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Minutes of General Meeting, 8 December 2004

Venue:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room
Time 8:00 pm. President Bob Henderson presiding.

Present:- 22 members, 1 visitors.

Apologies:- Vix Alexander, Malcolm Harris, John Romano, Matt Henderson, Fiona Callender, Chas Riegert.

Visitors:- Peter Pekaar.

New Member:- None.

Previous Minutes:- As published in the Reel Talk. Moved Jim Strong, seconded Terry Willison, these are a true record. Carried.
Bob Henderson commented on the work Terry Fuller and Recfishwest are doing for recreational anglers, and referred members to the recent publicity about Ningaloo.

Previous Committee:- Bob Henderson outlined actions from the previous Committee meeting. No business arising.

Correspondence In:-

Westpac Bank	Bank statement for November.
Ray White Kalbarri	Account for transport of mattresses.
Ray White Kalbarri	Account for pillows
AAA	Minutes of November AAA Delegates' Meeting.
Shire of Dandaragan	Thanks for letter about petrol bombs and more than happy to
Ranger Services	have SCAC back at any time
BT Financial Group	Quarterly Statement
Ray White Kalbarri	Cheque for $19.59 =$250 less costs.
R&D White Accountants	Tax Return and account for $385
City of Stirling	"Don't Drink and Drive" campaign
Jim Strong	Christmas card and best wishes for the New Year.

Correspondence Out:-

Mal Head	Thanks for work at Kalbarri, and bond refund.
Geoff Raftis	Bond refund.

Treasurer's Report:- Paul Thompson reported. Accounts for payment

Clark Rubber Geraldton. Mattresses and two pillows	$613 60
Kalbarri Express Freight. Delivery of mattresses	$55.00
R&D White and Associates Tax return and accounts.	$385.00
Terry Fuller. Iinet account, sticky labels, stamps and staples, Reel Talk covers	$232.72
Alan Grover, deposit bond for Kalbarri house	$50.00
Account balance today	$16,150.72

Moved Jim Strong seconded Peter Stoeckel, accounts be passed for payment, carried.
There was some discussion on investing some of the surplus cash. Some payment will be required for Kalbarri. Committee to look at investing some of the club's cash.

Property Officer Not present. There was some discussion on the condition of the air conditioner and trimming the trees. Thanks to members who help with maintenance while they stay at Kalbarri.

Secretary's Report. Nothing else to report other than covered by correspondence or in general business.

Field Day Officer:- George Holman reported briefly on the November Cervantes Field day. Bob Henderson reported on the coming Open Field Day.
Bob Henderson noted the drop off in Field Day attendance and asked members to contact him with any comments for how to improve this and/or what might be wrong with the choice of venues. George Holman said that fish were available at Floreat Drain which was easy to get to.
Ian Cook asked how many people would go to Bremer Bay compared to how many would go to Bluff Creek. Some advantages and disadvantages of both venues were raised. A suggestion is to go into Reel Talk for a possible change, to be discussed at the January General Meeting.

Dry Casting Officer:- Bob Henderson reported on the December dry casting as in Reel Talk. This was the first time for a long time we had a tail wind.
A night cast will be held at George's place after the December Field Day weigh in.
Bob Henderson is leaving in January. Helpers are need to take over the sausage sizzle. Peter Stoeckel offered to do the drinks.
Bob reminded members that some help is needed for setting up and clearing the dry casting equipment and do a bit of scoring. The hot weather is here and this makes it hard and tiring for the few people who do this work, and help is needed when Bob Henderson will not be here.
Bob presented some trophies from the AAA State Dry Casting Championships.

AAA Report:- George Holman reported on Ningaloo Marine Park decision and recent publicity in the newspapers, and the implications for the Capes Marine Park.
State and National records have been tidied up and are on the AAA website.
George reported on the AAA State Estuary Championship on 27/28 November and some of the captures. Would like to see more Surfcasters at future events.

George explained the best way to be competitive in AAA events is to target species, rather than weight. Morris Kolman to look at hiring a boat for the AAA State Boat Angling Championships.

Social Organiser:- Night cast after the December field day weigh in.
Need someone for the dry casting sausage sizzle.

Recorder:- Nothing to report.

Reel Talk Editor:- Not present at this time.

Notices of Motion:- None.

General Business:- A future article for the Reel Talk will cover the reaction of two of our members who found the "no fishing signs" at some of the really good fishing spots in the Jurien Bay Marine Park.

Dave Maxted asked if we were being unrealistic with the minimum weights for some species in some of the competitions. There was also some discussion on the species which should be eligible for the Open Competition. This will be discussed further by the Committee.

Terry Fuller reported on some items from the December Recfishwest meeting and Ningaloo Marine Park. See the more detailed report and articles in the Reel Talk.

Jim Strong advised that Henry Bester had passed away last Monday.

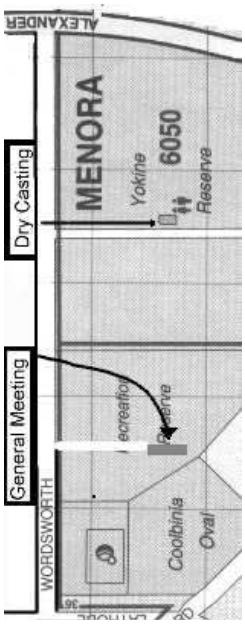
Bob Henderson advised that the instruction periods for January will be a sausage sizzle put on by him, and for February will be a talk by Paul Willis.

Meeting closed:- 9:20 pm. Members then had Christmas nibbles and drinks and get together.

Coming Club Events.

January Dry Casting.

When:- Sunday 2 January 2005, casting starts at 8:30am.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue.
Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 112 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 56 gram distance. **PLUS** Single Handed Open.



January General Meeting.

When:- Wednesday 12 January 2005, 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:- Farewell sausage sizzle for Bob Henderson.

January 2005 Field Day - Golden Bay to Myalup.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 15/16 January 2005.
Sign On:- Saturday 11.00am at car park Pyramids beach (South side of Dawesville Cut near breakwater)
Lines Down:- Saturday 12 noon.
Weigh in:- Sunday 11.00 am at Pyramids beach car park.
Boundaries:- Golden Bay / Secret Harbour suburb boundary to southern end of Myalup car park..

Tides for Mandurah	Saturday 15 Jan	0.61m at 8:53 am	0.78m at 9:07 pm	Sunrise:-	About 5:25 am
	Sunday 16 Jan	0.60m at 6:52 am	0.79m at 8:08 pm	Sunset:-	About 7:25 pm
Moon	Saturday 15 Jan	Moonrise:-	About 10:30 am	Moonset:-	About 11:00 pm
	Sunday 16 Jan	Moonrise:-	About 11:30 am	First Quarter-	Jan 17

Local Field Day for January 2005.

When:- Saturday/Sunday15/16 January 2005.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 12 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 Fremantle	Saturday 15 Jan	0.51m at 8:09 am	0.77m at 9:00 pm
	Sunday 16 Jan	0.53m at 6:47 am	0.77m at 4:59 pm

Local Field Day for February.

A separate Local field day is not necessary in February - it's an Open Field Day allowing fishing in all WA tidal waters.

February 2005 Field Day - Open.

When:- Saturday/Sunday 12/13 February 2005.

Lines Down:- Saturday 4.00 am - yes 4.00 am, but to be confirmed at January General Meeting.

Weigh in:- Sunday 4.00 pm 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:- all WA tidal waters – But no private jetties, or places needing access through private property are allowed, etc unless these are **also** accessible to **all** SCAC members on the days of the field day. No non-tidal waters, dams, lakes, etc. are allowed.

Tides for	Saturday 12 Feb	0.53m at 6:35 am	0.74m at 1:29 pm	Sunrise:-	About 5:52 am
		0.67m at 4:45 pm	0.75m at 10:29 pm	Sunset:-	About 7:10 pm
Fremantle	Sunday 13 Feb	0.55m at 5:39 am	0.80m at 1:47 pm		
Moon	Saturday 12 Feb	Moonrise:-	About 9:15 am	Moonset:-	About 9:20 pm
	Sunday 13 Feb	Moonrise:-	About 10:20 am	First Quarter-	Wed 16 Feb

Location of Field Day for March - Bluff or Bremer?.

The March Field Day is listed for Bremer Bay. For quite a number of years recently, we have gone to Bluff Creek. A suggestion was made at the December General Meeting that we reconsider this Field Day location with a possible change to Bluff Creek.

This will be discussed and voted on at the January General Meeting. If you are interested in going on this Field Day and have a preference for either Bluff Creek for Bremer Bay, please come along to this meeting and make your preference known and cast your vote.

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 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 OR Bluff Creek to be decided at January General Meeting.
Saturday/Sunday 23/24/25 April 2005 Anzac Day LWE	Port Gregory to Kalbarri. Boundaries Hutt River to as far as you can walk north of the Murchison River mouth.

2004/2005 General Meetings.

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

Wednesday 12 January 2005	Wednesday 9 March 2005
Wednesday 9 February 2005	Wednesday 13 April 2005

2004/2005 Dry Casting Dates.

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

Sunday 2 January 2005	Sunday 13 March 2005, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 6 February 2005	Sunday 3 April 2005

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.

Have YOU Put in YOUR 2005/2006 Field Day Suggestions ?

Do it now, please. Use the tear out form on page 18.

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.

27	AAA Event													
1	Dry Casting		11	General Meeting			***14***	***15***	Field Day			18	Committee Meeting	

January 2005							February 2005						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31					1	**2**		1	2	3	4	5	**6**
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	***12***	***13***
10	11	12	13	14	***15***	***16***	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28						

Happy Birthday to:-

A lot of members haven't told us their birth date, so there may be more birthdays. Dob them in!

John Lee, 9 January Paul Fuller, 12 January Jim Yeates, 24 January

Wanted - Aluminium Cans.

Wanted - Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the General Meeting or to Mal Head's home, but not to Dry Casting. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and the price is right, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

New Member Acceptances.

The following application for membership has been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club. None

New Member Application.

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the November 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. None

Club Polo Shirts, Jackets and Caps.

We now have some stocks of short and long sleeved Club Polo shirts, long sleeved Club Jackets and baseball style caps with a club logo for sale to members. These are in the club colours of Gold (Yellow) and Black, and help to identify you as a "Surfcaster" member. Contact Andrew Aubrey.

Kalbarri House For Rent.

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

It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. It does not have a washing machine, but there is a laundromat in town. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. Rates are:-

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

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

Contact Property Officer Vix Alexander for more details and for bookings.

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

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

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

We are looking for donations of old Reel Talks, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. A few copies, eg all of what we have for the early months of 1982 are not in good condition, so we would take any better copies if they were offered. See the list in the February 2002 Reel Talk.

Life Members of the Club.

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

Member's Stories, Photos, Tips, etc.

Does anyone have any new stories, photos, tips, news items, etc, etc, to share? Please send them in to the Reel Talk Editor. Thanks to Bob Henderson and Ian Cook for the articles in this Reel Talk.

Wanted – Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle Organiser.

Dry casting day is a morning where club members get together to compete against each other with friendly rivalry. Comradery and a good time are compulsory, personal bests are attained and training assist our endeavours in state and national events.

To cap off the morning I introduced a sausage sizzle and cold drinks at a minimum price for all to partake. With my departure to sunny days and distant locations, **WE NEED** someone to take on this role to provide for the snag burn.

A simple task of purchasing some snags, bread and drinks and a bit of ice. Bring the barbecue, light it, chuck on the snags, burn them and let the mob help themselves to your offerings and cover it in sauce. Grab a dollar off them, add up your takings, take your costs out and donate what is left to the club.

A time to sit and ponder on how good or bad you performed that day, some social chitchat and a few laughs. Head home fed and watered and content with your day.

"Wanna ave a go?" Hendo

Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle.

We used to 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 no one has volunteered to bring the barbecue, so the sausage sizzle is in recess until further notice….

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/

For Sale 1

Pacific Composites SU 400G	$150 ONO	
Ambassadeur 7000 Synchro	$200 ONO	Contact Chas Riegert.

For Sale 2

One tube, 10R15 new.

One 265/75 16 Tyre suitable for a off road trailer. Contact Ian Cook.

Recorders Report for December 2004

I would like to wish all member and their families a happy Christmas and a Great New Year.

Cheers from the Cookie Monster.

Have YOU Put in YOUR 2005/2006 Field Day Suggestions ?

Do it now, please. Use the tear out form on page 18.

December Night Cast.

The weigh in was extremely busy for "Stokes" as he weighed in the large catch is that were brought in. Humongous flathead were presented by George, while Alphonse produced huge tailor around half a kilo. Even one or two herring were glassy eyed as they lowered the scales. Still they had a go and they deserve the rewards for their efforts.

One of the smallest turnouts I have seen stayed for the barbecue and the night cast. I guess having both events on one nights is a turn of too many so maybe next year a chance to see if a better roll up can be organised.

It is basically a night to get together just before Christmas to wish one and all the best. Then again I reckon it's people's attitudes of not giving a rat's dingaling about anybody or anything. If it is not paid for, something for nothing or beneficial to just them and then they do not turn up.

The most important thing as far as I am concerned was that whoever turned up was encouraged to join in the fun and have a pleasant evening. If they entered the night cast then they had some fun.

Saying that, talk about laughter. It is a weird sight watching glow sticks fly higher than the distance traveled, the pleading "what did I get" echoing through the darkness, he excuses that I put my finger on it or should have pulled it out, recognition of voices because it is so black.

A headcount was carried out in case anyone was lost on the oval, this number was carefully double checked, the scores were read out (some disputed that they did better than that) the overall winner was announced. "Roy the Boy" took the honours streets ahead of the rest. But it was a hard fought event for Peter, George, Tony, Terry to beat each other for runner-up

Thanks to Kaye and George for the hospitality, Peter for the barbecue and drinks and young Andrew for helping me run the circus. . Hendo

December Dry Casting Report.

As the clock swung to 8:30 a.m. the good roundup of members were ready to compete. The seniors took on the distance event assisted by a slight tailwind. Joe, Nick, Chas, and Mal put down some good distance casts.

Even "Stokes" frightened himself and others by putting in a cast of 135 metres (although I must admit that he has improved just that little bit over the year)

"Barefoot Boy" Mark was very happy with his distances too, along with his first bull's-eye in the double handed event later in the day.

It is great to hear the friendly banter going on within this group, the sportsmen like competitiveness and happy chappies at the end of the day.

The same can be stated for the ladies and veterans as they compete, especially to a couple of the "oldies" that always step up and assist when others encounter small problems. It makes the day goes smoothly and I must make a special mention about one club member, Dean Stewart. Dean does not cast but comes down decked out in club colours and spends the morning assisting in the scoring of the events, just so he can be a part of dry casting. Thank you Dean.

Congratulations to the section winners and thanks to those few who help bring in the gear at the end of the day.

No one has offered to take on the sausage sizzle so I guess that leaves Peter to supply some cool drinks. January will be my last day at casting for a while and the only thing I ask is for some of you to give "Willo" some help every casting day. See you in Yeppoon in 2005. Hendo.

December dry casting results.

Event:	Seniors Winner		Veterans Winner	
112 gram Distance	Nick Allsworth	35	Bob & Allan	29
56 gram Distance	Joe Pullella	32	Roy & Mal	21
Artificial Bait	George Holman	28	Bob Henderson	23
Double Handed Acc.	Gary Gildersleeves	138	Tony D'Alonzo	150
Single Handed Acc	Malcolm Harris	29	Tony D'Alonzo	24
Days High Points	Chas & Mal Harris	243		

Event:	Ladies Winner		Junior Winner	
112 gram Distance	Filomena D'Alonzo	20		
56 gram Distance	Filomena D'Alonzo	18	Matt Black	8
Artificial Bait	Filomena D'Alonzo	17	Matt Black	14
Double Handed Acc.	Filomena D'Alonzo	86	Matt Black	50
Single Handed Acc	Vix Alexander	13	Matt Black	13

Dry Casting Results, 5 December 2004.

Results for the day	112 gram			56 gram			Artificial Bait			Double Handed Accuracy									Single Handed Accuracy					
	Cast	Cast		Cast	Cast		Cast	Cast		Target Number									Target distance					Day
Seniors.	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points	**Total**
Chas Riegert	162	156	32	152	162	31	133	132	27	12	13	22	19	0	17	21	23	127	2	10	6	8	26	243
Malcolm Harris	161	159	32	146	119	27	135	124	26	23	3	18	24	6	18	19	18	129	5	9	5	10	29	243
Gary Gildersleeves	140	141	28	137	140	28	0	112	11	23	22	13	20	16	23	0	21	138	4	6	8	10	28	233
George Holman	0	0	0	145	150	30	139	136	28	21	14	23	20	16	2	8	12	116	0	8	3	8	19	193
Nick Allsworth	177	172	35	150	139	29	135	135	27	3	7	17	20	3	0	4	22	76	5	6	0	7	18	185
S. Rolls (Vis)	146	140	29	121	141	26	109	0	11	0	21	20	20	10	5	0	19	95	10	0	0	6	16	177
Joe Pullella	181	0	18	158	166	32	150	0	15	0	8	17	17	2	0	21	13	78	4	7	8	6	25	168
Rick Parker	145	144	29	0	133	13	116	112	23	8	20	19	5	0	5	8	4	69	0	8	7	5	20	154
Peter Stoeckel	84	135	22	117	118	24	111	110	22	0	22	15	0	11	3	0	0	51	0	5	4	4	13	132
Mark Hansen	0	0	0	109	115	22	106	108	21	21	0	2	18	0	4	25	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	113
Richard Mrowka V	0	0	0	0	95	10	0	0	0	10	12	3	12	19	0	22	0	78	0	7	9	7	23	111
Veterans																								
Tony D'Alonzo	130	124	25	0	126	13	93	107	20	16	22	20	19	22	17	10	24	150	2	9	6	7	24	232
Roy Killick	0	117	12	105	100	21	90	93	18	17	15	19	23	16	22	17	18	147	6	7	9	0	22	220
Bob Henderson	130	142	27	122	0	12	120	108	23	9	20	17	13	21	13	22	21	136	0	8	5	8	21	219
Mal Head	123	125	25	114	99	21	94	104	20	17	21	13	13	12	12	16	11	115	0	4	10	4	18	199
Jim Strong	92	85	18	0	0	0	74	75	15	0	21	16	15	22	21	19	23	137	1	0	0	9	10	180
Geoff Raftis	103	119	22	105	0	11	95	91	19	10	20	21	19	4	0	11	20	105	5	8	2	8	23	180
Allan Jones	132	139	27	0	113	11	105	105	21	13	10	18	17	14	14	5	1	92	8	0	4	8	20	171
Terry Fuller	102	93	20	100	0	10	83	83	17	14	14	5	19	12	0	13	8	85	0	9	3	7	19	151
Trevor Stam	103	103	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	17	10	0	5	17	21	77	5	8	7	0	20	118
Tom Lund	71	66	14	0	0	0	68	0	7	18	0	10	0	19	0	0	8	55	0	0	0	8	8	84
Jim Yeates	102	94	20	101	89	19	92	91	18	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	9	18	84
Ladies																								
Filomena D'Alonzo	97	99	20	90	90	18	85	82	17	13	18	10	22	1	8	3	11	86	0	5	5	0	10	151
Vix Alexander	84	90	17	76	93	17	78	64	14	17	1	19	21	3	8	0	11	80	0	3	6	4	13	141
Juniors																								
Matt Black	0	0	0	84	0	8	73	66	14	0	0	5	3	13	14	0	15	50	4	4	3	0	11	83

State Estuary Competition

I teamed up with George Holman to give the title a bash for the Club. We planned to fish for bream in the upper reaches of the Swan in the early afternoon and then fish various locations in the lower river at dusk and into the night. I assured George that I and the boat were all OK and raring to go.

On arriving at the launching ramp at Guildford I found that I had the wrong fuel lead for that particular fuel tank. **Error 1. Check every thing before you set out.** We fished the bank for a while without success. I picked up the right lead on the way to Fremantle.

After launching the boat the motor continually flooded. **Error 2. Check every thing before you set out including running the motor.** I stripped the carbie and fuel system (while George fed the Blowfish) and found a grain of matter under the float valve. The motor was still unreliable. After much mumbling "of this does not happen to someone with professional qualifications" I gave up and we decided to fish the shore.

George had been looking forward to being able to access and fish some locations that are only accessible by a dinghy. Sorry George.

We fished up river of the Red Herring. The blowfish could be seen as a brown mass chasing any bait the second it hit the water. After dark the blowfish retreated to some unknown location. On dusk Peter Stoeckel came and joined us. He was well prepared with food, drinks and a stove with which he provided George and me with steak sandwiches. Thanks Peter.

George was productive with some nice sized whiting, tarwhine and large herring. The catch rate drooped off from George to myself and then Peter. Peter and I blame the only good location was George's. The reality was that George fished more effectively. Paul Willis from Melville Club arrived about 1am and continued to catch good fish for a couple of hours.

At 3am George and I called it quits and headed home leaving Peter to sleep in his Nissan.

The weather on Saturday night was magnificent with light winds, warm, full moon and cloudy. The ladies walking past was a nice distraction and some even stopped for a quick chat. The company was good and we all enjoyed the day.

The Clubs that had done some preliminary scouting of the river all came in with good bags of fish. Reading Don Bachelor's articles on fishing the Swan River before the day would have been a big help.

I would like to encourage more members to give the State competitions a go. Cookie, Recorder.

Bob Henderson "HENDO"

Bob is taking a break from the club for a while and I would like to put on the record a few on my own thoughts about Bob.

Bob joined the club some 14 years ago when he was living at Yanchep. He started of as a relatively quiet member but over the years he let his hair down and became more "vocal". Sometimes his fiery nature got the better of diplomacy, but this is part of Bob's personality. Bob started seriously contributing to the club when he got involved in dry casting in 1996. He promoted the club and recreational fishing through his involvement in Have A Go Day and other events such as the Boat Show and fishing clinics. He took on the position of Social organiser.

His contribution to recreational fishing increased when he took on a delegate's position with the AAA. and also acted as their property officer. His commitment to the club culminated with his taking on the position of President. He has done a great job and his enthusiasm was unwavering. Bob would put his hand up to help take on any job that no one else would take. A lot of us sat back and let this happen, so eventually Bob needs a break. This will happen to other committee members who take on too many tasks. Bob has been heavily involved in organising the last two State teams for participation in the National Championships and is once again involved in the organisation of the teams for the Yeppoon

Bob's contribution to field days was be removing excessive seaweed so others where not plagued by the weed. Bob would always invite members over to his camp for a drink and a chin wag.

Bob and I went on many field days and Safaris such as the Mackerel Islands and Exmouth. Bob's back has caused him serious problems over the years after arguing with a bull bar on a Mercedes truck. On the first Mackerel Island trip Bob aggravated his back injury. The compensation was a free helicopter ride and some tender care for the local nurses. You can always rely on life not being dull if Bob was there. Bob calls the older member 60 yr + the old brigade or old farts "the cantankerous old bastards" I am convinced I could on occasions apply the saying to Bob. Bob always said these comments in a humorous vein.

Bob has made regular contributions to repairs on the Kalbarri house. We will miss his great zest and enthusiasm towards all the tasks he has taken on with the club.

I wish him and Leonie well on their extended trip around Australia and hope that I can accept his invitation to join him for some part of the journey. We look forward to his return to the West and his return to our Club.

Cheers Bob Cookie.

November 2004 Field Day.

Results for the November 2004 Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	8.55	6	22	195.5
Dave Maxted	8.1	3	8	151
George Holman	3.8	5	12	138
Malcolm Harris	4.65	3	6	116.5
Filomena D'Alonzo	5.25	2	12	112.5
Vix Alexander	1.4	3	5	94

Sportsperson of the Year Sections and Field Day prizes for November 2004.

Best Scale Fish	Malcolm Harris	Mulloway	2.0 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	8.55 kg
Best Shark	David Maxted	Shark	6.9 kg

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

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	Tony D'Alonzo	1643.0	6	George Holman	288.0
2	Filomena D'Alonzo	463.5	7	Joe Pullella	274.0
3	Malcolm Harris	427.0	8	Mark Farnay	251.5
4	Vix Alexander	278.0	9	Grant Taggart	246.0
5	Spencer King	315.0	10	Ian Taggart	233.0

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

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	10.05 kg
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Joe Pullella	Shark	16.85 kg
5	Best Tailor	Malcolm Harris	Tailor	1.70 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
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)	Tony D'Alonzo	Mulloway	19.85 kg
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Malcolm Harris	Tailor	5.55 kg

December 2004 Field Day.

Results for the December 2004 Field Day:-

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Tony D'Alonzo	3.35 kg	3	16	
George Holman	0.8 kg	2	2	
Grant Taggart	0		0	
Spencer King	0		0	

Field Day prizes for December 2004.

Best Scale Fish	George Holman	Tailor	0.5 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D'Alonzo	Mixed Bag	3.35 kg

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.

Have YOU Put in YOUR 2005/2006 Field Day Suggestions ?

Do it now, please. Use the tear out form on page 18.

Is Reel Talk "Too Political"?

A comment has been made along the lines that the Reel Talk is getting too political, and it really should get back to having "interesting" articles, because some people do not want to read about the battles going on about marine parks, fisheries management, access restrictions, jetties being demolished, etc

As Reel Talk editor, I will publish whatever is offered for the Reel Talk provided it is of interest to the club members and suitable for publication and to be read by our family members. Problem - not much is being offered, so I have to use whatever else I have.

Should I publish just good news stories about fish and fishing, and ignore what is really happening? Should I let people float along with a warm and fuzzy feeling that everything is okay and everything will stay the same and they will always be able to go fishing in the same places, and do the same things, and catch the same fish as they can now, or should I let them see the reality, with all the potential problems?

How do you think we have got to the position we are in at present? That is, a position where:-

we are restricted in where we can fish,

jetties are not being maintained, and are then demolished without being replaced,

we are restricted where we can use our four-wheel drives,

we are restricted where we can camp,

tight restrictions such as reduced bag limits are put on some aspects of recreational fishing without (yet) any corresponding tight restrictions on commercial fishing for the same fish which are being targeted in big numbers in competition with recreational anglers,

parked cars at isolated beaches are now often just a target for thieves,

marine parks are closing up large areas with "no fishing" signs,

conservationist "greenies" have the ear of government and are pushing their agenda of a *minimum of 50 percent* of areas completely closed to all fishing, and if they had their way *100 percent would be closed.*

some consultation is an absolute farce, where organisations go through the motions of consultation but have already made up their minds and do not listen to anything unless it is what they want to hear.

recreational anglers are being misrepresented as being anti-conservationists, when we want sustainable fishing, protection of fish stocks, protection of nursery areas, but recreational anglers are being effectively being blamed and restricted for problems many of which are caused by environmental practices by governments and companies and the whole community.

recreational anglers are being told "you should be content and happy with what you have left - look you have much more than 60 percent of the area" - when what has been closed off is often the very best areas, and the percentage of good fishing areas which have been lost is much more than it seems,

and so on…….

If you look at the history of the changes which have led to this situation during the last 40 years, you will find a lot of little changes, some middle size changes, and few larger changes.

All through the years, some people have been saying these changes need to be resisted, but the apathy and lack of organisation of recreational anglers has let most of these changes go through, bit by bit, little by little, cut by cut, restriction by restriction.

So when you look at the difference between what we had 40, 30 or even 20 years ago, and what we have now, the changes are dramatic, and recreational anglers and the community have lost so much.

But we have not seen all the losses yet. Whatever we still have, there are many people and organisations who want to take more away from us, to grab more for themselves, to lock it up because it is easier to simply lock stuff away or ban activities than it is to work out how to manage them properly. Or because of an ideology about the need to ban things without going through the work of finding out what really needs to be banned and what can continue without causing any real problems because, put simply, the activities are sustainable and do not need to be banned.

These people do not care if recreational anglers lose their rights and their privileges. These people do not care if the young people in the community, including your children and your grand children will never know what could have been, and what should have been because there is no real good reason to stop it.

High on the list for more closed "no fishing" areas are Rottnest, (yes, you read right - Rottnest) including some of the areas to which the Surfcasters make a beeline on all of our Rottnest Field Days, the Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin area, many areas of the South Coast, and so on. **AND** if the greenies have a win at Ningaloo, what makes you think they will stop there?

So, maybe you do not want to be bothered about any of this "political" or "resisting changes" stuff. All you have to do is to check the list of contents, flip the pages of the Reel Talk, read anything you are interested in, and skip over anything you are not interested in. No one is forcing you to read anything.

That is your right, and you can choose to exercise that right.

But if you choose to opt out of being involved in or taking any interest in or looking after the future of recreational angling, then you have also given up your right to criticise what happens in future. You have to accept what you will be given, or what will be forced upon you, and you have given up your right to complain about it.

Check the article “Vicious Disease Aimed at Recreational Anglers” on page seven of the October 2003 Reel Talk. Some extracts:-

“If it’s worth having, it’s worth working for.”

“Fortunately some people in WA are immune to this disease and keep up the fight for recreational fishing without much support from the people who have so much to lose. These people soldier on without any thanks, even when THEY get blamed when they can’t stop the opposition from getting their way.

The main danger these people face is those nasty double four letter words “over work” and “burn out” and getting “s$$t off” (well some are only 3 letter words, but you get the idea). “

“Recreational anglers are just typical of many ordinary Australians, they are apathetic, they jump up and down, spout off and say “they orta do something” but disappear when the call goes out for workers, they will bitch and complain when they lose something, but they aren’t interested in stopping it before it happens.”

Now, answer the question “do you know anyone who has been afflicted with this disease?”

But in the end, articles in Reel Talk depend on the club members and what they want. If the club members do not want to know about these topics, and do not want them published in their club magazine, then that is the final decision.

But until I am told by the majority of Club members as they do not want it, then I will assume that they want to and need to know about them, and I will publish articles about them.

What do you think.? Tell us, please.… TerryF, Reel Talk Editor

December 2004 Recfishwest Board Meeting Report.

The December RFW Board meeting elected the following people:-

Recfishwest Chairman	Des Wood
Deputy RFW Chairman	Keith Tocas
Policy Development Committee Chairman	Terry Fuller
Sports Development Committee Chairman	John Webber
Communications Committee Chairman	Craig Bibra

Recfishwest Executive Committee:- Des Wood, Keith Tocas, Terry Fuller, Craig Bibra, Norman Halse.

Howard Gill was invited onto the Recfishwest Board as the replacement Public Board Member in place of Des Wood who was re-elected as Board Chairman.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is doing concept designs for a boat ramp north of North Mole.

Recfishwest is to write to the Department of Fisheries about netting in the Pallinup Estuary.

Recfishwest needs an example where the Department of Fisheries change in the role of the Fishwatch service from a response service to a data gathering service has left some serious illegal activity get away.

A meeting was held Tuesday 14 December where the Integrated Fisheries Manager Greg Paust gave a presentation on progress with Integrated Fisheries Management. We were also shown a video of Sampson fish schooling at a depth of100 metres west of Rottnest

Frank Prokop has had a 1½ hour discussion with Rod Lenanton from Fisheries Research. The main concern is the sudden decline in herring numbers, while there are increasing concerns about tailor numbers falling following the trend that has been obvious for some time.

Recfishwest has been approached for comments on the buyback of a salmon fishing license on the south coast. A reply setting out Recfishwest requirements has been sent to the Department of Fisheries.

Discussions are continuing on closure of the part of the Broome jetty and the relationship to barramundi spawning areas. A barramundi accord is due in March 2005.

The Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme has been oversubscribed with more projects than there is money for. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure has announced further funding, with round eleven increasing to $870,000, round 12 to $1 million, and around 13 to $1.2 million. Considering only a few years ago, money had been diverted from this scheme, the change is a win for all recreational boaters.

A group called “Geobay for the Future” from Busselton have prepared a three-page document setting out the requirements for changes to the fishing arrangements in Geographe Bay, and have asked for Recfishwest’s support.

Funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation has been received and will be distributed. AAA will receive $6,500.

Norman Halse reported on meetings which had been held about the Rottnest marine management plan. An agenda of sanctuary no take zones is being pushed again. Norman Halse, Andrew Cribb and Ross Cusack will not accept the current proposed plan. A public consultation process is to follow.

Natural Resource Management. Frank Prokop attended a meeting recently. Department of Planning and Infrastructure has no understanding of the issues involved, and is it is a wonder why they are involved in NRM planning. Based on measures made at four spots, CALM made the statement that “recreational fishing is responsible for the decline of fish stocks in the metro area” the Director of the Department of fisheries was not present at the meeting. Recfishwest is to prepare a funding submission to cover all the consultation required for NRM planning. The South Coast NRM paper has been rewritten but Recfishwest was not sent a copy.

Graham Anderton tabled a report on damage to the seagrass in Mangles Bay and passed around an aerial photograph which clearly showed the damage caused by moorings in the Bay.

Recfishwest chairman attended a meeting of the abalone integrated fisheries management group. There was lots of criticism of the recreational impact and “commercial’s resource”

New fishing jetties on the Canning River were launched last Sunday, and these are magnificent.

Recfish Australia is progressing with recommendations for spending the $15 million from the Federal government as promised in the last Federal election campaign.

Shark management. There is some action on the impact of the southwest Tuna and Billfish fishery. An independent observer saw tuna boats catch 37 adult dusky whale sharks. 36 survived and were released although there are concerns that many would die later from their injuries. This catch rate differs markedly from the catch rate (believed to be very low) reported when observers are not present. This catch rate is unsustainable and the letter is to be written to State Fisheries.

Recfishwest had had a major involvement in both the South Coast and the Pilbara/Kimberley recreational fishing reviews, we are all inputs were examined by Mark Pagano, Frank Prokop, (Recfishwest) Nathan Harrison and Clinton Syers (Department of Fisheries)

Ningaloo. Questions about Ningaloo are causing enormous grief to the government. Publicity in local newspapers is continuing to raise new details. An article quoting Paddy Cullen as accusing the Department of Fisheries of lying about the impact of recreational fishing, left it open for Peter Rogers to defended the Department against these attacks, whereas previously he had been effectively gagged. Any Fisheries Department submission to another Department is now available to the public, under Freedom of Information, whereas previously they had been confidential.

The Premier now appears to be putting the responsibility for the decisions back onto the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority, where as initially he was giving the government credit for the decisions.

Recfishwest is avoiding openly criticising the Labor Party and the Labor Party machine. Recfishwest will have to work with any government which is elected.

Newsletters will be released soon about progress with Integrated Fisheries Management.

Recfishwest will hold a strategic planning session in late February or early March.

Terry Fuller reported on the proposed changes to the Fisheries Regulations to implement the changes announced by the Minister over one year ago covering the filleting at sea regulations. The draft still had many problems and detailed comments have been given to the Department of Fisheries.

The commercial rock lobster fishermen in the Capes area have lost the trust of local people over the negotiations with surfers over the placement of rock lobster pots, ropes and floats.

Recfishwest have not received a single response to any letter to Environment Minister Judy Edwards since September. Announcements on a number of extensions to or new marine parks due any day. (Dampier Archipelago and Cape Preston, Montebellos, Barrow Island and Rowley Shoals have been released since the RFW board meeting)

A response has been received from the Minister for Environment which appears to be replying to the election policy questions from Recfishwest, and this is surprising because the tradition is that policies are expressed as party policies, not individual portfolio policies, and few say “get lost” like these ones do.

Liberal Coalition party policies are coming out soon.

Recfishwest is investigating accommodation at the Waterman’s Marine research laboratories after Fisheries Department researchers move to the new facilities at Hillarys.

Ningaloo and Other Marine Park Objections - 1.

The following is a copy of an email sent to Surf Casting and Angling Club members, enclosing a copy of the email to Members of Parliament and Candidates for election at the next State Election..

You will have seen a lot of recent publicity about the Ningaloo Marine Park. Recreational anglers have a lot of concerns about the way the closed areas have been decided and have been increased without sufficient justification in an apparent attempt to woo the votes of the conservation lobbies.

This is a complex issue, but a very telling comment is from Ron Campbell, a now former member of the local Ningaloo Coral Coast Committee who said:-

"I'm not sitting anymore, I resigned last Friday. I had been a member since its inception. Throughout the last 14 months our committee debated and scrutinized at length, each of the 22 proposed changes/extensions to the reserve system. They examined all the pros and cons environmentally, socially, and practically. These areas were nominated for inclusion into the draft because of some outstanding feature/environmental value setting them apart from the rest of the reef.

What happened? How did we end up with a plan increased to 34%? None of the areas in the 6% increase have been put to any test or consultative process. Obviously they were not considered environmentally significant to be included in the original plan, so how can these changes be even remotely credible or democratic?

What kind of autocratic BS is this? This government has sold out our committee, the locals and the public of Western Australia. This is the thin edge of the wedge, all West Australians whether they agree or not with this plan have to sit up and take notice of a government willing to attack a democratic process for their own gain. Without the tiniest shred of deliberation and the stroke of a pen they have taken away a huge chunk of our lifestyle, if we as a community accept these changes where will it end?"

Now you would expect that he would know what areas were significant after all that discussion, wouldn't you?

A real concern is that this same apparent misuse of the community involvement and consultation process could happen to the many future proposed Marine Parks.

Two Marine Parks which are "ready to go" are the Capes and the Walpole/Nornalup Inlets Marine Parks. The conservation groups are not happy with the current draft proposals, and you can be sure that they will be pushing hard for a minimum 30% to 50% of the areas to be completely closed to any recreational fishing. Those groups are already saying 34% isn't enough at Ningaloo.

The government could release those drafts for the 3 month public consultation process and then do whatever they want after that - unless they get a strong message to listen to recreational anglers who are only asking for a fair deal which recognises sustainable recreational angling and which is based on reality and science, not on ideology or political deals or expediency.

Even if you don't go near Ningaloo and the unfair fishing restrictions there won't affect you personally, think about the future. You can be sure that it will only be a matter of time before a marine park which does affect you will be proposed. And that could involve major restrictions in metro Marine Parks such as Shoalwater and Marmion Marine Parks.

If you have any worries about Ningaloo and/or what might follow, you need to make sure YOUR elected member of Parliament is aware of what you think about the proposed extensions and/or the way these have been decided, so that if they really listen to their constituents, they can decide how they will handle this.

Their response may well help you decide how you will exercise your democratic right and who YOU will vote for at the next State election.

It's good if people can put some ideas into their own words and send that to THEIR member of Parliament and members of the Government, friends, newspapers, etc. A few copies and pastes, a few word changes and there's a personal email to a person/people who should listen to you.

The email below has been sent as individual copies addressed to members of WA State Parliament.

You can put any of these or any other ideas into your own words and email or send a letter to your Member of Parliament, and you can easily send copies to the Premier and other Ministers and newspapers if you want. West Australian Rebecca Rose email rebecca.rose@wanews.com.au and Robert Taylor email robert.taylor@wanews.com.au Sunday Times Fishing Hal Harvey email melville@bluewater.net.au

Contact details for all Western Australian Members of Parliament are at http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/index.htm Look at the menus under "members", "current members", where the details of websites, email addresses, members by electorate, members by political party, members by name can be listed.

Please contact me if you would like any more information.

Terry Fuller, Secretary, Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc.)

Ningaloo and Other Marine Park Objections - 2.

The following is a copy of an email sent individually addressed to members of Parliament and candidates for election at the next State Election, from: Secretary Australian Anglers Association WA.

Dear Mr. (or Ms or Mrs.).....

The Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) is an Association which promotes club angling as a sport and recreation for everyone. Our 2004 membership is made up of 27 fishing clubs from metro and country areas of the State.

Like many other recreational anglers, Association members are conscious of and concerned about environmental issues and sustainability of both the environment and of fishing.

The Executive of the Association has authorised me to contact you and express our serious concerns about the actions of the Government or CALM or MPRA in the process of deciding the Marine Park for Ningaloo and nearby islands.

There are so many issues and discrepancies with the process for Ningaloo. The latest is where the Government is quoting the "Status of Coral Reefs of the World 2004" as specifically supporting and justifying their actions, when it does not.

We have summarised some of our concerns in the following summary. Every sentence could be expanded out to many paragraphs of explanation and examples.

We understand the CALM Act requires the Governor to place an order in the Government Gazette creating the Ningaloo Marine Park etc, and that the order must be placed before the Houses of the Parliament for 14 sitting days.

Please listen to recreational anglers who are only asking for a fair deal which recognises sustainable recreational angling and which is based on reality and science, not on ideology or political deals or expediency.

Please help in any way possible to convince the Government to reconsider the plans for the Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands MCR.

As you are aware, a State election is due in 2005. We look forward to your reply so that we can inform the members about your response to anglers' serious concerns about the proposals for Ningaloo.

Please contact me if there are any questions about our concerns as listed below.

Yours sincerely, Terry Fuller, Secretary, Australian Anglers Association (WA Division), PO Box 2200 , Marmion WA 6020, 9403 7383 (AAA number) Email aaawa@iinet.net.au

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Concerns about Marine park planning for Ningaloo.

We object to the Government's plans for increases in no take zones in the Ningaloo and Muiron islands Marine Park and its extension. We object to the way these latest increases above the 28% area clearly stated in the draft plan were decided. And of course we have some concerns about the original 28% as well.

The proposed increases were put out for public comments, but ended up being increased even further without any science or justification, in an attempt to get approval from groups which want nothing less than closures of 50% or more of the area.

The 6% increase flies in the face of the process the government was publicly committed to. The Coral Coasts Committee considered all the environmental, social and practical aspects for each of the 22 changes included in the original proposal because of a stated outstanding feature and purported scientific research warranting sanctuary protection.

Without due process and more importantly public consultation how can the addition of these extra areas be even remotely credible?. Some committee members are so annoyed by this sell out of the Committee and the process that they have resigned in protest.

The statement from the Minister for Fisheries in Parliament that "he is unaware of any research suggesting that recreational fishing is affecting biodiversity within the Park", and the advice of the world renowned Department of Fisheries that there is no need for such large no take zones, and in fact there may be a risk in having these zones, have all been ignored.

No notice was taken of existing and future fisheries management arrangements for sustainable recreational fishing, but instead claims of fisheries management benefits from no take zones have been used as part of the justification for their size and locations.

Suggestions from many recreational fishing organisations about alternatives have been ignored completely, making it obvious that the Government is not honest about its supposed commitment to effective inclusion and consultation with ALL key stakeholders .
We can not see why Ningaloo needs a bigger percentage of no take zones than the Great Barrier Reef

when even the conservationists agree that the impact from activities on land near the Great Barrier Reef are the major causes of problems there, and those threats simply don't exist at Ningaloo.

We do not think it is fair that major restrictions apply ONLY to recreational anglers, and not to any other activity, some of which WILL affect the reef, but have been ignored.

We object to the way that publicity for the Park implies that the reef will be badly damaged if the no take areas aren't there.

We object to quoting the "Status of Coral Reefs of the World 2004" as specifically supporting and justifying the proposals, when it does not.

We object to the way that recreational anglers have been presented as being anti conservation because they object to these proposals even when they are not supported by the Department of Fisheries.

We object to publicity which says recreational anglers should be satisfied with the remaining open areas. Percentages of areas remaining open to fishing don't mean much if lots of the good areas for fishing are locked away, and there is no recognition that sanctuary zones can CAUSE fisheries to collapse if you put all the effort into part of the area.

Recreational anglers are not opposed to Marine Parks.

Recreational anglers are not opposed to no take sanctuary zones in the right places for the right reasons.

Recreational anglers want to protect the environment, but locking up large areas is not the only way to do this.

Recreational anglers want sustainable fishing and good fishing experiences.

Recreational anglers want to protect spawning fish stocks and spawning fish aggregations, but these don't need total closures all year long.

Recreational anglers want to protect nursery areas, but the Marine Park plan does not list any of these.

Marine Parks and Sanctuary zones aren't the only way to achieve these things.

Marine Parks and Sanctuary zones by themselves are not SUFFICIENT to achieve these. That needs a region wide approach which the Government recognises and is working on but refuses to apply at Ningaloo.

Marine Parks and Sanctuary zones are NOT the right way to do Fisheries Management.

Recreational anglers don't want to be the only group which has any major restrictions applied.

Anglers have put the details of some of these concerns on the Western Angler Fishing Forum at http://www.westernangler.com.au/forum/m_47832/mpage_4/key_/tm.htm which is available to everyone.

Other posts on the Fisheries Management and Environmental Issues Forum at http://www.westernangler.com.au/forum/ will also show you the concerns of recreational anglers.

Location of Field Day for March - Bluff or Bremer?.

The March Field Day is listed for Bremer Bay. For quite a number of years recently, we have gone to Bluff Creek. A suggestion was made at the December General Meeting that we reconsider this Field Day location with a possible change to Bluff Creek.

This will be discussed and voted on at the January General Meeting. If you are interested in going on this Field Day and have a preference for either Bluff Creek for Bremer Bay, please come along to this meeting and make your preference known and cast your vote.

Have YOU Put in YOUR 2005/2006 Field Day Suggestions ?

Do it now, please. Use the form on page 18.

Suggestions for Next Season's 2005/2006 Field Day Dates and Venues.

It's January already. At the April General Meeting, we need to set the Field Day venues, boundaries and dates for the May 2005 to April 2006 competition year.

We would like to publish a possible list, or at least a list of the suggestions, in the March Reel Talk, allow some discussion, and then finalise the list at the March Committee meeting for the April Reel Talk, to be voted on by the members at the April General Meeting.

Anything's possible, different / new venues, different formats, different rules, whatever, if the members will support them by going on those Field Days. So if you have any ideas, please put your suggestions in to the Committee, on the tear out form on the next page . **DO IT NOW!!!** Current Competition Rules are available from the Secretary or see the club's web site http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au for the online versions.

Please realise that the Committee just wants to do what the members want to do, but if you don't tell us, then we will have to make the decision from suggestions we get or from Committee members' ideas. What we don't want is to have all the discussions and the changes at the last minute at the April General Meeting - that's not the way to make good decisions. Also, please think about your involvement. If you're not able to go to some of the field days, then please consider leaving the discussion, the voting and the decisions to those members who will go on those field days.

Public and School Holidays 2005/2006.

Public Holidays are, from http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/default_lr.asp?id=lr/wages/pub_hol1&menu=lr_wages are:-

Foundation Day	Monday 6 June 2005	Queen's Birthday	Monday 4 October 2005
Australia Day	Thursday 26 January 2006	Labor Day	Monday 6 March 2006
Anzac Day	Tuesday 25 April 2006	Easter	Friday 14 April - Mon 17 April 2006

School holidays for Primary and Secondary students in Government schools in WA are:-

Saturday 2 July - Sunday 17 July 2005	Saturday 24 September - Sunday 9 October 2005
Friday 9 December – Tuesday 31 January 2006	Friday 14 April - Sunday 30 April 2006

Other dates which needed to be considered are May 8, Mothers' Day. September 4, Fathers' Day. Dry Casting events are not listed for Mothers' and Fathers' days.

The following are listings of the "normal" dates that would be used in 2005/2006 if the club follows what has been done in most previous years. If we want to go to Rottnest in May, this needs to be booked by late February.

2005/2006 Possible Dry Casting Dates.

These are the "*normal*" dates. Some dates may have to change to fit in with any Field Day changes. All are at Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, starting at 8:30am.

Sunday 1 May 2005	Sunday 6 November 2005
Sunday 12 June 2005, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 4 December 2005
Sunday 3 July 2005	Sunday 8 January 2006 (changed for New Year's Day)
Sunday 7 August 2005	Sunday 5 February 2006
Sunday 11 September 2005, (changed for Fathers' Day)	Sunday 12 March 2006, (changed for Field Day)
Sunday 9 October 2005, (changed for Field Day)	Sunday 2 April 2006

Sunday 30 October 2005, AAA State Dry Casting Championships

2005/2006 General Meeting Dates.

At Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine, start 8:00pm.

Wednesday 11 May 2005	Wednesday 9 November 2005
Wednesday 8 June 2005	Wednesday 14 December 2005
Wednesday 13 July 2005	Wednesday 11 January 2006
Wednesday 10 August 2005	Wednesday 8 February 2006
Wednesday 14 September 2005	Wednesday 8 March 2006
Wednesday 12 October 2005	Wednesday 12 April 2006

Spot the Mistake(s).

Need someone to proof read and check all these dates. Please tell me if you find anything wrong.

AAA Championships During Our 2005/6 Year

Rock and Beach Championships 2004/2005, Cape to Cape, Saturday and Sunday 28/29 May 2005
State Dry Casting Championships 2005/6, Yokine reserve, Sunday 30 October 2005
Estuary Championships, 2005/6 Peel Inlet, Saturday and Sunday 26/27 November 2005
Boat Angling Championships, 2005/6, Jurien, Saturday 4 March 2006

Your Suggestions for 2005/2006 Field Day Dates and Venues.

Please fill out and send to:- Secretary, SCAC, PO Box 2032 Marmion WA 6020, or hand to Terry Fuller at any Club event. The **deadline** is before the February Committee Meeting, Wednesday 16 February 2005, but really we want it **as soon as possible, please.** **DO IT NOW !!**

Your Name			**Date**	
Month	**Suggested Venue(s)**	**Dates**	**Boundaries, reasons and more details**	
May 2005		15/16 May or		
June 2005		4/5/6 June LWE or		
July 2005		17/18 July or		
August 2005		14/15 Aug or		
September 2005		18/19 Sept or		
October 2005		2/3/4 Oct LWE or		
November 2005		13/14 Nov or		
December 2005		18/19 Dec or		
January 2006		14/15 Jan or		
February 2006		11/12 Feb or		
March 2006		4/5/6 March LWE or		
April 2006		15/16 Apr or		

Suggestions for changes to the rules and/or formats of Field Days.

Any other suggestions.