

Local field days will alternate between a "South" and a "North" on successive months, except for "Opens".

South:- Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River, so includes both the North and South Moles.

North:- South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River, so includes both the North and South Moles.

AAA State Estuary Championships.

The AAA State Estuary Championships will be held in the Swan/Canning Rivers on Saturday/Sunday 23/24 November 2002. Sign on Troy Park, Saturday 11am to 12 noon. Lines down 2pm. Boundaries – the Swan and Canning Rivers. Weigh in, Troy Park 11 am Sunday.

The Surfcasters will be entering teams. Please contact Peter Stoeckel if you are interested.

AAA and Affiliated Club Coming Events.

This information has been updated from the August 2002 AAA report. Some dates are still being finalised so check for updates in later Reel Talks.

October 13, 2002

October 19/20, 2002

October 27, 2002

November 16/17, 2002

November 17, 2002

November 23/24, 2002

Rockingham OFC Field Day

Fremantle AAC Field Day

AAA State Dry Casting Championships.

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Rockingham OFC Field Day

AAA State Estuary Championships

Point Peron.

Pipidinny to Wedge.

Yokine Reserve. (Don't miss it!)

Cervantes to Jurien.

Point Peron.

Swan and Canning Rivers, HQ at Troy Park.

Point Peron.

White Hills to Myalup.

Boundaries TBA. SCAC Field Day same dates and boundaries.

Yanchep to Wedge.

White Hills to Preston.

Lancelin AAC.

Cervantes to Wedge.

Halls Head to Myalup Drain.

Go Anywhere.

Rottnest.

Albany area.

Rottnest.

Horrocks to Kalbarri.

Yokine Reserve.

Collie River and Leschenault Estuary.

December 15, 2002

December 21/22, 2002

Jan 11/12, 2003

Rockingham OFC Field Day

Fremantle AAC Field Day

AAA Mandurah 500

January 18/19, 2003

February 15/16, 2003

February 22/23, 2003

March 15/16, 2003

March 29/30, 2003

April 25/26/27, 2003

May 17/18, 2003

May 31/June 1/2

July 19/20, 2003

LWE Sept/Oct, 2003

October 26, 2003

March or April 2004

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Fremantle AAC Field Day

AAA State Boat Angling Championships

Fremantle AAC Field Day

AAA State Beach and Rock Championship

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Fremantle AAC Field Day

Fremantle AAC Field Day

AAA State Beach and Rock Championship

AAA State Dry Casting Championships

AAA State Estuary Championships

New Member Applications.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the October 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. Clive, Jenny, Johnathon, Matt and Christian Willis.

New Member Acceptances.

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

Ian Pereira (Associate membership),

Dean and Marion Stewart,

Tim Tran.

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

Public:-	Off season	\$220 per week,	On season	\$360 per week	} all
Club Members:-	Off season	\$160 per week,	On Season	\$210 per week	} plus \$50
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights			} bond.

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. Club members need to do their own cleaning on departure, or we can arrange cleaners at around \$46 per clean, extra on the rates above.

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.

As at 19 September, the house is available from 12 to 18 October, from 30 November to 21 December, from 5 January 2003 to 17 April, and from 25 April 2003 on. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations, 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. Past member Ted Horsley holds the record for the earliest Reel Talk donated – October 1952.

2002/2003 Open Competition Results to September 2002.

Section	For	Min weight	Current Leader.	
3.	Best Mullet	5.0 kg	George Holman	7.0 kg at False Entrance.
6.	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	George Holman	4.2 kg at False Entrance.
11.	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman	8.5 kg at False Entrance.
15.	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	George Holman	4.8 kg Spangled Emperor at False Entrance.
16.	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	Ross Kember	0.32 kg Bartailed Flathead.

2002/3 Lure Competition.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure. George Holman 4.2 kg at False Entrance

Heaviest Salmon on Lure. No entry yet.

Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure. George Holman 5.0 kg Spanish Mackerel at False Entrance.

Thank the Donor of Your Trophy.

If you received a trophy at the Annual Presentation of Trophies, please contact the donor and thank them for donating the trophy. Please do this in person if possible for you, and support the business if possible.

Donors need to know that their donation is appreciated, otherwise next time we ask we may not get a donation. The full list was published in the July Reel Talk.

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Wanted - Treasurer.

No one nominated for the Treasurer's job at the AGM.

If you can fill this position, please contact President Ross Kember.

From Reel Talk May 1953.

Many thanks to past member Ted Horsley for donating his copies of early Reel Talks from 1952 to 1954, and a copy of the Constitution of the Surfcasting and Angling Association of WA from that time. This gives us some wonderful views of the early days of the club, and will fill many pages of future Reel Talks.

Here's the May 1953 issue of Reel Talk, when it was the Surf Casting and Angling Association.

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L. M. DUNN



May, 1953

The Official News Letter of
THE SURF-CASTING AND ANGLING ASSOCIATION OF W.A.

Editor's Note, May 1953

As a result of our last Field Day we have some photos for our album. These will be the start so there's room for plenty. If you have any photos worth keeping as a club record, send them along, if you catch a good fish get it photographed, keep a print for yourself and send one along to the club.

It was pleasing to see a bit in the paper about our Field Day, but unfortunately the photo gave us a name for catching "rubbish." The beaut tailor, 3 lb. to 5 lb. each - were missed in the photo.

Some time ago the club asked to have published a list of the names and addresses of members. This should help anyone looking for a mate to go fishing with, if he knows a member lives handy.

We've had some more sheets of the minimum size of fish printed so if any of you want one see the Sec.

I've had a few enquiries for second hand tackle. If any of you have any for sale let me have the details and an advertisement may get rid of it for you. The charge for advertising is 1/- per article.

How about a query column? If any of you have a question send it in and I'll turn the best brains of the club, or elsewhere, on to it.

Articles are still urgently needed for REEL TALK.

Our next Field Day will be at the Rubbish Dump, about 4 miles north of Mandurah, and will be from 4 pm. Saturday, 16th May to 10 am. Sunday, 17th May.

Why don't we - - -

get a Vice President who can catch fish? They say his wife talked him into joining the club.

get the recorder a decent set of scales? The ones he had were too small to weigh Felix's big ones and failed to even register when some of his own were hung on them

April 1953 Field Day

In view of our recent advertising and publicity seeking we were keen to catch fish on our April Field Day. We're always keen but not always successful, so we were willing to listen to anyone who had any ideas concerning the whereabouts of fish. The Pres. and Sec., considering the "Four Mile" south of Mandurah, lost their enthusiasm the previous weekend while exploring the spot when the Sec. stripped the differential of his car.

Vern Pocklington suggested Mullaloo as he understood fish have been caught there at times, so Mullaloo it was to be. What a Field Day!

Although only eight members turned up, the scene on the beach between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. was more like a mob run wild than any sane gathering of fishermen. There were blokes running around shouting for gaffs, pulling fish out of the water, frantically tying hooks or sinkers on lines or rebaiting.

"Hey! Come and gaff mine, mine's nearly in."

"But mine's bigger than his"

That's all the secretary could hear between the abuse he was receiving for being reluctant to swim in and gaff a 42 lb. stingray that Mac couldn't get on to the beach.

The final tally was 14 sharks, (8 Wobbeongs, 5 Port Jacksons and 1 "Shovel Nose", "Fiddle" or something), 2 sting rays and 8 tailor.

Felix Holywell scooped the pool and, although admitting he earned it this time, there were threats to cut his line, to throw him in with the sharks or tie him up to give someone else a chance.

He had the heaviest shark or ray, a 60lb. stingray, the best fish, a 5 lb. Tailor, the best effort, a 60lb. ray on 15 lb. line and the greatest number of points 116. His best effort is going to take some beating by anyone, any time.

An Initiation Into the Gentle Art of Catching "Bufs".

From Reel Talk May 1953. Although the West has always been my home, it was only the Christmas before last that I paid my first visit to Rottnest. At the time a fish to me was a fish. There were no good ones or bad ones - only big ones and little ones. I'd caught a few of the latter when I was a kid and had a piece of string long enough. Now I wanted to see a few big ones.

When we went ashore I set out to find someone catching decent sized fish and it wasn't long before I found a bloke with a rod and reel and a line in the water. However, he was sound asleep by a tree and I could see "big" fish, plenty of them, swimming around just below his blob.

"Why doesn't someone tell him there are fish around his bait" I asked.

"Aw! they're only buff bream and you never catch them on a line," was the answer I got.

"Well, do they net them?"

"No, they're no good to eat or for anything else," I was told so I left it at that.

Last Christmas, having in the meantime become an enthusiast of the rod and reel, I went over to catch a few fish if possible. The Angler was the expert on Rottnest and he gave us the G.G.

"We'll catch enough bufs this afternoon for bait and burley, then burley the big ones tonight."

"But I thought you couldn't catch bufs on a line?" I said.

"You can catch them all right but you've got to know how," I was told. "They won't take a fish bait as they're vegetarians. Their mouths are small and they're cunning so you've got to kid to them a bit. No use expecting them to take a bait if its attached to a big line so you use a light line, light lead, small hooks and a lump of pollard for bait. When you get one on he'll give you a run for your money and you'll be lucky to land him.

Although it sounded a bit tricky to me I did my best to follow instructions. The angler saw that we all rigged up according to Hoyle (or somebody) and we set to work. We got them on after a while but no matter how we tried not one of us, the angler included, landed one that evening. We all lost gear, but had no buff bait that night.

Next morning the bufs were there and I wished I could succeed in landing just one. I therefore ignored all instructions and surreptitiously changed to 27 lb. line, wire trace and 4/0 hook. On that I put a lump of cray and dangled it in front of the bream. For a while they swam around it and then one took it. What a time I had for a while! He did everything but the struggle was a bit uneven and soon 14 lb. of fish was triumphantly carted back to the rocks. Before giving up about an hour later I had five of them in one heap, a total weight of 70 lbs.

PS. I still don't know whether or not they're good eating.

No name on the article from May 1953.

Spinning Hints, May 1953.

In the previous issue of Reel Talk, it was mentioned that we would publish a few hints on spinning. I would like to make it quite clear at this stage that I'm by no means an expert, and the following hints are only what we as a team have found helpful, and have proven the hard way. I feel sure that from the beginner's point of view these few hints will save him a lot of time and expense, and will help him strike his first fish sooner.

The word spinning is really wrongly termed - as a lure that spins is unsatisfactory and will eventually cause a twist in a lure. Also a lure that spins is not the fish getter as is one that darts and wobbles. The Yanks call spinning squidding, because their lures used in the early stage resembled, a squid.

The lures of today come in many styles, shapes and sizes, and a lure that reflects the best light and has a good action in the water is the best fish getter. Most of these lures can be made at home for very little expense, in fact one particularly good lure can be made for less than one penny, and is after the design of the Keel type. I will explain the advantages of this lure later in the article.

Hooks used should be as large as the fish will take. Big fish smartly throw small books. The hooks to avoid in spinning are the type that are bent sideways, as these tend to lock in each other.

Limerick type hooks have been proved the most satisfactory, as they are not bent and do not rust. A touch of red to a lure will often excite fish into striking. This can be done with paint or a piece of red wool. Perhaps they associate this with blood of a wounded fish. That we will never know for sure.

Many beginners make the same mistake of spinning for hours standing in the same position without getting a strike. In spinning you don't wait for the fish to find you, you must find them and the only way to do this is by walking along the beach watching for their telltale friends to give them away; small fry jumping out of the water or

seagulls swooping down feeding on the tid bits that tailor leave. Often you'll see the tailor playing follow the leader in the crest of a wave.

Spinning as we call it, should be done as a team, three pals making an ideal team. Space permitting, spread out along the beach or reef, arrange a signal so that on the first strike you move in and concentrate on the same spot. Greenbacks or Salmon will stay longer with three spinners working than just one.

At times I have been spinning on my own and seen tailor come in by the dozens, However, by the time I have landed the first, the others finding nothing to chase, have shot through.

By using light gear you'll catch more fish, cast greater distances, and be less tired after it's all over. A spinner would cast in a morning's fishing 200 to 300 times, so you see the advantage of light gear. I prefer a light rod, level wind reel, 14 lbs. line and a 1½ or 2 oz lure,

When spinning on top of a reef and using double swinging hooks, change the hook around so that both face the same way.

This you will find will save losing many lures. The ideal lure for reef work is the keel style mentioned earlier. This lure we make with a fixed 6/0 or 7/0 hook and it can almost be dragged over the top of a reef without becoming snagged.

Salmon need your brightest lure. I have had no luck spinning for salmon with a painted one, but caught many on the chromed type.

The best time for spinning is a high tide early morning or just before sundown. A point worth remembering is that the higher the sun gets the deeper tailor go. Therefore, it is good practice to allow your lure to sink quite a few feet before commencing the wind in.

One of the best places for spinning is from a reef and this calls for accuracy in handling rod and reel, as you cannot afford to have on overrun. It is always wise for a beginner to gain experience spinning from the beaches until confidence in casting is gained.

The right footwear is most important for reef work or rockhopping. Army boots we found to be the best. Gum boots or leather soled shoes are also satisfactory. If you don't like living, wear sandshoes.

With these few hints it's now up to you, though let me warn you, after catching your first fish on a spinner, you'll sleep, talk and eat spinners, or should I say lures.

Vern Pocklington.

Mudcrabs Hitch a Ride on the Leeuwin Current.

A media release from WA Department of Fisheries reports on some research into the appearance of Mud Crabs in lower West Coast and South Coast estuaries and rivers.

Mudcrabs recently found in the estuaries and rivers of Western Australia's south west are natives of the Shark Bay to Broome region that were almost certainly swept down the west coast by the strongest Leeuwin Current in more than 70 years.

Mud crabs are normally found in waters from Shark Bay northwards and are a prized catch for recreational fishers in WA's north west, but there have been an increased number of captures along the south west coast over the last couple of years. Mud crabs have even been caught in Denmark's Wilson Inlet, more than 1000km from Shark Bay, their previously reported most southern location.

Several theories as to how mud crabs came to be in the south west were put forward, including the transport of larvae in the ballast water of ships, translocation by recreational fishers, or adult crabs being released from restaurants and fish markets. However, Department of Fisheries crab scientist Dr Lynda Bellchambers said research, using samples collected by members of the public, showed a more natural explanation.

The conclusion was that the mud crabs arrival in the State's south west was most likely due to the Leeuwin Current. Although there are two species found in WA, genetic analysis indicated that the mud crabs caught in the south-west were all the same species, and that they were from populations between Exmouth and Broome. It also suggested that all the mud crabs were from a single colonisation event, leading to the conclusion that mud crab larvae were carried down the coast by the Leeuwin Current in a particularly strong year. The size range of the mud crabs captured suggests that they are approximately 2 - 3 years old meaning that the larvae would have been carried down the coast of WA in the Leeuwin current in 1999 - 2000

In 1999 and 2000 the Fremantle sea level, which is used as an indicator of the strength of the Leeuwin Current, was the highest it has been since 1930. The WA Museum had a number of records of other tropical crustaceans appearing in the rivers and estuaries of the State's south-west, but not in the same kind of numbers that the mud crabs seem to have achieved.

Whether these populations can be self sustaining remains to be seen. The Department of Fisheries reminds recreational fishers that gear specifications and bag limits apply for mud crabs across the entire State. All berried (egg carrying) females must be returned to the water unharmed. Mud crabs may be caught legally using drop nets, scoop nets or metal hooks and there is a daily bag limit of ten.

In the club submission on the West Coast Recreational fishing review, we said this naturally occurring and potentially valuable recreational fishery should be closely managed in early years to ensure that it is not wiped out by uncontrolled catches by either recreational or commercial fisheries.

Identification Guide to Western Australian Sharks.

Department of Fisheries has released a 36 page booklet "Field identification guide to Western Australian Sharks and Shark-like Rays" specially written for Western Australia. It is available from Fisheries printed on waterproof paper, and as a PDF file from the Fisheries web site at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/res/broc/sharkguide/index.html>.

Section 1 provides a guide to each family of sharks and three families of shark-like rays. These have been included because of their similarity to sharks. This section is ordered according to each family's usual habitat: deep water, open ocean, coastal waters near the seafloor and coastal waters on the seafloor.

However, because most sharks are highly mobile, members of each family may in fact occur in any of these habitats. Each family description also provides a colour-coded list of the most common or otherwise significant species within that family.

Section 2 provides a more detailed species level guide to the whaler sharks (family Carcharhinidae), which are of particular interest because they are commonly caught by a wide variety of Western Australian fisheries.

Key identifying features that can be used quickly and reliably to distinguish a particular species or family are highlighted in red in the booklet. A diagram and glossary of technical terms are provided.

Yamba 2003 Update.

George Holman and Bob Henderson went to the AAA mid term convention at Yamba in July. They reported on this, and everything about Yamba, fishing, accommodation, layout, etc, at a meeting held at George's on Monday 26 August.

AAA NSW has a Web page with details of the Yamba convention at http://www4.tpgi.com.au/mark_a/

Shark Warning.

As the weather warms up and people start heading for the beach, Fisheries Minister Kim Chance has reminded Western Australians to be vigilant in the look out for sharks.

Mr Chance said the best form of preventing an attack was for members of the public to take a few simple precautionary steps, including:

- avoiding swimming around dawn and dusk and when most fish are feeding and sharks are likely to be active;
- avoiding swimming in areas where there are large schools of fish, or among seals and close to rookeries;
- avoiding swimming in areas where animal, human or fish waste enters the water;
- avoiding areas where there are deep-water channels; and
- not remaining in the water with bleeding wounds.

The best advice is to always swim between the flags at patrolled beaches.

If people see a shark while swimming, they should leave the water as quickly and calmly as possible and raise the alarm.

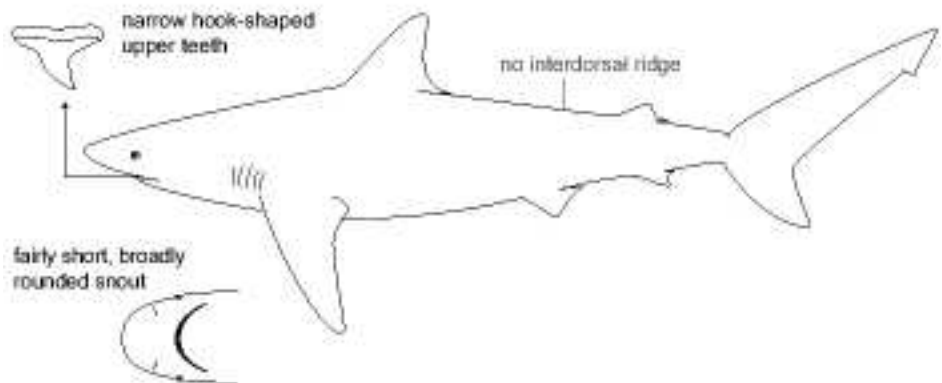
Already one boat has had a white pointer following fish to the boat.

Life Members

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

Does anyone know anything about Lloyd Dunn?

2.2 Bronze whaler (Carcharhinus brachyurus)



Similar to dusky whaler but lacks interdorsal ridge.

Inshore to offshore distribution: surf zone to at least 100m depth.

Bronze to grey dorsal colour, ventral surfaces creamy white.

Pale stripe forward along flank.

Dusky tips on most fins.

Born 60-70cm; to 295cm.



Bronze Whaler details - an example from the booklet.

Warning – Shrinking Fish.

Fish which are kept on ice, particularly fish which have been gilled and gutted, shrink a bit overnight, sometimes a couple of centimetres. So a fish which was just over legal length when you caught it may be undersized when you come to weigh it in the next day or later that night.

That's a problem for you when someone applies the rule about presenting undersized fish, because your entire catch is likely to be disqualified.

So be warned. You should re measure any fish which are close to the legal size just before you present them for weighing.

Club Submission on Rottneest Proposals.

The following has been sent to the Rottneest Island Board:-

This submission on the Draft Rottneest Island Management Plan has been prepared on behalf of the members of the Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc.) by the Club Secretary, Terry Fuller. The Club's postal address is PO Box 2032, Marmion W.A. 6020, and the secretary can be contacted by telephone on (08) 9447 4545.

The Surf Casting and Angling Club is based in the Perth metropolitan area and has 95 adult and junior members. The club has been in existence since 1952 and its members have fished at Rottneest many times over the past 50 years. The Club's main activities are shore based recreational line fishing and dry casting. As such, our comments are on proposals which affect recreational line fishing from the shore. We leave comments on recreational line fishing from boats to groups which know those issues better than we do.

Shore Based Recreational Line Fishing is Different. The Club wants to make a clear distinction between shore based recreational line fishing, and other shore based recreational fishing such as collecting shellfish, etc. from the shore, and recreational fishing from boats.

Shore based recreational line fishing targets mobile fish such as tailor, herring, garfish, whiting, mullet, skipjack trevally, sharks and other similar pelagic species. These fish have seasonal migrations and have seasons when they are present and seasons when they are not present. Many species also regularly move significant distances along the beaches or reefs over a short period.

Shore based catches of other fish species are not very common and would have little, if any impact on resident fish populations, particularly compared to recreational boat fishing and professional fishing which are far more mobile and which can cover the entire area and not just a few tens of metres from the shoreline.

Restrictions to Recreational Line Fishing. The Plan acknowledges that the level of fishing pressure within the Reserve and the impact of this on fish stock and marine communities is unknown, and says "There is concern that the current recreational fishing management arrangements do not take account of the large number of fishers and constant fishing activity that occurs in the Reserve."

There is no evidence that fish of the type caught by recreational anglers are in any danger of overfishing at Rottneest, or that recreational line fishing from the shore is causing any environmental damage. Indeed, considering that most fish caught are pelagic and seasonal, their abundance at Rottneest is affected by catches in their entire habitats, and these are controlled by Department of Fisheries actions and limits on Recreational and Commercial fishing.

As you may be aware, there are proposals for changes to recreational fishing limits for the West Coast region, and reviews of commercial fishing which have the potential to result in significant changes to fish populations if the right decisions are made.

In recent years, herring have been prolific over and outside their usual ranges, we have had the best west coast tailor season for some years, the best south and lower west coast salmon season for many years, and bream, pink snapper and mullet are widespread, and with widespread evidence of many juvenile fish. We believe that these results show that current recreational fishing management practices are working, and look forward to the outcome of current reviews of the management of commercial fishing.

Regardless of the decisions made, provision of relatively small sanctuary areas at Rottneest would have little effect on the abundance of these pelagic species. The Club submits that restrictions should not be introduced without adequate research and clear evidence that some action is needed at Rottneest and that the proposed actions will in fact have the desired outcomes for the species concerned.

We submit that there would be little if any impact on the effectiveness of any sanctuary zones if shore based recreational line fishing to one hundred metres from shore was allowed.

Suitability of Coast for Recreational Line Fishing From the Shore. Not all coastline is suitable for recreational line fishing from the shore for the pelagic species of fish most people want to catch. Some coastline is shallow, some is rocky or reefy, some is weedy, and when these are combined with the swell and wind which is often present, shore based line fishing in some areas is difficult at best and often unrewarding. Successful shore based fishing requires access to the areas where the fish will come through, or come past, in different areas to suit the wind and swell conditions at the time.

The equity of the proposals cannot be measured merely by quoting the percentage of coastline still available for shore based line fishing. Even though this percentage may be high, the areas lost to anglers appear to include some of the most suitable parts of the Island's shore. We believe that far too many of the good areas for shore based line fishing would be lost through being included in the proposed Management Zones.

We believe it is critical that no restrictions are placed on recreational fishing from the shore unless there is both clear evidence that these are needed to protect some species or the environment, and the restrictions will actually achieve the protection that is claimed to be required. The club submits that there is no reason to ban an activity if the impact of that activity is acceptable and sustainable, and thus does not lead to unacceptable changes over the medium to long term.

On this basis, the club objects to proposals which ban recreational line fishing from the shore in the proposed Parker Point to Salmon Point, Salmon Bay, Mary Cove West End and Little Armstrong management zones.

West End Management Zone. The Plan's justification for proposing restrictions at West End is based on a study of molluscan species as an indicator and a "suggestion" that the zoogeographic importance of tropical species at Rottneest Island is a general feature not restricted to molluscs. It hypothesises that the southward flowing Leeuwin Current is a reason for the apparent preference of tropical fauna species for West End.

A recent media release from the Department of Fisheries covers research on tropical species of mud crab which have been found as far south as Wilson's Inlet on the South Coast, and concludes that strong Leeuwin Currents during 1999 and 2000, the strongest since 1930, are responsible. Thus other tropical species may well be established on many other locations along the west coast of WA, and the presence of these at Rottneest's West End may not be unique.

The club submits that data on molluscan species alone cannot simply be extended to pelagic and resident fish, and does not justify limiting recreational line fishing from the shore at West End. Far more research is needed before there might be any justification for limits. But even if some species such as molluscs require protection, such protection does not require limiting recreational line fishing from the shore at West End.

Parker Point to Salmon Point, Salmon Bay and Mary Cove Management Zones. The Plan says that the most diverse coral communities at Rottneest Island are located at the southern end of the Island, in particular at Kitson Point, Salmon Point and Parker Point, and thus proposes bans, including on recreational line fishing from the shore for the entire coast from Parker Point to Kitson Point to protect these coral communities. All research references describing the coral are from 1993 and as far back as 1985, and thus would not cover the impact of the strong Leeuwin Currents in 1999 and 2000, which could mean that there are now many more colonies elsewhere.

There is no evidence that recreational line fishing from the shore is causing any environmental damage to corals or any other species in this or any other area on Rottneest. The Club submits that recreational line fishing from the shore is compatible with the protection that is desired, and could be allowed over the majority of this coastline without any impact. The Club does not object to the existing Parker Point protection area, and would not object to restrictions on some small areas near the most vulnerable coral communities if it can be shown clearly that recreational line fishing from the shore has affected or would affect these.

Little Armstrong Bay Management Zone. The Plan proposes a no fishing zone in Little Armstrong Bay, to preserve a portion of the Island's northern marine habitats. There is no evidence given that recreational line fishing from the shore is causing or has the potential to cause any environmental damage in this area. More research and data is required.

Banning of Daylight Fishing. Under the proposed Plan, daylight fishing is banned in some areas near the settlements. The reason stated for this is to avoid possible conflicts between fishing and other uses of these areas, such as swimming.

We submit that a complete ban on daylight fishing is not necessary and is not equitable. A complete ban fails to recognise that there is no reason why the area can't be fished on days or at times or in the places when it is not being used by other people for other purposes. These areas are frequented by families and the ban would prevent people (particularly children and fathers) from fishing while other family members who don't want to fish are nearby doing whatever they want to do.

Fish Activities. The Plan states that the Island contains numerous examples of unique fish activity including Buffalo Bream algal polygon behaviour and fish cleaning stations; areas where fish visit to have their scales cleaned by other fish. Because there are numerous examples even under current conditions of recreational line fishing, then there is no reason yet to restrict this in the areas where the fish activity occurs.

Distribution of Recreational Fishing. Any proposals based on the total numbers of fishers or the total effort of recreational line fishing must consider the distribution of this effort over the different areas of the coastline. Areas which get little fishing effort will not be affected very much by that effort. Any restrictions will not benefit that area, and the effect on the overall fish catch on the Island will be nil or negligible.

The Plan acknowledges that recreational fishing is a popular pursuit on Rottneest. For our club members and many others, recreational fishing is the primary reason for going to Rottneest. One aim of the plan should be to preserve or enhance the recreational fishing experience of visitors to the Island, and this cannot be achieved by placing more restrictions on recreational line fishing from the shore.

Such restrictions can seriously affect some individuals who like fishing in isolated or less used areas, and reduce the experience which attracts visitors to the Island.

Accommodation. The club's requirements for accommodation are for simple, affordable and comfortable overnight accommodation with basic cooking, sleeping and ablution facilities. We do not require extras. Some accommodation of this type should be retained.

Exclusion of Commercial Fishing. The Club supports the exclusion of all commercial fishing within the entire Marine Reserve.

Exclusion of Personal Watercraft. The Club supports the prohibition of the use of Personalised Powered Watercrafts (for example, Jetskis) within the entire Marine Reserve.

Review of Public Comments on the Plan. We look forward to a release of the summary of public comments on the Draft Management Plan. The club believes that all public comments received about proposals in the Plan affecting fishing should be reviewed by a group which understands Recreational fishing and has contact with the majority of recreational anglers who would use Rottneest.

We believe that Recfishwest, representing all WA recreational anglers, should advise the Rottneest Island Board about the meaning and significance of the public's comments, and help the Board prepare a new plan which recognises all groups' needs.

Further, we believe that a revised Plan should be made available for a review period before being presented to the Minister for approval, and it should show if and how proposals have been changed in response to public comments.

Club Code of Ethics. I have enclosed a copy of the Club's Code of Ethics for your information. Please be assured that the members of this Club fully support and actively practise conservation and responsible fishing, and will not argue with any changes which are necessary for the conservation of the environment and marine species. But we ask that the process of deciding those changes be open and equitable and supported by data which is appropriate and relevant to the proposed changes.

T Fuller, Secretary.

AAA Championships Survey.

The AAA Beach and Rock sub committee is asking for comments from clubs on the locations for Beach and Rock and Estuary Championships, so they can chose venues and dates which will maximise attendance from clubs and club members.

They have listed places where these Championships have been held in the past, and ask for ranking of these, any comments or suggestions for new places, and an indication if the club will be prepared to attend Championships at these places.

Please send your comments about suitable venues and dates to hold a competition to the club Secretary, so our Committee can give an answer which covers what you, the members, think about these venues.

-----Tear Out (there's nothing on the back) -----

Beach and Rock Locations.	Ranking	Comments / Dates
Port Gregory / Kalbarri		
Geraldton / Dongara		
Green Head / Cervantes		
Mandurah / Myalup		
Cape Naturaliste / Cape Leeuwin		
Walpole		
Denmark		
Bremer Bay		
Esperance		
Others?		

Estuary Locations.	Ranking	Comments / Dates
Swan River		
Peel Inlet		
Leschenault Inlet		
Blackwood River		
Walpole		
Wilson Inlet		
Cockburn Sound		
Others?		

Your Name (Optional) _____