

**Club Committee for the Year 2001/2002**

<u>President</u> Ross Kember	<u>Drycasting Officer / Social Organiser</u> Bob Henderson	<u>Assistant Drycasting Officer</u> Terry Willison
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<u>Immediate Past President.</u> George Holman	<u>A.A.A. Delegates</u> George Holman Bob Henderson
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**CLUB INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LIFE MEMBERS**

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

## Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.) Minutes of General Meeting, 8 August 2001

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club, 8:05 PM
- Present:-** 27 senior members, 1 Junior member.
- Apologies:-** A Jones, A Woodford, I Pilton, J Püllella. **Visitors:-** None
- New Member:-** Ian Mascarenhas was welcomed into the Club.
- Previous Minutes:-** Published in the Reel Talk. No Business. **Moved** J Strong, seconded P Stoeckel, these are a true record. **Carried.**  
Business arising. Ian Pilton has found that the initial investment amount for Drycasting fund needs to be greater than \$1,000
- Previous Committee:-** Business arising. None
- Correspondence Out:-** Esperance Surfcasters, drycasting info and offer of a clinic.  
Ian Mascarenhas - acceptance as member.  
Phil Brayne - acceptance as member.  
AAA - Participation in SCAC events.
- Correspondence In:-** AAA Delegate's Council Minutes.  
AAA Notice of AGM  
Email A Woodford - good wishes to the Club and offer of help while in Canada.  
Email Mark Allen - asking about regular rental of Kalbarri house.  
Email resignation from Eddie D'Uva.  
Advice of overdue fees to 21 members.  
**Moved** G Holman, seconded T Stam, correspondence be accepted: **Carried**
- Treasurer's Report:-** Several unrepresented cheques will affect the balance.  
Accounts for payment:-  
Kalbarri cleaning (3) \$72.60  
Secretary, web site cost (2½ months) \$65.00  
Jiffy Print \$55.10  
Ken Black \$34.98  
House Insurance \$466.25  
**Moved** J Strong, seconded C Riegert, that accounts for payment be passed.  
**Carried.**
- Property Officer:-** Insurance for Kalbarri had been renewed at reduced rates after previous insurer advised no longer covering rental properties.
- Field Day Officer:-** Ian Cook standing in gave details of July Cape to Cape and Rottneest Field Days, as in Reel Talk.  
After some discussion, it was agreed that people using bicycles would need to fish in pairs and be back at the settlement by 10PM
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Brief details of the August dry casting were given. Details in Reel Talk. Some discussion on the use of the flouro pink targets and difficulty a colour blind person had seeing these. Bob proposed to use a yellow target for Nick Allsworth when he casts.
- Reel Talk** Peter Stoeckel advised this would be the last Reel Talk Jennie and he did.
- AAA Report:-** Some executive positions were vacant with no nominations.  
Some problems with speakers for the South of River clinics.
- Recorder:-** No changes.
- Social Organiser:-** Ken Black will not be nominating for next Year. He asked for an indication of interest in an fishing outing to "Golden Ponds".
- Notices of Motion:-** None.

**General Business:-** G Holman moved Suspension of Standing Orders - seconded by C Riegert - Carried. The Annual General Meeting of the club was then convened - see separate minutes.  
 G Holman moved Resumption of Standing Orders - seconded by C Riegert - Carried.  
 President and Social Manager of the Yokine Bowling Club briefly addressed the meeting.  
 C Riegert advised of the Safari to Exmouth May 2002 - names need and deposits will be called for in 2-3 months.  
 G Holman advised there were about 12 visitors at Aug drycasting - some from the AAA fishing Clinic.  
 B Henderson advised he is looking for the names and addresses of previous members for the 2002 50th anniversary.  
 Club records - Ross asked if any member has space to store 2 x 4 drawer filing cabinets of the Club's records - since I Cook may not be able to store them much longer. T Willison offered.  
 R Kember advised the Committee recommended that the rental for the Kalbarri house for members be \$150 per week off season, and \$200 per week peak season. **Moved** P Stoeckel seconded C Riegert that these amounts be accepted - Carried 19 for 1 against.  
 T Fuller advised the club web site was now operational - address is <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> He is looking for any articles, hints, tips, photos, stories which will help show the Club is worth joining.

**Instruction Period:-** None - members had snacks and drinks after the AGM. Meeting closed 10:10 pm

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**Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.) Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 8 August 2001**

**Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club. **Present:-** 27 senior members, 1 Junior member.

**Apologies:-** A Jones, A Woodford, I Pilton, J Pullella.

**Previous Minutes:-** Were read. No Business. **Moved** J Strong, seconded P Stoeckel, these are a true record. **Carried.** Business arising:- None

**President's Report:-** Ross Kember gave his report for the previous year. Published in Reel Talk.

**General Business:-** All Committee positions were declared vacant. Immediate Past President G Holman took over the running of the meeting. Nominations were called for all positions, and members voted. The successful members were:-

President	Ross Kember.
Vice President	Two nominations D Barber, P Stoeckel. P Stoeckel elected
Secretary	T Fuller.
Treasurer	R Mitchell
Property Officer	R Mitchell
Field Day Officer	J Jardine
Assistant Field Day Officer	D D'Mello
Dry Casting Officer	R Henderson
Assistant Dry Casting Officer	T Willison
Recorder	I Cook
Social Organiser	R Henderson
Reel Talk Editor	T Fuller
Immediate Past President	G Holman
Committee Persons	D Barber M Sneddon C Riegert

Annual General Meeting closed at 9:45 pm

## Coming Events.

### For Committee Members.

Saturday 8th September 1:00 pm at Bob Henderson's to discuss National Titles, 50th anniversary, Social functions.

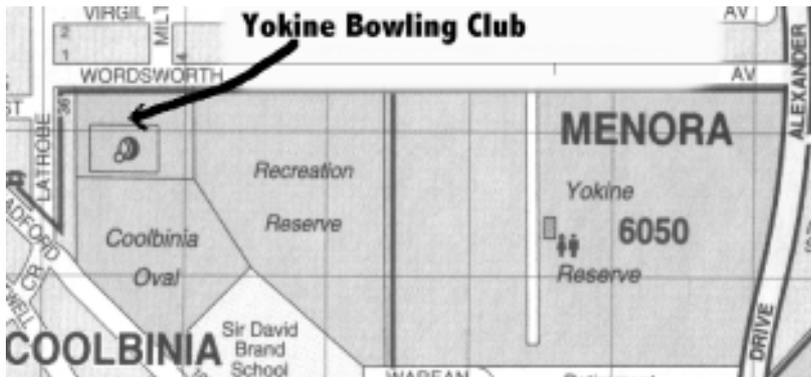
### September General Meeting.

**Where:-** Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.

**When:-** Wednesday, 12th September 8:00 pm.

**Instruction Period:-** On "S Bend" October LWE Field Day.

C Riegert	How to get there.
B Henderson	Accommodation, etc.
J Jardine	Field Day.
G Holman	Fishing Locations.
P Stoeckel	Sunday Barbecue.



### Dry Casting:-

**When:-** 9 September 2001, 8:30 am start.

**Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Alexander Drive end.

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

### September Field Day.

**Where:-** Wedge Island. See maps.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday, 15/16th September.

**Sign On:-** Saturday 1200 at the Point at Wedge Island.

**Weigh in:-** Sunday 1100 at the Point at Wedge Island.

**Boundaries:-** South:- the northern Boundary of Firing Range.  
North:- Grey Settlement.

### Local Field Day for September.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday, 15/16th September.

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

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

**Weigh in:-** Sunday 11:00 at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 20:00 hrs that night.

**Boundaries:-** South Mole to Mindarie Keys, including the Swan River.

## October Field Day.

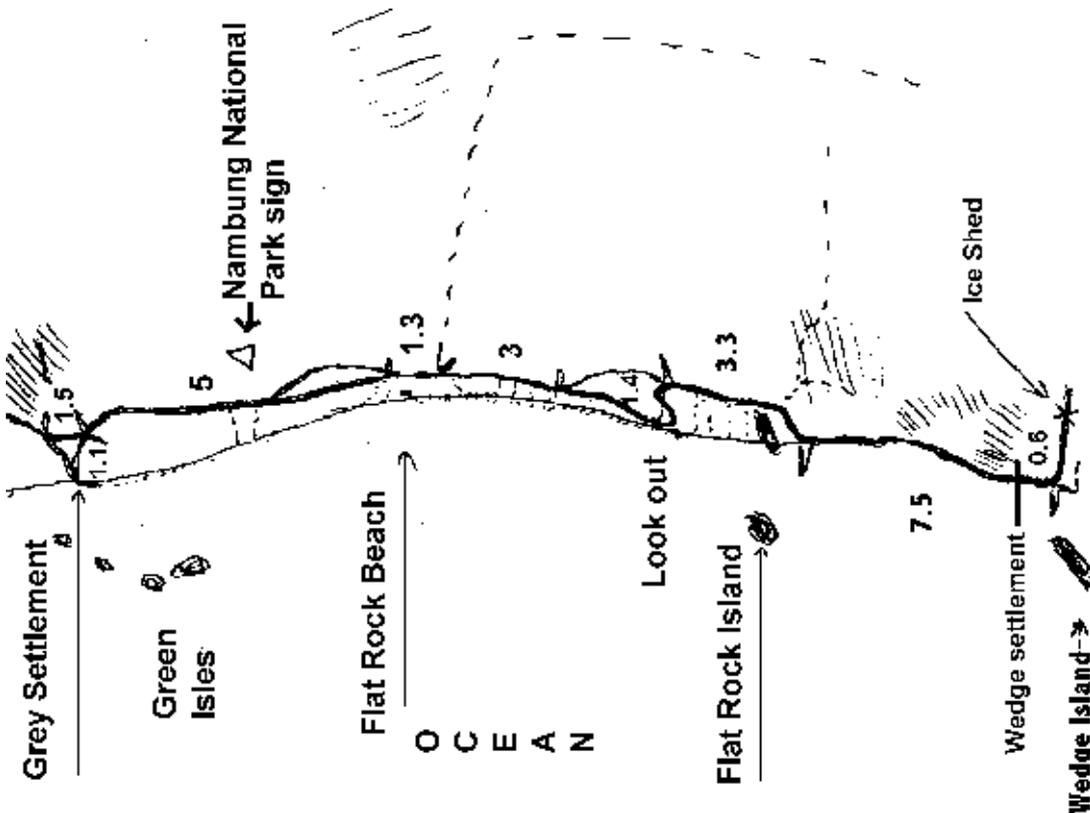
**Where:-** S Bend  
**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday Long Weekend, 29/30th September / 1st October.  
**Sign On:-** Saturday 12:00 at the entrance to the S-bend Caravan Park.  
**Weigh in:-** Monday 11:00 at the S-bend Caravan Park.  
**Boundaries:-** Port Denison to Point Moore, Geraldton.

## Local Field Day for October.

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday Long Weekend, 29/30th September / 1st October.  
**Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.  
**Lines Down:-** Saturday 13:00  
**Weigh in:-** Monday 11:00 at G Holman's house, rear of 89 Clontarf St. Sorrento. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 20:00 hrs that night.  
**Boundaries:-** ASI Groyne to Mindarie Keys, excluding the Swan River.

**Maps of the tracks to Wedge Island and Grey** - Courtesy of Terry Willison. Wedge Island is approximately one hundred and sixty kilometres north of Perth.

The online maps in the "map index" on [www.bushtrax.com](http://www.bushtrax.com) shows the tracks and a lot of other information on how to get there, GPS coordinates, etc. These can't be reprinted here because of copyright.





## **Rottnest Field Day - 11/12 August 2001.**

In a nutshell, it was big! The weather was beautiful, the winds light, the tides were running between 0.6 and 0.8 meters and the enthusiasm was high. But the swell was big VERY BIG! The Rottnest waverider buoy measured swells over 4 meters and this made for some very vigorous conditions. But let's start at the beginning.

A very animated group of 19 anglers gathered at Northport to catch the first ferry across to Rottnest in the chill dawn of Saturday morning. Gear was packed, rods stowed and we were off. It did not take long for us to realise the swell was up and the crossing was punctuated with some rainsqualls and lots of spray.

Upon our arrival we made the obligatory detour past the bakery before trudging off down the road to the Kingstown barracks. The Sergeants' Mess was our base and the sleeping arrangements were quickly sorted, the gear unpacked and final preparations made. The bus duly arrived to take us out to the West End. Various spots were checked out but the majority of us were dropped off on Radar Hill and frantic tackling up began.

The view from the top of the cliffs was pretty daunting. Huge swells built and crashed onto the reefs with white water everywhere. From up the top it looked pretty awesome. A number of members were nursing injuries and had opted to fish dry rather than wade. Tony D' Alonzo, Ian Taggart, Brad Zaknich and the Terpkoses as usual headed in the direction of Wilson's. Another group suspected that Cathedrals would be the better option and I also headed over in that direction. It was every man for himself as we piled into the water to wade out and get the opening cast away. The first lures into the hole produced a few strikes and it was Matt Sneddon who landed the first tailor, a nice fish of about 1 kg, that true to form was promptly released. Some other fish were not that lucky and ended up in reef bags. But the action was a bit slow and perhaps the sudden arrival of 8 anglers and lures raining down on their sheltered water had something to do with this.

Mark Farnay headed out to the island with Darren, myself and a trail of other hopefuls coming along behind. Large waves were rolling in along the reef flats and some very big sets came through. Mark was first onto the island but was spectacularly hammered in a very large swell and got bowled over breaking the stem of his reel in the process. We hurried over to him and although a little shaken he was OK. The conditions were just too tough to fish the outside with any safety and we all retreated to the dry to reassess our options.

Most of us now headed for Wilsons and Radar in the hope of some fishable water. A few tailor were about at Wilsons but these were on the small side. Some snook were in evidence at little Radar and George Holman and Ric Parker each had a nice specimen in the bag. After watching the sets coming through for a while Damian and myself decided the outside reef was worth a try. Wearing reef boots and taking the minimum of gear we struggled out. It was fishable. Just. And there were some better tailor to be had. It was energetic to say the least but we were there long enough to entice Cookie, Spencer, Andy and some of the others out to join in the action. Some were successful and other had swimming lessons again. Some of the Buff Bream landed were a sight to behold. Massive behemoths that really pull like mad and landing one while struggling to stay upright on a maelstrom-covered reef deserves more credit.

As the swell appeared to subside later, George and Ric put in appearance and the 2 old hands caught a few tailor in pretty short time. George also picked out a small spirited yellowtail kingfish out from amongst the tailor. Mark came along later with a back-up reel and his day improved with each fish landed. A few herring were out in the white water but these were scarce in the calmer stretches and they were sometimes difficult to find. Kade Ross caught two nice snook on spinners in the calmer waters just to show us how it was done.

The evening came along all too soon and the group of wet and tired anglers gathered waiting for the bus swapped tales of their day braving the elements. It seemed as if most people had caught a few fish but there were some very weary and battered bodies. When the bus arrived Peter Booth and Ken Black were already aboard and both had done rather poorly while nursing injuries and trying to stay dry and avoid the rigours of reef fishing.

The showers at the Mess were soon busy and the kitchen was alive with activity as the needs of many cold and hungry bodies were satisfied. Some corks were pulled, stories told and plans hatched for the morning assault. Some brave souls made a sortie to the pub but most were happy to climb into bed and dream of chances missed. The night reverberated with snores, with Frank and Vic sawing particularly tough jarrah logs all night.

Morning came all too soon for some, but 12 hardy characters managed to get aboard the bus in the chill pre-dawn light. Ian Taggart looked less than well after a memorable night but was resolutely present in body if

not in mind. Some folk dropped off at the Caves but most headed for Radar. The view was awesome from the top of the hill. Huge swells rolled in from the south-west with the northerly wind blowing up vast plumes of spray. There was white water everywhere. Some sets were enormous and broke clear across Wilsons bay leaving acres of white water in their wake. But that was no deterrent. Rather hopefully we went to Cathedrals for a look. The swell direction brought the waves straight into the bay and it looked decidedly hairy. But Frank Shim had yet to christen his new rod and I was determined to get him a tailor at least.

So we waded out on the reef during a lull and stood in a less current-affected area with cross-waves peaking over head height. Soaked but resolute Frank cast out his mulie and to my eternal gratitude soon hooked and landed a feisty tailor. Now we could retreat to dry land and safety, mission accomplished.

There was a bit of action at the tennis courts with a few snook providing some entertainment. Even some tailor joined in the action when a Halco Laserpro was swum through the white water. Snook speared in after the lures like missiles but did not strike. They resolutely avoided baitcast mulies and white bait on inji rigs but for a brief time they switched on and I did manage to get three smaller specimens with a small twisty. Cookie also got a decent one and Spencer then caught an absolute ripper of ~2 kg on a mulie.

It was still early. Tailor were scarce and most of those caught had been small. The best ones had come from Radar but it looked deep and the waves powerful. I got out onto the reef OK and fished a while and caught a few tailor and tarwhine. But it was just too vigorous and the constant bracing against the surge and the buffeting swell took their toll and I had to retreat.

With most of the usual spots wiped out we fished for rock species in the reef holes and dried out in the sun. The weather was beautiful with bright skies and light wind. The bus arrived on time to take a weary band home.

The weigh-in was the usual mixture of personal successes, relative disappointments and surprises. Considering the robust sea conditions the members acquitted themselves extremely well. Many of the newer members weighed in very respectable catches and there were some significant masters and grand masters captures, especially with regard to the snook. The tailor were rather small by the usual standards of an August Field Day but we were happy to have them anyway. Damo topped the tailor bag with 6.9 kg. Many different species were caught including tarwhine, herring, mulloway, yellowtail kingfish, King George whiting, leatherjacket, snook, tailor and the capture of the weekend was a surprise dhufish of 4.0 kg caught by the old master Tony D' Alonzo.

It was a great weekend. The weather was perfect and despite some atrocious sea conditions everyone had a good time. Finally the troops cleaned up the barracks, packed the baggage, shouldered arms and marched in a motley line via the bakery to the ferry and home. And another Rotto Field day was over.

John Jardine Field Day Officer.

**Attendance:** Seniors 18 Juniors 1 Mini-Juniors 0 Visitors 0 Total 19

Angler	Total Weight	No of Species	No of fish	Total Points
Black, Ken	0.00 kg	0	0	50
Booth, Peter	0.00 kg	0	0	50
Batchelor, Darren	0.00 kg	0	0	40
Cook, Ian	8.40 kg	4	16	174
D' Alonzo, Tony	13.23 kg	8	30	262
D'Mello, Damien	6.90 kg	1	8	129
Farnay, Mark	3.75 kg	1	5	88
Griffiths, Andrew	0.60 kg	1	1	56
Holman, George	7.15 kg	7	12	192
Jardine, John	10.15 kg	6	16	212
King, Spencer	4.70 kg	4	7	137
Parker, Eric	3.20 kg	3	4	112
Ross, Kade (Junior)	2.30 kg	2	5	83
Shim, Frank	0.95 kg	3	3	90
Sneddon, Matthew	0.00 kg	0	0	50

Terpkos, Paul	3.95 kg	2	15	110
Terpkos, Vic	4.37 kg	2	15	114
Taggart, Ian	5.30 kg	2	9	123
Zaknich, Bradley	1.80 kg	1	4	78

### Field Day Prize Winners.

Best Scale Fish	Holman, George	Dhufish	3.95 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	D' Alonzo, Tony	Mixed Bag	13.23 kg
Best Junior Bag of Scale fish	Ross, Kade	Mixed Bag	2.30 kg

### Sportsperson Of The Year Sections.

Best Scale Fish	Holman, George	Dhufish	3.95 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	D' Alonzo, Tony	Mixed Bag	13.23 kg

### Masters Fish

Angler	Species	Weight
D' Mello, Damien	Tailor	1.1 kg
D' Alonzo, Tony	Snook	1.25 kg
Jardine, John	Snook	1.1 kg
Ross, Kade	Snook	1.1 kg
D' Alonzo, Tony	Tarwhine	0.6 kg
Holman, George	Tarwhine	0.6 kg

### Grand Masters Fish

Angler	Species	Weight
Cook, Ian	Snook	1.6 kg
King, Spencer	Snook	1.75 kg
D' Alonzo, Tony	King George Whiting	0.65 kg

### Field Day Sections up to August.

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

### Top Ten up to August

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	D' Alonzo, Tony	1011.05	6	Farnay, Mark	224.5
2	Jardine, John	682.75	7	Taggart, Ian	235.5
3	D' Mello, Damian	453	8	Black, Ken	230.5
4	Woodford, Andy	314	9	Booth, Peter	193
5	Cook, Ian	307	10	Holman, George	191.5

## **Dry Casting Report - 5 August 2001.**

As I mentioned at the last casting day, the City of Stirling has asked for our cooperation to use the southern end of the Oval while the northern end is set up for the hockey group. Please be aware that I may set up the distance casting area well to the south if any prevailing winds occur so do a check before you park in the northern carpark.

This is my last report before the A.G.M. and who knows what changes may occur so I'll take this opportunity to say my bit.

Over the past 12 months, both Aubs and I have tried to run the dry casting days solely for the benefit of our fellow club members to "enjoy themselves" and assist in improving their capabilities. We have appreciated all the cooperation and assistance that has been given, so both Aubs and I say "Thank you".

Still on my soapbox, may I congratulate and thank Aubs for his outstanding assistance over the past season - someone has to keep me in check.

Once again we had a good day but it ran a bit long. Congratulations go to all the section winners on the day, especially to Gary for a great effort in the double handed section. It was pleasing to see Mal joined the winners section again. "The Master" won the single handed open once again, and it was sheer luck that Chas shared the artificial bait section.

Have you ever heard the saying "bloody miracles do happen" - Yes in this club you quite often do.

Well as happened like this - Stokes was doing his thing (but with a bit more effort) when I heard a huge uproar coming from the senior's section. I turned around to see Stokes reeling in a ruddy great kicking and flapping fish from out in the Oval (actually about the 60 m mark). I was flabbergasted first of all to see Stokes actually catch a decent sized fish and secondly that 60 m distance. The buffoonery continued until I glanced out towards the middle of the Oval and saw all the answers - yes those two dastardly telly tubbies were at it again - need I mention names?

Thanks Ken for your help with the sausage sizzle, also to Matt for assisting with the mini juniors

Well, I'm going to put my hand up again to look after the dry casting for the club, so if you want a change, see you at the A.G.M. and put your hand up.

P.S. the A.G.M. has been and gone by the time you read this and you've got me to deal with again!

Remember having fun is just as good as winning.

Hendo - Dry Casting Officer.

(Scoring for the vets was a bit slow at times because some of the 112 gram weights went nearly 300mm into the very soft ground - and getting them out with pliers took some time. A spade would have been useful - TF)

### **Special Request**

**Would all drycasters please wear club shirts at monthly casting day.**

**Hendo.**

**Next Casting Date:- 9 September 2001, 8:30 am start.**

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

## Dry Casting Results - 5 August 2001.

Seniors.	112 gram			Artificial Bait			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
G Holman	141	141	29	109	109	22	95	24	170
T Willison	0	0	0	110	111	22	42	4	68
K Black	118	116	23	0	93	9	58	0	90
G Gildersleeves	128	135	26	103	104	21	164	21	232
P Stoeckel	90	111	20	0	92	9	53	23	105
A Aubrey	0	116	12	0	89	9	94	13	128
M Sneddon	131	0	13	106	101	21	67	28	129
C Riegert	0	157	16	111	127	24	86	24	150
D Batchelor	146	0	15	118	112	23	117	23	178
N Allsworth	0	0	0	109	0	11	99	15	125
R Parker	132	0	13	102	99	20	90	11	134

### Veterans.

T Fuller	0	111	11	0	73	7	78	27	123
M Head	111	129	24	0	104	10	132	21	187
J Strong	0	0	0	85	0	9	106	11	126
T Stam	99	111	21	88	0	9	76	16	122
A Jones	113	117	23	92	92	18	106	14	161
T D'Alonzo	0	124	12	101	86	19	130	14	175
B Henderson	133	138	27	117	120	24	117	31	199
R Killick	125	126	25	108	107	22	128	30	205

### Juniors.

K Ross	65	50	12	58	59	12	105	12	141
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### Mini Juniors.

R Jones	82	83	17	66	71	14	32	25	88
E Woodford	50	61	11	45	46	9	38	21	79
D Stoeckel	61	64	13	5	47	5	59	20	97

112 gram winner	G Holman	29
Artificial Bait winner	C Reigert / B Henderson	24
Double Handed Accuracy winner	G Gildersleeves	164
Single Handed Accuracy winner	B Henderson	31
Single Handed Open Distance winner	G Holman	
Winner of the Day	G Gildersleeves	232
Junior winner	K Ross	141
Mini Junior winner	D Stoeckel	97

## **Presidents Report 2000/2001**

Members, if anyone had suggested twelve months ago that I would be writing this report, I would have said that they should be committed to an asylum. However here I am at the end of an interesting year as President of the SCAC. Whereas there may have been times that I felt I should have been the one to be sent to the funny farm, I have in the main, enjoyed the activities of the club and the committee. Although I have been on the committee for a number of years you gain a different perspective when one is handed the gavel. Or in this case a lump of wood.

At the beginning of the year, I stated that we would undertake a number of projects that we hoped would be an asset to the club. Among them was a review of the Constitution and Competition Rules - a project that was achieved with some professionalism by Terry and his subcommittee. Very little changes were needed apart from the addition of Associate Membership and definition of Family membership and updating of previous motions. The Competition Rules also needed little change with the major being the addition of Catch and Release requirements and some rewording of other minor sections in order that it might read a little clearer.

A project that was carried over from the previous year was to place the clubhouse in the hands of a local accommodation agency. This was done with some success as we have increased non-member returns by 23% and member returns by 33%. Over all occupancy rate was 42.5% or 22 weeks for the year. Unfortunately our rental costs have increased by 6% due to agency costs. In addition power costs are up 15% and rates 9%.

Another carry over was the need to establish a common personal accident insurance cover for the members during their participation in club events and in pursuit of their recreational angling. The proposal from Recfish Australia was taken up after our original PL policy was due to expire. Unfortunately this occurred after the subscriptions had been set for this year. The committee decided that the club would absorb the \$5 per member cost until the end of the current season when it will be reviewed. Unfortunately it was necessary to increase the subscriptions primarily due to increased costs caused by that bugbear GST and increased insurance premiums. The decision to call for this increase was not taken lightly but as with most organizations we had little choice. Please be assured that the committee will always endeavor to keep members costs to a minimum. But there will be times when there is no choice.

The one area that we have not achieved a great success is the area of membership. Our records indicate that our membership has increased by only 7 over the year including natural attrition. While this is a positive figure I believe that we could do better. My belief is that a club is happiest when the club has a strong competition and active social life. This can best be achieved by having a strong and active membership. At present we have an active membership of about 25 persons and it would like to see this increased by at least another 20.

**Social.** Over the year the social organizer has arranged a number of social events including a night cast where 35 attended, the Civic Theatre Restaurant attended by 18 happy members, and a tour of the aviation museum attended by 4 members and one very small but excited prospective female member. By far and away the greatest attendance was the July dinner dance/trophy night where 51 members and friends had an enjoyable night. This was marginally up on the previous year where 48 attended.

**Dry Casting.** Dry Casting saw an eventful and successful year culminating in the individual successes of a number of members at the National titles. These successes and the promise of further success at the Yamba National titles may have prompted a slight increase in attendances at the club dry casting days. The companionship displayed by members and the fellowship after the day's competition is typical of what club activities should be about.

**Field Days.** Field days where they do not seem to attract the same support still provide a great deal of enjoyment for those who attend, not only for the eventual winners, but also for all participants. This year we have had a total of 179 members, including juniors and visitors, attend the twelve field days compared to 175 last year. Not a great increase but it was noticed that our field days were more evenly attended this year. In fact only three venues attracted less than 10 people. It would seem that the traditional venues such as Bluff Creek get support where others such as Bremer Bay and Cape to Cape do not. Is this an underlying message that we need to research new venues, or are we trying to travel too far too often. We know that the cost of travel is escalating, or is it something else? It must be a priority for the incoming committee to resolve this fall in interest in our most basic club activity.

**Meeting Venue.** This year we have seen the need to search for a new venue for our meetings and discussions held with the Yokine Bowling club has seen us take up their offer to use their premises. This offer, while it is a little more expensive than our previous locations, has a number of side-benefits. Each monthly hire payment will be converted to a Bowling Club social membership for a member of the SCAC, which will allow them to utilize all facilities of the club with the exception of the Greens. Members can invite up to 5 guests to the clubrooms at any time. Yokine's offer was based, obviously, on the need to expand their membership but also to offer their own club members the opportunity to participate in a different activity. This has a direct benefit for us in that an exposure to a new membership resource has opened up and with our new Associate Membership category may see OUR membership increase.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the members of the club for helping to make the 2000/2001 season an enjoyable and successful year. I also thank the members of my committee for the hard work and dedication that they have shown in carrying out their duties.

Ian Cook our vice president for his dedication to the club and wealth of knowledge.

Terry Fuller for the hard work and professionalism that is required of a secretary.

Rob Mitchell who in spite of his business needs and illness mid year has carried out the duties of the Treasurer with diligence.

Peter Stoekel who one only needs to ask and he is there to help and with Jenny has carried the Reel Talk now for three years.

Bob Henderson our sometimes VP and sometimes DCO in between travelling has a similar wealth of knowledge as Ian and displays a common sense attitude to whatever he is asked to do.

Ken Black who carried out the job of social organizer with a sense of urgency and not inconsiderable effort.

Andrew Aubrey took the task of DCO in Bob's absence in a workman like manner and contributes with his calm and steady attitude.

Chas Riegert was co-opted early in the year and has contributed with his willingness and desire to get it done.

To the youngest member of the committee Matthew Sneddon, whose youthful exuberance and obvious love of angling has brought youthful ideas that is sorely needed by the committee

Last of all George Holman, our Past President. George's presence is like streaming a sea anchor, not there to restrict but to keep the bows of the ship pointed in the right direction.

To those members of the outgoing committee I give my sincere thanks and gratitude for your support and attention for the past year.

Safe angling and safe driving.

Ross Kember  
President 1999/2000

## **Social Report.**

To say that I could no longer continue as the Club's Social Organiser was one of the most difficult duties that I have ever had to undertake.

My work commitments have meant that I am unable to give the position the time and diversity of activities to maintain a level of satisfactory enjoyment for all of our Club members.

It is at this point that I would like to thank everybody who has given their support at the various functions and fundraising events during my time on the committee.

The enjoyment is still ahead of us, and so is the work needed to formalise the various activities for all concerned.

Showing the way once again, Bob Henderson has the courage to take up this Social Organiser position as well as his other committee position, and it has to be said that he will need a lot of support from us all to carry out these duties.

Ken Black. 2000/2001 Social Organiser.

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## **Social Report.**

The AGM has been run and I congratulate all who stepped forward to assist in the running of the club.

Nobody wanted to have a go at being the Social Organiser so I have put my hand up to look after it until someone decides to give me a rest and also to join our group to run this club smoothly. You will get all the cooperation and assistance you need from the committee.

So what can I do? Well, make sure we have a barbecue and night cast in December. There' s the State Dry Casting Titles in October, and a sausage sizzle has to be organised. I' d love to see a movie / supper night out before Christmas - one to take the missus out with your fellow club members. How about another tenpin bowling night after Christmas? Would you attend a car rally picnic again somewhere?.

Or what about giving me a call offering some suggestions (strictly club). If I don' t get feedback, I can only go on what a couple of people want.

There is our 50th reunion next year to coincide with our dinner dance that needs to be organised. If you know of any past members who would like to attend, please give them my phone number to register and I'll keep them informed. Are there any other club members who would like to give some input?

Like any position on Committee, I need your cooperation to make things happen. Please give me your input.

Hendo.  
2001/2002 Social Organiser.

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## **Club Web Site.**

The Club Web site is at <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au>

We hope this will get the Club some exposure and attract some new members. The Club has a lot to offer - but it needs to be put together and publicised.

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

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

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

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

Terry Fuller, Secretary/Reel Talk Editor.

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## **“Guides ain't guides” - or “Horses for Courses” - or “You get what you pay for - maybe?”**

Chas Riegert gave the members of the Drycasting group a very compelling demonstration of the differences between different types of rod guides / runners.

Those of you who know Chas know that he is a ball of muscle. Well, Chas grabbed a few short lengths of 20kg mono - you know the stuff you can sometimes use to haul big fish out of the water against their will.

He threaded it through a guide and got someone else to hold the rod tightly each side of the guide. He then held the mono so that it was doing nearly a 180 degree bend through a runner, loaded up the line and pulled it back and forward as fast as he could over the runner surface.

Well, the results were amazing. On “normal” run of the mill runners, it took only five or six stokes for the line to break. The mono was flattened and curled - absolutely destroyed by the friction.

Even on "top of the line" runners - read "quite expensive" and with a very good reputation, Chas broke the line after about twelve strokes - better than "normal" runners, but the line was still destroyed - flattened and very badly curled.

He then repeated this on silicon carbide guides. The count got to about 30 and Chas eventually had to stop because the line was cutting his hands - but the line didn't break - and it was still round, with no obvious flattening - an absolutely amazing difference.

Sure, this is a brutal way to treat line - but we've all met a few brutal fish - haven't we?. This has convinced me that if you want to use light mono on fast running fish, then getting the right guides could make the difference between a break off or a successful catch. And they would obviously reduce the wear on your line over time and probably let you cast further, and also help avoid those dreaded "break offs" while casting.

This demo can easily be repeated at a club meeting so that you can get the details of the runners which performed best.

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### **Exmouth Safari.**

At the July Committee meeting, the Committee recommended that the 2002 Safari be to Exmouth.

A booking for some accommodation in Exmouth has been made for Saturday 11th - 18th May 2002. So far, about 24 people have expressed an interest in going, and so more accommodation is being looked for.

If you are interested, please give your details to Chas Riegert on 9402 3180 by the September General Meeting.

Tentative arrangements are that people will travel in groups of three (medium size vehicles) or four (larger vehicles) taking trailers for the gear, sharing costs, and will share 6 to 8 berth accommodation. Some people have said they may take a boat.

Accommodation in Exmouth is typically \$600 to \$700 per week for 6 - 8 berths, so work on \$110-\$120 each for accommodation. Food, etc is typically 10-20% more expensive than Perth, fuel in Exmouth was \$1.11 per litre, in Geraldton and Carnarvon was around \$1.00 per litre in August 2001, but was \$1.07 last year. Bluewater has a shop in Exmouth and it seems to carry everything that the Scarborough and Morley stores have.

Exmouth is 1270 km from Perth - and that's a long drive. The red kangaroos are big and numerous for around 200 km south and north of Carnarvon, - judging by the number of fresh victims by the road. From Minilya to Exmouth, there are lots of grey kangaroos, emus, sheep and goats, and I suspect a few horses or donkeys judging by the deposits on the road. Not what you want to run into at night - you may not go any further even with a bull bar. Past Exmouth on the western side of Cape Range, the kangaroos are in their hundreds even during the day. Keep your speed right down if travelling at night - all the skid marks and victims are the clues.

Four wheel drive vehicles aren't really needed - nearly all the spots can be reached by two wheel drive. There are only a few places you would be able to take a four wheel drive onto the beach, but there's no great advantage and I suspect that would not be allowed.

Good maps are the RAC road map covering Exmouth to Kalbarri, and the Transport WA chart Exmouth 900 is essential for any boating in the area - we used it in August and it is excellent - and you'd better believe the warnings on it.

Check out Fisheries WA web site or their publications for the special fishing rules in the area. These include a possession limit of 17kg of fillets, or 10kg of fillets plus 7 whole fish per person.

The club will organise sessions to discuss all the details of the trip, suggestions for gear to take, areas to fish, etc, closer to the safari time. But if you want to wet your appetite, check out articles in Western Angler, including "Exmouth Shore Options" in the June/July 1999 issue.

Terry Fuller

## Cutthroat in the Rockies.

By Andy Woodford

As some of you will know I am currently working in Calgary and due to the lack of any salt water this side of a ten-hour drive, I have somewhat reluctantly begun the process of learning the art of fly-fishing.

For years I have always steered away from fly-fishing, as I'd always considered it to be making hard work of catching fish. Let's face it, are there any sea fish in Western Australia that aren't more easily caught on a slice or popper than on a fly?

By way of the Bow River, Calgary has one of the best trout streams in the world running through it and people come from all over the world to fish here. Unfortunately though, it isn't one of the easiest rivers to fish and I was certainly blanking a lot more often than I was catching trout.



*Playing a big brown hooked whilst nymphing on the Bow. The fish was lost at the net.*

I'd tried nymphing some of the deeper riffles from the shore, with mixed results but found that I didn't really enjoy that sort of fly-fishing much.

It wasn't very visual and the casting is nothing short of hard work. You are faced with the combined obstacles of a bite indicator, split shot and weighted nymph attached to your line all trying to tangle with each other and the fast flowing water trying to sweep you off of your feet. Also the fast current takes all the line that you've stripped back, off down stream, where it picks up weed, making it hard work to shoot the line back out again.



*A purpose built Bow River Drift Boat.*

I had been lucky enough to spend a day drifting the Bow on a purpose built drift-boat in the company of Ben from the local tackle shop. Ben was kind enough to show me how to tackle up and how to read the river. This day out proved a great success and I enjoyed it immensely, but unless you have access to a boat, a days guided drifting can cost up to \$500 and was well out of reach of my pocket. Ah well, back to shore fishing.

Having tried and discarded nymphing as being too hard, I was left with two choices. I could go all out streamer fishing, as most of the salt-water fly-fishing is in W.A., or I could learn the fine art of dry fly fishing. Streamer

fishing would be the easier option, but still to my mind, it was making hard work of catching fish. I knew that I would catch more fish with a small spinning rod and chrome spinner than with a streamer. Dry fly fishing was another matter though. When the trout are on the rise and sipping insects from the surface film. I doubt very much that you would have any real success with a spinner. Also it's a very visual method of fishing, even better I'd say than hooking up on a popper.

To stalk a trout by reading the water and looking for the most likely lies and then to have your suspicions confirmed when a trout rises is exciting on it's own. But when you select a fly that resembles what you hope

that the trout is feeding on, present it in such a way that it drifts life-like within a few inches of the trout, all the time waiting to see the trout take the fly, is about as much tension as anything enjoyable should provide. When the trout eventually takes the fly, the fight is on, but funnily enough I get a lot more satisfaction and excitement from the hunt and the challenge of actually hooking the fish than I do from playing and landing it. Now dry fly fishing for a novice on the Bow is very much a hit and miss affair. The hatches are normally in the evening and the Bow is quite heavily fished. This makes the fish suspicious and at the same time makes it hard to find a good lie that someone else hasn't fished in the last half-hour or so.

Now I was finding my dry fly fishing on the Bow rather frustrating, for although I'd found a form of fly fishing that I actually enjoyed, I found that I wasn't any where near good enough at it to catch fish on a regular basis.

Then someone suggested that I forget the Bow for the moment and build my skills (and confidence) where the fish were smaller, but a lot more willing to take a dry fly. With that purpose in mind I packed some camping gear and headed off into the Rockies where the tributaries of such big rivers as the Bow and the Oldman are nothing more than small and beautiful streams.



*The Upper Reaches of the Oldman River.*

which meant that in order to be able to cast I had to wade up the river, climbing over boulders and fallen trees, casting upstream as I went.



*A 33cm trout from these waters is considered a good fish. The distinctive red markings on the fish's throat give the Cutthroat its name.*

The trout here are generally smaller and a fish of 40cm is considered a good one. But on the bright side they aren't fished any where near as hard and with there being more competition for less food in these high altitude streams they are a lot less fussy about what they will eat.

I had the Friday off work and so got up early and guided by some good directions and not so good maps, managed to navigate unsealed roads and logging tracks until I found exactly the spot that had been recommended to me. I parked the car, put on my waders and hit the water. The river here was no more than three meters across and in some places less than two. It varied in depth from next to nothing to two meters or more in some of the deeper pools. The sides were tight grown with pine trees

Carefully working my way upstream casting into the heads and tails of riffles and runs and drifting small dry flies over still pools, I was delighted to find just how obliging these small Cutthroat trout really were. Nearly every likely looking lie produced fish and one small pool, no more than two meters diameter produced twelve Cutthroat in less than half an hour.

I eventually decided to leave the fish biting and head back downstream to the car, where I was going to camp for the night. It surprised me that I had been fishing and wading for about four hours, but it only took about fifteen minutes to walk back down beside the stream to the car. Once there I cracked open a bottle of red and read my book until the light faded. Then it was into

the sleeping bag and out like a light until the next morning.

Saturday morning saw me up fairly early and rather than cover the same water as I had the day before, I decided to head further up stream. The scenery was even more spectacular and the trout here were even more plentiful than the area that I had fished the day before, even if they were noticeably smaller. The larger fish were only about 20 to 25cm in length and the smaller fish..... Well I don't think that we need to go there.



*Highway 532 takes you from the upper reaches of the Oldman River back toward Calgary.*

I fished various parts of the river on the Saturday and as I had to work on the Sunday headed home to Calgary in the late afternoon. After a drive through some of the most beautiful scenery going, I eventually arrived back at my digs at ten in the evening. I didn't even bother to unpack the car, I just let myself in grabbed a shower and hit the sack, with a great weekends fishing behind me.

I have only scratched the surface of what dry fly-fishing has to offer and only seen a fraction of the wonderful landscape in the Rockies. There is still a lot to see before snow closes the roads for the winter.

In fact I'm thinking of heading out that way again next weekend. It's too good not to.

Andy Woodford.

### **Competition.**



Andy Woodford would like a funny caption for this picture of Damian with an unusual method of flesh piercing in his chin. There will be recognition and maybe a small award in it for you.

I wonder what Andy had to say to get Damo to smile for the photo? The full colour version of this photo and the caption competition will also be on the Club's web site.

## 2001/2002 Field Days.

Saturday/Sunday, 15/16th September.	Wedge Island.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 29/30 September / 1 October 2001 Long Weekend.	S Bend.
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 November 2001	Cervantes/Jurien.
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 December 2001	Local Perth Metro Area.
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 January 2002	Preston/Myalup.
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2002	Garden Island.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 March 2002 Long Weekend	Bluff Creek.
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 30/31 March / 1 April 2002 Easter Long Weekend	Wago.

## 2001/2002 Dry Casting.

Sunday 9 September 2001	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 7 October 2001	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 28 October 2001 A.A.A State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 4 November 2001	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 2 December 2001	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 6 January 2002	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 3 February 2002	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 10 March 2002	Yokine Reserve.
Sunday 7 April 2002	Yokine Reserve.

## 2001/2002 General Meetings.

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

**AAA Coming Events.** - This info is taken from the AAA report. Some details are sketchy, and it's believed some changes are planned. Check for updates in later Reel Talks.

September 3, 2001	Fishing Clinics open at Rowing WA, Canning Bridge.	
September 8/9, 2001	OSAC Beach - Field Days - Wedge to Ledge.	
September 8/9, 2001	MAAC-Club Competition.	
September 10, 2001	Fishing Clinic day 2 at Rowing WA, Canning Bridge.	
September 17, 2001	Fishing Clinic day 3 at Rowing WA, Canning Bridge.	
October 6/7, 2001	OSAC Beach Field Day Go anywhere.	
October 13/14, 2001	MAAC - Club Competition.	
October 14, 2001	Rockingham OFC - Field Day.	
October 28, 2001	AAA State Dry Casting Championships, Yokine Reserve from 8:00 am.	
November 10/11, 2001	MAAC - Club Competition.	
November 18, 2001	Rockingham OFC - Field Day.	
December 8/9, 2001	MAAC - Club Competition.	
December 16, 2001	Rockingham OFC - Field Day.	
January 26/27, 2002	Mandurah 500	
March LWE 2002	AAA State Estuary Championships	Wilsons Inlet.
27/28 April 2002	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Marmion AAC.
June LWE 2002	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Geraldton to Dongara.
November 2002	AAA State Estuary Championships	Peel Inlet.
27 October 2002	AAA State Dry Casting Championships	Yokine Reserve.
March 2003	AAA State Boat Angling Championships	Lancelin AAC.
LWE March 2003	AAA State Beach and Rock Championship	Bremer Bay.

## **2001/2002 Open Competition.**

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

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

## **SEADUCER LURE Fishing Competition.**

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

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

## **Reel Talk**

This month's Reel Talk is a little later than usual - that's because I have been away and only came back on the 26th August.

Future months' Reel Talks will come out at the usual times.

This and future Reel Talks (minus the Preprinted yellow cover sheet) are available as Microsoft Word 97 documents and can be sent to your email address.