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## Minutes of General Meeting, 11 August 2004

- Venue:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room  
Time 8:10 pm. Vice President George Holman presiding.
- Present:-** 25 members, 2 visitors.
- Apologies:-** Bob Henderson, Morris Kolman, Roy Killick, Andrew Aubrey, Allan Jones
- Visitors:-** Rob Bates.
- New Member:-** Greg Walker was welcomed to the club.
- Previous Minutes:-** As published in the Reel Talk. **Moved** Jim Strong, seconded Chas Riegert, these are a true record. Carried. No business arising.
- Previous Committee:-** George Holman outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.
- Correspondence In:-**
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|----------------------------|---|
| Challenge Bank             | Statement for July.                     |
| Ray White Kalbarri         | July statement and cheque.              |
| AAA                        | Minutes of July AAA Delegates' Meeting. |
| City of Stirling           | Information for Community directory .   |
| T A Mairs                  | Change of business name .               |
| Roy Killick, Morris Kolman | Apologies for this meeting.             |
| Rod Bonsack                | Attending Dry casting                   |
- Correspondence Out:-**
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| Greg Walker      | Acceptance of membership application.                         |
| Don Ferguson     | Club information for sponsorship and Reel Talk advertisement. |
| Challenge Bank   | Change of Treasurer and who can sign cheques.                 |
| Rod Bonsack      | Attending Dry casting   |
| Charlie Casini   | Progress with membership application (he has since withdrawn) |
| Bretton Stitfold | Progress with membership application                          |
- Moved** Terry Willison, seconded Peter Stoeckel that correspondence be accepted: Carried.
- Treasurer's Report:-** Paul Thompson reported. Accounts for payment:-
- |   |   |                 |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club             | Club rooms July, August, Sept, Oct 2004       | \$200.00        |
| Ian Cook  | extra accommodation Rottnest August Field Day | \$128.00        |
| <b>Total accounts for payment</b>                                   |   | <b>\$428.00</b> |
| Challenge Bank Account 880334. Balance as at 11 August 2004         |   | \$13,437.53     |
| Deposited into Account 11 August                                    |   | \$1,118.65      |
| Total   |   | \$14,556.18     |
| Outstanding cheques   |   | \$50.00         |
| Money received tonight held for banking                             |   | \$411.00        |
| Total available, after accounts for payment and outstanding cheques |   | \$14,967.18     |
- Moved** Andy Thorgersen, seconded Peter Stoeckel that Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Carried.
- Secretary's Report.** I have been contacted by Don Ferguson, Yallingup Beach Caravan Park. He will donate a \$250 accommodation voucher to the club, in return for advertising in the Reel Talk. Club can do whatever it likes with the voucher.
- Nothing else to report other than covered by correspondence or in general business.
- Property Officer:-** Vix Alexander:- Good bookings through November and December. Due to continuing complaints about cleaning, members will now pay an extra \$49.50. A question was asked about weeds and prickles in the back yard.
- Field Day Officer:-** Field Day Officer Malcolm Harris reported on the July Field day as in Reel Talk.
- Dry Casting Officer:-** Terry Willison apologised for some things at the August Dry Casting.
- Chas Riegert gave details of the August Dry Casting as in Reel Talk. He thanked Bob Henderson and Terry Willison for setting out the courts in the miserable weather at the start of the day.
- Joe Pulella would like to run a postal casting competition using shock leaders and heavier weights up to 175 gram after the club dry casting on 29 August. George Holman warned that the casting court would need to be set out to ensure that any break offs don't reach the paths or the road. Some break offs even with 112 gram weights have reached past the trees. Public liability and insurance are issues. Any incident could cause problems for the club. It cannot just be assumed that it is OK to run this event. This event needs to be cleared by the Committee. Joe Pulella to be invited to present the program to the committee.
- It was very difficult to record scores during the rain on this day. Two way radios are available and can be used.
- Chas Reigert was asked why he and Joe Pulella cast during the veterans competition casts. He replied that he had received permission from the DCO on the day. To be discussed at Committee.
- AAA Report:-** Some details will be included in the Reel Talk.

George Holman advised that Norm Greenway had passed away recently. Norm was past President of the Melville club and very involved with Swanfish.

George expressed his thanks to Bob Henderson, Pat Shinnick and Terry Fuller for stepping in to run and present at the Fishing Clinics while he was in hospital. He also thanked all the Surfcasting club members for their help which was very obvious from all the yellow shirts around the room during the clinics.

- Social Organiser:-** Chas Riegert just commenced in this job - nothing new to report.
- Recorder:-** Ian Cook gave details of transport arrangement the August Rottnest field day. Nothing else to report.
- Reel Talk Editor:-** Nothing to report. As always, looking for articles from members..... PLEASE. Otherwise the Reel Talk will be very thin.
- Notices of Motion:-** None.
- General Business:-** Jim Strong congratulated Terry Fuller for all the detail in the 2003/4 financial report as published in the last Reel Talk.  
Jim expressed his thanks for the plaque presented to him at the Presentation night.  
Malcolm Harris showed a set of waterproofs which were available for a donation to the club.  
The Police to be asked for progress with the investigations into the bank account.  
George Holman was welcomed back after his long stay in hospital. George expressed his thanks for all the support and help he had received from so many club members. He said this showed the great values of club membership which are so much more than just fishing.  
Rick Parker has poppers available in 3 sizes, weighted and unweighted. George Holman said these were the best poppers, could be cast great distances and caught a great range of fish.
- Instruction Period:-** Ian Cook spoke on the Club's fishing competitions and identification and photography of fish for records or the competitions.
- Special Thanks.** To Terry and Lynne Willison for the sandwiches enjoyed by the members after the meeting.
- Meeting closed.** 9:20 pm

### Coming Club Events.

#### September Dry Casting.

- When:-** Sunday **29 August** 2004, casting starts at 8:30 am. **Note Date Change.**
- Where:-** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
- Events:-** Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 112 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 56 gram distance.  
After the completion of the standard club events, there will be Dry Casting using shock leaders and a range of weights up to 175 grams. See the details in the article "Postal Shock Leader Casting Competition" on page 8.

#### September General Meeting.

- When:-** Wednesday 8 September 2004, 8:00 pm.
- Where:-** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south east of the Yokine Bowling Club.

- Instruction Period:-** Joe Pullella will show some new gear - come along and see what!.

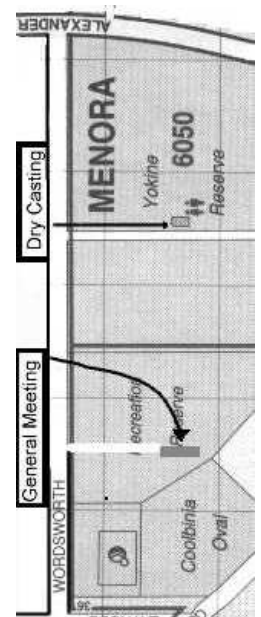
#### September 2004 Field Day - Cervantes.

- When:-** Saturday/Sunday 11/12 September 2004.
- Sign On:-** Saturday 11:00 am at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.
- Lines Down:-** Saturday 12 noon.
- Weigh in:-** Sunday 11:00 am at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.
- Boundaries:-** Cervantes, southern boundary of town to as far as you can walk north of Hill River.

<b>Tides for</b>	Saturday 11 Sep	0.96m at 7:10 am	0.47m at 4:00 pm	Sunrise:-	About 6:20 am
<b>Cervantes</b>	Sunday 12 Sep	0.97m at 8:00 am	0.47m at 4:15 pm	Sunset:-	About 6:05 pm
<b>Moon</b>	Saturday 11 Sep	Moonrise:-	About 4:30 am	Moonset:-	About 3:00 pm
	Sunday 12 Sep	Moonrise:-	About 5:10 am	New Moon:-	14 September

#### Local Field Day for September 2004.

- When:-** Saturday/Sunday 11/12 September 2004.
- Sign On:-** At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
- Lines Down:-** Saturday 12:00 noon
- Weigh in:-** Sunday 11:00 am at G Holman's house . Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.



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

**Tides for** Saturday 11 Sep 0.96m at 7:28 am 0.47m at 4:10 pm  
**Fremantle** Sunday 12 Sep 0.97m at 8:07 am 0.48m at 4:18 pm

### **October 2004 Field Day - S/Bend.**

**When:-** Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 October 2004 Long Weekend.

**Sign On:-** Saturday 11.00am at S Bend Caravan Park

**Lines Down:-** Saturday 12 noon

**Weigh in:-** Monday 10am at S Bend Caravan Park or 11.00am at Dongara - to be decided at the September General Meeting. See the October Reel Talk.

**Boundaries:-** Dongara to Southgates.

**Tides for** Saturday 2 Oct 0.69m at 12:46 pm 0.63m at 2:56 pm Sunrise:- About 6:00 am  
**Geraldton** Sunday 3 Oct 1.06m at 12:18 am 0.65m at 1:22 pm Sunset:- About 6:08 pm

0.56m at 7:09 am 0.61m at 3:10 pm

Monday 4 Oct 1.05m at 12:42 am 0.57m at 7:49 am

Full Moon:- Tue 28 Sept

**Moon** Saturday 2 Oct Moonrise:- About 10:05pm Moonset:- About 8:00 am

Sunday 3 Oct Moonrise:- About 11:00 pm Moonset:- About 8:40 am

Monday 4 Oct Moonset:- About 9:20 am

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

**Weigh in:-** Monday 10am or 11.00am to be decided at the September General Meeting. See the October Reel Talk, at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8:00 pm that night.

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

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

### **Up Coming Field Days - Cervantes, S Bend**

The next field day on our fishing calendar is Cervantes which will be held on the 11/12 September. It is only 3 hours north of Perth and there is every possibility of catching a reasonable amount of fish over the weekend. Camping facilities are good in the town or alternatively behind the sand dunes along the beaches.

The boundaries for the field day are the southern boundary of the town to as far as you can walk north of Hill River. Cervantes is mainly a beach fishing location; however there are a couple of reefs that stretch out from the shore. There is now easy access to most of the fishing spots due to the establishment of a gravel road that runs from the Cervantes/Jurien Bay road straight to the beach. If you have a 2 wheel drive there is good fishing within easy walk of the car park at the end of this new road. Catches in the past have included Tailor, Skippy, Snook, Flathead, Herring, and Garfish.

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

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

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

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

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer

## **Fishing Cervantes**

We will draw a mud map of the fishing locations on the white board at the September General Meeting.

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

**Getting There.** Cervantes is approximately three hours drive north of Perth on the Brand Highway. Allow 3.5 hours

**Accessibility.** Remember your safety flag and pole for your vehicle. Four-wheel drives are an advantage for this venue but by no means a necessity. There are several good fishing spots accessible by two-wheel drive vehicles, with the town jetty being just one. Beach access is usually ok at low tide but care should be taken and seeking advice from more experienced members would be advised.

**Caravan Park.** Located on the beachfront 500 metres north of the Cervantes Post Office, the Cervantes Pinnacles Caravan Park offers powered and un-powered sites, on-site shop, barbecue facilities, playground and campers kitchen. Also available are on site vans and park cabins to accommodate 2 to 6 persons with refrigerator and full cooking facilities.

A short walk from your site brings you to the nearby shops and beach, where you can enjoy swimming or excellent fishing from jetty, beach or boat.

**Camping on the Beach.** Camping on the beach is only allowed if prior permission is sought from the shire. The Club will do this on your behalf. If you do camp on the beach please be sure to take all your rubbish away with you when you leave, otherwise this privilege will be lost to everyone. Chose your camping spot with regard to the possibility of strong winds and blowing sand. The north side of Black Rock is a well sheltered spot away from the prevailing SW winds

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

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

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

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

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

### **Fishing Spots.**

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

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

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

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

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

**Hill River Mouth.** Hill River enters the sea between Cervantes and Jurien. Following the tracks north through the dunes will eventually take you to the river mouth where there is a reasonably comfortable camping area. Do not attempt to drive along the beach north of the end of the track at Hill River as the river runs out to sea under the sand and you may have great difficulty retrieving your vehicle

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

Some general advise on reading the beach and potentially good fishing locations. There are a number of locations along the beach between Black Rock and Hill River where there are gutters that are deep enough to fish both during the day as well as at night time. Some of these have channels running out to sea through the seagrass beds. Fish appear to run in and out through them. There is usually a camp site up on the top of the dunes near these locations. Tony D'Alonzo has a not so secret spot half way between Black Rock and the Hill River Mouth on one of these gutters.

Tight Lines. "Cookie"

**Field Day and Dry Casting Fees.**

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

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

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

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 September 2004	Cervantes, southern boundary of town to as far as you can walk north of Hill River.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 2/3/4 October 2004 LWE	S/Bend, Dongara to Southgates.
Saturday/Sunday 13/14 November 2004	Cervantes to Sandy Point.
Saturday/Sunday 27/28 November 2004	AAA State Estuary Championships.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December 2004	Local only, Two Rocks to Point Peron.
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 January 2005	Golden Bay to Myalup
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 February 2005	Open.
Saturday/Sun/Mon 5/6/7 March 2005 LWE	Bremer Bay. Point Charles to Reef Beach.
Saturday/Sunday 23/24/25 April 2005 Anzac Day LWE	Port Gregory to Kalbarri. Boundaries Hutt River to as far as you can walk north of the Murchison River mouth.

**2004/2005 Dry Casting Dates.**

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

Sunday 29 August 2004, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 2 January 2005
Sunday 10 October 2004, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 6 February 2005
Sunday 7 November 2004	Sunday 13 March 2005, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 5 December 2004	Sunday 3 April 2005

**Sunday 31 October 2004, AAA State Dry Casting Championships**

**2004/2005 General Meetings.**

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

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

**AAA Estuary State Championships**

2004/2005	Location	Swan River.
	Headquarters	Troy Park.
		27/28 November 2004.
	Boundaries	Swan and Canning Rivers, upstream from the Old Traffic Bridge.

**Calendar for Next Three Months.**

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

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



## **South Coast and Pilbara/Kimberley Recreational Fishing Reviews.**

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

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

Please give Terry Fuller any comments.

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

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

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

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor.

## **Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.**

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

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

Everything is one dollar each. You can get:-

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

## **Postal Shock Leader Casting Competition.**

We discussed a proposal at the August Committee Meeting. The event has the go ahead under some fairly simple, and we think reasonable conditions. Below is an extract from the minutes of the Committee meeting covering this. These should explain everything.

The priority is SAFETY for everyone - particularly the public nearby.

Anyone who invites visitors is responsible for those visitors, and must ensure that the visitors understand the reasonable conditions the club has, as set out in our Club Competition Rules.

In particular:-

1.1.2 VISITORS. Any member has the right to bring a visitor or visitors to any club event. The said visitors may enter the competition providing they pay the nominated fees and comply with the Club and competition rules.

1.1.4 DISCLAIMER. This Club accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any injury or damage caused to, or by, members or visitors whilst attending any club event. The safety of Members and visitors is the responsibility of the individuals concerned and no liability is accepted by the Club or any individual member of the Club.

1.1.5 CO-OPERATION All members and visitors are to cooperate with the Club's Officers at all times at all Club events.

3.2.6 PERMISSION TO CAST No cast shall be made until permission is given by the starter .....

3.2.10 SAFETY OF MARKERS AND OTHERS By the nature of the sport, care must be exercised when casting. The caster must ensure the arena is clear and no persons are in or potentially going to move into the area where he may cast.

## **Extract from the Draft August SCAC Committee Minutes.**

The proposal from Joe Pullella for a postal casting competition on 29 August was discussed. There will be five events, using five different weights and shock leaders. AAA V-court will be used. Any cast style is allowed, except 360 degree power stroke. Officials can veto any dangerous casting style. Competitor must cast in three weight categories. Three casts in each weight category, best cast is allocated points of 1.5 points per metre. There will be a champion caster, and a WA team score where the top six scores are aggregated.

George Holman said he had received comments from people about this proposal. All were generally in favour of promoting casting. There were some concerns about safety, some about disruption to our normal casting Day, extra workload on the dry casting organisers, the potential for any break offs of these heavy weights to go much further, and risk to the club in the event of any accident.

After some discussion, Terry Fuller moved, Peter Stoeckel seconded that the committee approves the proposal generally as outlined above, with the event to be run under the following specific conditions:-



1. Casting is to be in a court set up at an angle on the oval to give maximum length for safety in case of a break off.
2. There is to be no casting while there is anyone in any potentially dangerous place on or near the oval.
3. The event is run after the completion of the normal Surfcasters competition events.
4. The event is run by the dry casting organiser or a nominated person, following the safety principles as set out in our dry casting rules.
5. The event is written up and advertised in the Reel Talk as an event run by the club. This notification is required for public liability insurance purposes.
6. All people casting must pay the normal dry casting day fees, \$7 per person.

Discussion on this motion covered that the DCO and Assistant were not being committed to any extra work in running this event. It was a Club commitment, and these two people could choose whether or not to be involved.

People casting were expected to do the extra work, eg set out the court, clear the court, manage the casting and particularly the safety matters, and then deliver all flags, ropes and any other gear used back to the DCO or assistant without any inconvenience to them if they were not present at the end of the casting. The motion was carried, with no one voting against it.

Chas Riegert has the rules. Contact Chas Riegert with any questions about the rules and the actual arrangements for running the event on the day.

### **Dry Casting Report, 1 August 2004.**

Our President and Dry Casting Officer has been gallivanting around in Queensland preparing for the AAA National Championships at Yeppoon, doing the work of two people since George wasn't able to travel with his very sore knee.

He has not written up the report on the dry casting yet. Look out for it in the next Reel Talk.

Thanks to Chas for entering the scores into the spreadsheet.

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Seniors Winner</b>		<b>Veterans Winner</b>		<b>Ladies Winner</b>	
112 gram Distance	Chas Riegert	37	Geoff Raftis	28	Vix Alexander	9
56 gram Distance	Chas Riegert	34	Bob Henderson	27	Vix Alexander	15
Artificial Bait	Nick Allsworth	29	Bob Henderson	24	Annella Riegert	12
Double Handed Acc.	Gary Gildersleeves	134	Bob Henderson	166	Vix Alexander	83
Single Handed Acc	Chas Riegert	29	Bob Henderson	25	Vix Alexander	17
Days High Points	Bob Henderson	257				
<b>Event:</b>	<b>Junior Winner</b>					
112 gram Distance	Rhys Jones	12				
56 gram Distance	Rhys Jones	12				
Artificial Bait	Rhys Jones	21				
Double Handed Acc.	Rhys Jones	57				
Single Handed Acc	Rhys Jones	19				

### **Amendment to 4 July Drycasting Summary.**

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Veterans Winner</b>	
112 gram Distance	Allan Jones	28

### **Who Reads the Reel Talk?**

Well I wonder. The last last three Reel Talk's Drycasting results for Artificial Bait and 56 gram on the full score sheet have been wrong in the Reel Talk and no one has noticed. Or at least no one told me.

I didn't pick this up until "eagle eyed" Chas saw that the Internet version was around the wrong way - because I use the Reel Talk version to prepare the Internet version.

Simple fix - just swap the headings on these columns in your copies of the last three Reel Talks. The order should be 112 grams, then 56 grams, then Artificial Bait.

## Dry Casting Results, 1 August 2004.

Results for the day	112 gram			56 gram			Artificial Bait			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total		
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number								Target distance							
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S		Points	
<b>Seniors.</b>																									
Chas Riegert	179	187	37	169	168	34	143	138	28	21	7	19	11	0	8	19	22	107	5	8	9	7	29	235	
Gary Gildersleeves	154	150	30	138	135	27	0	118	12	18	16	18	24	12	0	24	22	134	1	6	6	4	17	220	
Joe Pullella	175	182	36	151	152	30	0	156	16	19	16	15	24	10	3	22	12	121	1	7	2	5	15	218	
Nic Allsworth	173	180	35	154	0	15	144	143	29	9	13	22	19	8	5	20	1	97	7	8	7	1	23	199	
Mal Harris	157	157	31	151	140	29	136	128	26	21	0	0	4	4	13	13	19	74	10	0	0	6	16	176	
Ric Parker	138	130	27	114	118	23	112	110	22	0	0	14	16	0	0	21	18	69	2	9	9	2	22	163	
Ong. Tony	159	155	31	137	136	27	0	131	13	9	10	11	17	0	14	0	0	61	0	2	0	5	7	139	
Peter Stoeckel	125	136	26	112	109	22	115	110	23	12	0	0	10	0	12	18	1	53	0	4	2	8	14	138	
Dale Coates (vis)	0	0	0	140	152	29	128	126	25	0	10	25	14	0	0	19	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	122	
Andrew Aubrey	154	143	30	124	133	26	118	119	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	
Mark Hanson	119	113	23	0	95	10	0	0	0	0	0	20	12	4	3	0	0	39	0	0	2	0	2	74	
<b>Veterans</b>																									
Bob Henderson	0	151	15	138	131	27	126	109	24	22	16	18	22	20	25	21	22	166	4	7	5	9	25	257	
Alan Jones	141	0	14	129	126	26	114	103	22	17	10	18	18	7	22	8	13	113	6	0	4	8	18	193	
Geoff Raftis	135	142	28	123	117	24	103	111	21	0	13	22	18	16	0	18	9	96	1	8	6	9	24	193	
Mal Head	129	136	27	121	117	24	0	115	12	5	20	6	20	18	7	20	11	107	0	8	4	9	21	191	
Jimmy Strong	98	102	20	61	93	15	83	88	17	20	13	18	13	11	14	0	23	112	7	2	1	0	10	174	
Tony D'Alonzo	139	135	27	0	0	0	119	0	12	0	10	22	18	15	24	16	16	121	0	4	5	4	13	173	
Trevor Stam	107	0	11	98	0	10	0	78	8	1	15	23	6	0	15	16	24	100	0	8	2	8	18	147	
<b>Ladies.</b>																									
Vix Alexander	88	0	9	70	82	15	75	0	8	5	0	0	14	13	19	17	15	83	3	6	1	7	17	132	
Annella Riegert	0	0	0	31	68	10	62	61	12	11	18	0	0	0	16	0	13	58	0	7	5	0	12	92	
<b>Juniors.</b>																									
Rhys Jones	0	122	12	0	117	12	104	103	21	9	1	18	1	0	8	14	6	57	3	6	2	8	19	121	

### Amendment to Dry Casting Scores for 13 June.

Results for the day	112 gram			56 gram			Artificial Bait			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target Number								Target distance						
										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S		Points
<b>Veterans.</b>																								
Trevor Stam	104	74	18	92	91	18	85	85	17	3	15	24	15	24	21	22	4	128	0	9	7	9	25	206

### Amendment to Dry Casting Scores for 4 July.

<b>Veterans.</b>																								
Allan Jones	139	139	28	0	0	0	117	119	24	18	14	15	19	2	18	15	2	103	0	6	1	5	12	167

## Complete 2003/4 Drycasting Scores.

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		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Nick Allsworth	112 gram	32	32	15	47	34	81	0	81	30	111	32	143	27	170	31	201	0	201	29	230	0	230	0	230
	56 gram	24	24	0	24	15	39	0	39	24	63	0	63	11	74	0	74	0	74	0	74	0	74	0	74
	Art.Bait	0	0	12	12	0	12	0	12	0	12	26	38	0	38	25	63	0	63	12	75	0	75	0	75
	D/H Acc.	131	131	118	249	160	409	0	409	136	545	131	676	90	766	124	890	0	890	71	961	0	961	0	961
	S/H Acc.	10	10	15	25	24	49	0	49	20	69	12	81	8	89	13	102	0	102	10	112	0	112	0	112
	Attendance	10	10	10	20	20	40	0	40	20	60	10	70	10	80	10	90	0	90	10	100	0	100	0	100
	Total	207	207	170	377	253	630	0	630	230	860	211	1071	146	1217	203	1420	0	1420	132	1552	0	1552	0	1552
Andrew Aubrey	112 gram	27	27	0	27	0	27	0	27	22	49	25	74	25	99	27	126	21	147	23	170	25	195	25	220
	56 gram	12	12	0	12	0	12	0	12	21	33	0	33	12	45	0	45	8	53	0	53	12	65	0	65
	Art.Bait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	24	0	24	0	24		24	19	43	0	43	21	64
	D/H Acc.	77	77	0	77	0	77	0	77	159	236	96	332	88	420	98	518	85	603	52	655	95	750	0	750
	S/H Acc.	15	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	8	23	19	42	2	44	7	51	6	57	7	64	20	84	0	84
	Attendance	20	20	0	20	0	20	0	20	20	40	10	50	20	70	20	90	20	110	20	130	20	150	10	160
	Total	151	151	0	151	0	151	0	151	230	381	174	555	147	702	152	854	140	994	121	1115	172	1287	56	1343
Gary Gildersleeves	112 gram	27	27	28	55	16	71	0	71	0	71	29	100	0	100	28	128	26	154	0	154	28	182	25	207
	56 gram	23	23	0	23	15	38	0	38	0	38	0	38	0	38	0	38	22	60	0	60	26	86	0	86
	Art.Bait	0	0	22	22	0	22	0	22	0	22	23	45	0	45	23	68		68	0	68	0	68	20	88
	D/H Acc.	150	150	132	282	171	453	0	453	0	453	142	595	0	595	149	744	128	872	0	872	154	1026	153	1179
	S/H Acc.	28	28	17	45	15	60	0	60	0	60	21	81	0	81	19	100	13	113	0	113	18	131	27	158
	Attendance	10	10	10	20	20	40	0	40	20	60	10	70	10	80	10	90	10	100	0	100	10	110	10	120
	Total	238	238	209	447	237	684	0	684	20	704	225	929	10	939	229	1168	199	1367	0	1367	236	1603	235	1838
Mal Harris	112 gram	29	29	27	56	30	86	0	86	26	112	29	141	26	167	29	196	26	222	14	236	0	236	27	263
	56 gram	24	24	0	24	26	50	0	50	23	73	0	73	23	96	0	96	21	117	0	117	0	117	0	117
	Art.Bait	0	0	12	12	0	12	0	12	0	12	23	35	0	35	24	59	0	59	22	81	0	81	23	104
	D/H Acc.	100	100	116	216	98	314	0	314	128	442	87	529	83	612	112	724	99	823	109	932	0	932	83	1015
	S/H Acc.	26	26	13	39	14	53	0	53	19	72	14	86	17	103	23	126	16	142	14	156	0	156	11	167
	Attendance	10	10	10	20	20	40	0	40	20	60	20	80	20	100	10	110	10	120	20	140	0	140	10	150
	Total	189	189	178	367	188	555	0	555	216	771	173	944	169	1113	198	1311	172	1483	179	1662	0	1662	154	1816
George Holman	112 gram	30	30	30	60	33	93	0	93	28	121	31	152	28	180	32	212	26	238	30	268	32	300	16	316
	56 gram	25	25	0	25	14	39	0	39	23	62	0	62	0	62	0	62	12	74	0	74	30	104	0	104
	Art.Bait	0	0	24	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	24	48	0	48	26	74	0	74	0	74	0	74	24	98
	D/H Acc.	114	114	94	208	122	330	0	330	154	484	146	630	120	750	133	883	137	1020	99	1119	159	1278	128	1406
	S/H Acc.	26	26	27	53	35	88	0	88	20	108	26	134	21	155	16	171	23	194	16	210	23	233	9	242
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	20	60	0	60	20	80	20	100	20	120	20	140	20	160	20	180	20	200	10	210
	Total	215	215	195	410	224	634	0	634	245	879	247	1126	189	1315	227	1542	218	1760	165	1925	264	2189	187	2376

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		May 2003		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan 2004		Feb		Mar		Apr	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Ric Parker	112 gram	26	26	25	51	29	80	0	80	24	104	27	131	0	131	27	158	12	170	21	191	0	191	25	216
	56 gram	11	11	0	11	0	11	0	11	10	21	0	21	20	41	0	41	10	51	0	51	0	51	0	51
	Art.Bait	0	0	20	20	0	20	0	20	0	20	21	41	0	41	22	63	0	63	18	81	0	81	20	101
	D/H Acc.	99	99	77	176	97	273	0	273	75	348	90	438	100	538	79	617	100	717	82	799	0	799	85	884
	S/H Acc.	1	1	12	13	18	31	0	31	14	45	26	71	10	81	8	89	12	101	20	121	0	121	17	138
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	20	60	0	60	20	80	10	90	20	110	20	130	20	150	20	170	0	170	10	180
	Total	157	157	154	311	164	475	0	475	143	618	174	792	150	942	156	1098	154	1252	161	1413	0	1413	157	1570
Joe Pullella	0 gram	0	0	33	33	37	70	0	70	31	101	35	136	0	136	17	153	29	182	30	212	0	212	15	227
	56 gram	0	0	0	0	32	32	0	32	11	43	0	43	0	43	0	43	22	65	0	65	0	65	0	65
	Art.Bait	0	0	14	14	0	14	0	14	0	14	27	41	0	41	12	53	0	53	25	78	0	78	26	104
	D/H Acc.	0	0	136	136	114	250	0	250	119	369	123	492	0	492	115	607	116	723	110	833	0	833	95	928
	S/H Acc.	0	0	4	4	12	16	0	16	20	36	13	49	0	49	21	70	5	75	17	92	0	92	23	115
	Attendance	0	0	10	10	10	20	0	20	20	40	10	50	0	50	10	60	10	70	10	80	0	80	10	90
	Total	0	0	197	197	205	402	0	402	201	603	208	811	0	811	175	986	182	1168	192	1360	0	1360	169	1529
Cha's Riegert	112 gram	32	32	31	63	35	98	0	98	30	128	33	161	16	177	34	211	29	240	31	271	34	305	31	336
	56 gram	13	13	0	13	15	28	0	28	25	53	0	53	26	79	0	79	26	105	0	105	32	137	0	137
	Art.Bait	0	0	25	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	25	50	0	50	25	75	0	75	12	87	0	87	27	114
	D/H Acc.	143	143	133	276	95	371	0	371	105	476	106	582	108	690	94	784	130	914	115	1029	95	1124	105	1229
	S/H Acc.	8	8	18	26	7	33	0	33	23	56	8	64	22	86	22	108	26	134	17	151	19	170	21	191
	Attendance	20	20	10	30	20	50	0	50	20	70	20	90	20	110	20	130	20	150	20	170	20	190	10	200
	Total	216	216	217	433	172	605	0	605	203	808	192	1000	192	1192	195	1387	231	1618	195	1813	200	2013	194	2207
Peter Stoeckel	112 gram	19	19	10	29	0	29	10	39	18	57	0	57	0	57	21	78	11	89	25	114	0	114	0	114
	56 gram	16	16	0	16	0	16	0	16	16	32	0	32	0	32	0	32	9	41	0	41	0	41	0	41
	Art.Bait	0	0	19	19	0	19	19	38	0	38	0	38	0	38	20	58	0	58	19	77	0	77	0	77
	D/H Acc.	83	83	36	119	0	119	65	184	70	254	0	254	0	254	87	341	113	454	78	532	0	532	0	532
	S/H Acc.	8	8	13	21	0	21	4	25	3	28	0	28	0	28	12	40	0	40	18	58	0	58	0	58
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	0	40	20	60	20	80	0	80	0	80	20	100	20	120	20	140	0	140	10	150
	Total	146	146	98	244	0	244	118	362	127	489	0	489	0	489	160	649	153	802	160	962	0	962	10	972
Terry Willison	112 gram	27	27	14	41	0	41	15	56	25	81	15	96	0	96	28	124	12	136	12	148	13	161	26	187
	56 gram	22	22	0	22	0	22	0	22	0	22	0	22	0	22	0	22	21	43	0	43	0	43	0	43
	Art.Bait	0	0	22	22	0	22	12	34	0	34	11	45	0	45	11	56	0	56	19	75	0	75	22	97
	D/H Acc.	124	124	105	229	0	229	64	293	92	385	91	476	0	476	102	578	81	659	91	750	94	844	35	879
	S/H Acc.	18	18	28	46	0	46	18	64	22	86	18	104	0	104	11	115	21	136	23	159	8	167	22	189
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	0	40	20	60	20	80	20	100	10	110	10	120	20	140	20	160	20	180	10	190
	Total	211	211	189	400	0	400	129	529	159	688	155	843	10	853	162	1015	155	1170	165	1335	135	1470	115	1585

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		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Tony D'Alonzo	112 gram	23	23	23	46	26	72	26	98	22	120	23	143	23	166	0	166	0	166	24	190	25	215	25	240
	56 gram	22	22	0	22	26	48	0	48	22	70	0	70	21	91	0	91	0	91	0	91	23	114	0	114
	Art.Bait	0	0	19	19	0	19	21	40	0	40	20	60	0	60	0	60	0	60	18	78	0	78	21	99
	D/H Acc.	155	155	152	307	127	434	130	564	94	658	134	792	111	903	0	903	0	903	103	1006	109	1115	71	1186
	S/H Acc.	23	23	21	44	11	55	26	81	17	98	9	107	23	130	0	130	0	130	26	156	22	178	21	199
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	20	60	20	80	20	100	10	110	20	130	0	130	0	130	20	150	20	170	10	180
	Total	243	243	235	478	210	688	223	911	175	1086	196	1282	198	1480	0	1480	0	1480	191	1671	199	1870	148	2018
Terry Fuller	112 gram	21	21	18	39	22	61	20	81		81	11	92	5	97	19	116	17	133	8	141	19	160	0	160
	56 gram	20	20	0	20	10	30	0	30		30	0	30	8	38	0	38	8	46	0	46	19	65	0	65
	Art.Bait	0	0	17	17	0	17	19	36		36	18	54	0	54	16	70	0	70	7	77	0	77	18	95
	D/H Acc.	115	115	119	234	129	363	75	438		438	111	549	104	653	114	767	142	909	121	1030	102	1132	166	1298
	S/H Acc.	24	24	22	46	9	55	13	68		68	15	83	22	105	12	117	14	131	25	156	27	183	19	202
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	20	60	20	80	0	80	20	100	20	120	20	140	20	160	20	180	20	200	10	210
	Total	200	200	196	396	190	586	147	733	0	733	175	908	159	1067	181	1248	201	1449	181	1630	187	1817	213	2030
Mal Head	112 gram	24	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	22	46	25	71	0	71	26	97	21	118	23	141	25	166	25	191
	56 gram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	9	22	31	0	31
	Art.Bait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	0	20	20	40	0	40	10	50	0	50	20	70
	D/H Acc.	104	104	0	104	0	104	0	104	113	217	154	371	0	371	110	481	128	609	135	744	105	849	145	994
	S/H Acc.	16	16	0	16	0	16	0	16	19	35	19	54	0	54	15	69	25	94	27	121	25	146	17	163
	Attendance	20	20	0	20	0	20	0	20	20	40	20	60	0	60	20	80	20	100	20	120	20	140	10	150
	Total	164	164	0	164	0	164	0	164	174	338	238	576	0	576	191	767	203	970	215	1185	197	1382	217	1599
Bob Henderson	112 gram	26	26	25	51	28	79	0	79	24	103	14	117	25	142	0	142	22	164	0	164	14	178	27	205
	56 gram	25	25	0	25	27	52	0	52	12	64	0	64	24	88	0	88	11	99	0	99	24	123	0	123
	Art.Bait	0	0	20	20	0	20	0	20	0	20	22	42	0	42	0	42	0	42	0	42	0	42	22	64
	D/H Acc.	137	137	135	272	152	424	0	424	124	548	87	635	147	782	0	782	117	899	0	899	157	1056	149	1205
	S/H Acc.	25	25	21	46	14	60	0	60	31	91	22	113	15	128	0	128	20	148	0	148	19	167	17	184
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	20	60	0	60	20	80	20	100	20	120	10	130	20	150	0	150	20	170	10	180
	Total	233	233	221	454	241	695	0	695	211	906	165	1071	231	1302	10	1312	190	1502	0	1502	234	1736	225	1961
Allan Jones	112 gram	23	23	22	45	23	68	0	68	22	90	25	115	0	115	28	143	22	165	22	187	25	212	27	239
	56 gram	9	9	0	9	9	18	0	18	20	38	0	38	0	38	0	38	10	48	0	48	0	48	0	48
	Art.Bait	0	0	9	9	0	9	0	9	0	9	21	30	0	30	22	52	0	52	18	70	0	70	24	94
	D/H Acc.	103	103	119	222	168	390	0	390	117	507	133	640	0	640	120	760	98	858	117	975	121	1096	138	1234
	S/H Acc.	16	16	18	34	20	54	0	54	22	76	23	99	0	99	12	111	18	129	18	147	19	166	17	183
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	20	60	0	60	20	80	20	100	0	100	20	120	20	140	20	160	20	180	10	190
	Total	171	171	188	359	240	599	0	599	201	800	222	1022	0	1022	202	1224	168	1392	195	1587	185	1772	216	1988

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		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Roy Killick	112 gram	24	24	25	49	25	74	0	74	20	94	24	118	22	140	24	164	10	174	23	197	23	220	26	246
	56 gram	23	23	0	23	11	34	0	34	21	55	0	55	21	76	0	76	15	91	0	91	22	113	0	113
	Art.Bait	0	0	10	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	20	30	0	30	19	49	0	49	18	67	0	67	22	89
	D/H Acc.	141	141	152	293	170	463	0	463	136	599	134	733	154	887	140	1027	167	1194	144	1338	131	1469	147	1616
	S/H Acc.	18	18	21	39	28	67	0	67	23	90	23	113	27	140	36	176	29	205	29	234	26	260	29	289
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	20	60	0	60	20	80	20	100	20	120	20	140	20	160	20	180	20	200	10	210
	Total	226	226	228	454	254	708	0	708	220	928	221	1149	244	1393	239	1632	241	1873	234	2107	222	2329	234	2563
Trevor Stam	112 gram	18	18	20	38	16	54	22	76	9	85	10	95	7	102	8	110	9	119	0	119	9	128	19	147
	56 gram	14	14	0	14	15	29	0	29	17	46	0	46	5	51	0	51	5	56	0	56	0	56	0	56
	Art.Bait	0	0	16	16	0	16	16	32	0	32	8	40	0	40	18	58	0	58	6	64	0	64	16	80
	D/H Acc.	77	77	102	179	138	317	109	426	109	535	86	621	82	703	123	826	46	872	72	944	135	1079	134	1213
	S/H Acc.	15	15	2	17	21	38	20	58	15	73	6	79	12	91	9	100	2	102	23	125	28	153	17	170
	Attendance	10	10	20	30	10	40	20	60	20	80	10	90	20	110	10	120	20	140	20	160	20	180	10	190
	Total	134	134	160	294	200	494	187	681	170	851	120	971	126	1097	168	1265	82	1347	121	1468	192	1660	196	1856
Jim Strong	112 gram	0	0	8	8	19	27	0	27	7	34	18	52	15	67	19	86	15	101	16	117	7	124	17	141
	56 gram	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	9	0	9	0	9	8	17	0	17	12	29	0	29	0	29	0	29
	Art.Bait	0	0	14	14	0	14	0	14	0	14	7	21	0	21	15	36	0	36	13	49	0	49	17	66
	D/H Acc.	0	0	129	129	109	238	0	238	109	347	100	447	98	545	118	663	91	754	130	884	71	955	141	1096
	S/H Acc.	5	5	14	19	1	20	0	20	17	37	13	50	18	68	9	77	19	96	5	101	11	112	23	135
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	20	60	0	60	20	80	20	100	20	120	20	140	20	160	20	180	20	200	10	210
	Total	25	25	185	210	158	368	0	368	153	521	158	679	159	838	181	1019	157	1176	184	1360	109	1469	208	1677
Vix Alexander	112 gram	8	8	0	8	0	8	0	8	9	17	20	37	17	54	20	74	7	81	18	99	8	107	19	126
	56 gram	7	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	9	16	0	16	7	23	0	23	0	23	0	23	16	39	0	39
	Art.Bait	0	0	15	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	17	32	0	32	9	41	0	41	14	55	0	55	17	72
	D/H Acc.	60	60	109	169	0	169	0	169	124	293	52	345	81	426	92	518	37	555	70	625	70	695	82	777
	S/H Acc.	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	36	38	14	52	10	62	5	67	2	69	5	74	13	87	9	96
	Attendance	20	20	20	40	0	40	0	40	20	60	10	70	20	90	10	100	10	110	20	130	20	150	10	160
	Total	97	97	144	241	0	241	0	241	198	439	113	552	135	687	136	823	56	879	127	1006	127	1133	137	1270
Filomena D'Alonzo	112 gram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	19	0	19	0	19	0	19	0	19	0	19	0	19
	56 gram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Art.Bait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	16	0	16	0	16	0	16	0	16	0	16	0	16
	D/H Acc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	92	89	181	0	181	0	181	106	287	0	287	0	287
	S/H Acc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	5	15	0	15	0	15
	Attendance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	137	137	89	226	0	226	0	226	111	337	0	337	0	337

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		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Annella Riegert	112 gram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	15	27	0	27	0	27	13	40	14	54
	56 gram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	0	13	0	13	0	13	13	26	0	26
	Art.Bait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	6	12	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	12	30
	D/H Acc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	52	21	73	90	163	0	163	0	163	90	253	102	355
	S/H Acc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	8	18	0	18	0	18	6	24	14	38
	Attendance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	10	20	10	30	0	30	0	30	10	40	10	50
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	68	66	134	135	269	0	269	0	269	132	401	152	553
Rhys Jones	112 gram	14	14	20	34	19	53	0	53	22	75	25	100	0	100	0	100	22	122	0	122	0	122	24	146
	56 gram	13	13	0	13	19	32	0	32	9	41	0	41	0	41	0	41	17	58	0	58	0	58	0	58
	Art.Bait	0	0	14	14	0	14	0	14	0	14	19	33	0	33	0	33	0	33	0	33	0	33	10	43
	D/H Acc.	108	108	52	160	105	265	0	265	104	369	104	473	0	473	0	473	73	546	0	546	0	546	101	647
	S/H Acc.	24	24	20	44	0	44	0	44	29	73	23	96	0	96	0	96	6	102	0	102	0	102	21	123
	Attendance	10	10	10	20	0	20	0	20	20	40	10	50	0	50	0	50	10	60	0	60	0	60	10	70
	Total	169	169	116	285	143	428	0	428	184	612	181	793	0	793	0	793	128	921	0	921	0	921	166	1087
Andrew Stoeckel	112 gram	10	10	12	22	0	22	0	22	0	22	0	22	0	22	0	22	5	27	6	33	0	33	0	33
	56 gram	10	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	7	17	0	17	0	17	0	17
	Art.Bait	0	0	9	9	0	9	0	9	0	9	0	9	0	9	0	9	0	9	9	18	0	18	0	18
	D/H Acc.	30	30	39	69	0	69	0	69	0	69	0	69	0	69	0	69	35	104	0	104	0	104	0	104
	S/H Acc.	11	11	7	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	16	34	7	41	0	41	0	41
	Attendance	10	10	10	20	0	20	0	20	0	20	0	20	0	20	0	20	10	30	10	40	0	40	0	40
	Total	71	71	77	148	0	148	0	148	0	148	0	148	0	148	0	148	73	221	32	253	0	253	0	253

### Top 10 Casters for 2003/4.

Seniors	Points	Veterans	Points	Ladies	Points	Juniors	Points	Top 10 Overall	Points
G Holman	2376	R Killick	2563	V Alexander	1270	R Jones	1087	R Killick	2563
C Riegert	2207	T Fuller	2030	A Riegert	553	A Stoeckel	253	G Holman	2376
G Gildersleeves	1838	T D'Alonzo	2018	F D'Alonzo	337			C Riegert	2207
M Harris	1816	A Jones	1988					T Fuller	2030
T Willison	1585	R Henderson	1961					T D'Alonzo	2018
R Parker	1570	T Stam	1856					A Jones	1988
N Allsworth	1552	J Strong	1677					B Henderson	1961
J Pullella	1529	M Head	1599					T Stam	1856
A Aubrey	1343							G Gildersleeves	1838
P Stoeckel	972							M Harris	1816

## August 2004 Field Day, Rottnest.

Rottnest in the middle of winter has got to be a question mark in terms of the weather. Saturday started with a gentle breeze but the forecast was for winds picking up and swinging around to the south west along with low temperatures. They got that right although the wind stayed in the south east for most of the day. The swell rose throughout the day but the tide was also dropping which opened up a quite a few fishing options.

With the wind in the south east, Fishhook Bay was difficult fishing and gave up only a couple of its residents. Cathedrals was sheltered from the wind and very fishable but proved unproductive. Most fished Wilsons for the early afternoon session and then moved out to Radar for the later session.

It wasn't too long before the Yellowtails showed up. True to form they took advantage of every bit of cover they could find which resulted in as many bust offs as there were captures. When someone is standing on the edge of the reef and their rod is bent double with the tip under the water then you know there are some serious fish about.

Sunday morning dawned with clear skies and a gentle breeze. Now with near perfect conditions you would think that the bus would be as full as it was the previous day. However there were a number of vacant seats. Some succumbed to the pull of a warm bed however there was at least one who was not in a fit state to do anything except groan, sighting a medical condition of the self inflicted kind.

It was back to Wilsons for most however the remaining few headed to Mabel Cove. Conditions only got better which was more that can be said for the fishing on the north side of the island.

Overall most of the action for the weekend came from Wilsons and Radar. Notable catches were four Yellowtail Kingfish, the heaviest a 4.5kg specimen by Grant Taggart, a hand full of Herring and Tarwhine, a few Skippy and Blackfish and two King George Whiting.

One of these nice fish was plucked from the water after a very gentlemanly stroll from the camp after an equally gentlemanly breakfast by one of the absentees from the bus. Other captures were a few good Snook, the heaviest a 1.8kg fish by Tony D'Alonzo. The mystery fish for the weekend was a very brightly coloured 1.3kg Flathead by Grant Taggart. Photos of the fish were taken to help identify it at a later stage.

Another great weekend away topped of by coffees all round at the Dome Cafe shouted by Tony D'Alonzo to celebrate his birthday the previous week.

Hope to see you on the beach next time.

Malcolm Harris, Field Day Officer

Results for the August 2004 Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	11.0 kg	8	26	240
Grant Taggart	8.0 kg	5	7	170
Ian Taggart	5.6 kg	4	5	136
Charles Riegert	3.4 kg	5	6	134
Tony Ong	3.4 kg	4	14	124
Vix Alexander	2.85 kg	4	6	118.5
Ian Cook	3.35 kg	2	2	103.5
Mark Farnay	1.25 kg	3	4	92.5
Malcolm Harris	0.65 kg	2	2	76.5
Ross Kember	0 kg	0	0	50
Bretton Stiffold	0 kg	0	0	50
Julie Kember	0 kg	0	0	40

### Field Day prizes for August.

Best Scale Fish	Grant Taggart (vis)	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.5 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	11.0 kg

### Sportsperson of the Year Sections for August.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.1 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	11.0 kg

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

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	1147.3	6	Vix Alexander	258.0
2	Filomena D'Alonzo	378.8	7	Mark Farnay	251.5
3	Spencer King	315.0	8	Grant Taggart (visitor)	246.0
4	Malcolm Harris	280.5	9	Ian Taggart	233.0
5	Joe Pullella	274.0	10	George Holman	214.5



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

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Bretton Stitfold	Salmon	3.55 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Joe Pullella	Shark	16.85 kg
6	Best Salmon	George Holman	Salmon	3.65 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Skipjack Trevally	1.15 kg
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Tony D'Alonzo	Snook	2.0 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	24.575 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Tailor	3.85 kg

## Another Ripper Trip

The Rottneest Field Day was again an enjoyable trip

The weather forecast was a doom and gloom prediction, with winds of 20 – 30 knots with swells rising to 3.5 metres.

Things looked grim when we arrived at Fremantle to catch the ferry. The fourteen members going discussed the possibilities of where to fish with the predicted weather forecast. After settling into the cabins and organising gear we headed out to West End at 11 o'clock.

There a lift in spirits when we arrived at West End. The wind strength was only strong from the SE swinging to the south with a moderate swell. The tide height was lower than predicted. This was good news. Mark Farnay, Brad Zaknich and "The Cookie Monster" high tailed it to Cathedral looking for tailor. The only fish caught after 2½ hours of bait casting was a nice Tarwhine. The swells and tide did not allow us to get out to the end of the reef at Cathedral.

The rest of the group tried their luck at Wilsons and the Tailor Hole. Some nice Black fish where caught at Wilsons. Ross, Julie, Malcolm and Vix fished Fishhook Bay without success. They spent some time captivated watching a very large pod of Dolphins (100's) performing off Cape Vlaming.

A group of the members including Tony D, Tony Ong, Ian Taggart, Grant Taggart, Mark Farnay, Bretton Stitfold, Cookie, Brad Zaknich drifted towards Radar Reef late in the afternoon. The wait was on for the Yellowtail King Fish. Tony Ong was first to hook up but lost the fish as he did with his second hook up.

One member tried to see how far under the reef a YT could bend a rod. The rod was bent under the water up to the first stripping guide. Cookie hooked into a YT while having a bunch of grapes lopped around the top runners. The fish was pulled in to the front of the reef by hand with the predictable outcome.

Grant Taggart landed the last YT at about 6:15. It would be better to describe the landing as "surfing the fish onto the reef". I have never seen a YT come across the surface of the water and onto the reef with such speed and ease. The final score was 4 Yellowtail Kingfish to the anglers. It was then back to camp for tea and refreshments. Ross, Julie, Ian, Vix, and Malcolm played cards till lights out.

Sunday was a magnificent fine day with light winds. The tide was unfortunately too high to fish Radar till later in the morning. Ross Julie and Cookie (nursing a sore head) stayed in camp and had a relaxing morning. Mark caught a nice King George Whiting near Geordie Bay. The group at West End caught a mixed variety of fish during the morning.

The field day was most enjoyable and another successful Rotto Trip. The only exception was Malcolm and Vix who both broke a rod over the two days. This may have been due to damage caused on the ferry trip across. Good reason for rod tubes.

It was Tony D'Alonzo's "17 Birthday" on Friday and by way of celebration he invited the group to coffee and cakes at the Dome coffee house. Thanks Tony. Maybe some of Tony's happy smile was his 8 species and 11 kg bag. Well done. Tight Lines. Recorder. "Cookie"

## Possible Change of Rottneest Trip.

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

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

## Masters Fish

Ten Masters fish where caught on the Rottneest trip which is a good result and keeps the Recorder happy. These are entered into the Masters data base for you. Remembers to enter your species fish on the club application form. There would be a number of members who would have caught the required number of species. Tight Lines. Recorder. "Cookie"

## Standing on a Dune.

### **So I am standing on a dune looking at the water.**

What do I see? Some just see the water, enjoy the beauty of it all and hope to catch a fish to top off a wonderful experience. Others enjoy the beauty just as much but also see other important things. George Holman is one of those people. So who is George Holman?

He's a State and National dry casting and beach fishing champion. He has been a member of the Surf Casting and Angling club for more than 30 years. He has fished just about every major beach fishing location there is.

More importantly, what does he see?. He may stand on the dune and look a bit longer than the average person, but this is because he is deciding the best place to fish, the place where he is likely to maximise his chances of catching a feed.

Some of the things he looks for are gutters, holes, reef availability, the current wave action, the landscape, and how this will affect his chosen location, the prevailing weather conditions and how he is to fish these conditions.

George will explain how to identify these conditions and will also explain how to fish them with the aid of the sketches

which appear below. (*these sketches were not found, sorry*)

However, if he has not thoroughly prepared himself, all the knowledge in the world on reading the beach cannot be maximised. So what are the things he does before he leaves home to ensure he gives himself the best chance?

The most important thing he packs is a pair of quality sunglasses. There's no point in having all the beach reading skills in the world if he can't see the water because of glare. These also assist him when he is fishing.

George is also a firm believer in keeping records of each of his fishing trips. He can, over time, compare catches for each location on a seasonal basis. He is then able to fish locations when there is a greater probability that he will be successful. He also consults solunar charts and is aware of tidal movements that are likely to affect his chances.

After deciding that a certain place and time is the best time to go fishing, it is also important that the preparation is complete. When walking long distances to fishing locations through soft sand, the last thing you need is

excess gear that you will not use, especially if you catch that fish of a lifetime and have to carry it all back afterwards.

So George recommends minimal equipment and carries a good rod, a good reel, a reef bag, a rod tube, a carry bag for his tackle, a bucket, protective footwear for safety and a gaff.

Finally there are no magic formulae for success. The six year old novice on her first cast may hook into the only or best fish of the day. That's fishing.

However good preparation and the skills to read the beach will greatly enhance your ability to catch a feed over the long term.

George hopes you will leave with a greater understanding of these issues so that you can begin to build up your knowledge base for future outings.

**Are you interested in joining a beach fishing and casting Club?**

**The Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA Inc.**

**George Holman 447 5106**

So what's all that about? Why is it in the Reel Talk? It started as a challenge. I found an old faded thermal print fax in some old records belonging to the Australian Anglers Association. Couldn't photocopy it on any setting, it was still unreadable.

You know the sort - difficult to read, hold up to the light, put it under a bright light, I'm going cross eyed, wish I had the vision I had 40 years ago, that's an "a" no it's an "s", oh damn, why do these bl\*\*\*\* things fade so much??....

The bits I could read easily included the box about the Surf Casting and Angling Club with old phone numbers without the 9 in front, so knew it was club history of a sort.

So I got out the forensic technology - you know, the stuff you see used on those TV shows. Even though mine's a lot less sophisticated than their's, it was amazing how easy it made reading it.

Put the fax onto the scanner, adjusted the contrast and brightness of the scan, ramped up the resolution, scanned it into the computer and displayed a few lines of that on the computer screen at about 10 times real size. That let me simply read it off so that it could be transferred into the Reel Talk and kept for the future, while the fax keeps fading away into total blankness....

The page was headed "Sunday Times Fishing Clinics" and the fax was dated 9/96 (and that bit was really faint) so this was probably a hand out to the people attending the AAA Fishing Clinics of that year.

Here we are in 2004 and the "Reading the Beach" segment is still included at the AAA fishing clinics, and reading the beach and preparing yourself for a fishing trip is still as important as it ever was - maybe more so with restrictions on 4 wheel drive access, because the long walk is again becoming a necessity at a lot of places.

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## **New Competitions or Changes to Rules.**

An undercurrent continues implying this club is out of touch with what the members really want, and that club members have closed minds on some subjects.

There are plenty of good ideas out there. There are plenty of possible alternatives to what we do.

In case some of the implications of the article "Rule are for...?" in the August Reel Talk were missed, here they are again in more detail.

Every year, we ask for suggestions for changes to the rules and the competitions, and every year we ask for suggestions for the Field Days. Every year, the rules and field days are agreed by the majority of the club members and endorsed or changed at the start of the competition year.

The rules and the competitions are the result of many years of trial and error, experience and refinement, and they work because they actually do the job they are designed to do **as decided by the majority of the members**. That doesn't mean they are right, or fixed forever and can't be changed.

Every year we lament the lack of much input. Maybe that's due to apathy, or maybe it's because the club members are satisfied with what we have. Maybe it's a combination of these.

Why aren't the rules changed? A simplistic answer is "Some rules have actually been changed, others haven't because no one has seriously proposed anything different."

But what's the real answer?

Anyone who thinks that "*xxxxx is /are out of touch with what the majority of club members want*" has to think long and hard about what those words mean and what he or she is on about.

Anyone who thinks that "*we are not listening to the non member people who want something different out of a fishing club*", and therefore those people won't join our club because we are not offering them what THEY want, may well be right.

But what do we do about that? Should we do anything about it? Of course, we should try. See the challenge below.

If any member thinks some changes are needed to the rules or the competitions, that member should think them through, discuss them with people both inside and outside the club who know about the topics, and then put in some detailed suggestions.

There are plenty of good ideas out there. There are plenty of possible alternatives to what we do. The **challenge** for anybody who wants changes or extras is:-

Write down the ideas so that the members can think about them. Make it clear if these ideas are for changes to replace something we do now, or ideas for extras which will be done as well as what we do now, trials of something new, or whatever.

Explain the five topics of **how, when, what, where and why** in as much details as are needed to sell the idea to the members.

Write out the positives of the proposal, admit and write out the negatives of the proposal and how these can be minimised, draft up or copy some starting rules which might be used, explain how it will (not just might) attract and keep new members if that is the reason for or a benefit of the change, and anything else to convince those members who might be thought to have a "closed mind."

If something good has already been done somewhere else, then it isn't much use just saying "we should do like they do", without any real details or without thinking through the good and bad bits, how it would fit in the Western Australian situation, the impact on the club, etc. The right way to do that is to get all the information, the rules used, the results they get, the pluses and the minuses for our Club, etc. and be prepared.

After all, even if they think it is a very good idea, why would they expect it to just be accepted without them being able to sell it and answer all the questions?.

If all they have is only a rough idea, they shouldn't give up. There are ways of presenting these as possibilities for discussion so that people understand the limits of what's already there and help to tidy these up and get the real details sorted out.

If it's worth doing, it's worth doing properly, and it's worth doing it properly the first time if at all possible.

If it's all left to the last few weeks, there's a very good chance it won't succeed. If an idea is put up and rejected because it wasn't explained or researched well enough, it is often much harder to put it up again and get it accepted the next time.

It's September already. If anyone wants changes for next competition year, then **NOW** is the time to start so that all the work and questions and revisions can be over and done with by the time the April 2005 General Meeting comes along. The members can just vote on the changes after being fully informed and having time to read about, question and discuss and understand any proposals.

If the majority of the club members agree, then the rule or competition changes will happen. If the majority of the club members don't agree, then that's democracy in the club, or the idea wasn't thought through or sold well enough, or it was too rushed.

If people are not prepared to do the work to explain the change, then they are not really serious about the change. It isn't really very hard, it just has to be done. There are people in the club able and prepared to give help if it is needed.

That's my personal opinion. What do you think?

TerryF

### **Three Simple Questions**

Three simple questions to think long and hard about, get advice from other people, and answer **realistically** and honestly with as many details as they need.

Q 1. What do you **want** to achieve?

Q 2. What will you **actually** achieve by doing what you are talking about / planning to do / proposing. Not just the immediate result, but include **everything** that will result from doing it - all the foreseeable things and all the probable and possible things.

If the answers to those first two questions are the same, that's great, it's probably a goer. If the answers are not the same, then:-

Q 3. Why are you doing that?

Why would anyone say they want to achieve something, but propose something or act in a way that will not actually achieve that? "Designed and guaranteed to fail" and "waste of everyone's time" come to mind.

Of course, before all that the following question should have been answered:-

Q -1. Is that the **only** way to achieve what you want, and if not, is it the **best** way?

Yes, I know, these are simple motherhood statements, every one knows that, etc. But do they do it? TerryF

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

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

### **Membership Fees are Now Overdue !**

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

### **Anglers Creel Survey**

I received the following in July, very close to a deadline. I meant to put it in the August Reel Talk, but it didn't get there.... Please give me any comments and let me have your name if you are willing to participate, or contact Kim Smith directly.

Dear Terry, I am developing a funding proposal to the South West Catchments Council (SWCC) to support a recreational angler logbook program throughout the south west region. I have attached a draft. This proposal is designed to contribute to the Investment Plan for the South West Regional Strategy for Natural Resource Management.

I am contacting you because I think this proposal will be of interest to the WA Surf Casting & Angling Club and AAA, as well as regional angling clubs. Are you able to advise me whether any of these groups would wish to be included as a 'Project Partner' in the project? They would not be required to contribute any money or significant resources, but could greatly assist in this project by communicating (via website, newsletters, etc) the program & its results to anglers.

I realise this is very late notice. The proposal is due to be submitted tomorrow (21 July), so I would need confirmation of support by then.

The logbook program is already operating on a small scale, mainly in the Swan River with support from the Melville Angling Club. I've got 30-40 logbooks on the Swan at the moment. There are also a handful of anglers keeping logbooks in other southern locations (eg, Bunbury, Denmark). The logbook records data such as date, location, hours fished, species, length & health (eg. any sign of redspot?). This information is recorded for retained and discarded species (even blowfish!). Since implementation at the start of 2004, I've received some information back from anglers, and the logbook system seems to be working well.

I would like to expand the program throughout the south-west, to cover estuaries, rivers and coastal waters. However, I am unable to do this until I obtain extra funding. The project is currently operating on a shoestring budget. I do not wish to expand the program until I am confident of being able to provide adequate feedback to all participants & stakeholders and make full use of the data. SWCC funding would allow this.

I hope you can advise me on gaining support for this proposal among the angling community. If you would like to know more, please contact me.

cheers, Kim

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### **Recfishwest Election Policy and Questions.**

Recfishwest has prepared the following "Election Policy and Questions" paper on behalf of the recreational fishing community of Western Australia. These policies and questions are so important for the future of recreational fishing in WA that they deserve to be available to and read in full by all recreational anglers.

This has been sent to the Western Australian political parties preparing for the WA State Election on 2005. Their replies will be posted on the RFW web site too, so that recreational anglers know what the parties are offering/promising if elected.

The words have been chosen very carefully. The big picture is important. There are a lot of details and commitments behind some of those simple statements and questions.

Quite a lot of detail on some topics is covered elsewhere, eg Integrated Fisheries Management, etc so if you need references.... just ask the question, and I'll print some details or get you a copy.

The RFW Election Policy is really worth a careful read and a think about.

Anyone can use anything from this policy and ask their own questions of the politicians, particularly the people who will be standing for election in your local seat in 2005 and who **want your vote**. Make him/her earn your vote.

Recfishwest - representing the interests of Western Australia's recreational anglers.

TerryF

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**Preamble to Recfishwest's Election Policy.** Recreational fishing is one of the most significant activities in Western Australia. An estimated 643,000 people go fishing at least once a year and contribute more than \$500 million per annum to the economy of Western Australia. This represents thousands of jobs, many of which are in coastal towns and rural areas.

In spite of this importance, recreational fishing has received little or no formal recognition by a succession of State and federal governments.

While recreational fishers have been at the forefront of aquatic natural resource management with enormous attitudinal changes and revolutionary reforms in catch controls, they appear to be held accountable for almost all of the threats to biodiversity conservation with new marine parks impacting almost exclusively on recreational fishing activities. There is little recognition or promotion of the benefits of recreational fishing from a community wellness or international tourism perspective and access is being reduced through national, state and local government initiatives.

Recreational fishers have modest expectations; to fish today for tomorrow and to pass on an environment that is capable of providing a quality fishing experience to our children. The expectations of management, research and compliance have grown with the increasing awareness of a need for catch controls to maintain the fishing experience.

It is the view of Recfishwest that government is failing to meet these expectations and that the forthcoming State election gives the political parties an opportunity to recognise the importance of recreational fishing, the resource and habitat upon which it depends and the needs of the communities which rely upon the economic activity which recreational fishing generates.

This election policy is quite descriptive and definitive. It is necessary that the political parties give definitive commitments against which the recreational fishing voters can make their decisions. Recfishwest will distribute the party's responses to this policy. We will work with the elected government to give effect to this policy.

Overall Recfishwest believes that the issues raised and requests made in the election policy are reasonable in the context of an industry of the magnitude of recreational fishing in this State.

Recfishwest would appreciate your response to each of the proposals related to your responsibilities contained in the policy so that we can circulate them to the wider recreational fishing community. We thank you for your assistance in working towards ensuring that we can pass a legacy of quality recreational fishing onto future generations of West Australians.

### **The Actual Recfishwest Election Policy**

The following statement by Recfishwest has been prepared for the coming Western Australian State election to advise parties and candidates in that election on the policies and aspirations of that large proportion of the Western Australian community that go fishing for sport and recreation.

A brief description of some major issues is followed by questions which Recfishwest regards are of primary importance and which we would like answered by parties. Under each of the headings there are specific points requiring definitive commitments that we believe should be addressed for the benefit of present and future recreational fishing in Western Australia.

## **1. Resource Sustainability**

Recfishwest recognises that resource sustainability is the most important issue for wild capture fisheries and gives highest priority to this objective at all times. We can never take sustainability for granted and recent problems have been attributed to both recreational and commercial fishers.

Recfishwest is concerned that although action has been taken with regard to the sustainability of pink snapper, measures to address apparent sustainability problems with some shark species have not yet been put in place.

Recreational fishers are concerned about the potentially unlimited commercial fishing for scale fish in the West Coast region in particular. This is currently being addressed in the wetline review and Recfishwest is vitally concerned that the outcome of this review results in a viable but sustainable commercial wetline fishery with proper management controls. One possible threat to management would be if commercial boats are allowed a 'personal use' catch which is not capped and monitored.

**Question:-** Do you agree that all catch from commercial fishing boats, whether for sale or personal use, must be formally monitored and kept within the acceptable commercial wetline catch?

## **2. Integrated Fisheries Management**

The excellent report on Integrated Fisheries Management (IFM) released in 2002 has not yet resulted in any specific activity by the government, although we understand some funding will be provided in the 2004/5 budget. Recfishwest strongly believes that the first priority is to address issues where commercial and recreational fishers target the same finfish species.

Species such as herring, Australian salmon and tailor, in the south of the State, and Spanish mackerel and barramundi, in the north, present important tasks for integrated management which need to be addressed at an early stage. Similarly, the West Coast demersal fish (dhufish and snapper) allocation is a priority topic for IFM although the main concern is for useful recreational catch information.

Recfishwest believes that the best way to proceed is by an independent Integrated Fisheries Allocation Council making public recommendations on optimal resource allocation to the Minister for Fisheries, as recommended by the Committee. These recommendations should result from a transparent process including scientific information from the Department of Fisheries and public input from stakeholders and the community in general to the Allocation Council.

**Questions.** What action would you propose to take with respect to an independent allocation council to recommend to the Minister on resource allocation between sectors?

When and with which species would you expect to start the resource allocation process?

Specific points that require a definitive response

- 2.1** Ensure that the allocation process within the integrated framework affords all sections of the community an opportunity to provide input into the decision making process.
- 2.2** Ensure representation of recreational fishing interests is consistent with the gross domestic product of its activity with respect to all resource management committees.
- 2.3** Make appropriate structural changes within the Department of Fisheries to reflect the agreed need for integrated sustainable management of fished species.

## **3. Funding for Sustainability and IFM**

The improving technology of commercial fishing and the increasing numbers of recreational fishers have created new pressures on fisheries management, including the need for specific resource allocation under Integrated Fisheries Management. Recfishwest agrees with Justice Toohey's conclusion that additional funding is required for the Department of Fisheries to manage the State's fish resources sustainably and within the allocations derived from the IFM process.

Recfishwest regards the recommendations of the Toohey IFM committee on levels of funding as conservative; but the general principles are supported. The highest priority is to provide for accurate catch information each year in preparation for the resource allocation process.

**Question.** What are your views on the need for additional funding for the Department of Fisheries and fishing peak bodies to meet the demands of the IFM allocation process?

Specific points that require a definitive response

- 3.1** Allocate additional sufficient funding (of the order of \$1.5 - \$2.0 million annually) to allow timely and accurate gathering of recreational catch information on which to base critical sector allocation and

sustainability decisions for IFM. This funding will need to be continued until reliable lower cost proxy estimates have been identified and tested.

- 3.2 Allocate an additional \$225,000 to Recfishwest for the first three years of the IFM process to allow equity in participation and future outcomes by ensuring that submissions can be made and that the recreational fishing community is actively engaged in the IFM process.
- 3.3 Allocate an additional \$5 million annually to recreational fisheries management, compliance and education. If consolidated funding is not available, extend the recreational licensing system to finfish to ensure adequate funding is totally dedicated to recreational fisheries management.
- 3.4 Ensure that Western Australia makes a contribution to the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation which is equivalent to 0.25% of the gross value of production of commercial catches, thus qualifying for maximum Commonwealth contributions.
- 3.5 Ensure that the Development and Better Interest Fund is able to be accessed for projects which are in the better interests of the community which are the owners of the community aquatic resources.
- 3.6 Implement recommendations of Statutory Management Authority Review with respect to resource rents.

#### **4. Recognition for Recreational Fishing**

The Fish Resources Management Act, the Government and the Department of Fisheries still need to give better recognition to recreational fishing, particularly vis-à-vis commercial fishing. Legislation, for example should recognise recreational fishers (through Recfishwest) as potentially affected parties in all Administrative Tribunal matters. Recreational fishing should be recognised by the Department of Sport and Recreation as an important leisure activity with significant community and health benefits and a high participation rate.

It is very important that the level of peak body funding (ie Recfishwest) should be reviewed to treat recreational fishing equitably in relation to its level of participation and contribution to gross domestic product, rather than maintain historical funding priorities that favour commercial fishing over recreational fishing by a ratio of 4:1. It should be more widely realised that recreational fishing automatically provides value-adding to its use of the community's fish resource. Recreationally caught fish provide fish which are eaten by the community in exactly the same way as commercial fish.

In addition recreationally caught fish incur a higher expenditure on equipment, travel, accommodation etc per fish caught than commercially caught fish. This increase in economic activity provides value-adding to the fish resource used in this way. Recreational fishers are prepared to pay for this extra activity because of the pleasure they derive from recreational fishing.

**Question.** Do you agree that funding provided through the Department of Fisheries to Recfishwest and the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council (WAFIC) should be on an equitable rather than an historic basis?

Specific points that require a definitive response

- 4.1 Independently review peak body funding with a view to funding relative to sector activity rather than the current historical allocation.
- 4.2 Legislate to recognise recreational fishing, through Recfishwest, as an affected party in all Administrative Tribunal fishery matters.
- 4.3 Funds should be provided through the Department of Sport and Recreation for promotion of fishing as an important leisure activity with significant community and health benefits.
- 4.4 Expedite the review of recreational fishing consultative structures to maximise synergies between Recfishwest, RFAC and regional RFACs.
- 4.5 Ensure that any Fisheries Adjustment Scheme results in a tangible benefit to the recreational sector consistent with the level of investment and the 1997 Cabinet decision. For example:-
  - 4.5.1 Prohibit the use of long line fishing in Cockburn Sound.
  - 4.5.2 Ensure a recreational crab catch in Cockburn Sound as 3/8 of the total catch in line with the 3/8 to 5/8 ratio principle established in the Voluntary Cockburn Sound Crab Management Agreement to which Recfishwest and WAFIC are signatories.
  - 4.5.3 Make tailor and black bream recreational fishing only.
  - 4.5.4 Make Blackwood estuary recreational fishing only.

#### **5. Compliance and Education**

It is essential that there should be an increase in the number of officers devoted to recreational fishery compliance and education work. These officers should be given specific targets for contacts with recreational fishers. Recfishwest believes that mobile patrol arrangements appear to be an efficient way of meeting some of the needs. The unavoidably increasing complexity of fishery management regulations

gives emphasis to the value of frequent contact and emphasis on knowing as well as obeying the regulations.

**Questions.** Do you agree that a higher level of staffing with Fisheries Officers is required to meet reasonable compliance and education standards for recreational fishery management?

Do you agree that the Volunteer Fisheries Liaison Officers (VFLO) system provides leverage benefits to Fisheries programs and should be given better support by Fisheries?

Specific points that require a definitive response

- 5.1 Employ eight additional fisheries officers specifically to undertake recreational compliance work.
- 5.2 Establish a specific recreational fisheries mobile patrol to be used in peak times and areas.
- 5.3 Establish specific targets for contacts with recreational fishers for all fisheries officers.
- 5.4 Provide funding for an increase in VFLO numbers with a focus on regional areas including their administration and support.
- 5.5 Make administration of VFLO programs a formal part of performance assessment for all regional fisheries officers.
- 5.6 Establish a community education committee with external representation including Recfishwest to advise on programs and publications.
- 5.7 Conduct an independent review of cost effectiveness of community education programs including the Western Fisheries magazine.
- 5.8 Identify recreational fishing tourism as a priority target area for tourism.
- 5.9 Provide funds for Recfishwest to run an educational campaign on community issues such as fishing safety and catch and release fishing.
- 5.10 Develop strategies for low impact recreational fishing to overseas tourists.

## **6. Coordination of Government Resources**

Recfishwest regards the present divided management of marine/aquatic responsibilities between the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) as being wasteful of resources, confusing to the public and harmful, creating antagonism and competition instead of co-operation.

First and foremost the Government, particularly the Ministers with direct responsibilities, should move to establish a framework for continuing consultation and coordination between these two agencies as well as the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and ensure that the arrangement is meticulously observed. Secondly, the Government should establish an appropriate task force to examine the legislation and recommend appropriate changes.

**Questions.** What would you do to overcome the present situation between CALM and the Department of Fisheries with respect to lack of constructive consultation and development of consensus?

Do you agree that cross-authorisation arrangements between agencies should be used to increase the effectiveness of grass-roots contact with the public?

Specific points that require a definitive response

- 6.1 Ensure coordination between government agencies particularly CALM and the Department of Fisheries of marine natural resource and conservation management.
- 6.2 Establish effective practical cross-authorisation arrangements between at-sea officers of CALM and the Department of Fisheries and determine transfers of resources needed to finalise transfers of responsibilities from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure to the Department of Fisheries.
- 6.3 Review legislation to ensure consistency of approach and that appropriate powers are in place to ensure prosecution for damage to riparian vegetation, pollution, or illegal dumping into waterways.

## **7. Marine Protected Areas / Planning for Coastal Waters**

Consultation between CALM and Department of Fisheries should include planning for areas to be reserved under the CALM or Fisheries legislation. Planning of all marine reserves by either Department should include direct representation on a similar basis of all the principal stakeholders including commercial and recreational fishers and conservationists.

The Government should commence a process of bioregional planning for the State's coastal waters, complementary to the Commonwealth approach. This would help to overcome the present extremely unsatisfactory position where certain uses such as pearling have virtually exclusive use.

Recfishwest is concerned at the great reluctance of Government/CALM to include recreational zones as provided for under legislation (as particularly exemplified in the Jurien Bay Marine Park) in marine park planning outcomes.

**Questions.** Would you commence a bioregional planning scheme for the State's coastal waters?



Would you give Recfishwest direct representation on all community consultation for Marine Parks or marine bioregional planning?

Specific points that require a definitive response

- 7.1 Recfishwest should have direct representation on all marine park planning processes.
- 7.2 Recreational zones should be viewed as a necessary component within both new and existing marine parks.
- 7.3 Marine Planning in part represents resource sharing and this needs to be acknowledged and accommodated when determinations are made as to the location, scale and allowable activities of Marine Parks.

## **8. Coastal Access**

Limitation of access to the ocean or major rivers is a burning issue for recreational fishers in Western Australia. Limitation of access happens both in urban and in remote areas. Whether it is the activity of government in land development at Long Point (Port Kennedy) or of a pastoral lessee on the North-West coast, any restriction on access to the sea is regarded as totally unacceptable.

The policy of Recfishwest is that access should only be restricted for specific management reasons or safety issues. These reasons should be transparent and in most cases should have arisen from a process of community consultation. Such consultation maximises the opportunity for constructive compromise.

**Question.** Do you agree that all of the coast should be open to the public unless constrained by management needs or some other community priority?

Specific points that require a definitive response

- 8.1 Establish an effective system for pastoral access routes to the sea where pastoral leases lie along the coast.
- 8.2 Maintain access to all coastal areas in ways which are appropriate to the local environment.
- 8.3 No public access can be removed or denied without consultative agreement with stakeholders.
- 8.3 Include Recfishwest in all community consultative bodies advising on coastal planning or access.

## **9. Facilities including boat ramps and jetties**

Recfishwest regards the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme (RBFS) as a key component of the State Government's recreational boating arrangements and looks forward to the \$1 million per annum agreed to by Cabinet in 1996 being spent on the scheme.

Recfishwest is aware that the current allocations are the most frugal of any comparable State. Recfishwest considers that the difference between the unindexed \$650,000 per annum allocated to this expenditure in recent years and the full \$1 million as intended by Cabinet could be used for larger projects under modified rules. Modifications to the RBFS should be made to widen the partner organizations from local authorities to include other government agencies including the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The lack of boating ramps with direct access to the ocean at Fremantle is a major impediment to thousands of small boat operators wishing to gain efficient access to adjacent waters and Rottneest.

Recfishwest is concerned that jetties, which provide fishing opportunities for young, elderly, infirm, and handicapped people, are often being left to fall into disrepair. Maintenance of these facilities by local authorities should be encouraged.

**Question.** Would you support the continued expenditure under the recreational boating facilities scheme at \$1 million per year as originally intended by Cabinet?

Specific points that require a definitive response

- 9.1 Maintenance of jetties that can be used for fishing should be recognised as a significant contribution to recreational facilities.
- 9.2 RBFS eligibility criteria should be extended to include the Department of Infrastructure as a project proponent in its own right and project criteria should be extended to allow for a wider range of boat ramps and associated facilities support infrastructure.
- 9.3 Immediate action needs to be taken to fund a major boat launching facility at Rous Head.

## **The Tomato Company**

An unemployed man is desperate to support his family of a wife and three kids. He applies for a janitor's job at a large firm and easily passes an aptitude test. The human resources manager tells him, "You will be hired at minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour.

Let me have your e-mail address so that we can get you in the loop. Our system will automatically e-mail you all the forms and advise you when to start and where to report on your first day." Taken back, the man protests that he is poor and has neither a computer nor an e-mail address. To this the manager replies,

"You must understand that to a company like ours that means that you virtually do not exist. Without an e-mail address you can hardly expect to be employed by a high-tech firm. Good day."

Stunned, the man leaves. Not knowing where to turn and having \$10 in his wallet, he walks past a farmers' market and sees a stand selling 25lb crates of beautiful red tomatoes. He buys a crate, carries it to a busy corner and displays the tomatoes. In less than 2 hours he sells all the tomatoes and makes 100% profit.

Repeating the process several times more that day, he ends up with almost \$100 and arrives home that night with several bags of groceries for his family. During the night he decides to repeat the tomato business the next day. By the end of the week he is getting up early every day and working into the night. He multiplies his profits quickly. Early in the second week he acquires a cart to transport several boxes of tomatoes at a time, but before a month is up he sells the cart to buy a broken-down pickup truck.

At the end of a year he owns three old trucks. His two sons have left their neighborhood gangs to help him with the tomato business, his wife is buying the tomatoes, and his daughter is taking night courses at the community college so she can keep books for him. By the end of the second year he has a dozen very nice used trucks and employs fifteen previously unemployed people, all selling tomatoes.

He continues to work hard. Time passes and at the end of the fifth year he owns a fleet of nice trucks and a warehouse that his wife supervises, plus two tomato farms that the boys manage. The tomato company's payroll has put hundreds of homeless and jobless people to work. His daughter reports that the business grossed a million dollars.

Planning for the future, he decides to buy some life insurance. Consulting with an insurance adviser, he picks an insurance plan to fit his new circumstances. Then the adviser asks him for his e-mail address in order to send the final documents electronically.

When the man replies that he doesn't have time to mess with a computer and has no e-mail address, the insurance man is stunned, "What, you don't have e-mail? No computer? No Internet? Just think where you would be today if you'd had all of that five years ago!"

"Ha!" snorts the man. "If I'd had e-mail five years ago I would be sweeping floors at Microsoft and making \$5.15 an hour."

Which brings us to the moral: Since you got this story by e-mail, you're probably closer to being a janitor than a millionaire. Sadly, I received it also. Thanks to Roy Killick.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Wanted - AAA Delegate.**

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

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

### **Samson Fish Research Project.**

Yep I know this is boat fishing, but it is an interesting filler. There is a big samson fish tagging study that is to take place through Jan / Feb 2005. This is an ambitious project in which they want to tag at least 3000 sambos during a three week 'tagging blitz' in January 2005. This will be followed up about a week later with a one week 'recapture blitz' when they'll catch and release (without tagging) as many as possible. From the ratio of tagged to untagged fish caught they can estimate how many fish are in the school (aggregations.) Will also be filming the schools using underwater cameras either towed through or lowered down into the schools. Methods developed during the sambo tagging study will be applied to other species which aggregate for spawning, eg pink snapper, possibly dhufish, etc

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