



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

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Payments Details and Receipts Needed.

Nearly all financial records for the club from July 2000 up to April 2002 are missing as a result of a reported theft from the previous Treasurer's vehicle. All cheque butts, bank statements, accounts from suppliers, records of payments to suppliers, receipts issued by the club, membership payment records, bank deposit records, cash payments, etc are missing. The Club needs to rebuild these records.

All money paid at or after the April General Meeting, or posted to the Club's PO Box from early April onwards, has been handled by the Secretary and is recorded OK.

We have obtained the bank statements for the cheque account from the beginning of June 2001 up to the present, but will need to pay the bank for earlier bank statements, deposit records, and details of who the cheques were paid to.

Thanks to those few members who have given me some details. **BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?**

PLEASE if you have any receipts from the club, your personal or business cheque butt records, or records or memory of cash payments you have made to the club, bookings for the Kalbarri house, between 1 July 2000 and April 2002, please copy or write out the details and hand or send the information to the Secretary as soon as possible. **Help us, please!**

Committee Elections.

A new Committee has been elected at the AGM. See the list at the front of Reel Talk or in the minutes of the AGM.

Minutes of General Meeting, 14 August 2002

Venue:-	Yokine Bowling Club	Time 8:10 PM. President Ross Kember presiding.
Present:-	32 senior members, 2 juniors, 2 visitors.	
Apologies:-	John Hall, Bob Henderson, Tony Slate.	
Visitors:-	Ian Pereira, Dean Stewart.	
New Members:-	Maureen Lissiman, Joy Brann and Vic Dunstan were welcomed to the Club.	
New Members Applications:-	from Ian Pereira and Dean and Marion Stewart were received during the meeting.	
Previous Minutes:-	Published in the Reel Talk. Apology from Morris Kolman was not recorded. Moved Jim Strong seconded Peter Stoeckel, these are a true record with this addition. Carried.	
Previous Committee:-	Ross Kember advised of the AAA Postal Fishing competition.	
Correspondence Out:-	Vic Dunstan	} Acceptance as members, and invitation to
	Tony Slate	} August meeting.
	Challenge Bank	Demand for deposit detail records or written statement.
	Challenge Bank	Request for more details of one bank cheque deposited.
	John Barnes	Thanks for the July instruction period.
	BT Funds Management	Change of name used on statements and letters.
Correspondence In:-	AAA	AGM and Election nomination forms.
	AAA	Minutes of July Delegates meeting.
	Clive Willis	Application for family membership
	Appeals Convener	Result of appeal against Dredging in Owen Anchorage.
	Ray White (Kalbarri)	Statement for Kalbarri house for July 2002
	BT Funds Management	Tax statement
	BT Funds Management	How to change name used on statements and letters.
	Gerhard Sauracker	Resignation, suggestions and comments on Reel Talk article.
	EPA	Acknowledgement of letter about Lancelin Defence Training area.
	City of Stirling	Application for Reserve Bookings for summer.
	City of Stirling	Changeover arrangements winter to summer.
	Moved Trevor Stam, seconded Derry Barber, that correspondence be accepted: Carried	
Treasurer's Report:-	Accounts for payment.	
	\$50.00	Yokine Bowling Club Meeting room August 2002
	\$92.88	Jiffy Print Reel Talk, August 2002, Invoice 8056
	\$50.00	Trevor Faulkner Bond Refund Kalbarri
	\$50.00	John Agnello Bond Refund Kalbarri
	\$59.38	Terry Fuller Reel Talk postage, paper
	\$28.00	Kalbarri Lawnmowing Mowing 24 July, Account 31 July.
	\$80.55	Western Power Power at Kalbarri to 7 Aug 2002
	\$410.81	Total of accounts for payment at August 2002 GM.
	Available funds 14/8/2002 from bank statement on line	\$8,451.70
	Accounts for payment	\$410.81
	Amount available	\$8,040.89
	In hand, to be banked, plus amount collected 14/8	\$412.50
	Total as at 14/8/2002	\$8,453.39

Moved Jim Strong seconded Terry Willison report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment - carried.

Property Officer:- House is available as in Reel Talk. Back yard has cape weed and needs spraying. Secretary to arrange with Lawnmowing Service.

Field Day Officer:- Malcolm Harris gave details of the Cape to Cape Field Day as in Reel Talk.

Dry Casting Officer:- Terry Willison gave brief details of the August dry casting. September Dry Casting has been moved to 8 September to miss Father's Day.

AAA Report:- George Holman gave details of the AAA fishing clinics in July, and mid term AAA meeting at Yamba. He thanked Trevor Stam and Roy Killick for transport to/from the airport.

Social Organiser:- Away sick.

Recorder:- Ian Cook thanked Terry Fuller for work on the Field Day spreadsheet. He reported on the eligible species sub committee, and apologised for recent times when his work load had prevented much work for the club.

Reel Talk Editor:- Terry Fuller advised of the tight timetable for the next Reel Talk due to his travel. Basil Marsh said that full sets of Reel Talks had been donated to a previous Secretary, and others said they had asked where they were, but they appeared to have been lost.

Membership Coordinator:- Derry Barber gave details of arrangements for August local Field Day..

Notices of Motion:- Don Batchelor spoke on his motion to amend the Constitution Clause 16 (e) to read:- "(e) The annual subscription of a member and new member attaining such age of 60 years may, on application from such member, be subject to be set by the Committee." Mal Head seconded. Derry Barber spoke on and against the motion. Roy Killick **moved** an amendment to apply to "pensioners only, not people in employment". Seconded Jim Strong. This amendment was put and carried 26 for 1 against. The amended motion became "(e) The annual subscription of a member and new member attaining such age of 60 years, pensioners only not people in employment, may on application from such member, be subject to be set by the Committee." and was carried 29 for 1 against.

General Business:- Jim Strong advised that Pearl Payne, widow of past member Bert Payne, died recently. President Ross Kember read from his report for 2001/2. Copy in Reel Talk.

Suspension of Standing Orders. Moved Jim Strong, seconded Terry Willison, to allow Annual General Meeting.

Resumption of Standing Orders. Moved Peter Stoeckel, seconded Jim Strong.

Instruction Period:- Socialising and food after the AGM

Meeting closed. 9:55pm

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 14 August 2002

Venue:- Yokine Bowling Club.

Present:- 32 senior members, 2 juniors, 2 visitors.

Apologies:- John Hall, Bob Henderson, Tony Slate.

Previous Minutes:- Were read. No business. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Terry Willison, these are a true record. Carried.

President's Report:- Ross Kember had read his report for the previous year during the General Meeting. Published in Reel Talk.

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

President	Ross Kember.
President Ross Kember took back the running of the meeting.	
Vice President	Bob Henderson.
Secretary	Terry Fuller.
Treasurer	no nomination.
Field Day Officer	Malcolm Harris.
Dry Casting Officer	Bob Henderson.
Social Organiser	Derry Barber.
Reel Talk Editor	Terry Fuller.
Property Officer	Vix Alexander.
Assistant Field Day Officer	Ian Cook and Ken Black nominated. Ian Cook elected.
Assistant Dry Casting Officer	Terry Willison.
Recorder	Ian Cook.
Immediate Past President	George Holman.
Committee Persons	Peter Stoeckel. Chas Riegert. Andrew Aubrey.

Treasurer's position to be left vacant at this meeting to allow members to be approached about taking on this work.

Annual General Meeting closed at 9:50 pm

Coming Club Events.

September Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 8 September, 8:30 am start. **Note:- Date Changed.**
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Double Handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Single handed accuracy.

September General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday, 11 September 2002, 8:00 pm General Meeting
Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.
Instruction Period:- Where to fish at Greenough Field Day, Knife sharpening.

September 2002 Greenough Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 28/29/30 September 2002 Long Week End.
Sign On:- At Greenough Caravan Park, 11:00 am Saturday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon.
Weigh in:- 68 Leander Drive, Port Dennison, opposite the Marina, Monday 11:00 am.
Boundaries:- Geraldton Point Moore to Dongara Marina South Wall.

Tides for	Saturday 28 Sept	0.60m at 8:23 am	0.62m at 9:56 am	0.58m at 12:00 pm	
Geraldton	Sunday 29 Sept	1.01m at 1:51 am	0.54m at 12:41 pm		Sunrise:- About 6:00 am
Sun	Monday 30 Sept	1.01m at 2:32 am	0.52m at 1:23 pm		Sunset:- About 6:20 pm
Moon	Moon Phase:-	Last quarter 30 September.		Moonset:-	Around 9:50 am Saturday
	Moonrise:-	Around 0:30 am Sunday		Moonset:-	Around 10:30 am Sunday
	Moonrise:-	Around 1:25 am Monday		Moonset:-	Around 11:25 am Monday

Local Field Day for September.

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 28/29/30 September 2002 Long Week End.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon
Weigh in:- Monday 11:00 am at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- "South" Local, Penguin Island to North Mole, including the Swan River.

Tides for	Saturday 28 Sept	0.50m at 1:38 pm	Sunday 29 Sept	0.90m at 12:29 am	0.47m at 2:02 pm
Fremantle	Monday 30 Sept	0.90m at 1:08 am	0.44m at 2:27 pm		

October 2002 Field Day Cervantes to Jurien.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 October 2002.
Sign On:- See October Reel Talk.
Lines Down:- See October Reel Talk.
Weigh in:- See October Reel Talk.
Boundaries:- See October Reel Talk.

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

Local Field Day for October.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 October 2002.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12:00 noon **(To be confirmed).**
Weigh in:- Sunday 10:00 am **(To be confirmed)** at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.
Boundaries:- "North" Local, South Mole to Two Rocks, including the Swan River.

Tides for	Saturday 12 Oct	0.35m at 1:03 pm	0.91m at 11:53 pm	
Fremantle	Sunday 13 Oct	0.37m @ 1:46 pm		

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

Dry Casting Report, 4 August 2002.

Arriving at the oval at 6.15am, I was greeted with strong gusty winds and a heavy downpour, so apologies go out for the wonky side ropes on the court.

With the strong crosswinds some good casting distances were achieved but a few misjudgments had some out of court. Rick, Aubs and Ken Black put down some beauties, while Gary showed his casting ability by winning the 112 gram distance event and just missing out on the artificial bait to Nick.

The blustery conditions played havoc with the seniors during their accuracy event. But once again class showed us all up, so congratulations to Gary once again. Roy gave me a hard time in the single handed event and I fluked a win.

Thank you all fellow casters for giving NSW visitor Ian Pereira a warm welcome. Ian is over for a long holiday and enjoyed catching up with old friends made at previous National Conventions.

Newcomer Ben Lilburne has taken fellow casters advice and encouragement to produce great casts over a hundred metres at only his second competition day. Even his double handed accuracy jumped up a few notches and I can assure everyone that this lad will achieve his rewards in the near future

With the wind and drizzle subsiding, the barbecue was fired up and the stayers enjoyed a snag and a drink together. The friendly banter and the "would haves" and "could haves" ended an enjoyable morning

Thanks to our snag burner, young Andrew Stoeckel.

Keep it straight and long.

Hendo.

Results for the day:-

	112 gram			Art Bait			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points			
Seniors.									
Gary Gildeersleves	160	156	32	128	130	26	150	20	228
Andrew Aubrey	144	145	29	129	126	26	116	20	191
George Holman	-	179	18	133	135	27	113	19	177
Nick Allsworth	-	167	17	145	133	28	95	26	166
Terry Willison	162	-	16	-	128	13	110	11	150
Rick Parker	145	151	30	117	110	23	82	12	147
Ian Pereira (Visitor)	133	-	13	114	-	11	103	7	134
Ken Black	133	140	27	110	101	21	64	15	127
Chas Riegert	150	-	15	151	-	15	68	16	114
Peter Stoeckel	92	-	9	106	-	10	51	6	77

Veterans.

Roy Killick	136	131	27	130	124	25	124	30	206
Bob Henderson	-	144	14	125	131	26	119	35	194
Mal Head	124	125	25	102	106	21	134	13	193
Tony D'Alonzo	124	-	12	107	104	21	114	24	171
Jim Strong	101	109	21	94	50	14	115	10	160
Allan Jones	126	129	26	-	105	10	95	28	160
Terry Fuller	113	-	11	101	103	20	90	8	129
Trevor Stam	86	90	18	88	84	17	65	13	113

Juniors.

Ben Lilburne	109	112	22	94	96	19	11	23	175
Rhys Jones	79	81	16	-	70	7	37	6	66

Mini Juniors.

Emily Woodford	64	64	13	64	-	6	71	1	91
Andrew Stoeckel	66	59	13	50	50	10	48	1	72

Day Winners.

112 gram winner	Gary Gildersleeves	32
Artificial Bait winner	Nick Allsworth	28
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Gary Gildersleeves	150
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Bob Henderson	35
Winner of the Day	Gary Gildersleeves	228
Junior winner	Ben Lilburne	175
Mini Junior winner	Emily Woodford	91

Special Request

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

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

Events:-

**112 gram distance,
56 gram distance,
Double Handed accuracy,
Single Handed accuracy.**

Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.

Fees have been increased as covered in the June Reel Talk.

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

SurfCasters Local Field Day 17/18 August 2002

Terry Ring and Derry Barber completed a sortie of the Hillarys and Ocean Reef Marinas on the morning of Saturday 17 August, deciding to select the Hillarys south mole for herring, gardies, skippy and bream for the first two hours that afternoon. The second selection was on the north side mole for the tasty whiting (wonder who selected that).

The plan was to fish together in easy sight of each other and create our own competition at each spot whilst still competing in the Club Field Day. The second spot butted on to a sheltered parking centre on the same mole, ideal for the barbeque at the conclusion of the day. Everyone was requested to bring a barbeque pack.

The attendees were: Dean Stewart, Gerry Krygsman, Tony Slate, Vic Dunstan, and Eastern States visitor friend Bill Ogaliby together with John Romano, Clive Willis, and a welcome to new member Tim Tran who submitted an application on the day and brought his receptionist Michelle McCormick (a capable fisherperson) who we would like to see again.

The balance of our crew consisted of Peter Mahony, Derry Barber and Terry Ring, who stepped in for incapacitated Bob Henderson and did an excellent job, many thanks, Terry. Terry intended to fish on that night and try the Fremantle area. Unquestionably the most popular attendees were young Ben and father Colin Lilburne who runs a fish and chip shop in Edgewater and donated to the attendees the most succulent burly mix you could imagine, thanks Colin from all of us.

Twelve PM Saturday the 17th of August saw the troops arrive with the good news that they would be all organised prior to moving out and wetting lines.

This was achieved by showing the rigs required for the fish targeted and asking the question as to who had at least two of these rigs?. We then used the tables provided and commenced to build rigs with participation from all. The next questions were "burly" (do you have it?) and, "how are you going to carry rod, bait, burly and, what facilities do you have to "separate" the required rigs now obtained?. It's an interesting question, how long does it take to travel to a fishing venue and, how long after you arrive there do you actually wet a line? Do we maximise our fishing time?

All attendees arrived at the first fishing spot and, within a short space of time, were awaiting the flag to drop to commence the fishing competition. Lines up at the first venue occurred after two hours with a small mixed bag of gardies and whiting with size limits prohibiting retention of other species. The second spot produced whiting with most attendees achieving results.

As night fell lines up was called and we shifted to the sheltered parking area, setting up barbeques, which we gathered around and discussed the day. As the smell of sausages and steak filled the air, a familiar vehicle appeared enticed by the aroma and greeted us with pleading eyes. Bad luck Peter Stoeckel, look and weep, we're hungry. The day was enjoyable, great company, and a format that worked, which, when asked, was the opinion of attendees, certainly a consideration for future trips and one, which can easily be subject to variations and enhancements.

Terry and Derry.

Change to Constitution.

At the July Meeting, Don Batchelor gave notice of motion to amend the Constitution Clause 16 (e) to read:-

"(e) The annual subscription of a member and new member attaining such age of 60 years may, on application from such member, be subject to be set by the Committee." This will be voted on at the August General Meeting.

At the August General Meeting, the motion was amended, and the change to "(e) The annual subscription of a member and new member attaining such age of 60 years, pensioners only not people in employment, may on application from such member, be subject to be set by the Committee" was carried.

AAA and Club Publicity.

The AAA had another full page in the August West Coast Fisherman newspaper, covering fishing on the Five Fathom Bank by Adam Eastman, and details of the AAA Clinics.

The September issue will include the AAA President's 2001/2002 report.

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

Kalbarri House For Rent.

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

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

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

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

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

As at 22 August, the house is available up to 5 September, from 13 September to 27 September, from 12 to 18 October, from 30 November to 27 December, from 5 January 2003 to 17 April, and from 25 April 25 on. Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for bookings.

New Member Applications.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the September 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.

Ian Pereira (Associate membership), Dean and Marion Stewart, Tim Tran,

New Member Acceptances.

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

Paul and Ida Thompson, Peter Mahony, Ben and Colin Lilburne.

Member Resignations.

The following members have resigned from the club since the August Reel Talk was published, or have not paid their membership fees during or after the three month grace period. The list is up to 21 August.

Gerhard Saueracker and family, resigned. Damian D'Mello, resigned. Darren Batchelor, resigned.

Frank and Nadine Shim, will not renew Rom Niciejewski and Sue Brennan, will not renew.

SCAC Event Calendar 2002/2003.

2002/2003 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 8 September 2002, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 5 January 2003
Sunday 6 October 2002	Sunday 2 February 2003
Sunday 3 November 2002	Sunday 9 March 2003 (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 1 December 2002	Sunday 6 April 2003

2002/2003 General Meetings.

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

Wednesday 11 September 2002	Wednesday 8 January 2003
Wednesday 9 October 2002	Wednesday 12 February 2003
Wednesday 13 November 2002	Wednesday 12 March 2003
Wednesday 11 December 2002	Wednesday 9 April 2003

2002/2003 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Saturday/Sun/Mon 28/29/30 September 2002 LWE
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 October 2002
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November 2002
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December 2002
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 January 2003
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February 2003
Saturday/Sun/Mon 1/2/3 March 2003 LWE
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 April 2003

Greenough, and "South" Local
Cervantes to Jurien, and "North" Local.
Lancelin to Cervantes, and "South" Local
Open.
Mandurah 500, and "North" Local
Open.
Bluff Creek, and "South" Local
Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin, and "North" Local.

Boundaries for Local Field Days.

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

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

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

AAA Fishing Clinics.

The AAA Fishing Clinics will be repeated south of the river on Mondays September 2, 9 and 16. Prices are \$22 for all three nights or \$11 per night for seniors and \$11 for all three nights and \$6 per night for juniors.

It's worth the money just to listen to some of the speakers like Paul Willis on baits and bait presentation, Gary Shugg on fishing the Swan River, etc, and to see John Curtis' slide show presentation on reading the beach. All the speakers are great!

AAA State Estuary Championships.

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

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

Wanted – Aluminium Cans.

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

Mal gave the club \$95 at the June General Meeting. Thanks Mal!

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

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

See the list in the February Reel Talk. Past member Ted Horsley holds the record for the earliest Reel Talk donated – October 1952.

Happy Birthday to:-

Christian Willis, 21 September.

Have a Go Day.

The Seniors Recreation Council of WA will be holding their annual "Have a Go" day at Burswood Park on 29 October from 8:30am to 3:00pm. We have a usual turn up of over 3000 people during the day, and we can expect another 1500 international guests turning up this year.

As usual the club trailer and promotional gear will be on display, along with our casting arena, to teach one and all the correct and easy way to use the small flick rod. Lots of mucking about and fun can be assured.

Any club member with time to attend and help please give me a call on 9451 6341.

Hendo.

President's Annual Report 2001 / 2002.

Ladies and gentlemen. This year has been that will be remembered for a long time.

Not only have we celebrated our 50th anniversary but like any long-term relationship we have had to suffer lows and highs to get there. Our lowest point in the year was the theft of our club financial records, an issue that as yet is still to be resolved. The actual theft may never be resolved, but with diligence and a lot of hard work we may be able to repair some of the damage.

We need your help by giving us **ALL** records you have of payments made from July 1 2001 to April 2002.

This work will however not be completed overnight due to the bureaucracy of the banks and the amount of information that has to be retrieved or rebuilt. We are almost at a point where we can consult with the club accountant and move to the next step, however unpleasant that may be.

We have also lost a number of valued members who have decided to pursue other interests. We wish them well and look forward to the possibility of their return sometime in the future. The losses have been exceeded by a host of new members joining our ranks. In fact we are nearing the magical 100 on our membership listing, a number, I am sure, that has not been reached for some time. This swelling of our ranks is, on the whole, due to some diligent work by the membership coordinator and a concerted effort by other members to recruit new people to our chosen recreation.

Research has shown that attendances at field days have fallen slightly to about 170 registrations for the year, down from 181 in the previous year. It will be an aim of the incoming administration to redress falling attendances and increase interest in field days.

Dry casting has generally been stable with a few losses in numbers, made up by a few gains. What has been gleefully accepted is the inclusion of three ladies to this competition.

It must also be noted that the SCAC members will make up the majority of the team to compete in the next AAA National Titles, an endorsement to the dedication of those members who promote Drycasting and work hard to see it progress. Who knows maybe one day fishing will be outlawed or over regulated to the extent that Drycasting is all we have.

This year the committee have undertaken a partial review of our subscription rates to take into consideration the effects of GST and increases in our insurance premiums. It is always a contentious issue when we are confronted with the need to increase subs however it is also a contentious issue if we are to reduce the facilities that are offered to our members. We as a committee are mindful of the need not to increase subscription rates further than is absolutely and therefore the decision to increase is not lightly taken.

Unfortunately the increase this year was not made with all the facts to hand, it was made to primarily recoup the cost of Personal Accident cover purchased last year but absorbed purely because the timing did not allow us to pass it on. It was always the club's intention to incorporate the premium into the subscriptions. Increases in public liability insurance premiums to the magnitude that it was could not be foreseen but as the year progressed it became increasingly apparent that we were going to be subjected to a hefty increase. Do not be surprised if this upward trend continues.

I would like at this stage to congratulate all those winners of our competitions. We are not a highly competitive club, but we do enjoy what competition that we do have and it is always pleasing to see those members who are deserving of recognition receive that in front of their peers. This year that recognition came before not only current members but also before a gathering of past members and their friends. We are still in our 50th calendar year and it would be a shame if we were to leave the festivities to the Dinner Dance. I will take this opportunity to request the incoming committee to continue the festivities in a suitable manner, including as many past members as are available and are willing to participate.

This brings me to the election of office bearers. It is sometimes forgotten that the people who are elected by the members of this club are volunteers who have committed to giving up some of their time to assist in the running of the club. Not for personal kudos or gain, as they are not paid and they are not often thanked for their efforts, but nevertheless they are always there, some times in the foreground some times at the back.

They are often the recipients of unkind remarks or comments. But let me inform you that they are all committed to doing their very best for you all. If sometimes that best is not what you perceive it should be then there is one time of the year that you can have your say and that is now, at the AGM.

It is your right to nominate for any position on the committee. If you want changes in the club then now is the time to contribute, you will have a better chance of effecting change if you are actively involved in the running of the organization. You may not be able to effect your changes overnight, but remember it takes time to implement good ideas. They must be brought to notice, nurtured and allowed to grow before they can bear fruit. Persistence will win and winning has the taste of success. It is always satisfying to look back and reflect on how those changes for the betterment of the club and the members was instigated by oneself.

This is your club. Take an active interest in how it runs.

Personally I would like to thank those general members who have assisted the committee over the year. If I were to list those who helped I am sure that I would miss some and that would be unfair. So a general thank you one and all for your assistance.

I also offer my sincere thanks to these hard working members of the 2001/2002 committee. Peter Stoeckel for standing in while I was absent. Terry Fuller for his support and professionalism, John Jardine and Damian D'Mello for their work with the field days, Bob Henderson for taking the roles of Social organiser when nobody else would, Dry Casting Officer because he loves the sport, and AAA duties because he is committed to his recreation.

Thanks also to Terry Willison for his stability and just being there when needed, and to Mathew Sneddon for his youthfully exuberance. Thanks to Derry Barber for taking the role of membership coordinator and carrying out those duties with vigor. Special thanks to Chas Riegert for his considerable efforts in organising the Exmouth trip. Last but not least George Holman for being around sharing his knowledge and experience to whoever asks.

2001/2002 was an eventful year. Let us hope that 2002/2003 is as successful but has less un-stabilizing influences.

Ross Kember, President 2001 / 2002.

President's Notes, August 2002.

This month's notes will be short and succinct due to the editors time restrictions. Simply I would like to welcome those new members of your committee especially Malcolm Harris and Vix Alexander who, in Malcolm's own words has only been with the club for "5 minutes".

It was not without a little peer pressure that they offered to take up FDO and Property officer positions respectively. Even though they may have been coerced, shanghaied or ambushed, the method does not matter, their belief in the club and a willingness to participate is refreshing and pleasing to see. I will charge all members of this club, senior and otherwise, to ensure that their respective tenure in these positions is fully supported and is an enjoyable experience.

To update you all on the position of the clubs financial records, we have been able to rebuild some of the last year's financial position. Unfortunately there are still a number of gaps that have to be filled. It is our decision to offer the previous treasurer the opportunity to assist in filling those holes. That offer is to expire on the 9th of September. At that stage and with the assistance of the club's taxation accountant we will be in a position to take the next step.

This brings me to the position of Treasurer left vacant at the last AGM. It was suggested after the meeting that I left some doubt as to what the incoming treasurer would inherit. I can assure anyone who may have been contemplating the position that the position will start with a clean plate. Others will handle the mess that was the 2000/2002 financial years records, notwithstanding advice if offered by the incoming officer.

This year we will continue our membership drive. I believe that numbers around 120 to 150 is a comfortable level of membership, considering that active participation would likely be around 20% to 30%.

I would like to offer myself as your point of contact, should you have issue with any club matter. I can be contacted on my home number which is published in the Reel Talk. If I am not available then please feel free to raise your concerns with any member of the committee.

I wish you all good health and successful angling and/or casting for the coming year.

Ross Kember, President 2002 / 2003.

Mid Week Fishing

I would like to join any club member with time on his/her hands interested in a few hours of mid week local beach fishing. Call me on 9245 5837. Gerry Krygsman.

2002/2003 Open Competition Results to August 2002.

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

2002/3 Seaducer Lure Competition.

Heaviest Tailor	George Holman 4.2 kg at False Entrance
Heaviest Salmon	No entry yet.
Heaviest Scale Fish	George Holman 5.0 kg Spanish Mackerel at False Entrance.

Thank the Donor of Your Trophy.

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

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

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Wanted - Treasurer.

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

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

Get Well Bob.

Bob Henderson is having some trouble with his back and is waiting for an operation. He will be taking a forced break from his normal hectic lifestyle and from club and AAA activities.

Get well soon Bob – we miss you!

From Reel Talk March 1953.

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

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



No doubt the first thing you noticed about our new issue was the cover. For this we have to thank Vern Pocklington who designed the cover and had it printed for us. In future this cover should become very familiar to all ardent amateur exponents of the art of Isaac Walton, as we are having 500 copies printed and distributed by the fishing tackle retailers in an endeavour to increase our membership and make the club more progressive.

There was no issue of Reel Talk prior to our last field day, but in future we hope to have it posted regularly each month.

It would be wise to make a note of these dates. The Club meeting is held on the second Wednesday in each month at Aussie Cycles in Hay Street, opposite Skipper Baileys. The Field Day is the following week end, usually from about 4 p.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday. Closing date for all entries in our News Letter will be the Friday after Field Day.

Members will be very pleased to learn that Mr. A.J.Fraser, the Chief Inspector of Fisheries in W.A., has agreed to become our patron. Mr. Fraser has taken a very keen interest in our activities and has been very willing to help us with advice and information on any subject we have asked about. We have appreciated his assistance very much and I'm sure we are all going to benefit by getting to know him better.

The site –chosen for our first Field Day this year was a stretch of open beach a few miles north of Mandurah near the rubbish dump. This spot was new to most of us and we were quite pleased with it. It was comfortable on the beach at night but fishing was somewhat difficult because of a strong drift and sand being “churned up” for some distance out.

For about an hour in the evening and another hour in the morning tailor were on the bite, but they were small and only those who realised this fact quickly and changed to a small rig did any good.

Vic Davis made the game look easy by lying back in a deck chair (Davis Pattern) and adding a few flourishes to the hooking of tailor and small sharks. Not satisfied with an ordinary “double header” he caught two tailor at the one time on a pair of ganged hooks then followed it by landing a shark and a tailor together. He finished up with 41 points - a good start on most members for this year.

Unfortunately the attendance was poor. Perhaps most thought they could afford to give us a start. If so they'll have to get going very soon.

The March Field Day was held at the 14 mile reef south of Mandurah and we were pleased to see a very big improvement in attendance.

It was quite an eventful trip with two car breakdowns, tons of seaweed and occasionally a good fish. The outstanding feature of the weekend was the Marathon race by our Committee man Nelson Smith, who ran a good three miles over rough track to bring the news of Pete Fallick's breakdown.

The fishing itself was patchy with Vic Davis in his usual good form and finishing on top of the list. He was closely followed by Lloyd Dunn and Noel Knight.

A strong northerly drift made things unbearable at times and lots of weed was brought up to the beach. However, a good time was had by all and the most gratifying sight was the pleased look on Peter Fallick's face on getting the Ford into Mandurah after a gruelling track run in second gear, the only one he could get.

Dave Ferguson caught a small stingray and it earned him two awards. Vic Davis got most points of the trip and Noel Knight the biggest fish. However, it is rumoured that the Vice President is heard to have said that the Swan River Kingies are still the best to catch.

Lloyd Dunn missed a good shark and we shall hear of this at next meeting.

This Month's Fish Story (March 1953).

While fishing with Vic Davis near Crawley one night in February, Noel Knight hooked into a big "kingie" (or something) which proceeded to leave in a hurry. Two hundred yards of line were taken out and for about 15 minutes it was even going. The fish was turned once. At this stage a boat of the Val class came in too close and things were finalised there and then with the fish plus hooks and some line leaving.

P.S. The Vice President is very thankful that he has some witnesses.

News (March 1953).

For a while the emphasis in local fishing seemed to move from the surf to the quieter waters of the river. Only a few small tailor were reported from the ocean while the big "kingies" made mouths water along the River's edge. Noel Knight landed five of them which weighed 29, 40, 30; 27 and 30 lbs. Although some are still chasing the big ones in the river, most fishermen are back at the ocean chasing the tailor and herring. Good catches of tailor are reported from Triggs Island by those who go down at "first light."

A whisper reached us that Pete Fallick has been bitten by the "Mulloway Mite."

Len McWhinney has had so much practice at spearing meat in his butcher shop that he had no hesitation whatsoever in gaffing a fellow club member in the hand (accidentally) whilst trying to land an undersized whiting at Pippidinnny recently.

Bob Wells of the Bunbury Angling Club is to be congratulated on his 128 yd cast. This gives most of our members something to aim at. We're looking forward to more news from Bunbury.

Reward. A reward is offered to anyone landing a large mass of seaweed at Yanchep and returning three brand new spinners he should find in it, to Nelson Smith.

Cowaramup Bay Area (March 1953).

Cowaramup Bay is situated between the Naturaliste and the Leeuwin and is about seven miles north of Margaret River. It is an inaccessible spot, as the last five miles of road into the bay is as rough as it can get, and still they get through, such is the love of the Bay.

There are no habitations there; all supplies have to be taken in on the first trip as no one will leave the fishing or face the road back after he gets there. This piece of coast line is rugged and dangerous. WATCH IT!

There have been many deaths by drowning there - the latest, only last year, was a professional fisherman. Waves come up from nowhere and there is no getting out once you got in. I am speaking of the area north and south of the bay on the open coast - the bay itself is a safe and fairly tranquil spot, but take no chances with the open coast. Naturally this is where most of the fish are and it can be fished and is fished all year round.

When I first went to the Bay 15 or 18 years ago we were forced to get into bad spots as we only had bamboo poles and 10 feet of line, whip sticks, no reels, but modern casting gear makes the job easy and it is possible now to stand back from the bad spots and fish over them,

In the season there are millions of herring there and with a little burley they will come in around your feet and make the water boil. In this season salmon come in and tear through the herring schools and then the game is on. With a No. 1 or No. 2 Southern, two hundred yards of 15 lb nylon and a good geared reel, salmon are the sportsman's delight. In the summer time Blue Groper are plentiful in and around the bay and crays grow to ten pounds. I have caught 7 pounders and have seen bigger ones brought in on big lines at night. Dhu fish hang around the schools of Silver Drummer, and an occasional one is caught.

There are fresh water streams every half mile or so along the coast and the weather is usually mild.

Easter camps can be a trap as storms blow up quickly, so take a good tent and a dry change of clothes.

Any of our members may ring me for detailed information on the best spots.

Vic Davis

Rottneest Trip (March 1953).

Last month three members of the Association went over to the west end of Rottneest to punish the local fish population.

Vic Davis, Dave Ferguson and Wayne Gardiner were the team and it was a first class trip. We left on Friday by plane and were over Fish Hook by 6 pm. We got two dozen crays off the reef that night and were set for bait for the rest of the trip.

That night Dave set his alarm clock (yes he actually carries one on those trips) for 4 am, despite Vic Davis' protests (it was then 1 am). Long before the dawn rough hands and rough language woke poor old Vic and in a

state of somnambulistic trance he blundered off into the darkness loaded down with gear. About five minutes afterwards a terrific racket broke out in Dave's hip pocket. After Dave had got over the shock and climbed down from the top of a tree we found in his pocket the alarm clock - it was 4 a.m.

Each night Dave set the alarm and each morning he got up two hours ahead of it. The only way we could be certain of getting any sleep was to lash Dave to a tree. He's a menace!

The fishing was good but the big ones consistently broke us up. Wayne got into an argument with an outside groper which promptly broke his rod and left for South Africa with about 100 yards of 47 lb. line.

Dave made the mistake of using sporting methods and light lines on fish that had long outgrown all sporting instincts. When last heard from he was writing to Point Cloates for help.

Vie landed two big rays, one shark and one good groper, and all three members caught an abundance of 12 to 16 pounders (mostly Silver Drummer) with a hitte groper for Wayne.

This, like all trips to this perfect spot, was voted a complete success, and given the McArthur pledge.

WARNING. The west end was crawling with snakes and on four occasions we nearly trod on them, Wayne nearly trod on one while backing away from another one - the island is covered with a low dense gorse-like bush and it is better to leave the snakes in peace than to meddle with them - the advantage is with the snakes. Vic Davis.

Hints on Blue Groper (March 1953).

The Blue Groper is one of our most spectacular and best fighting rock fish. He is particular and hard to please and is generally educated to at least University standard. He can read and write and recognises old friends (fishermen) at 300 yards range. Therefore, when caught by fair means on rod and rod, he is a fish to boast about. He never lives away from the reef and his favourite sport is sawing Nylons off on the razor edge of submarine caves. The inside of his comparatively small mouth is made of hard rubber and hooks bounce off it. However, he CAN be caught and here is how you go about it.

Spend at least three or four hours the previous day getting all the rock crabs, periwinkles, mutton fish etc. that you can gather. Choose a deep clear hole off the seaward side of a reef (if you get wet through every five minutes it is ideal) and throw in a little crushed up shell fish every five minutes. After three hours, if no groper arrive, try somewhere else. Should a groper turn up drop in your line (at least 25 lb. nylon) and watch the fish. Your bait is a whole rock crab or mutton fish on a 6/0 sea master. Use a 10/0 if you like - it is a better hook - if your fish will swallow it. I bet he won't!

Wait till he takes the bait in his mouth and turns away, then hit him hard. Keep your drag on as hard as the line will stand, a firm hold on your rod, and pray. If he doesn't saw you off, break you off, reef you, drag you in or break the hook or line you will eventually be able to bring him to gaff. Vic Davis.

Spinner Happy (March 1953).

It's now about two years since I stood on the beach bait fishing at Yanchep and watched a chap knee deep in water taking a hell of a bashing as waves hit the reef he was standing on with a thud as loud as a B29 landing. Every now and again there was a whip report of a Southam 3 as it sent a shiny object straight as a bullet whistling through the air. I followed the flight, and to my amazement it landed with a tiny splash 120 yds out in the dull grey waters.

What the devil is this bloke doing? He's now winding in. This went on and on - cast, wind in, cast, wind in. I began to feel sorry for this guy. Perhaps he's not all there, why of course, he's nuts. He's not even baiting his hooks. Perhaps he's just practicing casting the hard way which explains why he can get a 100yds further than I can.

It wasn't long before this peanut came in - oh no! not the way any sane person would. This fisherman liked the hard way. He came in with the help of a "sneaker", that's those waves that come up from nowhere and really go places - pick you up and just keep rolling along until they find a nice piece of jagged reef to dump you on.

Having never approached a fisherman who fishes without bait before I picked up enough courage to ask him "Catch anything mate?" "No," he said, "it's a bit rough today, but last Sunday I got five tailor." I eyed him off with a look that spelt "liar" and asked him if his name was Vic Davis, he assured me that it wasn't.

Being very crafty I played my ace card with a feeling of "get out of this one if you can". How could you catch five tailor if you don't use bait? He looked me up and down as if saying, Just another peasant, and answered my question with "I never use bait. I'm a spinner fisherman."

From that day on we were the best of pals, regularly going out every Sunday spinning. It wasn't long before we discovered a third spinner, a little twirp who did spinning off Triggs Island. To discover a third spinner in the State was like Robinson Crusoe discovering Man Friday. We were a bit annoyed at first as this twirp could always double our catches, and casts. We thought we were good till we saw this bloke in action.

Our kitchens at home were turned into factories for making spinners. We were turned out of the house by wives with no sense of humour.

Bait soakers to us are peasants. Now boys, don't take that too much to heart, because the truth is that spinners are just too darn lazy to mess around cutting up bait etc. and spinning is just too easy. Look at it this way. You decide to go fishing. O.K. You take your rod, reel and spinner, walk along the beach, see some tailor, maybe salmon, you cast out, bang a fish, drop it on the beach, cast out again, bang, and so it goes on. Now be honest as fishermen always are, what will tailor or salmon or pike go for mostly? A bait dangling in the one spot, or a Reel Talk September 2002 Copyright 2002 Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc). Page 13

flashing spinner darting from side to side, diving up and down, a spinner that darts around just like the small fry do? Here's proof. Last winter at Yancheep two of us were spinning each side of a bait soaker who was using gardie for bait. The spinners caught 30 tailor in 30 minutes, the bait soaker caught nil tailor in 30 minutes, and that's not one of G.H.'s stories.

Now for the spinners. We only can catch tailor, salmon, pike, herring - not much variety. Yet we must agree spinning has really caught on from that day two years ago when I first saw a spinner fisherman at Yancheep.

Just in case some of our members are interested, and with the Editor's permission, I would like to give some of what I consider to be worthwhile hints on spinning in our next issue.

End of March 1953 Reel Talk.

The Wild, Wild West.

Well, here I am, after many false starts, on the other side of the continent. It has taken eight years but I finally made it. When we were over here in '93 I promised myself that one day I would return and fish some of the magnificent country that I had seen but not had the opportunity to fish. In '93 I was a member of the NSW team competing in the Australian Championships at Geraldton, and as part of the team you fished where you were sent. Our boundaries were from Kalbarri in the north to below Geraldton in the south. Consequently we did not cover a great deal of the territory. However; I intend to rectify that while I am here.

The members of the Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.) have made me feel welcome and have demonstrated that there is a bond between fishermen and particularly casters, all over our country. I have known some of the casters for years as we meet up at every Australian Championship and George Holman, regarded as the "GURU" when it comes to casting, has been particularly helpful with information about the various "hot spots" to fish at this time of the year.

A couple of things are different over here. The sun rises over the land and when you have been used to spinning into the rising sun for forty five years it is a bit different with the light coming from behind you. The same thing happens in the afternoon. The sun sets over the water - no shadow lines to spin in the afternoon. Also the tides are much different, - only two a day and very small differences between high and low tides. Dawn and dusk remain good times to throw a line but the top time is the high tide during the day.

There was no time to stop and have a fish on the way over, as I had to get here in four days so that I could cast with the club on their monthly outing which is the first Sunday of the month. After four days of driving for twelve or fourteen hours a day, I did not perform very well but there were some good casts made by the WA boys. Some of the four ounce casts were up around 175m.



Ian and his 3 kg Tailor from Chinaman's Beach in the middle of the day.

At the B.B.Q. that followed the casting I was invited to make a three day trip to Kalbarri with Chas Riegert, Terry Fuller and junior member Kade Ross. As the club owns a house at Kalbarri the only thing to do was to pack the gear and get going.

After a seven hour trip in Chas' new four wheel drive, we arrived at Kalbarri to find that there was a fairly big swell rolling in and we would not be fishing the famous "Blues Holes" on the beach to the south of the mouth of the Murchison River. Not to be denied, we drove down to Chinamans Beach at the mouth of the river.



Chas, Kade and Ian "tough it out" under "trying conditions" at Chinaman's Beach.

The rocks were packed so we fished the beach which proved to be a winner. All bar Chas caught tailer a bit over two kilos in weight, then we headed home for a feed. One angler who stayed on and fished into the night was rewarded with three schoolies (mulloway) to 7 kgs and a tailor of 3kgs. We were there bright and early the next morning and managed a few tailer to 2.5kgs. Not bad but better results were to come.



Ian and Kade at the Blue Hole on Sunday morning.

The mid day session around high tide resulted in the best tailer of the trip, - fish to just over 3kgs. All taken on pilchards fished on the bottom. The evening session was also very successful. Two schoolies of 3.4kg and 5.8kg to Terry and Kade and nothing for Chas and myself. One other fish was taken - a schoolie of around 7kg. There must have been plenty of jew (mulloway) around that night as search light torches shone into the water did not stop them biting, neither did car headlights flashing on the water when the cars left the car park behind the beach. I have never seen jew caught under such conditions, maybe they are used to the lights being flashed onto the water. I'm sure our jew would not stay around with all that light flashing on the water.

Sunday was a washout. The wind blew from the East and the fish cleared out. We tried the Blue Holes, but conditions were still difficult, and we went back to Chinaman's, but did not even get a bite.

Monday morning saw us up early, packed and on our way back to Perth with an esky of fillets which made the trip even more rewarding.

Ian Pereira.

WARCO Report.

Every five years, the Caravan Parks and Camping Ground Regulations have to be reviewed. That process is about to begin. The Western Australian Recreational Campers Organisation WARCO has been making submissions for some time to get a representative on that group using the number of associations it represents as the reason why it should be represented, because that is the very reason why the eight associations formed WARCO.

WARCO has been notified that it now has a representative on the group, so the President, Jack Cocks, representing Lapidary, will be the delegate, and the back up will be Paul Peake, Shooters Association.

Australian Anglers Association has been asked to put forward a list for our representatives to pursue on our behalf, and the basis will be:-

1. To be able to camp out overnight while fishing.
2. To be able to camp out for a weekender.

George Holman

Police Watching for Bull Bars With Dangerous Fittings.

Some owners of vehicles with bull bars/kangaroo bars fitted are attaching dangerous fittings to them such as fishing rod holders, brackets and other objects in contravention of the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 1977.

Regulation 124 of the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations states:

A motor vehicle shall not be equipped with -

- a) an object or fitting, not technically essential to the vehicle, that protrudes from any part of the vehicle in a manner likely to increase the risk of bodily injury to a person;
- b) an object or fitting technically essential to the vehicle unless its design, construction and condition and the manner in which it is fitted to the vehicle are such as to reduce to a minimum the risk of bodily injury to a person;
- c) an object or fitting which, because of its pointed nature or sharp edge, is likely to increase the risk of bodily injury to a person; etc.

A colour brochure titled 'Consumer Information about Bull-bars', and a Circular to Industry 'Interim Code of Practice' are available from the Vehicle Safety Branch, Licensing Division of the Department of Transport

Surfcasters Cape to Cape Field Day – 20/21 July 2002.

The 2002 Cape to Cape Field Day was postponed to this weekend because of the rather dire conditions forecast for the designated weekend. This however was no guarantee that the weather would play along. As it turned out the weather on the Saturday was cloudy and windy with strong swell running. A few brave souls were at the sign-on including Malcolm Harris, Vix Alexander, George Holman, Ken Black, Tony D'Alonzo and Ben and Colin Lilburne. With the formalities completed they dispersed far and wide in search of fishable water.

Tony D'Alonzo told me it was more of a survival course than a fishing expedition with many spots wiped out or too dangerous to try. He described some pretty atrocious swells and acres of white water making any fishing difficult.

However the Surfcasters are a redoubtable bunch and set about catching what they could in the adverse conditions. Malcolm and Vix managed a few skippy and herring between them. George Holman did well to catch five species including herring, flathead, bream, blackfish and a leatherjacket.

But it was Tony D'Alonzo that once again managed to pull the rabbit from the hat. He struggled for good fish but did manage a great snook of 2.1 kg for the heaviest scale fish and also topped the heaviest bag. Some did not weigh in and probably decided it was too hard or too dangerous.

The rain that came through late on Saturday night put a further dampener on matters and it was a wet weigh-in at Busselton Jetty. Not the greatest Field Day with regard to attendance or catches but that is often the way with fishing. One takes the good with the bad and the participants seemed to have had a good time nonetheless.

John Jardine

Surfcasters Rottneest Field Day – 17/18 August 2002.

The weather report for the weekend looked very promising and although there was a fast-moving front heading through on Thursday, the skies were clearing and a sunny weekend with a rising barometer was forecast. The 5 metre swells were abating rapidly and the tides were going to be low in the evening.

And it was with great expectation that we packed up and caught the early ferry on Saturday morning. The west end of the island was beautiful in the bright sunshine with the reefs wadeable and the swell active enough to provide some white water and movement. It looked very fishy and we rigged up quickly and headed out.

Mark Farnay, Ian Cook, new member Martin Eardley and I tried Cathedrals first and it looked as calm and tranquil as can be. In these gentle conditions I decided to try to nail a tailor on fly. Mark fished a mulie through the water and soon hooked up to a nice kilo-sized fish. Casting a fast-sinking line and a large Deceiver-type fly pattern, I hooked up on my second cast and soon had a similar-sized fish in the bag. The fishing was slow however and the bite typically shut down within a few minutes. That was enough fancy fishing for me and I replaced the fly-rod with a spinning stick.

The outside at Cathedrals was very enticing and looked great but the water held no feeding fish and despite fishing baits and lures, there was no excitement in the offing. On the way back we stopped to fish the hole again and this time the fish stirred up and provided good sport. It was a fish-a-cast session for a while with Mark getting one nice 1.2 kg specimen in particular. With 7 tailor now in the bag (keeping the 8th spot vacant in case I hooked a monster later in the day) it was time to head off to Radar to search out some variety.

The lads fishing Wilsons and Radar had caught numerous tailor with many already bagged out. Tony D'Alonzo and brothers Vic and Paul Terpkos had hooked (and lost) a few nice snook of about 1-2 kilos each. But the tide was almost too low and the fishing was a bit slow.

Ian Taggart and his sons Brett and Grant were fishing the hole at Radar with some success. Eric Parker had already caught his bag limit and was sunning himself on the rocks when I arrived. Ross Kember had landed some tailor on baits but was not successful with attempts at taking these on fly in the deep water. A few small yellowtail kingfish (to about 1 kg) were being landed amongst the tailor but their bigger brethren were noticeably absent.

A few herring was all that were chasing the spinners. I cast out until a decent fish grabbed the small jig I was using. This was almost a salmon-like bite without the chopping strike of a tailor. The fish did not jump but was strong enough to pull against the drag setting. But the excitement was short-lived and I was quickly cut off in the reefy territory (probably a rat yellowtail kingfish upon reflection).

While walking back across the reef I noticed a nice snook in a deeper hole that Vic Terpkos had dropped on the reef and could not retrieve in the wave washed waters. These are tasty specimens and worth getting. So I eventually managed to scare it out of the hole onto the shallower water on the top of the reef and then chased after and managed to make a lunging grab to secure it. Not a capture for the weigh-in but for the frying pan!

In the later afternoon there were anglers dotted all along the reefs with the action fairly slow. I headed to Wilsons and fished a while after throwing in a lot of old mulies as burley. There were herring about as well as some beefy buff bream to add spice. Wirrahs, wrasse and even a smallish black-arse cod were hooked and released. It was good fun and very entertaining, but a tapping bite and a solid hook-up changed that as a decent skippy grabbed the mulie and charged around trying to bury me in the reef.

This was followed by another shortly afterwards and then I hooked a better fish and was done over in quick time and sacrificed another rig to the reef. As it got dark I landed my last tailor of the day on the last bait. Luck had been on my side and so I packed up satisfied and slowly walked back across the reef and up the hill to the bus in the gathering dusk. A truly beautiful day.

Sunday dawned clear and chilly with a brisk north-easterly wind. Tony D'Alonzo disappeared in the blink of an eye heading for Wilsons with a tail of following stragglers. Once again we went to Cathedrals to start the session but the tailor action was slow despite some very appealing conditions. We managed a few more tailor and I landed two more on fly before packing it in.

So it was over to Radar to try for some snook and yellowtail kingfish. Ken Black was catching a few extra tailor and had also landed a nice blackfish out at Radar. Paul Terpkos landed a belter of a snook and this made up for one he had lost the day before. Paul and others also had a great time at Wilsons earlier when some good skippy came on the bite. Most were of a good size but his best was a beautiful fish that weighed 1.5 kg and proved to be the catch of the weekend. The water was beautiful, the weather warm and it was a peach of a day.

The weigh in was interesting with some very nice fish recorded. Some decent snook had been caught and most had a bag of nice tailor and some herring. A few blackfish, tarwhine, small yellowtail kingfish, wrasse and other species made for some variation. But the skippy were the surprise. The numbers were still low but there were a few masters fish and Paul's 1.5 kg fish was a true prize indeed and brought out many comments of the quality of skippy fishing in years gone by.

In the end the wily Tony D'Alonzo secured the winning bag with a very respectable catch of fish including a creditable 9 species.

As usual the Rottnest Field Day was a great weekend. The weather was kind and the fishing and the company was great.

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Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Ian Cook	7.975	5	16	180
Tony D'Alonzo	12.250	9	30	263
Ross Kember	5.450	3	12	135
Mark Farnay	6.700	2	14	137
Ian Taggart	4.700	2	6	117
Brett Taggart (Visitor)	5.150	4	7	132
Grant Taggart (Visitor)	3.200	3	6	102
Martin Eardley	6.650	2	14	137
Paul Terpkos	7.150	4	14	152
John Jardine	11.020	5	22	210
Eric Parker	5.050	1	8	111
Ken Black	5.750	5	12	158
Terry Ring	0.000	0	0	50
Vic Terpkos (Visitor)	0.000	0	0	40
Justin Barnes	0.000	0	0	40

Sportsperson of the Year Sections and Field Day Prizes for August.

Best Scale Fish	Paul Terpkos	Snook	1.450 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed	12.250 kg

Field Day Sections for 2002/2003 up to August.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.150 kg
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Mark Farnay	Tailor	1.200 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Vix Alexander	Salmon	4.150 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Paul Terpkos	Trevally, Skipjack	1.500 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Paul Terpkos	Snook	1.450 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	20.850 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	John Jardine	Tailor	5.750 kg
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	John Jardine	Tailor	0.875 kg

Yamba 2003 Update.

George Homan and Bob Henderson went to the AAA mid term convention at Yamba in July. They will report on this, and everything about Yamba, fishing, accomodation, layout, etc, at a meeting to be held at George's on Monday 26 August at 7:30pm. Any one interested is welcome.

Life Members

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

Does anyone know anything about Lloyd Dunn?