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Minutes of General Meeting, 8 September 2004

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room
Time 8:00 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding.
- Present:-** 28 members, 2 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Dave Maxted, Fiona Callender.
- Visitors:-** Peter Pekaai.
- New Member:-** Bretton Stitfold was welcomed to the club.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Trevor Stam, these are a true record. Carried. No business arising.
- Previous Committee:-** George Holman outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. Field Days to be promoted. Instruction periods being arranged in advance. Paul Willis prepared to talk on bream fishing in river. Possibly January. Members to be asked to bring a non member. No business arising.
- Correspondence In:-**
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| Challenge Bank | Statement for August. |
| Ray White Kalbarri | August statement and cheque. |
| AAA | Minutes of August AAA Delegates' and Annual General Meeting. |
| Shire of Dandaragan | Cervantes Jurien Field Day camping conditions. |
| City of Stirling | Yokine Reserve booking confirmation form letter. |
- Correspondence Out:-**
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| Shire of Dandaragan | Permission to camp Cervantes Jurien Field Days. |
| Bretton Stitfold | Acceptance of membership application. |
| Grant Taggart | Progress with membership application. |
| Robert Goodin and family | Progress with membership application. |
- Treasurer's Report:-** **Moved** Terry Willison, seconded Peter Stoeckel that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Paul Thompson reported. Accounts for payment:-
- | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Morris Kolman | Rottnest Refund | \$38.00 |
| Shire of Northampton | Rates 2004/5 | \$545.59 |
| Kalbarri lawnmowing service | Mowing August | \$28.00 |
| WA Water | Water use Kalbarri May June July August | \$7.50 |
| Terry Fuller | Internet service iinet | \$50.00 |
| Total accounts for payment | | \$669.09 |
| Challenge Bank Account 880334. Balance as at 8 September 2004 | | \$13,963.24 |
| Money received tonight held for banking | | \$500.02 |
| Total available, after accounts for payment and outstanding cheques | | \$13,794.17 |
- Moved** George Holman, seconded Peter Stoeckel 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:- Fully booked through November and December and early January. Problems dealing with Ray White on the phone recently. More to be raised in committee. Cleaning payment required from members.
- Field Day Officer:-** Field Day Officer Malcolm Harris reported on the August Rottnest Field day as in Reel Talk, and upcoming Field Days at Cervantes and S-Bend.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Bob Henderson gave details of the September Dry Casting as in Reel Talk.
- Chas Riegert reported on the postal casting competition using shock leaders and heavier weights up to 175 gram which was run after the club dry casting on 29 August. See results in Reel Talk. Chas Riegert expressed his sincere thanks to John Romano for his help at both the club and extra casting competition held on 29 August.
- Bob thanked Chas for the smooth running of the day and the packing up and return of the dry casting equipment.
- AAA Report:-** George Holman reported on the AAA Annual General Meeting and election of officers. Need more workers on the executive and another delegate from the Surfcasters. Terry Fuller is now the AAA's Recfishwest Board Member.
- Aim to get State records and entry forms into tackle shops. Also get extra photos for publicity.
- 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.
- Social Organiser:-** Chas Riegert - nothing new to report.
- Recorder:-** Nothing to report. Ian Cook outlined possible Rottnest field day on long weekend in June as in Reel Talk.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Nothing to report. As always, looking for articles from members, particularly articles about fishing..... PLEASE. Otherwise the Reel Talk will be very thin. Thanks to Ian Cook for two articles in one month.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** Bretton Stitfold advised he had attended the opening of the trout season at the Waroona dam. Lots of people and a few good fish.

Malcolm Head presented the club with \$114.00 collected from the sale of aluminium drink cans.
 Bob Henderson gave a brief report on his recent trip to Yeppoon for the AAA mid year meeting.
 Vix Alexander advised that the artwork for the club logo is still available.
 Terry Fuller reported that Brian Hill from Warwick Detectives had advised that the former treasurer had been charged as a result of the investigation into the club's complaint about missing money.
 Bob Henderson showed a video of the Yamba AAA trip.
 9:10 pm

Instruction Period:-
Meeting closed.

Coming Club Events.

October Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday **10 October** 2004, casting starts at 8:30am. **Note Date Change.**
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 112 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 56 gram distance.

October General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 13 October 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:- To be advised

October 2004 Field Day - S/Bend.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 October 2004 Long Weekend.
Sign On:- Saturday 11.00am at S Bend Caravan Park
Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon
Weigh in:- Monday 10:00am at S Bend Caravan Park (as decided at the September General Meeting.)

Boundaries:- Dongara to Southgates.

<u>Tides for</u>	Saturday 2 Oct	0.69m at 12:46 pm	0.63m at 2:56 pm	Sunrise:-	About 6:00 am	
<u>Geraldton</u>	Sunday 3 Oct	1.06m at 12:18 am	0.65m at 1:22 pm	Sunset:-	About 6:08 pm	
		0.56m at 7:09 am	0.61m at 3:10 pm			
	Monday 4 Oct	1.05m at 12:42 am	0.57m at 7:49 am	Full Moon:-	Tue 28 Sept	
<u>Moon</u>	Saturday 2 Oct		Moonrise:-	About 10:05pm	Moonset:-	About 8:00 am
	Sunday 3 Oct		Moonrise:-	About 11:00 pm	Moonset:-	About 8:40 am
	Monday 4 Oct				Moonset:-	About 9:20 am

Local Field Day for October 2004.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 October 2004 Long Weekend.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon.
Weigh in:- Monday 10:00am as decided at the September General Meeting, 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.

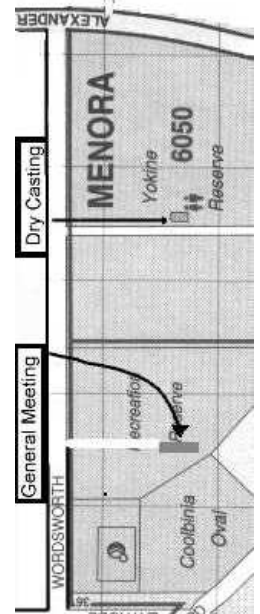
Boundaries:- Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.

<u>Tides for</u>	Saturday 2 Oct	0.52m at 6:06 am	0.55m at 1:12 pm	0.54m at 2:40 pm	0.94m at 10:45 pm
<u>Fremantle</u>	Sunday 3 Oct	0.51m at 9:29 am	0.52m at 10:41 am	0.50m at 12:23 pm	0.95m at 11:13 pm
	Monday 4 Oct	0.47m at 1:02 pm			

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.

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



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Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon

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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

Up Coming Field Day - S Bend

The next field day on our fishing calendar is S Bend, which will be held over the long weekend 2/3/4 October. S Bend is a famous west coast fishing spot located about 20kms south of Geraldton which makes it about 4 1/2 hours north of Perth. Camping facilities are available at the S Bend caravan park or in Greenough or Dongara.

The boundaries for the field day are from Dongara to the south and to Southgates to the north. It would not be difficult to find glowing fishing reports of S Bend in any of the fishing books and magazines. It has a combination of beach and reef fishing which has produced some sensational catches over the years. Catches in the past have included Tailor, Mulloway, Shark, Skippy, Flathead and Whiting.

The fishing locations such as S Bend that are just that little bit further afield are held over the long weekends throughout the year which gives everyone more time to get there safely and plenty of time on the return journey. Perfect opportunity to take the family away for a few days together.

If you would like to take part in any of the field days and don't have the appropriate vehicle or do not wish to take your own, then let me or one of the committee members know. There may be people who have either a spare seat or will consider taking their vehicle if they know that they can share expenses with someone else. Look forward to seeing you on this one. Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer

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/Sun/Mon 2/3/4 October 2004 LWE	S/Bend, Dongara to Southgates.
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 Point Peron.
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 13 October 2004	Wednesday 9 February 2005
Wednesday 10 November 2004	Wednesday 9 March 2005
Wednesday 8 December 2004	Wednesday 13 April 2005
Wednesday 12 January 2005	

2004/2005 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 10 October 2004, (changed for Field Day)

Sunday 31 October 2004, AAA State Dry Casting Championships

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 Dry Casting Championships

2004/2005, Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, 31 October 2004. **Don't miss it!**

As usual, the Surfcasters will field teams and should do very well. Contact DCO Bob Henderson and nominate.

AAA State Estuary Championships

2004/2005

Location Swan River.

Headquarters Troy Park.

27/28 November 2004.

Boundaries Swan and Canning Rivers, upstream from the Old Traffic Bridge.

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.

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

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)

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!

Abra De Klerk, 5 October

Pamela King, 8 October

Daniel Stoeckel, 9 October

Paul Thompson, 14 October

Nick Allsworth, 31 October

Anita King, 31 October

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.

Robert, Rosemary, Scott and Paige Goodin,

New Member Application.

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.

Grant Taggart,

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 and Pilbara/Kimberley Recreational Fishing Reviews.

The long awaited South Coast and Pilbara/Kimberley recreational fishing reviews are finally out for public comment until 14 October. These follow the approaches taken in the West Coast and Gascoyne reviews. Some copies were handed out at the July General Meeting.

Copies can be obtained from the Fisheries Department telephone 9426 7333 or from the website <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/comm/broc/mp/mp182/index.html> or ...mp181/index.html.

Please give Terry Fuller any comments.

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

Postal Shock Leader Casting Competition.

This event was cast after the Surfcasters normal dry casting events were over on 29 August. Results for NSW have been included for reference.

All distances are in metres.

Name	Longest cast	75g	100g	125g	150g	175g	Aggregate Cast	State
Cec Selby	199		166	183	199	186	568	NSW
Dave Solomons	199		162		199		361	WA
Scott Selby	199		188	199		179	566	NSW
Joe Pullella	187			174	187	164	524	WA
Alan Whitehead	182		175	171	182		528	NSW
M. Johnston	182		182	169	155	174	525	NSW
Ian Watkins	171			160	150	171	481	WA
J. Schraeder	166		154	166	163	141	483	NSW
Leigh Robinson	164		156	155	164		474	NSW
Stavros Mazarakis	159		127	139	151	159	449	WA
Sam Drury	157		101	136	157	134	427	NSW
Chas Reigert	156		156	152		132	440	WA
Dale Coates	153		124	137	153	137	427	WA
Robert Houston	153		122	135	153	145	433	NSW
Malcolm Harris	151	125	135	151	147		433	WA
Russell Kitching	151			145	151	151	447	WA
John Barnes	147		135	134	147		416	WA
George Holman	146		134	146	132		412	WA
Richard Brendenkamp	145			145	137	125	407	WA
Brendan Dolphin	140		113	140			253	WA
Nick Allsworth	140		140				140	WA
Chad Milham	140		136	127	140		403	NSW
Andrew Woodley-Page	138		138	132			270	WA
Tony Ong	116		116	113			229	WA
Jeff Hewton	100			100	70	85	255	WA
Ladies.								
Vix Alexander	95	85	94	95	83		272	WA

AAA State Dry Casting Championships

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As usual, the Surfcasters will field teams and should do very well. Contact DCO Bob Henderson and nominate.

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.

This makes so much sense

A boat docked in a tiny Mexican village. An American tourist complimented the Mexican fisherman on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took him to catch them. "Not very long," answered the Mexican.

"But then, why didn't you stay out longer and catch more?" asked the American. The Mexican explained that his small catch was sufficient to meet his needs and those of his family.

The American asked, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?"

"I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, and take a siesta with my wife. In the evenings, I go into the village to see my friends, have a few drinks, play the guitar, and sing a few songs. I have full life."

The American interrupted, "I have an MBA from Harvard and can help you! You should start by fishing longer every day. You can then sell the extra fish you catch. With the extra revenue, you can buy a bigger boat. With the extra money the larger boat will bring, you can buy a second one and a third one and so on until you have an entire fleet of trawlers. Instead of selling your fish to a middle man, you can negotiate directly with the processing plants and maybe even open your own plant. You can then leave this little village and move to Mexico City, Los Angeles, or even New York City! From there you can direct your huge enterprise."

"How long would that take?" asked the Mexican. "Twenty, perhaps twenty-five years," replied the American.

"And after that?"

"Afterwards? That's when it gets really interesting," answered the American, laughing. "When your business gets really big, you can start selling stocks and make millions!"

"Millions? Really? And after that?"

"After that you'll be able to retire, live in a tiny village near the coast, sleep late, play with your children, catch a few fish, take a siesta with your wife and spend your evenings drinking and enjoying your friends."

Know where you're going in life... you may already be there.

Thanks to Roy Killick.

August Dry Casting Report.

Now I was going to write a report on the August try casting event, but I can't remember that far back.

You see I was so wrapped up in my own little world, getting ready to go to Yeppoon in Queensland for the AAA mid term convention meeting. Two weeks of sunshine, good food and accommodation, meeting old friends, sightseeing and having a good time, but we all have to make sacrifices at times.

I do remember it was a good day as usual. We did what we did, you know the scores, say no more.....

Thanks to Chas for entering the scores into the spreadsheet.

Hendo

September Dry Casting Report.

The sun was on the horizon, the grass was crunchy underfoot, while Willo and I wrestled a couple of brass monkeys out of the way as we set up the casting area. Jim arrived with his usual bright and warm smile and all was well.

The usual crowd turned up and we enjoyed good weather and friendly competition. Bullseyes by vets Jim in the double handed accuracy and Mal Head in the single handed accuracy put a smile on their faces.

In the seniors the same can be stated for Gary, George and Rick. Some good consistent casting by Chas earned him the 112 gram and 56 gram events. Joe collected the artificial bait reward.

Mal Head produced an excellent score of 160 points in the double handed accuracy and George and Roy shared the single handed win with 30 points, just beating young Rhys on 29 points.

Consistency won Gary the top points score for the day of 243 points.

During the morning I went crook at a fellow club member who I thought was wasting time during one event. I spoke sternly and gave him a warning. I would like him to accept my public apology for my actions. I should have spoken to him privately.

The international event was run by Chas and Joe and I have received very favourable comments on the day by the competitors. Chas organised the equipment cleanup and storage into my vehicle and prepared all the day's paperwork. Well done fellas.

While I enjoy the old pen and book recording about dry casting results, I must say how much a pleasure it is to use the computer setup that Chas has prepared.

It is so easy to punch in the numbers, push a few more buttons and the whole spreadsheet comes up. Now I can blame a blasted machine for any faults. Backup copies and disks, printouts, e-mails, etc etc hey I'm into the new technology. *(Hey Bob - don't forget those "digital interfaces" can cause mistakes, too...Ed)*

A quick reminder that I have moved house, changed the phone number, kept the same e-mail address, but have stayed the same wonderful person.

Thanks to Chas for entering the scores into the spreadsheet.

Hendo.

September results

Event:	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner		Ladies Winner	
112 gram Distance	Chas Riegert	31	Bob Henderson	26	Filomena D'Alonzo	19
56 gram Distance	Chas Riegert	28	Bob Henderson	23	Vix Alexander	17
Artificial Bait	Joe Püllella	27	Bob Henderson	20	Vix Alexander	14
Double Handed Acc.	Gary Gildersleeves	141	Mal Head	160	Filomena D'Alonzo	95
Single Handed Acc	George Holman	30	Roy Killick	30	Filomena D'Alonzo	15
Days High Points	Gary Gildersleeves	243				
Event:	Junior Winner					
112 gram Distance	Rhys Jones	23				
56 gram Distance	Rhys Jones	21				
Artificial Bait	Rhys Jones	18				
Double Handed Acc.	Rhys Jones	52				
Single Handed Acc	Rhys Jones	29				

Dry Casting Results, 29 August 2004.

Results for the day	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			
Seniors.																										
Gary Gildersleeves	137	133	27	119	119	24	107	114	22	23	22	25	22	3	10	23	13	141	9	7	3	10	29	243		
Mal Harris	140	139	28	124	115	24	109	116	23	7	9	16	23	21	15	17	15	123	6	2	8	8	24	222		
Chas Riegert	153	155	31	139	140	28	106	129	24	22	15	15	21	17	16	0	9	115	1	9	0	4	14	212		
Joe Pullella	0	0	0	120	116	24	134	135	27	22	15	23	19	9	3	23	20	134	2	8	0	8	18	203		
George Holman	0	0	0	133	0	13	104	110	21	17	10	6	13	0	15	20	23	104	4	9	7	10	30	168		
Nic Allsworth	157	0	16	120	0	12	119	0	12	21	2	18	24	17	3	14	7	106	0	7	0	7	14	160		
Ric Parker	133	125	26	0	110	11	87	0	9	4	23	14	22	10	7	0	9	89	0	10	8	6	24	159		
Dale Coates (Vis)	0	132	13	113	0	11	0	104	10	0	0	24	22	0	0	16	17	79	4	5	0	6	15	128		
Terry Willison	0	0	0	0	114	11	102	105	21	8	21	15	9	5	0	11	1	70	0	10	6	9	25	127		
Tony Ong	135	129	26	103	0	10	106	110	22	12	0	9	11	0	0	15	7	54	0	4	0	5	9	121		
Peter Stoeckel	131	0	13	103	45	15	103	121	22	0	8	22	3	0	0	3	7	43	2	7	0	5	14	107		
Mark Hansen	0	128	13	0	109	11	109	112	22	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	18	33	0	3	3	7	13	92		
Veterans																										
Mal Head	120	116	24	100	102	20	81	93	17	17	21	21	24	16	21	22	18	160	2	10	0	3	15	236		
Tony D'Alonzo	109	0	11	109	111	22	85	99	18	24	14	12	19	22	17	18	20	146	7	7	7	7	28	225		
Roy Killick	115	112	23	103	106	21	97	0	10	21	21	20	22	15	4	15	16	134	5	9	7	9	30	218		
Bob Henderson	128	130	26	111	114	23	101	102	20	4	1	19	18	12	13	17	22	106	8	7	4	7	26	201		
Allan Jones	129	122	25	0	105	11	93	92	19	19	3	7	19	17	4	21	22	112	8	8	3	7	26	193		
Terry Fuller	88	93	18	86	88	17	83	87	17	19	18	11	9	14	10	13	20	114	1	7	9	9	26	192		
Jimmy Strong	90	94	18	84	87	17	81	76	16	0	0	25	13	8	2	22	11	81	9	1	6	4	20	152		
Trevor Stam	93	71	16	60	83	14	68	81	15	0	0	18	0	0	13	18	21	70	7	4	5	7	23	138		
Ladies.																										
Vix Alexander	84	86	17	82	88	17	65	74	14	10	16	15	3	10	13	14	8	89	0	7	0	5	12	149		
Filomena D'Alonzo	92	98	19	88	0	9	0	70	7	19	12	3	12	0	15	13	21	95	0	7	8	0	15	145		
Annella Riegert	53	66	12	0	0	0	30	46	8	0	2	0	2	0	0	17	5	26	0	5	0	0	5	51		
Juniors.																										
Rhys Jones	114	117	23	102	105	21	91	93	18	6	4	8	6	0	19	4	5	52	7	7	7	8	29	143		

September 2004 Field Day.

Results for the September 2004 Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	5.075 kg	6	25	160.75
Filomena D'Alonzo	1.475 kg	3	9	84.75
Nick Allsworth	1.15 kg	3	6	81.5
George Holman	0.35 kg	2	2	73.5
Mark Hansen	0.25 kg	1	2	62.5
Bretton Stitfold	0.1 kg	1	1	61
Peter Stoeckel	0.1 kg	1	1	61
David Maxted	0.1 kg	1	1	51
Eric Parker	0	0	0	50
Geoff Raftis	0	0	0	50
Greg Walker	0	0	0	50
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40
Andrew Stoeckel	0	0	0	40
Michelle Walker	0	0	0	40
Vix Alexander	0	0	0	20
Malcolm Harris	0	0	0	20

Field Day prizes for September.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	0.5 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Filomena D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	1.475 kg

Sportsperson of the Year Sections for September.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	0.5 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	5.075 kg

Field Day Top Ten for 2004/2005 up to September.

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	1308.0	6	Vix Alexander	278.0
2	Filomena D'Alonzo	463.5	7	Joe Pullella	274.0
3	Spencer King	315.0	8	Mark Farnay	251.5
4	Malcolm Harris	300.5	9	Grant Taggart	246.0
5	George Holman	288.0	10	Ian Taggart	233.0

Field Day Sections for 2004/2005 up to September 2004.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Bretton Stitfold	Salmon	3.55 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Joe Pullella	Shark	16.85 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
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	3.85 kg

Possible Change of Rottneest Trip.

Food for thought. There was some discussion on a possible new format for the Rottneest field day in the winter months. The proposal was to utilise the June long weekend. The general format would be the same for Saturday. On Sunday we would fish for the whole day. We would then come back on a ferry on Monday morning. The cost would be very similar to FD just completed. This format would allow an extra afternoon's fishing. Saturday's knowledge would allow us to target the fish more effectively on the Sunday afternoon.

Toss the idea around and let Ian know your thoughts and suggestions. The Rottneest Island Authority will soon introduce a late sign out system as we use now. The good news is the cost we pay on the unit for the Sunday night will be reduced by 50%. This is a step in the right direction for use. Recorder. "Cookie"

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/>

Wanted - AAA Delegate.

Bob Henderson is taking a break from AAA work after some years doing of a great amount of work for the Club and for AAA.

So the Surfcasters are looking for a volunteer delegate to go to AAA meetings and to represent the club. Contact George Holman or Terry Fuller for details. We guarantee you will find it interesting.

September 2004 Recfishwest Board Meeting Report.

Recfishwest and AAA attended a Workshop on Bioregional Marine Planning in Perth on 31 August. The majority of organisations attending had serious problems with the process and had voiced very strong objections.

Recfishwest and the Cockburn Council will compile a list of shoreline areas in Cockburn sound where people are legally allowed to go and see if the access is actually available.

Recfishwest has had detailed but informal discussions with the Liberal Shadow Minister for Fisheries about CALM and Marine Parks planning issues, issues, funding, Rous Head ramp, Integrated Fisheries management, etc.

RFW had a breakfast meeting with the new Integrated Fisheries Manager Greg Paust and Peter Millington from Department of Fisheries. Integrated Advisory Panel is expected to be announced 1 October. Recfishwest is expected to play a large part in getting and assessing public comments on the recreational side of Integrated Fisheries Management proposals. A clear process is needed. Early task for Greg is to advise the Govt on funding to RFW for Integrated Fisheries Management.

Harry Vosper (WA Trout and Freshwater Fishing Association) and Frank Prokop to prepare a proposal for the coming marron season

Ian Curnow Recreational Fisheries Manager wants regular meetings and discussions with Recfishwest.

Recfishwest have put in detailed comments on fishing parts of the massive South Coast, South West Region and Northern Agricultural Region Strategies for Natural Resource Management process. RFW will write to the Federal Minister about the lack of consultation and coordination.

No further meetings had been held about Wetfish Review. However a report from the Access Panel was expected in August, due soon but no details. Election timing may be an issue.

There was a lot of discussion about RFW withdrawing from the Marine Parks Planning process because it was taking up so much time, up to 70%, and didn't seem to be getting very far. It was agreed that it was necessary to stay involved and raise the level to recognise the political nature of some decisions.

A number of actions are proposed over the Ningaloo Marine Park. Some recreational anglers from Exmouth will be manning a display at the Perth Royal Show.

Port Catherine/Coogee Development. RFW has send a letter suggesting that the \$1.5M should either (a) go to a boating facility south of the river on condition that the land around the facility is vested in DPI and not CALM, or (b) be used towards constructing a new boat ramp facility at Rous Head.

Cockburn Sound Pink Snapper management. Department of Fisheries will issue a discussion paper about proposals for protection of spawning pink snapper in the Cockburn Sound, compliance issues with ramps in Cockburn Sound, and possibility of reopening shore based fishing for snapper.

South Coast recreational fishing proposals public meetings in Walpole, Albany and Esperance had not been very successful, according to some reports. RFW to request a metropolitan public meeting to discuss both South Coast and Pilbara/Kimberley proposals.

RFW has written to the Premier and Minister for the Environment requesting that summaries of public submissions are made available to the public before the implementation of the Ningaloo Plan.

Terry Fuller reported on the proposed presentations to the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority for the proposed Capes Marine Park.

Mark Pagano reported on the 25 August meeting of the Focus Group for the proposed Walpole/Nornalup Inlets Marine Park. No sanctuary zones are proposed.

The recreation zones in the Jurien Bay was to be raised with Minister Edwards at the next scheduled meeting, but the meeting hasn't taken place. RFW to write asking for progress.

Reports about the super trawler Veronica had caused alarm. The Federal Minister has issued a statement that the trawler will not be allowed to operate in Australian waters.

Random thoughts & suggestions about what to do / how to do it.

Over the years I've seen many people react to something and say "you (or they) orta do....., etc." To explain to them, I've written out reasons why I think some things or ways to do things are good, and why some are not so good. Some ways are almost guaranteed to cause hassles and make it hard to get what you want.

These thoughts and suggestions are based on what works for me and what doesn't work as well for me, or what goes smoothly and what goes less smoothly. Of course, nothing is ever **all good** or **all bad**, because there are always shades in between. And you might think differently.

This goes to the very heart of those three deceptively simple questions as published on page 20 in the September Reel Talk. If what you are doing won't achieve what you **say** you want to achieve, why the heck are you doing it? And if you **say** one thing but actually **mean** something else, well you haven't been honest to yourself with the answers, have you?.

Here is a collection of some of these random thoughts and suggestions about what to do and how to do it and why to do it one way and not another way. Please forgive the inconsistent use of the words "we", "he", "you", "they" "people" etc.

These things are timeless, and there's nothing much new in here that you won't find elsewhere in some form or other.

So why is this in this Reel Talk? What's the relevance to the Surf Casting and Angling Club at present? I'll leave that for you to work out.

Message or messenger?. If you don't like the message, do something. But first make sure you don't misunderstand the message. Read it and think about it - don't just react to it.

If the message fits you, then accept it and deal with it; but don't just "shoot the messenger". If the message is abusive, then deal with the abuse, but still don't forget any message that might be in there despite the poor way it is presented.

Allies or Enemies? Just because someone is working for the "other side" doesn't mean you have to fight them all the time, or disagree with everything they do and say.

Creating and having a real "enemy" on the other side who doesn't like you and who'll actively oppose you just on principle - well who needs that?

You can respect what he thinks and does and get respect for what you think and do even though you don't agree on the details.

Having an ally on the other side can open up great insights into how the other side works. It can give a much better understanding of what is really important to them, as distinct from what is in their ambit claims, and what you have in common with them.

Working together might mean that each side might gain a little or a lot, often by only giving up a little, but sometimes not giving up anything. Then the end result is very much better than it would be if each side just resisted and fought the other.

Some other people will criticise cooperation and working together like this, and use derogatory terms like "sleeping with the enemy". The answer to that is to always act with integrity so that there is nothing wrong with what you do.

Cooperation or confrontation? We can get more done by cooperation than by confrontation. Play the issue and not the man. Give credit where it is deserved. Criticise what's has been done, not the person who did it. Save that for much, much later when and only if rarely it might be the right thing to do.

Like them or not, some people or groups have influence, contacts and knowledge, and/or are recognised as "the" group that someone else will listen to. Who loses if we refuse to work with them? Use them where we need to. Do our own thing where that works. If something doesn't work, think about it try something else.

Integrity. Put simply, that means "Doing the right thing, no matter what". If there is anyone who needs "Integrity" explained more to them, well....

Respect. Yep, we all deserve and expect to be treated with respect at all times. People can demand that type of respect and no one can argue much with that.

But there's another type of "respect" too. It's what people get or lose from a whole range of things like how they treat other people, their judgement, their abilities, their hard work, their compassion, how they handle difficulties, how they use their abilities, etc, etc.

They earn that respect, but it so easy to lose and very hard to get back once it has been lost. No one can just demand that sort of respect. In fact if people do demand it, that just shows they probably don't deserve it.

Know when to keep confidences. Sometimes you'll be told things in confidence or find out things which shouldn't be made public - maybe because it's too early in some process. If people know they can trust you and trust your judgment, then lots more will be open to you. If you can't keep things in confidence, you will very quickly stop getting told or shown them.

If you are pressed to reveal things, you can always say "Yes, I know some things but they are in confidence for reason xx, so I'm not able to pass them on." If anyone else has a problem with that statement, then that's their problem, not yours.

The truth. The truth stands - but just being true is not enough to justify it. Some part-truths can be just as bad as lies if they mislead and you know that they will mislead. If you don't ever tell lies and misleading part-truths, then you don't have to try to remember which one you told to which person, so you won't get caught out later. Then you don't have to have a good memory for these sorts of things.

It's a lot easier to always tell the truth, or enough of it not to mislead, or if that doesn't suit the purpose, just say nothing. Remember the old saying "you can fool all the people some of the time, you can fool some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

Show your judgment. Know yourself, because others will soon find out what you are capable of. Don't rush in to things. Be diplomatic. Listen long. Very few things are SO urgent that they have to be done right now. Prepare something and then put it aside for a day or two before looking at it again and before sending it off.

If in doubt, think long and hard and get advice from someone you respect for their experience and judgement. If you don't have any doubts despite having spent only a short time on something, then question your own judgement or knowledge.

Do they know enough to know what they don't know? Or do you? If people don't know enough, they can think that they do know it all, simply because they don't realise the limits of what they do know. You'll recognise some of these people when they come on strong and then show the limits of their knowledge.

There's so much to know, and we can't all know about everything. But we can all ask questions, we can all get other people's opinions and ideas and knowledge, we can all do some homework and get informed before we start. "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, then open the mouth and prove it beyond all doubt."

Two sorts of provocation. Words can be provocative where the provocation is **positive** and will get people fired up and moving to come up with an answer.

Some words can be provocative where the provocation is **negative**, will just get some people's backs up, and they will get into "shoot the messenger" mode and the whole thing degenerates into time wasting and "shoot the messenger" arguments, and any good bits in the message are lost.

This happens where people might have used reasonable, correct or accurate statements, but they have said or written them in ways which are or can be misunderstood or misrepresented. Yes, sometimes people simply don't read or hear what was actually said. You either work to stop that from happening, or you have to deal with all the hassles.....

Of course, deciding what provocation is positive or mildly negative is a matter of opinion, judgement, knowledge and experience. Really negative stuff is so obvious. Be prepared for things to go badly wrong if the difference is ignored. Do you want it to go wrong.? More importantly, do the other people involved want the hassles of it going wrong? Back to asking the three simple questions.

Infighting. The other side of any issue love to see their opponents fighting and arguing among themselves instead of cooperating, because that shifts the attention away from them and the **real** issues which should be being handled.

Good work, bad work. Just because one part of an organisation doesn't do the right thing, in someone's experience or opinion, doesn't mean the whole organisation and all of its work is the same. Many organisations have both great people and no-hopers, great work, so-so work and bad work.

But if any one is to blame, maybe blame the Government or upper management for cutting staff until there just aren't enough people to do the job. Then the workers can't see any end to the pressure or the work and get burnt out or give up. Been there, seen that, done that.

Weight of numbers, or Weight of Argument? The public consultations about all sorts of issues attract all sorts of responses. We'd like to think that a few well reasoned submissions supported with relevant facts

and issues will be given more weight than a lot of emotive responses, particularly if they are based on wrong information or are just collected from people at shopping centres, etc.

We'd like to think that it's not simply a numbers game. Reality is:- it all depends. An organisation or person which acts with integrity will treat arguments and numbers on their merits. Unfortunately, Governments often just count numbers when election results are important to them. Use that whenever you can.

Pressure and lobbying. Government and organisations will bow to the right pressure. But sometimes Government and organisations will ignore all protests or pressure, no matter what is done. Work out the difference and use the effective ways and don't waste time and effort on the other ones. That doesn't mean not pushing some topics, just work out the best way to do it.

Funding and people. If you ask for more money or more people to do something, we have little chance of getting it. Instead find out what's there now and how it's being used. Then ask to change how the money is spent or how people's time is used to get what we want, and we have a better chance.

Chip away. It's often easier to get several small changes one at a time rather get than the whole set all at once. The whole set frightens some people.

The media. Don't believe everything you read or see in the media. Media should be there to report facts, but they often now select and report things in a way which will stir up controversy. It's either deliberate or accidental, you be the judge.

Their main aim seems to be to increase their readership/watchers/listeners. They don't seem much interested in anything else. Issues quickly disappear out of the media if it suits them, or isn't controversial. Use media contacts to keep issues alive.

People acting like Politicians. *Yes Minister* and *Yes Prime Minister* TV shows are a great insight into how to handle politicians or people when they are acting like politicians. Funny but so true sometimes.

Putting a case. Don't overstate the case or we risk getting proved wrong. Opponents will ignore all the good points and attack the weak point in a case, media might pick that up and that can work against getting what we want. Don't volunteer details which can be used against our case unless those are very important to the case.

Don't make a statement unless we're sure of the facts. Instead ask a question to find out. Then quote and list the sources of all information or "facts" used.

Repeating Things. Just saying things many times, or saying the same things more forcefully doesn't make them right. If the case is weak, it's dangerous and a waste of time to use that repetition technique on intelligent and informed people.

But it is a technique used very successfully at times to passive or one way audiences, especially in the media. If people see the same things in different places, some will think it must be right, mustn't it? So challenge and put the alternatives in as many places as you can so that many people get to see them.

Reviewing. When commenting on proposals, look for inconsistencies, contradictions, things which aren't logical, don't fit with another fact or claim, seem to be based on somebody's assumption about what's wanted or needed, when in fact what's wanted or needed can be completely different.

Ask direct questions which can't be avoided. If they are avoided, follow up straight away. Don't let them off the hook.

The "antis." Remember duck shooting in Australia?. Remember how there used to be fox hunting in England? Remember the rabid antis targeting the people who were doing those lawful activities, the media campaigns, etc until it got all too much and the governments got tired of it and banned the sports.

You might think duck shooting and fox hunting are completely different to recreational fishing, but the anti fishing lobby doesn't think that and doesn't care what you or anyone else thinks. You might be all very peaceful and law abiding, but the opponents won't be.

Some people might say "bring them on, we'll fight them". But those antis had a lot of vocal and physical support, some of which was absolutely ruthless (and lawless), and will do anything and keep doing it for as long as it takes to get what they want.

Do you think you can organise enough of WA's mostly apathetic recreational anglers to fight the long fight directly against the antis. What if the antis do it at a National level in another State. Even if you can organise some people, there is a good chance you will lose. See the bit "antis will keep doing it for as long as it takes....."

The best you can hope for is that the antis will be too busy with other things higher on their list to get around to targeting fishing. Keep a low profile so that fishing doesn't become more important to them.

Who wins, who loses? Remember how the Court Liberal Government handled the greenies when they were protesting about wood chipping in the South West. The Government changed the camping laws so that you can't sleep in your vehicle, can't camp in so many places, etc, etc. so that's stopped overnight camping or even sleeping in our vehicle alongside our fishing rods for all us recreational anglers and a lot of other outdoor types. Thanks a lot, who lost most in that little campaign?.

Sure, that probably helped the Liberals lose the next election, and we got a Government elected with "Save the old growth forests" as part of their platform, but we've still got those draconian camping laws. Easy to get rules brought in, almost impossible to get them relaxed.

Easy, just get the recreational anglers to rally and protest. Do you think you can get enough support to make recreational fishing a real election issue. I think yes, if you use the figure of 600,000 odd recreational anglers, but only while that figure isn't seriously challenged.

But turn it into an issue where WA's mostly apathetic recreational anglers have to front up to lots of demonstrations (not just one) and the number will be a lot, lot lower and might prove that the Government just doesn't have to worry about us as an issue electorally or the number of votes at risk.

You must get and keep the support of the public. There are many problems here, but much of the public will not support anything which is unfair, or is portrayed in the media as unfair. The media doesn't always tell the truth, truth as in the whole story, not selected bits which suit their case.

The government and antis have lots of resources and influence to run a media campaign. Just look at old growth forests and Ningaloo, and a hundred other issues which have been decided by part truths, mistruths and plain old deception, not forgetting repeating it so many times and in so many places that some people start to believe it. The government is now saying "we have saved Ningaloo!!" Saved all 260 km? From what?

Play the man or play the ball? If you attack the man, not the issue, you will lose or risk losing lots of public support. Attacking the issue can be just as effective, and that can be ruthless to show all the problems. It should focus on what has or has not been done, but should not be a personal attack. If you don't have a good case to put about the issue, how do you expect to convince the public to support you?.

If you attack the man, what sort of cooperation from him can you expect in future? Beware of winning on one issue and losing out big time for the rest of the time he is in that position of power or influence and you still need to get his cooperation on some things. See Allies or Enemies?

Don't like the rules?. Then work on the people or organisations who make or who can change the rules.

Don't blame people who are working within the rules - they don't make the rules. If they are working within the rules, then the pressure should go on the Minister or Government or the company to change the rules.

If you target the commercial fishermen going about their business within the rules, you will get support from some people, but what about support from the majority of the public? The fisherman don't make the rules. If they are breaking the rules, then they are fair game, but make very sure of your facts first.

Heads and staff of Departments are not fair game for personal attacks. If Departments are not working to the rules, then we should demand they apply the rules. If that doesn't work, the pressure should go on the Minister to make them work to the rules.

If it is a matter of how they are interpreting the rules, then write down all the arguments and the issues so that everyone can see what needs to be done. Facts not opinions.

Don't like what they are doing? The Government is responsible. Heads of the government departments are usually just carrying out government policy, or are limited by what government gives them to work with, the laws, the regulations, the money, the numbers of people, etc. The government can direct them to do it differently or can change the laws/rules.

The workers at many levels are just doing the job they are employed and paid to do. Don't blame the workers for the job they have to do. Remember they need a job to live and feed their families. You **can** comment on how they do it if they act unreasonably or don't do the job properly.

Questions. Never ask a question or force an answer if you already know and/or might not like the answer. Find a different way of handling it. Or you might regret you asked that question.

Know the other side and what he is likely to do, how he will react. Be careful of starting a fight you will lose.

Be careful of winning on a few issues, but losing out overall.

Fireman or Fire Prevention Officer? Who's most valued? Who is the first to get cut back when someone is trying to "save" money or cut staff? Who is always welcomed when the fire's blazing and disaster looms? Who often doesn't get any credit when there weren't any fires this week/month/year? Who is seen as just a pedantic pain in the backside with fire prevention regulations and rules stopping people from doing risky things they think they should be able to do? See "do they know enough to know....."

So if you want to be valued by people who don't think too hard, then become a "fix it" person who is good at putting out the fires, mending things, fixing up the hassles and getting people out of trouble. But the really valuable person is the one who works in the background and **stops unwanted things from ever happening, so the fixes aren't needed.**

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These are my own personal opinions, suggestions and experiences. What do you think?

TerryF.

Editing Articles for Reel Talk

The Reel Talk Editor has a responsibility to make sure that published articles are suitable. What does "suitable" really mean? Well that's a matter of opinion, experience and judgement, and there's no one answer.

As Reel Talk editor, sometimes I take out or change small or large bits out of people's articles. I do this to make the article more readability, because those don't really fit in, are wrong, or for some other reasons.

Sometimes I just publish the articles without any changes, because if I started editing the article, there would be so many changes it would end up completely different. So I just publish and let whatever happens happen.....

When I do small edits to people's articles, I usually give them a courtesy copy of what I propose to publish.

As Reel Talk Editor, I might receive articles which I am not prepared to print in the form as first presented, because of the possible and usually completely unnecessary impact on the Club.

Articles can be provocative where the provocation will get people moving to come up with an answer. Or they can be provocative where the provocation will get some people's backs up, and they will get into "shoot the messenger" mode.

When I think an article needs a lot of changes, I offer to cooperate and help work through it together. This is to try to come up with a good article which is still completely acceptable to the original author and achieve what he says he wants (if that is appropriate - another decision!).

But what if we can't agree on what should be in and not be in the article? When does that working together have no chance of resolving it and editorial responsibility take over? That's when the editorial decisions get hard. But they have to be made.

Which decision? I have to try to keep personal opinions out of this editing and try to edit in the interests of the club. Other people can judge if that has been successful or not.

In the past, some things have been let go through despite having there being concerns about them. Then people like the President or Secretary or one of the Organisers have been forced to do a lot of unnecessary and extra and urgent work to smooth things over and fix up the mess which has been left.

Getting caught once is learning, getting caught again is careless or stupid.

We have all seen various public meetings and media articles degenerate into "waste of time" and "shoot the messenger" arguments. This happens even where people might have used reasonable, correct or accurate statements, but they have said or written them in ways which are or can be misunderstood or misrepresented. Yes, sometimes people simply don't read or hear what was actually said, but that's life and we need to deal with it.

Then the whole thing gets hijacked by the arguments and the original important points get lost. These are just a waste of everyone's time. Most of this is avoidable if you have "been there before" and don't want to go back and if you think about it. You either work to stop that from happening, or you have to deal with that and all the hassles.....

TerryF.

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.

Field Day Garden Island, 11/12 August, 1962

Reprinted from the September 1962 Reel Talk.

Weather conditions:- North-East winds, varying during the night, eventually turning towards the East in the morning. Beaches heavily weeded North and South. The only beach area comparatively free of weed, but which eventually deteriorated as the evening progressed was the area down from the Guns, but this area with the fishermen's curse (weed) and the turbulent sea made angling very hazardous, though a few of our more hardy members stopped on and fished throughout the night.

Once again the Northern beaches proved to be the popular spot, for quite a few of the lads fished there with varying success. The Mulloway did appear, though they were slow in taking the Mulies and weren't as available as in the last few outings.

27 members and 2 visitors attended the venue which was quite a good roll-up considering the inclement weather. For a while there I thought that the field day would be a wash-out but on the whole the weather was considerably better than the previous two outings to the Island. With the weather improving, let's see bigger turn-ups at field days from now on. For I think that we all enjoy themselves, even if we don't catch too many of those wily fellows of the deep.

The first boat to the Island carried only ten of our members as passengers, with the remainder coming over by the afternoon boat. The early arrivals were keen to get ashore and endeavour to find the hot spots are places that were preconceived as being "the place for the week-end"

"Snow" Tate and Alan Livesey headed for their favourite spot down South, as they were not very impressed by the North end, after the last venue when they really ran into rough weather and not too many fish. Both Alan and "Snow" turned in quite good bags of fish at the weigh-in which bought forth envious sighs by members who had not been as successful.

Bob "Lucky" Lilly, Jerry Windus and young Doug Clegg walked up the road to the Gun, while Ron Shirley and myself decided to do a tour along the beaches looking for a good channel or at least clear water. We found all the bays completely blanketed with weed and so utterly unfishable, so we kept walking until we arrived just below the Gun and picked out a likely looking channel and believe it or not clear water - which looked very inviting.

Farther up the beach Bob Lilly and company were setting up camp and were collecting firewood as prevention against a cold night. Bob strolled down and suggested we change spots and join him, but we elected to stay where we were - which was a good decision, for later on the Tailor and Mulloway came on the bite - not furiously - but enough to keep us interested. Bob Lilly landed a nice one of 7¾ lb next morning which took off the heaviest scale fish award. I did hear that that Mulloway when Bob cleaned it contained about six Mulies, lucky for Bob the Mulloway had been living well.

Later in the afternoon the second boat party arrived, and it wasn't long at all before they were looking the place over and picking the likely positions to fish from. One minute there were four or five lonely bods on half a mile of, beach, next minute presto! the place was alive with lads thrashing sinkers and bait into the blue.

Bob Tucker and Tom Smith joined our party, though Bob Tichbon and Hugh Gregory said hullo and then went on up the beach, between Bob Lilly and Ron Kildahl and George Greenham. It was good to see Hugh along again, and by all accounts he is going to be a regular. It is indeed good to see all these lads getting together and fishing the one beach, causing no trouble to one another, giving each other advice, saying hullo and offering help whenever it is needed - makes you realise just how good it is to belong to a Club like this and know so many fine chaps who all have the one interest in common - angling.

George Greenham started the ball rolling by beaching a nice Mulloway at 4.01 p.m. which gave the impression that the game was really going to be on. Then Ron McQueen, further down the beach was observed working a fish in through the surf a little later on, which also proved to be a Mulloway. Then the game was on. First myself, then Ron Shirley were into one each and with a roar that could be heard over on the mainland from president Bob left nothing to the imagination that he was onto one.

Nick and Charlie Crouch must have heard the din for they put in an appearance and settled in to some serious fishing. Bob caught another Mulloway and about the same time I was fortunate also and Ron Shirley pulled in two nice Tailor - but from then on it started to slow down considerably with just the occasional Mulloway being caught and the weed getting worse. Later in the afternoon Norm Giles also appeared having walked from the Rifle Range looking for a clear area to fish. Quite a stroll. Norm tried with all his skill - but to no avail. It evidently wasn't Norm's turn, though as a rule if there is fish there Norm will find them.

The surf was quite heavy and on one occasion when Bob Tucker turned his back for a second to attend to his rig, a wave almost carried him away, covering his rod and reel with seawater and sand, though he carried on regardless. Tom Smith also had his problems and I thought for a while he was adopting a new style of casting when he threw his rod into the water, but I consequently found out it had slipped out of his hand. All we could see of Tom was his head and shoulders, the rest was submerged - don't go much on these skin-diver types on field days.

The steep slope also made casting a problem and on one occasion I thought I was going for a swim too as a wave engulfed me to the waist. It was only by digging my feet in and maintaining balance that I didn't go over, but was I wet, just as well I was only wearing shorts. (The way you fish this time of the year Jim I don't think you have any feeling at all. Ed. 1962)

All this time the boys were continuously pulling bundles of weed and behind each angler was a great stack, though they kept at it. Alf Rutland and 'Rocksnapper' Backhouse had been making heavy work of the weed around the corner from us, so they joined our party which were nearly as badly off. 'Rocksnapper' though he prefers to catch 'Rockies' had the misfortune to catch a Tailor which spurred us on with renewed vigor, but eventually we had to knock off because of the weed.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Ron Shirley and myself, with our gear packed, scaled the hill and headed back to base for a snack and a cuppa. Back at the hut the lads reported heavy weed in the South areas. Rifle Range also unfishable. 'Lofty' Griffiths and Alan Livesey had both caught a Salmon but unfortunately before field day time. Bad luck chaps. Most of the lads retired early, ready to do battle with the B- in the morning. Come the dawn and many of the more hardy types left their warm beds and sallied forth, though unfortunately without much success.

I walked up to the Gun position in the morning to observe quite a large group of anglers still plugging on. Charlie Crouch landed a Tailor, which cheered him up. Bob Lilly landed his Mulloway with much rejoicing. Our Victorian visitor, C. Patton had two nice sized Mulloway to his credit and remarked that the surf was

much heavier than he had experienced in the East. Though he said that he had a wow of a time and enjoyed the venue.

Even though the Mulloway and Tailor failed to show in the morning in any great number, it was very pleasant fishing and made one feel really alive. Ron Kildahl appeared blown out as he had fished all night, with George Greenham - it is little wonder. Ron had three nice Tailor to his credit, and George had two Mulloway, these lads deserve a lot more for their efforts, they certainly are keen.

Weigh-In time was quite interesting, as the lads turned up to weigh their fish. Both Alan Livesey and "Snow" Tate had nice bags of Herrings and Skips. Nick Crouch was again to the fore with three Mulloway and a Tailor. Bob Tichbon managed two Mulloway - if he can catch them anyone can. Hal Neil weighed in a 6lb. Mulloway which helped to make him happy. Doug Savage caught two nice Tailor and one Mulloway, though his mate didn't seem to be able to strike the right note.

Though we didn't catch as many fish as we would have liked I am sure that we all enjoyed the venue and are looking forward to the next one which is also at Garden Island.. I would like to see more Juniors along to these venues as well as their Dads and as the weather gets better I expect, that I will - that also applies to Dry Casting days, and I think that it is about time that we saw some of our life members along also. Surely they are still interested in angling and the activities of the Club that they helped along in past years. I know that we would be pleased to see them.

So closed another enjoyable field day, and to all those who helped me on the venue, especially Ian McLennan, go my special thanks for helping at the "Weigh-in". To Ron Shirley and young Doug Clegg go my thanks also for the help that they gave.

To the award winners I would once again like to offer my congratulations, and by way of a change I managed to come into that category myself which only goes to show that everyone has a chance of winning one of the three sections each field day. To those whose luck was in reverse, let's hope that next time it will improve to the positive, and that you will drag off a section.

Our next field day is also at Garden Island, so don't forget to put in for your leave pass real early and be in it. Boat timetable is the same as last month, 9:30am and 2:00 p.m, from Palm Beach jetty. Boat fares 8/- return for adults, 4/- for juniors, sweep 2/-, if you choose to sleep in the hut 5/- and 2/- parking for vehicle owners in shop area. Please try to have correct money which helps to facilitate when collecting. Change can become a problem.

According to dehydration scale a 20lb fish could lose 1lb in weight over a six-hour period, but Bob Lilly had no worries about dehydration with his Mulloway, for it was still kicking when placed on the scales at the weigh-in. Just couldn't have been much fresher, and Bob couldn't have cut it any finer in catching his Kingie.

So closed another enjoyable field day and until the next one, tight lines and good fish catching and let's hope that I'll see you all again on our next field day.

Jim Strong F.D.O.

Fish caught on August 1962 Field Day.

Jim Strong	5 Mulloway	20½ lbs
Alan Livesey	Skippy (11 lbs.) Herring (6¾ lb.)	17¾ lbs
Nick Crouch	3 Mulloway (12 lb.) Tailor (2 lb.) 2 Herring (½ lb.)	14½ lbs
Ron Shirley	Mulloway Tailor	14½ lbs
Bob Tichbon	2 Mulloway (10lb) 1 Herring	10½ lbs
Bob Tucker	3 Mulloway	13½ lbs
George Greenham	2 Mulloway	9½ lbs
Doug Savage	2 Tailor, 1 Mulloway	9½ lbs
Bob Lilly	Mulloway (7¾ lb) 2 Herring	8½ lbs
Les Tate	Skippy (6¾ lb.) Herring & Rock Cod (1½ lb.)	7¾ lbs
Hal Neil	1 Mulloway	6 lbs
Ron Kildahl	3 Tailor	4½ lbs
Arthur Backhouse	2 Tailor	4 lbs
Ron McQueen	Mulloway (2½ lb.) Herring	3 lbs
Charlie Crouch	Tailor	2 lbs
Tom Smith	1 Mulloway	2 lbs
Ralph Hansen	1 Tailor	1½ lbs
Hugh Gregory	1 Tailor & Herring	1½ lbs
Alf Rutland	1 Herring	½ lb
John (Lofty) Griffiths	3 Herring	1 lb
Juniors		
Doug Clegg	4 Herring	2½ lbs
W. Newton	Herring	½ lb
Visitor		
C. Patton	2 Mulloway	8¾ lbs

Total weight of Scale Fish 163 lbs

Field Day Briefing

Reprinted from the September 1962 Reel Talk, as follows:-

With apologies to Jimmy

Right Oh chaps I think perhaps
I'd better put you wise
Give you all the details
And cut you down to size.
Just thirty three on last field day spree
From a Club of a hundred and ten
I was deeply grieved, in fact I was peeved,
I hope it wont happen again.

Come, come away next Saturday
Bring your reels and sticks
I'd like to see about ninety three
Who'd like a kit bag for seven and six?
It's wide and long and tremendously strong
Will hold a bundle of gear
Go get one at Shimenson's
In Wellington and Pier.

Come now lads rise and shine
The first boat leaves soon after nine
I think you really oughter
Look out you juniors get out of the way
You'll fall into the water.

I'll be there to take your fare
I hope it doesn't blow
Costs eight bob each to leave Palm Beach
So don't forget your dough.
I've said before and I'll say once more
On this point I like to harp
You'll never catch a fish
On a hook that isn't sharp.
It's not worthwhile to use a file
To try and get a taper
Better by far while in the la.
To use a piece of paper* * = fine emery

I've had a talk with "Jimmy Hawk"
He thinks we should succeed
There's lots of fun up near the Gun
With tons and tons of weed.
If I may I'd like to say
There's far too few on casting day
You really should do better
Don't stay at home to wash the clothes,
Mow the lawn or prune the rose
These pursuits are far to tame
When you could be watching a baseball game.

The beach at the back at the end of the track
Is filled with churned up sand
But it's pleasant there with fresh sea air
And the view is really grand.
A point of view for the junior too
If you want to avoid or grief
Stay in the shack play with Billy and Jack
and don't go near the reef.

As for the crank who favours the plank
He's really a bit of a goat
The blowies there could breed despair
He'll probably cut his throat
Some advice to you young boys who
Are starting to learn the art
Don't catch more than three or four
If Dad hadn't made a start.

It may seem strange but the Rifle Range
Is really the place to be
The fish are there I'm ready to swear
But they're miles away to sea.
In each section there's quite a collection
Of trophies prizes and pots
Don't let the hunters the moaners and grunters
Get away with the lot.
Don't delay come Saturday
It may be lucky for you
A Kingie or Tailor or dirty big whaler
Or even a sizeable dhu.

The second arc with "Normie" Clark
Will leave at two o'clock
Grab your mate and don't be late
Arriving at the dock.
We'll return again around about ten
You'll be home in time for dinner
Take mum a dish of nice fresh fish
And catch than with a spinner.
As I said before lads rise and shine
I'll weigh them in from eight to nine.

Left or Right Handed or Vice Versa?

Do you remember when you were first taken fishing, who took you, and what made you reel with one hand and hold the rod with the other? Well, it could have been a long time ago and the memory box might not be kicking on all fuses. So while I can remember I thought I would write down and share my distant memory.

You may think well, why write about this, why not that fish that got away or the trip of a lifetime (Dirk Hartog Island was one)? Another time maybe.

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I started fishing on a river (Stour) which ran through the Throop Fishery just north of Christchurch (Dorset, England). One side of the river flowed past mainly low pasture fields and you fished the opposite side so the river was flowing from right to left. The Water Bailiffs would work the river and cut weed and trim overgrowth on the banks, so you could fish all day on the Day Permit, or all week on the 7 Day Permit, or, All Season 12 Months Permit. By the way, there was another river, the Hampshire Avon just as close as a bike ride with equipment, but it was constantly altered and played with by the Water Board. Hence not as nice as the natural Stour.

There were mainly two methods of fishing - ledgering, using a lead weight or swim feeder on the bottom, or trotting. Trotting was float fishing between the banks of weed or swims as the angler would term it. The bait was always maggots (white), then someone started dyeing them. Now there is something strange about anything that's dyed that's not naturally that colour (peoples hair for one). Now, a blue maggot is strange, and red, yellow, green, all sorts - sounds like liquorice. The only thing about the dyes they used was that after a day's fishing using, say, yellow maggots, your hands were yellow. You could scrub and scrub but no way you could move the colour, so people would see your hands and assume how the colour got there (double handed smoker?). Blue was interesting too.

There is something quiet and relaxing about sitting by a river flowing past at a constant speed, weed waving in the current, birds singing on a lovely long English summer's day - well, it used to happen (English summer days that is). You would be so quiet that water rats would appear, moles would push up a mole hill, voles, harvest mice, ducks, swans (white), moor hens. Everything would appear so close. One day while I was eating my sandwich, a very small shrew climbed into my empty lunchbox to eat the crumbs. It was another world.

I don't miss too many things about England - parents, driving through the New Forest with the roof down in my MG from pub to pub on a summer's evening; fishing on the Stour Throop Fishery. Simple things - DON'T TELL MY PARENTS!

PS Fish were caught and released. That's course fishing - minnows, gudgeon, eels, dace, chubb, barble, pike, trout and salmon.

PPS And that this how and why I fish with the rod in my right hand and reel with my left hand. Nothing to do with being right or left handed - amazing!

Paul Thompson (The Treasurer)

Time to stand up and be counted on Marine Parks

Your email or letter is needed NOW, TODAY! Time to stand up and be counted. The reality is Governments just count numbers when election results are important to them. This is one of those times.

If you are concerned about loss of fishing access due to marine parks, (and you should be if you are a recreational angler) please read the Recfishwest Media Release and e-mail or write a letter to these people today!

It is absolutely essential that all interested recreational fishers make the Premier, the Minister for the Environment Judy Edwards, Minister for Fisheries Kim Chance and Minister for Tourism Bob Kucera aware of the concerns about the marine park planning process and outcomes.

Please forward this message on to other interested recreational fishers - the decision on these Marine Parks is very, very close!

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The Recfishwest media release is:

Recreational fishers declare war on 'Aquatic apartheid'

Recfishwest has declared war on what it calls 'aquatic apartheid'. Recfishwest says that it has had enough of the government's irresponsible planning process for marine parks.

Recfishwest feels cheated by a process which specifically targets recreational fishing but which excludes them from reasonable input into the development of the plans.

Executive Director of Recfishwest, Frank Prokop said. "While the marine planning process in Western Australia is not racially motivated, it seeks to segregate the users of the aquatic environment, condemning recreational fishers to the poorest areas in a similar unfair way."

Recfishwest had been previously disgusted at the gross injustices regarding among other issues the lack of recreation zones in the Jurien Bay Marine Park. However more recent processes have been even worse.

There is a proposal to exclude recreational fishers from 95% of the inshore fishing areas at the Rowley Shoals with absolutely no consultation with groups such as Recfishwest. When Recfishwest queried this, we were told it was because one dive charter operator didn't see any of the already protected hump-headed Maori wrasse on one day.

Recfishwest's submission on Rowley Shoals has not even been acknowledged yet we believe that the park is about to be declared.

"The government is clearly hoping that Rowley Shoals is too far away for it to worry about community accountability. The plan they have proposed will be extremely expensive for compliance and CALM have no credibility in this regard with the community." Mr Prokop said.

Recfishwest claims that Ningaloo is an even bigger disaster. "We believe that the proposed northern extension to the Ningaloo Marine Park, to include the Murion Islands as a Marine Management Area, cannot include sanctuary zones as have been proposed. The New Horizons document clearly states that a marine management area cannot exclude activities including recreational fishing."

The irony is that the Fisheries Department already has a protected area at South Muiron Island which would either have to be excised from the marine management area or revoked.

"This clearly demonstrates that Fisheries legislation is the most suitable for managing the aquatic resources of this state. The Fisheries Department has also shown a willingness to work with fishing interests rather than continually attacking them and their activities." Mr Prokop said.

In Ningaloo there are sanctuary zone proposals that ban fishing to allow exclusive access to snorkellers.

"I ask you, which is likely to damage the environment more, an angler drifting a bait through the area or a dive boat that has to drop an anchor on the delicate coral?"

Recreational fishing is under attack in the Dampier Archipelago, Rowley Shoals, Ningaloo and the Cape to Cape region. Recfishwest has joined with the commercial fishing industry to express concerns about the Cape to Cape planning process.

"It is clear to us that the Premier is getting very poor advice on the extent of community outrage over the discrimination against recreational fishers in the marine parks planning process. The Premier was quick to squash the irresponsible Rottnest Island sanctuary zone proposals but does not see that the CALM processes are even more discriminatory."

Recfishwest is calling on all recreational fishers to let the Premier know that it is essential that marine parks that have community support include adequate involvement of recreational fishers. Otherwise recreational fishers will become extinct in Western Australia.

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My personal email to the Premier.

Similar ones were sent to the other Ministers, adapted for their portfolios.

Dear Dr Gallop.

I am sending this email to you because of my concerns about the process for deciding Marine Parks in WA.

Please be assured I support the need to protect our valuable environment, but it is unscientific to exclude recreational fishing when there is no evidence to show it is causing any loss of biodiversity.

I believe you are getting poor advice about the consultation process, for the Ningaloo Marine Park in particular. For most of the Marine Park proposals which have been out for public comment so far, the consultation has been measured by length of elapsed time and numbers of submissions, etc, but NOT by how much notice was taken of what was said, and that needs to change.

I also believe that you are getting very poor advice on the extent of community outrage over the discrimination against recreational fishers in the marine parks planning process.

You were quick to squash the poorly thought out and unjustified proposals for sanctuary zones on Rottnest Island, and I thank you for that.

But I believe that the CALM and MPRA Marine Park processes and some outcomes are equally unjustified, yet you are perceived as supporting them.

I perceive that you and your government are pushing some of the recent ones, eg Ningaloo, as finalised Government environmental achievements despite some still being out for public comments.

I observed your Environment Minister state quote "We have saved Ningaloo" without any extra comments or qualifications on what that means or what Ningaloo was saved from.

You would be well aware that your Department of Fisheries is rightly world renowned for their progressive approach to sustainable management of fish stock and habitat.

The tight restrictions already placed on recreational fishers are ensuring sustainability of fish stocks and have been embraced by the majority of fishers statewide through fair and equitable consultation.

Integrated Fisheries Management should further strengthen that management of the recreational catch component.

It is unfair to place the majority of restrictions in Ningaloo on recreational fishers considering there is no evidence to show any threat to fish stocks or biodiversity by fishing in the marine park.

CALM and MPRA steadfastly refuse to acknowledge the role and the work of the Department of Fisheries in managing fish stocks as part of the management of biodiversity.

CALM and MPRA continue to push for allowing no impact at all under the guise of "preserving biodiversity". They will not acknowledge sustainable practices but insist that areas must be closed completely.

CALM and MPRA have high percentage targets for closed areas based on what is claimed to be necessary in other parts of the world which have unsustainable, damaging and destructive practices and uncontrolled fishing. There is no evidence that these requirements apply to the totally different situation in Western Australia with our excellent environmental and fisheries management.

CALM and MPRA have no answer to the question "if significant percentages of some areas are closed to recreational and commercial fishing, how do they propose to address the fact that the pressure on the areas which are not closed will be increased and lead to more degradation if their claim of overfishing is true?"

Failure to answer this question shows the extreme lack of science and practicality in their approach of relying on no take zones as the sole means of preserving biodiversity.

Mr Premier, you will be aware that the Environmental Policy Unit in your own Department of the Premier and Cabinet is currently drafting a paper on Bioregional Marine Planning which states "Many people in the community agree that a more integrated, ecosystem based approach to planning and management of our marine and coastal environments is needed and there is general agreement with the need to adopt a bioregional marine planning approach."

This initiative, which I welcome, acknowledges that the current process has weaknesses. Proposals made under the current process also have weaknesses, which means no proposals made under the current system should be implemented until the Bioregional Marine Planning approach is finalised and proposals checked against that process.

It is essential that planning for marine parks include adequate involvement of recreational fishers for the parks to get community support.

I ask you to reconsider your stance on Marine Park planning, and in particularly on Ningaloo.

I look forward to your response to this email. Yours sincerely Terry Fuller

Sport Fishing

An article designed to get you thinking, not drop a bomb in.

Ask yourself this very important question. Are you a 'sport fisherman' or do you catch much more than you need?

Some people say that "I only want to catch a feed" then proceed to catch more than they really need for that purpose.

If your answer is the first response then you may as well put this article down and go fishing, as you obviously understand where I will be coming from.

If however, your answer is in the second response, then it is seriously time you started thinking about what you are doing.

Today we are more then ever looking at our future in the fishing scene. Already on the east coast of our country greenies are interfering with the Club sport of angling. It won't be long, with every greenie looking over our shoulders at what we are doing here, before we are also confronted. It is high time we started setting an example that our children and their children will be proud of.

This article is covering what the club uses for its competitions. Whatever fish you catch and keep during the Field Day for your own use and don't enter in the Club competition is your own business.

We don't have to kill every fish we count in our club competitions!

Many other fishing competitions around the world either weigh in live fish or fishes 'catch and release' and penalises competitors with dead fish.

It is high time we, as a club, started doing something similar, or at least releasing most of the catch counted in the competitions back into the water for future generations to enjoy as much as ourselves.

You may now say, "but we have catch and release already". Yes. So we do. But who amongst you even thinks about it when we have a field day. Who amongst you has asked for a 'catch & release form' at sign on for a field day? Indeed, who amongst you has actually seen a Club catch and release form?

Some of the more senior members have put forward "Its hard. You can't make it equal for everyone to weigh in and get the points they deserve for the fish they caught". "We need a sub-committee to decide which way we are going to score catch and release". "You can't weigh in rays/wobbegongs/etc." "They aren't on the 'species list'."

How long is it going to take to see that some potential members may be turned away with this attitude? Some potential members have turned away because of this attitude put forward to them. Some people who have been members at our club have left citing similar excuses for leaving. "The club is too set in its old ways". "They don't want to change". "They can't see the need to change".

A simple form for catch and release need merely show the species and the length to confirm a point's allocation for the competition. Currently, we are over emphasising the weight factor for all our field days. Weight is the major consideration for all records. OK. Lets include the weight, but weigh the fish when caught and return it to the water. It is not that difficult to obtain a set of scales that will do the job quickly and accurately.

A simple solution could be as follows. All fish caught must be sighted by a fellow club member and authenticated by a signature on the catch and release document, signifying that the fish has been sighted/measured/weighed and released alive back into the water. This would enhance a major component of our club. Camaraderie. We would no longer have people fishing by themselves. This would also enhance broadening of fishing knowledge as people teamed up with others in order for their verification signatures. It may even promote more attendance at our field days in that those wanting to go will have to arrange another member to verify their catch.

The point scoring could be along the lines of 'X' points per non edible or non-specific species and 1 point per cm or even 1 point per 10 cm. For edible species, or designated favourite species, an allocation of perhaps '2X', '5X' or even '10X' points per species plus a point per centimetre as for non-edibles. The competition could also specify that only one of each species be permitted for weighing in, as currently the AAA Boating Section utilises.

Weight need not be a consideration, but could be included in some format for records.

The inclusion of currently banned species (rays/wobbegongs, etc.) could then be re-introduced. As a sport fish, most rays put on a dam better fight than most currently caught species on our list of eligible catches.

By releasing most fish caught, would turn our monthly Club Field Day competitions into the sport that it needs to be seen as. There is no problem keeping enough for a meal for the family.

Some people would be in disagreement at this time. 'What about line ratio badges?' What about masters badges, species badges, and so the argument goes on.

Yes twenty years ago these things were all well and good. However, in today's society 'catch and release' needs to be incorporated. If as a Club we still want these 'badges' why not merely change the specifications for earning them from a weight factor to a points factor. If a weight factor must be retained, then let another member verify the 'bona-fides' of the catch with his signature on a catch & release form.

At this point in time a few brains may have been stimulated into consideration of changing from the old ways.

Think about change. It might help us to stay alive and prosper as a Club.

Chas Riegert

Editorial Comment.

Thanks to Chas Riegert for the thought provoking "Sports Fishing" article above. This version is the result of discussions between Chas and me as Reel Talk Editor, covering the way Chas' ideas were presented.

The ideas and the topics all come from Chas. I have left out a few things, and made some edits to the wording and the order of a few sentences from what Chas offered for publication.

Just remember, it's a long way from having an idea to having new rules. Please re-read the article "New Competitions or Changes to Rules" on page 19 of the September Reel Talk. Remember rule changes **need to be decided by the majority of the club members.**

Some of you will no doubt remember comments from people along the lines of "we don't want to listen to all the boring discussions and details at General Meetings."

So the comments "We need a sub-committee to decide which way we are going to score catch and release" is just a result of trying to avoid long and potentially boring (for some people) discussions at General Meetings. There are two possibilities:-

(1) a person gets an idea, does all the homework, talks to people and gets some agreement or consensus on some principles, writes up a suggested set of rules, goes around that loop as many times as it takes. After all that, the person prepares and publishes what hopefully is a pretty good proposal so that ALL the club members know exactly what is proposed and can focus on the exact proposal without being concerned about things which are NOT included, and can decide about it. Some of you will no doubt remember some proposals like that - they go through pretty quickly and most people are happy with the result.

(2) a person gets an idea, but the details aren't enough to turn it into a possible set of rules. Then someone (eg a sub-committee) takes over and does all the details as listed in (1)

We'd all like to know what you think about Chas' article, so please write something down and send it to the Editor so that it can be published and all members can read about it.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller.

What's in that Greenough River Estuary?

With the Field Day up that way on the Long Week End in October, here's a topical warning in a Media release from Department of Environment on 20 September.

More fish deaths reported in the Greenough River Estuary.

The Department of Environment and Department of Fisheries are continuing efforts to determine the cause of a major fish kill in the Greenough River Estuary. Last week the Department of Environment reported about 50 dead fish had been found on September 8 and 9.

Mid West Gascoyne Regional Manager Ron Shepherd said since that time, the number of dead fish had increased to more than 5,000 mature fish and thousands of fingerlings, totalling about 3,500 kilograms in weight.

"Although the majority of the dead fish in recent days have been mullet, numerous other species including estuary cod, cobbler, mangrove jack and perch - and hardy fish like bony herring and bartailed grunners - have also died," Mr Shepherd said. "A significant mulloway estimated at 60 kilograms was also found.

"The water has had a khaki-green colour to it recently, suggesting an algal bloom has developed following rains received several weeks ago. "Potential fish-killing algae have been detected in water samples collected on September 13, but the significance of this is unknown.

"The presence and numbers of these species need to be compared to fish pathology results, which are underway, to confirm the cause of death.

"Preliminary pathology results suggest bacteria are not responsible for the fish kill, and that it could instead have been caused by toxic algae, but further testing is occurring to confirm this. "We will inform the community of the cause as soon as it becomes clear, but in the meantime people and their pets should not touch or consume any fish from the river. We would also advise that fishermen do not fish while this kill is occurring to give stocks a chance to recover.

"The department also acknowledges the Shire of Greenough for its efforts in clearing the river of dead fish."

Further advice can be obtained from the Department of Environment on 9964 5978 or the Department of Fisheries on 9921 6800. Media Contact: Hugh Halloran on 9278 0339 or 0417 178 279.

An earlier media release in July said "First reports of a fish kill were received on July 14 and 15 and indicated the deaths of about a dozen large sea mullet. Mid West Gascoyne Waterways officer Mike Johnson said in the two weeks since the reports were received approximately another one hundred and fifty mullet ranging in size from 20 to 40 centimetres had died. He also said one reasonable sized estuary cod was also found dead.

"Results from fish pathology tests have indicated multiple possible causes of death, although there is nothing definitive at this stage," Mr Johnson said. "However, tests showed strong evidence of parasites, high levels of bacteria and poor water quality in a localised area may have contributed to the fish deaths. "The affected fish had not been feeding, their gills were ragged and there was evidence of cell response to hypersalinity.

Mr Johnson said water samples indicated low to moderate levels of the algae *Karlodinium micrum*, a known fish killing species. "The Fisheries department are still testing for other diseases in the fish," he said.

Mr Johnson said there wasn't a complete level of understanding of the water quality cycle in estuaries like the Greenough, a system that only opens to the ocean every few years.

"Consequently, we also don't know how this complex cycle affects the fish living in them," he said. "We advise that people and their pets should avoid touching or eating the dead fish in the Greenough estuary.

Postings on the Western Angler Fishing Forum had some more information.

The 60kg mulloway (weighed) was estimated at around 2m long. There weren't pictures of the monster, but apparently the size estimate is pretty reliable. There was a picture of a "smaller" mulloway found dead with a girth of around 1.2m and a bit longer than a 240 litre wheelie bin.

The locals up there reckon when the river breaks through GIANT UNSTOPPABLE mulloway hound the bait fish in the shallows. Thinks it would be a pretty good environment for the mulloway to grow, no predators and plenty of food.

Bryn Farmer, researcher from Centre for Fish and Fisheries Research at Murdoch University 9360 2256 mob: 0400 213362 is doing research on mulloway (and he would always welcome fish frames), believes the smaller fish would probably be around 35 years old, and 50+ years for the 60kg individual.

For his research he's been trying to organise the collection of mulloway from the area as they have been dying. Greenough council has been very helpful though and even tried to organise for the larger fish to be dug up from the local tip! Unfortunately, the large fish were buried with medical waste, covered with a ton of soil and crushed down with a 14 ton press! Needless to say, they wouldn't be in good shape... It is a great shame, as that big fish would have been invaluable to science.

TerryF.