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George Holman

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Committee Person

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Life Members of the Club

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

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 8th August 2007

Venue:	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club Rooms
Time:	2010 Hrs
President Presiding:	Malcolm Harris
Present:	27 Members
Apologies:	Ian Cook, Allan Jones, Andrew Pekaar and Robert Henderson
Visitors:	Christine and Irene Koutroulos future Members, Irene gave a summary as to why she wants to join a Fishing Club
New Members:	Expected New Members, Christine and Irene Koutroulos
Previous Minutes:	As published in the <u>July 2007 Reel Talk</u>
	<u>Moved:</u> <i>Jim Strong</i>
	<u>Seconded:</u> <i>Peet Wessels</i>
Previous Committee:	AAA Awards given to Andrew Pekaar, Peter Osborne and Rhys Jones. Membership enquiries, Letters sent out to Prospective Members. Letter sent to Stirling Shire to book Yokine Reserve December 2007 – December 2008.

Sandra reported Bank Account figures as per July Reel Talk, and had received information on BT Investment.

A few monies in, Kalbarri house is fine, investigations into Kalbarri House damage, George gave a report on AAA Awards night held on 17 July 2007. Ian Cook seeks the whereabouts of the Club Banner used at the Drycasting Oval, Reel Talk Editor all going well, Dry Casting Officer reminds all of the State Championships to be held on 28 October 2007.

Instruction Period: August – No Instruction AGM Meeting

September – Beach Recovery by Ian Cook

Correspondence In: Shire of Dandaragan, Cervantes Beach Fishing has been approved.

For dates of: 15/16 September 2007, 17/18 November 2007 and 16/17 February 2008

Membership Application Family of Three: Bill, Christine & Irene Koutroulos

Membership Application Family of Two: Hadley & Tracy Markus

Ray White Kalbarri House incoming and outgoing expenses

AAA Minutes held on the 17th July 2007

Wesfarmers Receipt for Kalbarri House & Contents Insurance

Public Liability Insurance covered for within the Australian Borders for \$ 20,000,000,

Correspondence Out: Application to the Shire of Stirling for the Booking of Yokine Reserve 2007/2008 periods.

Information about the Surf Casting and Angling Club to Irene Koutroulos.

Information about the Surf Casting and Angling Club to Hadley Markus

Treasurer's Report: Sandra Wessels reported. Balance Sheet & Profit and Loss sheet for Financial Year Ending 30 June 2007 presented.

Profit for the Year = \$755.22

Bank Balance: \$12,974.82 (\$7,000 to BT Invested) as at 31 July 2007

Monies Received:	Drycasting July 07	\$162.00
	General Meeting Raffle	\$27.00
	Field Day Takings	\$46.00
	A Jones 2007-2008 Membership	\$85.00
	R Jones 2007-2008 Membership	\$85.00
	R Henderson 2007-2008 Membership	\$55.00
	A Thorgersen 2007-2008 Membership	\$55.00
	I Taggart 2007-2008 Membership	\$85.00
	T Fuller 2007-2008 Membership	\$55.00
	B Grigo 2007-2008 Membership	\$85.00
	I Koutroulos Nomination Fees	\$20.00
	H Markus Nomination Fees	\$10.00
	Sale of car stickers	\$8.00
	Kalbarri Rent	\$580.00

Accounts to be paid:	Coolbinia Meeting Room	\$200.00
	iinet Prepaid Hours	\$50.00
	Wesfarmers Insurance	\$1,528.00
	E Parker Rotto Refund	\$48.00
	J Crompton	\$47.00
	Barron Lures Refund	\$ 40.00
	M Pekaar Refund	\$352.24
	Ian Cook Refund	\$393.80
	Ray White Kalbarri	\$228.70

Moved: Jim Strong

Seconded: John Crompton

Accounts to be passed for payment

Property Officer: Visitors given information on the usage of the Kalbarri House Information received from Ray White incoming, outgoing expenses Account received from Ray White – Cleaning of Kalbarri House total of \$110.

Secretary's Report: Wesfarmers Insurance and Public Liability, reinstated Policy which had expired on 9 July 2007.
Membership Application Form received from Bill, Christine & Irene Koutroulos
Membership Application Form received from, Hadley & Tracy Markus payment of \$ 10.00 nomination fee
Hand over of the selling of the Club's Colours from Andrew Aubrey to John Crompton from 24 July 2007

Field Day Officer: See the Field Day Officer's Report.

We need to get a good team together for the AAA Event to be held at the end of September Horrocks Beach to Kalbarri 29/09 – 1/10/07

Drycasting Officer: See Dry Casting Officer's Report

Website: Peet Wessels, busy with details of Yalata and uploading the Website with Photographs of Yalata

AAA Report: **George Holman** Last Delegate meeting with awards given out for the last Two years held on the 21 July 2007, **AAA** is seeking a President, Vice President and a Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting on 21 August 2007.
Monday Night at George's Home, the State Championships Meeting had 14 members and 3 Apologies, there are 18 Members who are interested in the trip to South Australia in 2009 any one else interested to put their names forward
Late October will be the State Championships and all Members to Join in and make up the Teams.
September – October State Beach Championships to be held at Port Gregory State Drycasting Championships to be held at Yokine Oval Sunday 28th October 2007

Recfish Report: Terry Fuller, Department of Fisheries officers in Mandurah is reminding fishers that set netting is prohibited in the Peel Harvey Inlet during August, September and October. This closure applies to both recreational and commercial fishers.

Recfishwest will be holding a Talking Tackle Workshop at our offices in Waterman (near Trigg) on Wednesday 5 September 2007. Register your interest by calling them 9246 3366 or send an email to recfish@recfishwest.org.au

Terry talked on **the Proposed Closure of Part of Geographe Bay to Commercial Fishing**; The WA Fisheries Minister sought comments on his proposal to close some parts of Geographe Bay to commercial fishing. His final decision will be announced in Busselton on 17 August.

Recorder: Not Available

Social Organiser: **Car Rally** to be held on **19 August 2007 at 0900 hrs**, meet at the Football and Sporting Club Rooms Parking area, costs at \$ 5.00 per head to cover the barbeque, Bring your mates! Josh thanked the Members for assisting him in the past year!!

Reel Talk Editor: Marcia reported all is well with the Reel Talk Magazine and again she thanks all members for sending their articles in early.

Notices of Motion: None

General Business: John Crompton read out the Minutes of the General Meeting, 12 July 2006

Malcolm thanked all Committee Members for their efforts for the Past Year! Mal asks for Two Volunteers being Peter Stoeckel and Eric Parker

Annual General Ballot for the elections of the New 2007/2008 Committee Members, all Positions declared vacant, Ballot papers handed out, Board and Positions written up by, Vix Alexander.

Elected Members for 2007/2008

President -	Malcolm Harris
Vice President -	Ian Cook
Secretary -	John Crompton
Treasurer -	Sandra Wessels
Field Day Officer -	Peter Wessels
Reel Talk Editor -	Marcia Pekaar
Dry Casting Officer -	Peter Pekaar
Property Officer -	Vix Alexander
Recorder -	Ian Cook
Social Organiser -	Position Vacant

AAA DELEGATES - George Holman & Terry Fuller

General Committee Members

Melvin Wee, Peter Stoeckel, George Holman, Tino Baiardo, Mark Hansen.

Jimmy Strong, gave his Condolences on behalf of the SCAC to Ted Savage (91) and Doug Edwards (90) on the sad loss of the old and wise Members

Raffle drawn by Irene Koutroulos: Won by Mark Hansen \$ 20.00 and Ken Parsons won a reel of Braid Line

Instruction Period: No Instruction Period due to Annual General Meeting

Meeting Closed: 2130 Hrs

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.

29	AAA Event																			
8	Dry Casting		11	General Meeting		14	15	Field Day		18	Committee Meeting									
September 2007							October 2007							November 2007						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2	<u>1</u>	2	3	4	5	6	<u>7</u>				1	2	3	<u>4</u>
3	4	5	6	7	8	<u>9</u> [^]	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10	11	12	13	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

^ Dry Casting will be held on 9 September due to **Fathers' Day** being celebrated on 2 September.

- 28 October State Dry Casting Championships

2007 Field Day Dates, Venues and Boundaries

The following is the list of Field Day dates, venues and boundaries.

Dates	Venue	Boundaries and more details
15-16 Sept 2007	Cervantes to Sandy Cape	Cervantes to Sandy Cape
29-30 Sept & 1 Oct 07	Horrocks to Kalbarri	To be advised by AAA
17-18 November 2007	Cervantes	Cervantes to Sandy Cape

2007 Dry Casting Dates. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting 8:30am.

Sunday, 9 September 2007	Sunday, 7 October 2007
Sunday, 4 November 2007	Sunday, 2 December 2007

2007 General Meeting Dates. All at Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, start 8:00pm.

Wednesday, 12 September 2007	Wednesday, 10 October 2007
Wednesday, 14 November 2007	Wednesday, 12 December 2007

COMING EVENTS:

September Dry Casting

- When:** Sunday, 9 September 2007
- Where:** Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue
- Events:** Double handed accuracy, single handed accuracy, 56g distance, artificial bait distance, 112g distance
- All casters please assist with the setting up at the beginning of the day before setting up your own gear.
- Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

Sausage Sizzle: Sausage & Bread \$1.00; Can of Cool Drink \$1.00

Casting Sinkers also available on the day.

September General Meeting

- When:** Wednesday, 12 September 2007
- Where:** Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club Room, off Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, about 200 metres south-east of the Yokine Bowling Club.
- Please remember to tick your name off the attendance sheet which is on the table near the door. And while you are there, what about buying some of the raffle tickets?

Field Day, Cervantes to Sandy Cape

- When:** 15 -16 September 2007
- Sign On:** Saturday 11 am at the car park close to the Hill River mouth.
- Lines Down:** Saturday 12 noon.
- Boundaries:** Southern border of Cervantes town site to Sandy Cape north of Jurien.
- Weigh In:** Sunday 12 noon, at car park close to the Hill River mouth.

Reminder that Field Day Fees are \$10 for Single and \$12 for Family Members

Field Day, Local

- When:** 15-16 September 2007
- Sign On:** At the General meeting or phone the FDO by 18:00 Friday, 14 September 2007
- Lines Down:** Sunday 12 noon.
- Boundaries:** Penguin Island to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina,
Including the Swan River and both the North and South Moles.
- Weigh In:** Sunday, 16 September 2007 at George Holman's House, rear of 89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 8.00 pm Sunday night.

September/October 2007 Field Day – Horrocks to Kalbarri

- When:** Saturday 29 September – Monday 1 October 2007
- Sign On:** See FDO
- Lines Down:** Saturday 12.00 noon
- Weigh In:** Monday, 12.00 noon 1 October 2007 – See FDO
- Boundaries:** See FDO

Field Day, Local

When: Saturday 29 September – Monday 1 October 2007

Sign On: Phone the FDO

Lines Down: Check with FDO

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

Weigh In: Monday, 1 October 2007 at George 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 8.00pm that night.

AAA State Rock and Beach Championship at Port Gregory

When: 29 September 2007 to 1 October 2007

Registration and event details TBA.

Club members are encouraged to participate in this Championship. Interested members should phone their names through to the FDO.

Ian Cook has booked a 3 x 2 and 2 x 2 house at Lynton on Sea, Port Gregory from Friday to Monday night, with Monday night only penciled in at this stage.

People that are on the accommodation list at this stage are Morris, Ian Cook, Peet and Sandra. Members that are interested in this accommodation should phone the FDO ASAP to avoid any disappointment.

SAFARIS

Members are invited to submit their suggestions for safaris over and above the current field days. Please put your ideas in writing and submit them to Ian Cook via email or bring them along to a General Meeting and hand to Ian or any other Committee Member, in his absence.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the September Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any of the applications should not be accepted, please contact a Committee Member and state the reason.

Irene Koutroulos, 15 Broomhall Way, Noranda WA 6062

Hadley Markus, 15B Fagan Street, Yokine WA 6060

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Members are reminded that fees were due on 31 July. Therefore, please ensure your dues are forwarded to the Treasurer immediately.

Otherwise, you may just miss out on next month's issue of Reel Talk.

FOND FAREWELL

Jimmy Strong brought to the attention of all members recently that both Ted Savage and Doug Edward have passed away.

Ted Savage departed on 20 July 2007, aged 91 years. He served on the Committee as Treasurer from 1963 for approximately four years. It was my pleasure to work with Ted during that period. "Vale" Ted Savage. Farewell to a good friend.

Doug Edward, Life Member/Secretary Past Member SCAC. Doug joined the club in 1952. The meeting place was Aussie Cycles, Hay Street, Perth and at that time there were approximately 6-8 members. I first met Doug at Cottesloe beach. Herring and salmon were there in good numbers. Salmon around 2.5 kg and larger. There I met Doug Edward and his angling friends. I joined the club in 1954 and Doug was very willing to help all members. He encouraged them to join the committee and support their club with activities and so use their many talents and encourage their friends to join the club. Doug of course believed the club was his, and so drove the club to greater heights and glory and all members would enjoy the field days and casting activities. His enthusiasm knew no bounds and I also was carried along with his ideas and drive. Very soon the club membership was over 100. There I remained FDO and all many of various jobs on the committee for the next 10 years and the SCAC became the largest beach angling club in WA. Doug was a commercial traveller and was involved in a major accident in the country and his leg was badly injured, laying him up for the next two years. Many of the original committee members carried on over the years and I was one of them to carry on with Field Day activities. By then, I had bought Doug's enthusiasm and did my best for SCAC. Doug will be missed by all his many friends over the years. Cherio Doug, my god pal.

Jimmy Strong
Life Member
SCAC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS **WHO HAVE THEIR BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER**

Sam Wee 2 September
(Not August as reported last month!!!)

Mark Farnay 3 September
Sharon Osborne 5 September
Morris Kolman 5 September
Elana Kolman 6 September
Ross Kember 16 September
Peet Wessels 20 September
(Again, Not August)

Brooke Reilly 22 September
Rhys Jones 23 September
Tino Baiardo 27 September

Could the following people please let me know their birth dates. I don't need to know the year: Gary Gildersleeves; Bob Klein; Andy Thorgersen; Terry Willison.

Thanks
Marcia, Reel Talk Editor

Recorders Report for August 2007

Masters Species for August		
Angler	Species	Weight
Ian Cook	Trevally, Skipjack	0.964
Ian Taggart	Trevally, Skipjack	0.810
Tino Baiardo	Trevally, Skipjack	0.774
Malcolm Harris	Trevally, Skipjack	0.718

Sportsperson Of The Year Sections for August			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	Ian Cook	Trevally, Skipjack	0.964
Best Bag of Scale fish	Malcolm Harris		8.040

Field Day Prizes for August			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best Scale Fish	Ian Cook	Trevally, Skipjack	0.964
Best Bag of Scale fish	Malcolm Harris		8.040

Field Day Sections up to and including August				
	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Mark Hansen	Salmon	4.025
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritorious Fish			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Mark Hansen	Shark	4.400
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Vix Alexander	Tailor	0.580
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Mark Hansen	Salmon	4.025
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Ian Cook	Trevally, Skipjack	0.964
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Cod	1.200
10	Best Bag of Scale Fish	Tino Baiardo	Mixed Bag	13.540
11	Best Bag of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Ian Taggart	Tailor	1.100
13	Best Fish on S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)			
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod			

Points Score Until August

Malcolm Harris	566
Mark Hansen	432
Ian Cook	420
Tino Baiardo	302
Vix Alexander	292
George Holman	223
Ian Taggart	203
Peet Wessels	189
Peter Pekaar	173
Andrew Pekaar	138
Morris Kolman	138
Sandra Wessels	128
Marcia Pekaar	90
John Crompton	84
Grant Taggart	65
Stephen Pekaar	54
Melvin Wee	54
Greg Walker	50
Peter Stoeckel	50
Wendy Hansen	40

2006 / 2007 Open Competition Results To August 2007

Nil Entries

*Tight Lines
Cookie***CLUB CLOTHING FOR SALE**

The following items are currently offered for sale. Please contact John Crompton on 9249 6209 or 0407 594 574 to order.

Short Sleeve Polo Shirt @ \$30 each

2 x Size 12; 2 x Size 14; 2 x Size 16; 1 x Size 18; 2 x Size 20; 2 x Size 22;
3 x Size 26.

Long Sleeve Polo Shirt @ \$30 each

1 x Size 20; 1 x Size 22; 4 x Size 24; 1 x Size 26.

Windcheaters @ \$50 each

1 x Small; 1 x Medium; 1 x Large; 4 x XL; 1 x XXL

PEAK CAP @ \$ 10 each

7 available

August Dry Casting Report

Saturday night's weather report indicating north-westerly winds in the morning was, unfortunately, correct. But at least it was fine and not too cold.

The Veterans started off with double-handed accuracy and competition was fairly close - Bob 130, George 135, Mal Head 141 but they weren't good enough to beat AJ's 143, which was the day's highest double-handed accuracy points.

Bob Henderson's single-handed accuracy score of 24 (including two bull's eyes) could not hold back Terry Fuller's steady scoring with 28 points.

The women all showed improvements in their double-handed accuracy scores. Andrew managed 104, but the stand out was the ever improving Holly Walker with 61 points.

The Seniors were thrashing it out on distance. Peter Pekaar won the 56g, artificial bait and the 112g events. Sadly for Mal Harris, his impressive distances in the 112g could not be counted as they were out of court.

Hadley Markus enjoyed his first day at dry casting, improving with every cast after some coaching. He has now applied for family membership along with his wife, Tracy.

In the Seniors' accuracy events, there was a clear winner – Rhys Jones. He gave us a real lesson in double-handed accuracy with 142 points, which was good, but not as good as Grand Dad who got 143 points. Rhys got 20 points in single-handed accuracy, which included two bull's eyes. Mal Harris was a close second in single-handed accuracy with 18 points.

While all the Vets, Ladies & Juniors put in solid efforts, George won the 56 gram event, art bait distance and the 112g event (163m & 166m). Bob Henderson got the points for artificial bait .

Vix Alexander won the 56g & 112g events and tied with Wendy Hansen for the artificial bait score. Wendy had the longest cast in artificial bait with 83 metres.

Again, Holly Walker improved on her distances from last month's efforts. Andrew Pekaar reset both 56 gram and 112 gram Club Junior Records with casts of 133 and 147.72 metres respectively.

Kevin Jackson, who has only done fly fishing in the UK, came to our dry casting and he said to me he hoped to one day cast over 100 metres. With expert coaching from George, he was able to do 112.21 metres on his first day.

Section Winners

Seniors:	Rhys Jones	235 points
Veterans:	George Holman	249 points
Ladies:	Vix Alexander	203 points
Juniors:	Andrew Pekaar	193 points

A Single-Handed Open was held after our regular casting and was fairly close with five contestants – three Seniors, one Veteran, one Junior. The scores are shown in the score sheet below.

***Peter Pekaar
Dry Casting Officer***

Dry Casting Results, 6 August 2007

Results for the day		56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day		Attendance		Total
Seniors	Cast	Cast	Points	Cast	Cast	Points	Cast	Cast	Points	Target Number								Target distance					Total	DC	GM	Points		
	1 (m)	2 (m)		1 (m)	2 (m)		1 (m)	2 (m)		3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S					Points	
Rhys Jones	0	126	13	82	113	20	153	148	30	12	23	22	21	18	11	12	23	142	0	10	0	10	20	225	10	0	235	
Mark Hansen	115	112	23	98	102	20	124	140	26	13	15	8	6	1	4	15	20	82	0	7	0	7	14	165	10	10	185	
Peter Pekaar	136	132	27	135	127	26	156	167	32	0	21	6	4	18	0	0	19	68	0	3	0	0	3	156	10	10	176	
Malcolm Harris	133	131	26	124	129	25	0	0	0	0	15	16	7	0	20	17	6	81	6	0	5	7	18	150	10	10	170	
Peter Stoeckel	81	74	16	85	88	17	90	96	19	0	0	23	24	15	4	19	4	89	1	0	5	0	6	147	10	10	167	
Eric Parker	102	102	20	95	96	19	123	115	24	14	15	18	11	1	0	18	0	77	1	0	2	3	6	146	10	10	166	
Greg Walker	0	81	8	68	85	15	0	105	11	8	19	21	23	0	0	18	1	90	0	4	0	4	8	132	10	10	142	
Kevin Jackson	87	99	19	0	0	0	109	112	22														41	10	0	51		
Hadley Markus	0	0	0	67	68	14	81	84	17														31	10	0	41		
Veterans																												
George Holman	139	134	27	0	136	14	163	166	33	20	15	21	13	17	8	22	19	135	2	3	8	7	20	229	10	10	249	
Malcolm Head	113	111	22	103	105	21	126	130	26	15	16	15	24	10	19	21	21	141	3	7	0	6	16	226	10	10	246	
Bob Henderson	132	126	26	125	117	24	138	129	27	13	18	22	17	9	8	21	22	130	4	10	0	10	24	231	10	0	241	
Allan Jones	113	104	22	114	110	22	130	129	26	21	23	23	20	4	15	14	23	143	0	8	0	8	16	229	10	0	239	
Terry Fuller	97	106	20	98	93	19	118	111	23	24	14	23	10	18	17	6	7	119	8	6	6	8	28	209	10	10	229	
John Crompton	99	107	21	90	91	18	117	85	20	10	9	4	19	11	20	10	14	97	0	2	0	6	8	164	10	10	184	
Dean Stewart	16	63	8	78	40	12	70	62	13	0	10	23	18	3	21	12	7	94	7	6	2	7	22	149	10	10	169	
Trevor Stam	85	92	18	80	85	17	100	101	20	6	2	12	1	9	11	12	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	108	10	10	128	
Ladies																												
Vix Alexander	80	85	17	80	82	16	94	97	19	11	16	20	4	5	20	23	17	116	3	7	5	0	15	183	10	10	203	
Wendy Hansen	75	81	16	72	83	16	93	85	18	10	23	23	17	8	0	5	16	102	0	0	0	0	0	152	10	10	172	
Marcia Pekaar	0	0	0	75	78	15	93	72	17	13	0	13	22	0	0	8	20	76	0	0	0	0	0	108	10	10	128	
Juniors																												
Andrew Pekaar	133	131	26	111	114	23	148	130	28	18	3	12	20	19	5	11	16	104	0	0	0	2	2	183	10	0	193	
Holly Walker	38	46	8	50	48	10	45	53	10	0	0	21	18	0	0	8	14	61	6	0	1	0	7	96	10	10	116	
Mini Juniors																												
Kaitlin Stoeckel																								0	10	0	10	

Dry Casting Winners for 6 August 2007

Event	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
56 gram Score	27	Peter Pekaar	27	George Holman
56 gram Distance	136	Peter Pekaar	139	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	26	Peter Pekaar	24	Bob Henderson
Artificial Bait Distance	135	Peter Pekaar	136	George Holman
112 gram Score	32	Peter Pekaar	33	George Holman
112 gram Distance	167	Peter Pekaar	166	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	142	Rhys Jones	143	Allan Jones
Single Handed Acc.	20	Rhys Jones	28	Terry Fuller
Section Highest Points	235	Rhys Jones	249	George Holman

Event	Ladies Winner		Juniors Winner	
56 gram Score	17	Vix Alexander	26	Andrew Pekaar
56 gram Distance	85	Vix Alexander	133	Andrew Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	16	Vix Alexander, Wendy Hansen	23	Andrew Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	83	Wendy Hansen	114	Andrew Pekaar
112 gram Score	19	Vix Alexander	28	Andrew Pekaar
112 gram Distance	97	Vix Alexander	148	Andrew Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	116	Vix Alexander	104	Andrew Pekaar
Single Handed Acc.	15	Vix Alexander	7	Holly Walker
Section Highest Points	203	Vix Alexander	193	Andrew Pekaar

Event	Overall Winner		Year's best up to August 2007	
56 gram Score	27	Peter Pekaar, George Holman	30	Malcolm Harris
56 gram Distance	139	George Holman	154	Malcolm Harris
Artificial Bait Score	26	Peter Pekaar	29	Malcolm Harris
Artificial Bait Distance	136	George Holman	146	Malcolm Harris
112 gram Score	33	George Holman	34	Malcolm Harris, George Holman
112 gram Distance	167	Peter Pekaar	174	Malcolm Harris, George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	143	Allan Jones	160	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	28	Terry Fuller	30	Terry Fuller, Malcolm Head
Day's High Points	249	George Holman	281	Gary Gildersleeves

Dry Casting Top Ten for 2007/8

Total scores up to and including August casting and now including General Meeting attendance up to August (E and OE.) Only the best 11 months out of 12 count at the end of the year.

1	George Holman	1006	6	Andrew Pekaar	730
2	Malcolm Head	943	7	Vix Alexander	707
3	Allan Jones	875	8	Rhys Jones	681
4	Malcolm Harris	786	9	Mark Hansen	678
5	Peter Pekaar	731	10	John Crompton	672

Single Handed Open

Caster	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Cast 3 (m)	Cast 4 (m)	Cast 5 (m)	Best Cast (m)
Peter Pekaar	72	79	86	84	79	86
George Holman	82	84	84	83		84
Mark Hansen	47	56	50	73	44	73
Mal Harris	68	57	69	44	69	69
Andrew Pekaar	61	66	62	61	59	66

STATE DRY CASTING REPORT

A meeting of the State Dry Casting group was held at 89 Clontarf Street, Sorrento on Monday, 6 August 2007 with an attendance of 14 and four apologies – Joe Pullella, Bob Henderson, Nick Allsworth and Andrew Pekaar. Those present were: Allan Jones, Eric Parker, Trevor Stam, Jim Strong, Malcolm Head, John Crompton, Peter Pekaar, Marcia Pekaar, Garry Gildersleeves, Malcolm Harris, Vix Alexander, Wendy Hansen, Mark Hansen, George Holman.

The main agenda was to organise the forthcoming State Casting Championships to be held at Yokine Reserve on Sunday, 28 October 2007.

AAA Secretary, Diane McDonough, had made the booking with Stirling Shire and it was moved, Jim Strong, and seconded, Mark Hansen, that the fee of \$120 be paid – Carried.

Trophies

Magic Nissan has once again sponsored the individual trophies and it was decided to go ahead and organise winner and runner-up medallions for the team events.

It was recommended that three pairs of hand-held CB radios be purchased at a cost of around \$60 per pair, to replace our old units as they are inoperable. To be put to the next Delegates' meeting.

An up-to-date Dry Casting Competition Rules was tabled and discussed. The addition is a direct take from the State Rock and Beach Rules on Eligibility to Enter and team structure. It was moved, Malcolm Harris, and seconded, Allan Jones, that this be tabled at the next Delegates' meeting to be approved in the usual manner – Carried.

Entries for the individual and teams events are to be in by 8pm on Thursday, 25 October 2007 either by email to the Association Secretary or by phone to George Holman – 9447 5106. This is to facilitate a prompt start on the day.

Entry fees to remain at \$11.00 for Men, Ladies and Veterans, and \$5.50 for Juniors and Mini-Juniors.

It was recommended that we suggest the Association look at increasing the Veterans age to 60 years for the 2008/9 competition year to conform to the National Veterans age approved at the recent Phillip Island Carnival. The next National Carnival is to be held in South Australia in 2009.

Bob Henderson indicated to the group that he would like to assist Ian Cook with the dry casting records when Ian becomes State Recorder. The group could not see a problem with this and Ian will be approached with this recommendation.

Jim Strong said he was again willing to present an award to the highest double-handed accuracy scorer for WA in the Men's, Ladies', Veterans' and Junior events. Jim was thanked for his kind offer and was thanked for his generosity at the Phillip Island Championships.

Chas Reigert approached the chairperson earlier with a request to come back to casting with the group, and asked for his points to be put. A lengthy discussion then took place. The group then voted whether to accept Chas as part of the casting group – by secret ballot – the result was 13 “No” votes and one abstainer. He is eligible to compete for his club at State events.

The following have expressed their intentions to attend the 2009 National Championships in South Australia in March: Bob Henderson, Joe Pullella, Nick Allsworth, Allan Jones, Eric Parker, Trevor Stam, Jim Strong, Malcolm Head, John Crompton, Peter Pekaar, Marcia Pekaar, Andrew Pekaar (Junior), Garry Gildersleeves, Malcolm Harris, Vix Alexander, Wendy Hansen, Mark Hansen and George Holman. (18 persons – not a bad start). We look forward to boat, beach and estuary starters as well!!

George Holman

Kalbarri House For Rent

The Club has a house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 double bed and 3 bunks, has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$250 per week	On season	\$390 per week	} all plus \$50
Club Members:-	Off season	\$160 per week	On Season	\$210 per week	} deposit / bond
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night	\$40 per night for two or more nights		} plus \$55.00 cleaning

Bookings taken for the school holidays go from Saturday to Saturday (leaving by 10am). Outside of school holidays it does not matter. The club has decided that cleaning will need to be paid for and is \$55.00 extra on the rates above for future new bookings. The club is now being charged GST on the cleaning.

Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander at info@circa.net.au for more details and for bookings.

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

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval. Members who are staying in the house are not allowed to authorize any repairs or services on the house without authority from the Property Officer, Treasurer or President.

Vix Alexander, Property Officer

Rottnest Field Day Report – 11 & 12 August 2007

What a “Ripper” of a week-end, can it get any better?

The week-end started off on a very wet and stormy Friday afternoon. Full of hope that the weather predictions would be close to the mark we travelled down the West Coast Highway towards Rous Head to catch the 6pm Ferry to Rotto. As we drove past some of our wonderful Perth beaches I noticed the presence of a large contingency of surfers in the water. This meant only one thing yes, we were in for a very bumpy ride.

At the ferry terminal, things went fairly well except for a little hick-up with our booking, but by 6:10 pm the smiling and happy faces of Ian Cook, Malcolm Harris, Ian Taggart, Grant Taggart, Mark Hansen, Tino Baiardo, Peet Wessels and Sandra Wessels were all on board. The next 25 minutes were very close to a roller coaster ride and we were all relieved when we moored at Thompson Bay. We left the Ferry in pouring rain and made our way up to the visitors' centre where we met Steve, our bus driver, who took us to our spacious and comfortable accommodation. Here we quickly made arrangements for our transport the next morning.



At exactly 6am Saturday morning, Steve was there with the bus and trailer to cart us all to West End. It was still raining softly when we arrived. We all decided Wilsons was the first place to try out. It was a very picturesque sunrise with the sun struggling to get through the clouds. The conditions for fishing were just perfect. Everybody was bait casting and tried their best, but Wilsons did not surrender anything. Soon the guys went on to other spots. A few Herring, Wrasse and Tarwhine were caught for the morning session. After a good siesta the guys were slowly making their way back to the reef. Starting to fish from the Tailor hole and, as the tide was dropping, coming across to Radar Reef. At this stage, the weather turned out to be a pearler, just blue skies a light breeze and a sea as calm as you seldom get. But still the fish were hard to come by. Ian Cook was the only one with real good success in the early stages. He got stuck into a school of Skippy which really kept him busy. The rest of us were trying very hard to get hold of a Yellow Tail, but to no avail. Malcolm and Tino later joined Ian Cook and they finished the day off with some good catches.

Sunday morning saw only Malcolm Harris on the bus. It was a cold morning with an icy cold wind blowing out of the east. At the weigh in it was obvious that Malcolm had some good success during the Sunday morning. Ian Cook took the prize for heaviest scale fish with a Skippy of nearly 1 kg. Malcolm deservedly won the competition with the best bag of fish.

All in all, this was a very successful and memorable week-end. We are already planning for our next two Rottnest Field days in 2008. Members that are interested should give their names through early. The planned dates are: 17/18 May 2008 and 16/17 August 2008.

Our next Field day is at Cervantes on the weekend of 15/16 September 2007. This is always a good venue with excellent and relaxing fishing. Please bring your family and friends with you, and come and enjoy in the Surfcasters' spirit.

Hope to see you all there.



Field Day Officer
Peet Wessels



Radar Reef

SCAC DRYCASTING RECORDS

112 GRAM LEVEL LINE DISTANCE

MEN	192m	K HEANEY
LADIES	132m	S OSBORNE
VETERANS	178.9m	G HOLMAN (10/06)
JUNIORS	147.72m	A PEKAAR (05/08/07)
MINI JUNIORS	100.25m	R JONES

56 GRAM LEVEL LINE DISTANCE

MEN	155m	G HOLMAN
LADIES	130m	S OSBORNE
VETERANS	152.3m	G HOLMAN (10/06)
JUNIORS	133m	A PEKAAR (05/08/07)
MINI JUNIORS	97.45m	R JONES

ARTIFICIAL BAIT L/LINE DISTANCE

MEN	159m	K HEANEY
LADIES	106m	F D'ALONZO
VETERANS	147m	G HOLMAN (10/06)
JUNIORS	131m	H HOLMAN
MINI JUNIORS	103m	H HOLMAN

DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY

MEN	171p	G GILDERSLEEVES
LADIES	158p	S OSBORNE
VETERANS	170p	R KILLICK
JUNIORS	163p	H HOLMAN
MINI JUNIORS	78p	S SAURERAKER

SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY

MEN	38p	A AUBREY
LADIES	29p	S OSBORNE/F D'ALONZO
VETERANS	36p	T FULLER/B HENDERSON
JUNIORS	32p	S PILTON
MINI JUNIORS	29p	R JONES

Records Updated on 15 August 2007

By Bob Henderson

SCAC TOP PRESENTATION AWARDS 2007

BASIL MARSH ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

JOHN CROMPTON

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR FOR 2007

GEORGE HOLMAN: 100 points

CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR FOR 2007

JIM STRONG

SCAC DRYCASTING AWARDS 2007

DOUBLE HANDED ACCURACY EVENT

First	George Holman	1544 points
Second	Bob Henderson	1307 points

SINGLE HANDED ACCURACY EVENT

First	George Holman	266 points
Second	Terry Fuller	226 points

INCLUDES RON KILHDALE TROPHY

CHAMPION OPEN/SENIOR CASTER

First	Mal Harris	1757 points
Second	Mark Hanson	1667 points

CHAMPION VETERAN CASTER

First	George Holman	2629 points
Second	Bob Henderson	2352 points

MOST IMPROVED CASTER

JOHN CROMPTON

CASTER OF THE YEAR FOR 2006/2007

BOB HENDERSON

SCAC DRYCASTING AWARDS 2007

CHAMPION LADIES CASTER

First	Vix Alexander	1294 points
Second	Wendy Hansen	737 points

CHAMPION JUNIOR CASTER

First	Andrew Pekaar	1021 points
Second	Andrew Stoeckel	169 points

CHAMPION MINI JUNIOR CASTER

First	Kaitlin Stoeckel	208 points
Second	Stephen Pekaar	175 points

WINNER of 112 gram OPEN

Mal Harris	180.24 metres
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WINNER of SINGLE HANDED OPEN

George Holman	82.8 metres
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MOST BULL'S EYES SCORED

Allan Jones	Total of 5
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WINNER OF SCAC DISTANCE CASTING EVENTS

56 GRAM

First	BOB HENDERSON	235 points
Second	MAL HARRIS	213 points

ARTIFICIAL BAIT

First	BOB HENDERSON	217 points
Second	ALLAN JONES	194 points

112 GRAM

First	ALLAN JONES	242 points
	BOB HENDERSON	242 points
Second	GARRY GILDERSLEEVES	216 points

SCAC PRESENTATION 2007

FIELD DAY SECTION

1a) Best scale fish (1 st 6 months)	GEORGE HOLMAN Mulloway 6.915 kg
1b) Best scale fish (2 nd 6 months)	PEET WESSELS Salmon 3.160 kg
2) Most Meritorious Fish	(Nil Entry)
3) Best Shark	MALCOLM HARRIS 8.150 kg
4) Best Mulloway	GEORGE HOLMAN 6.915 kg
5) Best Tailor	IAN C.OOK 2.900 kg
6) Best Salmon	VIX ALEXANDER 4.150 kg
7) Best Skipjack	(Nil Entry)
8) Best Mackerel	(Nil Entry)
9) Best Scale Fish	PETER OSBORNE Yellowtail Kingfish 2.490 kg
10) Best Bag of Scale Fish	PETER OSBORNE Mixed bag 12.742 kg
11) Best Bag of Mulloway	IAN COOK 5.00 kg
12) Best Bag of Tailor	PETER OSBORNE 8.180 kg

HANS WYTENBURG MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY

Bluff Creek Field Day **PEET WESSELS** (Mixed Bag 7.120 kg)

TOP THREE FIELD DAY POINTS WINNERS

1	Mal Harris	1655 points
2	Peter Osborne	983 points
3	Vix Alexander	914 points

LADIES CLUB CHAMPION (OVERALL)

Vix Alexander

OPEN WINNER SHIELD

Mal Harris- 1655 points

SCAC PRESENTATION 2007

OPEN SECTION AWARDS - IAN COOK

Section 6 - Best Tailor

GEORGE HOLMAN (4 kg) False Entrance

Section 8 - Best Fish Single Handed Rod (4 kg line)

ANDREW PEKAAR Flathead 0.375 kg

Section 9 - Best Pink Snapper

GEORGE HOLMAN 3.3 kg Steep Point

Section 10 - Best Tarwhine

DAVE MAXTED 0.6 kg Steep Point

Section 11 - Best Mackerel

GEORGE HOLMAN 11.5 kg False Entrance

Section 16 -Best Scale Fish (other than section 3 to 14)

GEORGE HOLMAN 2.8 kg Bonefish False Entrance

BARON LURE COMPETITION - RIC PARKER

HEAVIEST TAILOR 3.48 kg MAL HARRIS

HEAVIEST SALMON 3.85 kg MARK HANSEN

FROM THE EDITOR

Since the AGM, Mark Hansen & Andrew Pekaar have been awarded the positions of Assistant Field Day Officer & Assistant Dry Casting Officer. Congratulations, gentlemen. So we now have a full complement of Committee Members.

I'll be helping the Dry Casting Officer by collecting fees and filling in the sheets with the names of members casting. Please help us all out by having the correct money available and have your name checked off before you set up.

Marcia Pekaar
Reel Talk Editor

STEEP POINT

Saturday 23 June has finally arrived and with much anticipation we're finally making our way along Brand Highway to Steep Point. Leaving Perth with grey skies at approximately 8.30, Greg and Tino were well on their way whilst the remaining group, consisting of Cookie, Mark, Morris and Melvin, who were slightly disorganised, were making their way up. After much preparation, which was mostly done by Ian, Mark and Greg, we were all well on our way to Steep Point, the mecca for land-based game fishing in Western Australia. Our first port of call for the group was at the 440 roadhouse at Geraldton to recharge our batteries and commence proceedings in regards to banter and bullshit. We all eventually arrived at the 440 just outside Geraldton, albeit some later than others; we refuelled, recharged and set off for the Billabong Roadhouse at approximately three o'clock Saturday afternoon. We left just in the nick of time, with a cold front approaching Geraldton ready to soak one and all. We arrived at the Billabong Roadhouse at approximately 5.30pm and we were greeted by some rather dodgy looking characters, but all seemed to be glad to have arrived safely. Upon arrival, we were greeted by Lee and Dave who had introduced themselves to a long lost arrival from Mexico called Corona and were well on their way to a pretty happy sort of place. After an exchange of banter and bullshit, we all sat down for tea at seven o'clock with steaks the order of the day. An assortment of ales and spirits were consumed prior to retiring as we were in training for the remainder of the trip.

DAY 2

Sunday 24 June 2007

We arrived at The Overlander, our final destination before turning into Shark Bay Road. We topped up on fuel and supplies and headed westward bound for Denham, 129 km west, with clear blue skies above and the temperature between 20-25°.

We turned left onto Useless Loop Road, which is maintained by a local mine site and is in excellent condition, with the party travelling at approximately 90 to 100 km an hour safely.

At 1.15pm, we have sighted Dirk Hartog Island and the water is like a sheet of glass. The "Fakarewe" Tribe has set up base at Easter Camp with Dirk Hartog Island our backdrop. At the moment everyone's an expert on everything, with twenty chiefs and not enough Indians and we have been blessed with fantastic weather.

The sunset saw the completion of the erection of the campsite and our rehydration process commenced in earnest. A young fellow from Ireland called Mr Jamieson made a guest appearance on more than one occasion throughout the evening and most were feeling the effects the following morning.

DAY 3

Monday 25 June

We woke to a beautiful sunrise with a light easterly followed by breakfast, with some preparing fishing gear, and the group consensus was that the day was to be spent exploring the area and deciding which spots were most suitable for fishing in various weather conditions. Upon unpacking gear, I (Tino) found out that my tackle box had been left in Perth and therefore my fishing trip was going to be a little bit more interesting with little to no terminal tackle.

We've had lunch and packed our gear, but predominantly most of the afternoon will be spent sight seeing with a possibility of fishing if the occasion arises. Ian Cook knows the area rather well, having spent a large amount of time up here, and took us on a sight seeing tour of the area. We've arrived at Steep Point, the most western portion of the Australian landmass, and it's quite an amazing place with a rugged beauty quite difficult to describe.

We have seen various spots including The Armchair, Suicide, Freight Trains and a number of other locations. We returned back to camp where Melvin proceeded to prepare chicken and rice, which was hungrily devoured and enjoyed by all. Following rehydration, David and Lee showed us some fish they'd caught out in the boat and then we all drove out to a sand spit close by and with great anticipation we caught nothing, bar a number of butterfish.

DAY 4

Tuesday 26 June

Following breakfast, the group had decided that we were going to fish The Armchair which required roping all our gear down a cliff face, abseiling, and somehow we had to all get down there ourselves, with the less nimble in our group somewhat fearful. Cookie took us to a fishing spot called The Armchair, which is not as comfortable as the name suggests, but a good day's fishing was had by all. Species such as snapper, spangled emperor, long tom and sharks over two metres (which were unstoppable) had us all enthralled and The Armchair is a truly spectacular location of the West Australian coast.

Upon returning to camp, repairs commenced to the tarp, with a strong prevailing wind wreaking havoc.

DAY 5

Wednesday 27 June

We all woke to breakfast, and Cookie in conversation with the ranger informed us that a storm front was approaching with 30-40 knot winds and we commenced in earnest tying down the tarps for when the wind strength increased. Fishing was not an option and we spent the majority of the day swapping yarns and having an odd drink or two. As the evening progressed, winds increased and running repairs were made to our sheltered area.

DAY 6

Thursday 28 June

We woke to a still, calm morning and Mark Hansen went with Dave and Lee and had a forgettable day. Tino and Cookie proceeded to Broken Down Head and, as the name suggests, Cookie's outboard broke down with a broken impeller in the water pump in the middle of nowhere at a spot named The Rookery. We made the best of a hairy situation and drifted with the current along Dirk Hartog Island and proceeded to bag out on pink snapper and spangled emperor and hooked into a number of large silver trevally. Greg, Morrie and Melvin fished the south-eastern point of Dirk Hartog Island and bagged out on tailor and Spanish mackerel with Morrie being dragged around the island on the tail of a one metre-plus shark. Special thanks to David for towing us back to camp as we would have been in an extremely precarious situation.

Arriving back at camp, we proceeded to unload the boats, clean and fillet fish, and Melvin prepared a fresh fillet of snapper 'sashimi' style, which was enjoyed by all. The rest of the evening was spent consuming copious amounts of alcohol and recounting stories.

DAY 7

Friday 29 June

The group woke to a late breakfast and departed camp at approximately 9.30 for fishing. Morris and Melvin decided to fish Steep Point, with Morris catching and releasing what he believed to be an undersized sweet lip snapper, but was actually well within legal limits. Both Melvin and Morris had hooked two large unstopables, resulting in expected bust-offs. Mark, Greg, Cookie and Tino decided to fish Freight Train with all members hooking into large unstopables, resulting in bust-offs. Mark caught a nice sized baldchin groper, which was duly despatched to the esky. Tino decided to take a different tack, ballooning and on his second attempt, approximately 300-350 metres out, hooked into a Spanish mackerel and whilst posing for photos and with the fish within 50 metres of being cliff gaffed, a 2.5 metre hammerhead shark decided to pass on through with a free lunch up for grabs. Tino then had a 2.5 metre shark hooked, and was hanging on for dear life for a short period before being busted off. We all headed back to camp with a number of the party deciding to watch DVDs and we settled in for another night with inclement weather approaching.

DAY 8

Saturday 30 June

The fishing group woke late Saturday morning to bright blue skies and Cookie performed running repairs to the outboard and was accompanied by Morris and Tino, and all duly hooked up to pink snapper, spangled emperor, tusktooth fish and one 55-60cm flathead caught by Morris. Mark, David and Lee trawled the channel close to the point at Dirk Hartog Island and caught a large pink snapper, a number of Queensland school mackerel and some skippy.

Back at camp, Greg and Melvin performed running repairs to the tarp, as we were made aware by the ranger that there were going to be two days of rough and inclement weather ahead of us. Morris and Tino returned back to camp with approximately 10 kilos of a variety of fish, and Cookie took Greg and Melvin out and returned with a small but large catch of fish. David and Lee set out again and trawled for a number of hours and returned with a large catch of school mackerel which were all quickly filleted and put on ice. Lamb and banana stew was prepared by Cookie and warmed for tonight's tea. All in all, a long and successful day and we all enjoyed the fine weather.

DAY 9

Sunday 1 July

We woke to a breakfast of porridge prepared by Greg and the ranger informed us that there was a gale force warning from Exmouth to Bremer Bay and a number of members made further running repairs to the tarp which was showing signs of wear and tear. Whilst enjoying a cuppa, David (a guest of Mark Hansen) demonstrated the finer points of tying flies and the demonstration was informative. Once finished, we enjoyed a selection of fine cheeses from the Re Store and we then made our way down to the causeway, which is a very large salt water impoundment.

David, Greg, Mark and Tino decided to toss a variety of lures and poppers and tailor up to 13.5 pound in the old mark, were caught. The fish were three foot long and were truly some of the largest specimens members had seen in quite a while.

Tailor of this size put up a spirited performance, with head-shaking, tossing out lures, and all fish returned to the water with catch-and-release the order of the day. We returned to our vehicles to rehydrate and reminisce on approximately an hour and a half of fishing gold. Upon returning to camp, we hastily made preparations to trawl for school mackerel with David, Greg and Mark trawling approximately 100-200 metres off shore and Greg displaying his skills as a member of the Surfcasters and hooked into four Queensland mackerel. Cookie, Tino and Melvin trawled for approximately one hour and Tino and Cookie caught one school mackerel each. We returned back to camp for a fry up of bacon and eggs and retired for the evening.

DAY 10

Monday 2 July

We woke to clear skies and David and Lee took Mark Hanson out and bagged out on Queensland mackerel in no time at all. Cookie took Tino and Melvin out and, overall, a very quiet morning with lots of fishing for very little reward. Melvin caught a number of tusk fish and Tino and Cookie caught one school mackerel. They returned at approximately lunch time, had a bite, and Cookie returned to the water with Morris and Greg in tow. The fish caught included a number of yellow fin bream and tusk fish and, overall, very slow going. David and Lee in the afternoon took Melvin and Tino on separate occasions and both bagged out on school mackerel in a very short period of time. Tino spent a number of hours fishing from shore within sight of camp and caught half a dozen large yellow fin whiting and four quite large flathead. Dinner was prepared by Melvin, and the chilli chicken and cashew with steamed rice was quickly devoured.

DAY 11

Tuesday 3 July

We woke to fine weather and Cookie took Mark and Morrie out on his dinghy and they caught three mackerel and one bonito. David and Lee took Greg out and they caught a number of fish but none was a keeper, with all being released. Melvin and Tino spent the morning cleaning camp and then caught a number of large flathead and good sized yellow fin whiting. We all had lunch together with Melvin, Cookie, Mark and Tino electing to have a look at Freight Trains and Suicide, and upon deliberation it was decided that Steep Point was to be fished. We all bottom bounced with limited success and we all decided to balloon some baits out, but there were no willing mackerel. We returned to camp and as on a number of previous occasions, Melvin was kind enough to prepare sashimi and the fish eaten included bonito, whiting, pink snapper, school mackerel and skippy. The sashimi could not have been any fresher with the fish caught only a number of hour's prior and all had commented that it was by far the best quality given the product's freshness. Tonight's main course was curry prepared by Greg's wife Michelle, which was enjoyed. Overall, a day which offered reasonable weather, but overall disappointing in regards to fishing, with lots of work for little reward.

Morris and Cookie decided after an arduous day's fishing and sight seeing that they would drink one bottle each of Glenlivet scotch. We were all quite surprised to see the more senior members of the group being quite rowdy, with Cookie drinking his bottle neat.

DAY 12

Wednesday 4 July

We woke to fine weather with Cookie taking Mark and Morrie for one final mack attack in a productive area known as the purple zone and after one hour's trawling, Morrie caught a gurnard fish, which was thrown back. Returning mid-morning, we decided to commence packing, with David and Lee leaving mid-afternoon. We spent the majority of the day packing and trying to work out who had what and at about 6.00pm all was packed and we settled down to a campfire followed by sausages on the barbie.

In summary, a successful trip with the majority of the fishing party first-timers and we thoroughly enjoyed the variety of fishing on offer. Fishing styles include ballooning off cliffs and bottom bouncing with sturdy rods, bait casting, lure chucking or fishing from shore within Shelter Bay with flick rods. If a dinghy is available, a variety of locations around Dirk Hartog Island ranging from the Rookery, Sunday Island and the Snapper Hole produces a variety of species including pink snapper, spangled emperor, tailor, skippy and mackerel. Steep Point itself we found to be rather disappointing. We as a fishing party ballooned and bottom bounced with bait casting at various times for no reward. Given its popularity, we believe the point itself has been overfished in recent times with little or no resident fish. In discussions with the ranger, he pointed out that on a good day the point does produce large Spanish mackerel, but unfortunately this was not to be the case for the Surfcasters. Overall, a very memorable trip with all members enjoying the fishing, camping, and camaraderie, which, as a fishing club, is integral to its survival. We all agreed that we would all love to come back to the point and a visit in May or June 2008 when the weather is slightly warmer. We would encourage all members to seriously consider attending, as this has been one of the most memorable fishing trips with great fishing on a number of days, wonderful scenery with some of the most spectacular coastline along the West Australian peninsula.

DAY 13

Thursday 5 July

We packed up camp and headed off at around 8am with a quick stop at the tip to drop off excess rubbish, then a thank you and paying of monies owed to the ranger and we headed off. We stopped of at the Causeway to inflate tyres with a number of members opting for a quick lure chucking session with no fish caught. Having had rains in the previous couple of days, the track was being graded and we were fortunate enough to have a good track leaving. We stopped at the Overlander for a quick refuel and bite to eat and we elected to head straight back to Perth, 700 km. We stopped at the 440 and Cataby roadhouse for a last stop and farewell and most made it back home before 10.30pm.

On a final note, a big thank you to all who attended this event. A truly fantastic trip with a great group of friends who made it all the more enjoyable. To Ian Cook, Mark Hansen and Greg Walker, who took the burden of organising the trip and making it the success it was, from all of us, thank you.

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