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Presentation Night 2016

The venue and date for the 2016 Presentation night will be advertised here when these are known. It is usually on the second last Saturday in June.

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Club Committee for 2015/16 (Updated for April)

In Memory

To Dad, Gerald Wearmouth, Stonemason and Fisherman

Dad thanks for all the great times we had and all your love and support.

I can remember all the great holidays we had traveling all over Western Australia, every school holiday we would pack up and head off to some coastal town to explore the coast for fishing spots, Thanks for showing me how to fish and how much fun camping and family holidays can be.

We had many Christmas holidays at Denmark fishing and swimming at the beach, Then a lot at Hopetoun and the spot you liked fishing was over a huge sand dune, we all struggled to keep up with you, you had legs twice the length and made it look easy even though you were carrying most of the fishing gear!

I also remember traveling in the car and having to listen to your music mostly Roger Whitaker, I still struggle to get his songs out of my head, but now I hope they never leave.

We got to see some great things together, The time we went up to Shark Bay and you and Mum fished at Monkey Mia, this was before any of the facilities were there and you and Mum would catch some Whiting and we would then feed them to the dolphins, not like today when you go there, it is controlled by the rangers.

I spent a couple of years working with you which gave me a great start to my working life, All your clients seemed to love you and the quality of work you did, most used you again and again, you worked very hard and I learned my work ethic from you, I also learned how hard it is to dig holes in the Hills area, so much rock you needed to use a pick more than a shovel most of the time, so I decided to move on and look for other work, But you loved the hills and did this work for many years.

The Christmas and New Year parties at our house are also a memory that stays with me, on New Year everyone would try to be the first one in the pool at 12am.

Every house we had you always built a pool and I still love to swim now.

I will miss you a lot and hope you are at peace now.

Love Martin



April Dry Casting

When Sunday 3 April 2016. Competition casting starts at 8:30am

Where Mirrabooka Regional Open Space.

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family.

Events Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance.

<u>Casting order</u>	Seniors, Ladies and Juniors	Veterans
3 April 2016	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance

April General Meeting

When Wednesday 13 April 2016

Where Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Fishing Field Days General

Local sign on At General meeting or phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.

Late sign on Phone the Field Day Organiser. The club will assume you will not be fishing if you haven't signed on at the sign on place or phoned.

Please SMS the Field Day Organiser at 0401 054 110 as he will not answer the phone if he is driving or if earlier, he may be out on a reef fishing.

Club sign off If you have signed on then you must sign off in person at the weigh-in place at the nominated time or by phone (or if not contactable by phone use SMS) no later than ½ hour before the weigh-in time if you have no fish, have an emergency outside of the Field Day, or have personal reasons and will not attend the weigh-in.

Club fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day fees. Please bring the correct money because there may not be change. If you don't make payment at sign-on or at the preceding General Meeting or you have signed on by telephone, please make payment to the FDO or Assistant FDO at the weigh-in.

FDO Local FDO to be advised at the General meeting.

Fish Fish caught between the lines in and lines out times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open fishing competition.

Local boundaries Normally Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole, unless different boundaries are listed for that month.

Local weigh in Location to be set at General meeting, or the Local Field Day officer may set an alternative or additional location or time by arrangement with the members who have signed on. 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 FDO by 8pm the next night.

Fish together Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area or at the away venue. New members are encouraged to fish with experienced members for guidance and help.

April Field Day – Cape to Cape

<u>When</u>	Saturday/Sunday 16/17 April 2016.
<u>Where</u>	Cape to Cape
<u>Boundaries</u>	Busselton Jetty to mouth of Blackwood River at Augusta, excluding the Jetty
<u>Sign on</u>	Sign on Saturday 12 noon at Busselton Jetty car park.
<u>Lines in</u>	Saturday 1pm
<u>Lines out</u>	Sunday 10am
<u>Weigh in</u>	Weigh in Sunday 11am at Busselton Jetty car park.

Local Field Day for April

<u>When</u>	Saturday/Sunday 16/17 April 2016.
<u>Lines in</u>	Saturday 1pm
<u>Lines out</u>	Sunday 10am
<u>Weigh in</u>	Sunday 11am
<u>Boundaries</u>	To be decided.

April Committee Meeting

<u>When</u>	Wednesday 20 April 2016, 7:30pm.
<u>Where</u>	Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
<u>Visitors</u>	Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the discretion of the President or Vice Chairman. Please contact the President or the Secretary well before the meeting to arrange your invitation.

May Field Day

<u>When</u>	Saturday/Sunday 22/23 May 2016.
<u>Where</u>	Rottnest Island/Preston Beach (Split Field Day)
<u>Boundaries</u>	Rottnest Coast Line./White Hills to Meelup
<u>Sign on</u>	Sign on Saturday 12 noon at Rottnest Chalets/Preston Car Park
<u>Lines in</u>	Saturday 1pm
<u>Lines out</u>	Sunday 8pm
<u>Weigh in</u>	Weigh in Sunday 9pm at Rottnest chalets/Preston Car Park

Local Field Day For May

<u>When</u>	Saturday/Sunday 22/23 May 2016.
<u>Lines in</u>	Saturday 1pm
<u>Lines out</u>	Sunday 8pm
<u>Weigh in</u>	Sunday 9pm.
<u>Boundaries</u>	To be decided.

Member Applications And Acceptances

Applications from Vincent Tomazin and Alistair McDonald

Membership Coordinator, Pat McKeown

Club Shirts, Jackets, Hats, Badges and Stickers

Legionnaires cap yellow	\$15		
Bomber jacket waterproof	\$50	Lightweight jacket waterproof	\$45
Polo shirt long sleeved	\$35	Polo shirt short sleeved	\$30
Cloth Club badges	\$4.50	Vehicle stickers Club logo	\$2

Available from Committee member Shane Wignell.

Bookings for Kalbarri House

See the article on the inside back cover of Reel Talk for rates and more information.

Pets may be allowed by prior arrangement but must stay outside the house.

Please contact Property Officer Eric Parker by phone or email for bookings or more information. Collect keys in Perth before leaving for Kalbarri. Please arrange key pickup in advance. Please return keys within 2 days.

Property Officer 2015/16, Eric Parker

Wanted - Scrap Lead

Any members who would like to donate scrap lead to the club to make sinkers for sale to Club members, please contact Eric Parker.

Please no car batteries, these have too much smell and waste.

Proceeds from the sale of sinkers is donated to the Club.

Dry Casting Report – 13 March 2016

Not a big roll up for the day with 3 seniors and 5 vets but under the circumstances it was not too bad and I am sure it will only get better.

There were no good scores for the day, especially in the accuracy events with Hendo taking out the double handed accuracy with 122 and also the single handed accuracy with 22 in the vets division.

The day itself was not ideal with East to North Easterlies for the whole morning and really warming up towards the finish. But no excuses, when you have a bad day the rot really sets in, ask Peter Osborne. On one of Peter's double handed accuracy casts the bail arm was forgotten but we are not playing for sheep stations so another cast was fine, but Peter, twice in a row?

Shane started off well with a foot fault on the first distance cast, but once again what the hell, we were there to enjoy ourselves.

Mark Hansen took out the honours in the senior double handed accuracy with 107 which should have been a lot better with 5 or 6 good scores but 2 zeros.

With the wind playing havoc at times all of the artificial bait casts were around the 100m mark and the 112gr all around the 120 with Mark having the best with 127m.

The longest 56 and 112gr for the vets went to myself with 143 and 153m

A special thanks to Pat for turning up on the day just to have a chat and run the laser.

Thanks for the help in packing up and in future if you would like to help set the course up I will see you at about 5.30am.

PS. For those of you who didn't realise Sunday was the 13th

Seniors		56 gram			Artificial Bait			112gram			Double Handed Accuracy						Single Handed Accuracy						Day Attendance		Total Points		
		Cast	Cast	Points	Cast	Cast	Points	Cast	Cast	Points	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	2	2	L	S	L	S		Points	DC
Shane Wignell	109	65	17	99	88	19	113	116	23	18	2	24	20	0	7	14	15	100	0	5	7	0	12	171	10	181	
Mark Hansen	58	97	16	101	98	20	127	127	26	19	19	17	18	0	0	23	11	107	7	1	0	0	8	177	10	187	
Jeff Hewton	Out	92	9	93	98	19	B/O	112	11	20	22	10	20	16	9	0	0	97	DNC				136	10	146		
Veterans																											
Bob Henderson	99	90	19	99	87	19	115	116	23	14	18	19	12	14	9	21	15	122	0	5	8	9	22	205	10	215	
Klaus Schonwolf	128	131	26	106	108	21	125	118	24	6	13	17	20	10	0	16	8	90	6	0	2	4	12	173	10	183	
Peter Osborne	86	84	17	89	95	18	87	99	19	0	0	20	0	13	0	3	22	58	0	5	3	7	15	127	10	137	
Ron Thomas	143	142	28	128	B/O	13	153	147	30	3	9	10	9	7	13	22	16	89	6	3	5	4	18	178	10	188	
Dean Stewart	105	94	20	51	83	13	95	104	20	3	16	7	22	0	20	20	17	105	7	0	7	0	14	172	10	182	
Pat McKewon	DNC																										
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THESE POINTS DO NOT INCLUDE POINTS FOR GENERAL MEETING

Ron Thomas, Dry Casting Officer 2015/16

Proposed Field Day selections per March 2016 General Meeting

SCAC Competition Year: May 2016 to April 2017

21 March 2016 P.T. Osborne

The following is the compilation of the venues for the 2016-2017 Field Days as a result of the review and discussion in March on the voting tabulation with inputs from members. This resulted in some rethink, and the final agreement of venues, including finalization of boundaries

The Committee expectation is that if participated in venue selection you attend the April General Meeting for a vote (without discussion) to formalize the selection below. Further expectation is your attendance at the field days you selected.

Month	Dates	VENUE	Boundaries
May 2016	21/22 May	Rottnest	Coastline
	(Split Field day)	Preston	Whitehills to Meelup
		Local - Standard	Standard is to select the boundaries at the General meeting prior to the field day
June		South Preston	Preston Beach S' to Meelup
		Local - Standard	
July	16/17 July	North Preston	Preston Beach to White Hills
		Local - Standard	
Aug	13/14 Aug	Rottnest	Coastline
	(Split Field day)	Preston	Whitehills to Meelup
		Local - Standard	
Sept	24/25/26 Sep	S-Bend	Dongara to G'ton
		Local - Standard	
Oct	15/16 Oct	Cervantes	Cervantes to Green Head
		Local - Standard	
Nov	12/13 Nov	Cervantes	Black Rock to Hill River
		Local - Standard	
Dec	10/11	Preston	Preston to White Hills
		Local - Standard	
Jan 2017	14/15 Jan	Preston	Preston to White Hills
		Local - Standard	
Feb	11/12 Feb	Moore River/Wedge	River Mouth to 1 km north of Wedge Island
		Local - Standard	
March	4/5/6/ Mar	Reef Beach	Beach area to rocks at east end
		Local - Standard	
April	15/16 Apr (Easter)-	Bluff Creek	Beach area to rocks at east end
		Local - Standard	

Reel Talk Editor – Mark, My Words

My first Reel Talk is now in the books and I am able to reflect on the process. I need to just thank everyone for their encouragement, support and only kind words for my efforts so far.

Thank you everyone you have made it an easy job which I do with a smile.

Mark Nurse, Reel Talk Editor 2015/16

Recorder's Report

Peet Wessels has upgraded his own existing club record with a whopping 7.17kg Australian Salmon caught at Bluff Creek, this is also leading the Open Competition Salmon category.

Dean Stewart has added a bream to his species badge taking him to 8.

George Raftis Caught some fine whiting down in Denmark adding to his species badge taking him to 8.

Justin Rose, Recorder 2015/16



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Club fishing records April 2016

Common name	Weight	Name	Caught at	Date
Barracouta	1.98 kg	Merv Britten	Cosy Corner	20 July 1960
Barracuda	9.5 kg	C Waddams	Steep Point	26 August 1980
Blue Devil, Western	0.36 kg	Sandra Wessels	Rottnest	17 August 2014
Bonefish	2.8 kg	George Holman	Steep Point	April 2007
Bream, Black	2.27 kg	Ken Hunt	Belmont	27 September 1962
Bream, Western Yellowfin	2.5 kg	Alby Norman	Useless Loop	18 July 1980
Buffalo Bream, Western	6.7 kg	Alby Norman	Useless Loop	14 June 1977
Catfish, Blue	3.2 kg	Brian Waddams	Steep Point	3 June 1980
Catfish, White-Lipped	0.6 kg	Ian Mascarenhas	Scarborough	17 August 1996
Cobia	33 kg	Allan Carr	Steep Point	2 October 1979
Cod, Greasy (Estuary)	29.48 kg	Les Tate	Kalbarri	30 April 1967
Dark Tailed Sea Perch	1.4 kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	24 June 2014
Dart, Common	3.29 kg	E J (Lofty) Griffiths	Cape Cuvier	1 June 1975
Drummer, Silver	7.62 kg	Bob Henderson	Dongara	26 September 2010
Emperor, Grass (Blue-Lined)	4.54 kg	Ted Savage	Wagoe	9 April 1970
Emperor, Red	1.5 kg	R Flynn	Steep Point	1980
Emperor, Spangled	4.08 kg	Brian Hanks	Exmouth	12 June 1972
Flathead, Bar Tailed	0.73kg	Wayne Shaw	Swan River	13 January 2011
Flathead, Dusky	2.92 kg	Dave Latto	Moore River	17 December 1966
Flathead, Southern Blue-Spotted	1.56 kg	Ian Cook	Wagoe	23 September 2010
Flounder	0.65 kg	Morris Kolman	Hill River	13 April 1996
Garfish, Southern	0.19 kg	Mark Hansen	Cervantes	14 November 2010
Goatfish	1.09 kg	Shane Wignell	Rottnest	15 August 2015
Grinner, Large-Scaled	0.5 kg	Phil Brayne	False Entrance	18 July 1997
Groper, Baldchin	4.3 kg	Mal Thompson	Steep Point	1980
Groper, Western Blue	26.31 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	6 January 1955
Harlequin Fish	1.81 kg	Ken Hunt	Rottnest	11 September 1967
Herring, Australian	0.65 kg	Norrie Cross	Yallingup	27 April 1960
Jewfish, West Australian	19.96 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	14 May 1961
Kingfish, Yellowtail	24.49 kg	Les Ellis	Yanchep	17 May 1959
Leatherjacket, Horseshoe	1.0 kg	Brian Waddams	Rottnest	16 August 1980
Longtom, Slender	4.1 kg	Graham Reeley	Cape Cuvier	22 June 1977
Mackerel, Narrow-Barred Spanish	31.92 kg	Don Bibby	Exmouth	15 September 1973
Mackerel, Shark	10 kg	C Friend	Steep Point	4 October 1979

Common name	Weight	Name	Caught at	Date
Mackerel, Spotted Australian	4.54 kg	Jim Strong	Jurien Bay	9 March 1974
Mangrove Jack	1.81 kg	Doug Savage	Kalbarri	9 April 1967
Morwong	1.13 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	7 March 1960
Moses Perch	0.7 kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	24 June 2014
Mullet, Sea	1.13 kg	Bert Payne	Trigg Island	24 May 1955
Mulloway	30.39 kg	Allan Livesy	Kalbarri	26 March 1968
Parrotfish, Blue-Barred Orange	4 kg	Dave Maxted	Steep Point	17 August 1996
Pennantfish	1.07 kg	Peet Wessels	Wagoe	3 June 2012
Queenfish	7.94 kg	Tony Howson	Coral Bay	13 September 1973
Rankin Cod	3.1 kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	17 July 2014
Ray, Eagle	56.25 kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest	12 May 1955
Ray, White pointer	27.22 kg	Kevin Hawker	Quinns Beach	23 November 1959
Ray, White-Spotted Shovelnose	50.8 kg	George Holman	Preston	13 January 1971
Sailfish	30.2 kg	Graham Reeley	Steep Point	28 April 1985
Salmon, Western Australian	7.17 kg	Peet Wessels	Bluff Creek	5 March 2016
Samson Fish	23.13 kg	Rudy Lerch	Kalbarri	4 March 1973
Sand Bass	0.38 kg	Mark Hansen	Rottnest	17 August 2014
Seaperch, Stripey	2.2 kg	Ian Cook	Dirk Hartog Island	15 July 1999
Shark, Blacktip	27.1 kg	George Holman	Steep Point	14 August 1996
Shark, Bronze whaler	76.66 kg	Ron Shirley	Kalbarri	26 February 1973
Shark, Grey Nurse	106.14 kg	E J (Lofty) Griffiths	Kalbarri	26 February 1973
Shark, Gummy	10.43 kg	Allan Bunnett	Jurien Bay	9 October 1965
Shark, Hammerhead	23.25 kg	Tom Vivian	Kalbarri	2 March 1969
Shark, Lemon	48 kg	Darren Batchelor	Dirk Hartog Island	25 May 1999
Shark, Tiger	38.1 kg	John Devitt	Kalbarri	13 April 1970
Slender Suckerfish	0.35 kg	Peter Osborne	Kalbarri	29 October 2011
Snapper, Pink	16.02 kg	A J Werner	Waikiki	19 November 1953
Snapper, Queen	2.27 kg	J Graham	Cosy Corner	27 June 1955
Snook	3.37 kg	Noel Knight	Augusta	30 May 1970
Sombre Sweetlips	0.55 kg	Mark Hansen	Cervantes	1 February 2013
Surge Wrasse	1.31 kg	Peet Wessels	Rottnest	13 August 2013
Sweetlips, Gold-Spotted	1.5 kg	Bob Klein	Quobba	1 June 1979
Tailor	6.30 kg	Peet Wessels	Bremer Bay	17 September 2014
Tarwhine	1.36 kg	Bob Tucker	Garden Island	16 July 1961
Threadfin Salmon, Striped	1.1 kg	Rom Niciejewski	Serrurier Island	10 July 1997
Toadfish, Silver (NW Blowie)	6.8 kg	Bert Payne	Monkey Mia	17 November 1965
Trevally, Bludger	7.26 kg	Alby Norman	Wagoe	22 April 1973
Trevally, Giant (Lowly)	27.5 kg	Bob Klein	Cape Cuvier	3 May 1975
Trevally, Golden	15 kg	A Tuvik	Steep Point	12 December 1980
Trevally, Gold-Spotted (Turrum)	9.08 kg	Dennis Green	Cape Cuvier	2 June 1974
Trevally, Silver (Skipjack)	5.44 kg	W Cooper	Trigg Island	16 September 1955
Trevally, Thick Lip	0.38 kg	Mark Hansen	Rottnest	15 May 2011
Tripletail Maori Wrasse	1.1 kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	31 May 2014
Trout, Coronation	4 kg	L Clifton	Steep Point	20 April 1984
Trout, Brown	1.26 kg	J Bennett	Drakesbrook	3 November 1999
Tuna, Mackerel	8.93 kg	T O'Hara	Cape Cuvier	3 June 1973
Tuna, Northern Bluefin	17.46 kg	Ron Shirley	Kalbarri	2 April 1962
Tuna, Yellowfin	16 kg	Tony Richardson	Steep Point	21 May 1981
Tuskfish, Blackspot	2.4 kg	Peet Wessels	Shelter Bay	9 July 2012
Tuskfish, Blue	4.25 kg	D Stigelmayer	Steep Point	26 March 1985
Western Pigfish	0.80 kg	Sandra Wessels	Rottnest	15 May 2011
Whiting, King George	1.53 kg	John Lee	Garden Island	12 May 1973
Whiting, sand	0.57 kg	George Holman	Wedge Island	28 December 1972
Wirrah	1.81 kg	Tom Smith	Kalbarri	1 September 1965
Wirrah, Leopard	1.44 kg	Peet Wessels	Rottnest	15 May 2011
Wrasse, Seven Banded	0.68 kg	Peter Osborne	Wagoe	29 July 2011
Wrasse, Western King	0.36 kg	Peter Osborne	Rottnest	15 May 2011

Property Officers Report

Bookings that have been received for the Kalbarri house are as follows:

Mal Head 5/11/2016 to 19/11/2016

Francis Ford 16/4/2016 to 23/4/2016. (Pending)

Eric Parker, Property Officer 2015/16

Social Organisers Report

Hello Fellow Club Members.

Time does fly here we are already at my second report. All is very positive.

The Presentation night is well under way and I will be looking for helpers.

Presentation Night Details:

Buffet Dinner including Sweets

Cost \$30.00 per Head

Saturday 23rd July 2016

6:30pm-10:30pm

Croatian Club

18 Wishart Street

Gwelup

One of the main jobs is a photographer for the night using the clubs camera to record the event.

An MC to keep things on track. The actual presentations will be short and sharp.

Each Section head will step up and do there bit (no long speeches.)

Please if you have anything to help with prizes etc please step forward it all goes to keep costs down.

The trophy recipients will receive their trophy with a certificate and possibly a small donated prize. As you can read we have decided to cut back on winners receiving a bucketful of prizes. There will be no pre-selection on prizes this will be up to the Judges to decide.

Our sponsor list will be a lot lighter this year.

Those that have PERPETUEL TROPHIES please hand them in now clean and ready for the next recipient.

The venue is excellent and very well presented. It is buffet style and after talking with the cook will be yum.

There will be a door prize for both Male and Female.

Don't forget to get your name down for this Gala Event \$30.00 per head (which includes sweets).

The meeting was a delight to attend with a lot of smiling faces and new members who are being looked after by Ken and his band of merry men.

The offers of assistance are much appreciated

Thanks to Sandra and Dean for running the club raffle and thank you all for supporting the raffle.

On a sad note Martin Wearmouth's father passed away. Martin and his father Gerald joined the club with Gerald fishing occasionally and we certainly enjoyed his company. Our thoughts and support are with Martin and Family.

Stay Safe.

Pat McKeown, Social Organiser 2015/16

Membership Coordinators Report

Hi to all,

We welcome into the club two new member applications.

Vince Tomazin and Family.

Alistair McDonald.

Both are very keen to learn from fellow members the wonderful world of beach and estuary fishing coupled up with Drycasting they will turn into successful fisherman.

Welcome aboard.

It's time we had a membership drive I will be handing out pamphlets to you all to post in shopping centers etc.

If anybody has a point of view or suggestion please feel free to use the member's page.

Pat McKeown, Membership Coordinator 2015/16

AAAWA Delegates Report

The following are points that were raised at the AAWA meeting that have an impact on SCAC or may be of interest to SCAC members.

- All drycasting equipment that is owned by the AAA is available for use to all clubs
- Rock fishing lifejackets are available from Recfishwest at \$89
- The state drycasting scheduled for Perth will potentially be held on the polo grounds in Guilford.
- The Shire of Denmark has a new boat launch that has been opened
- Comment is sought on no fishing allowed in a proposed North Kimberley Marine Park from the existing fishing allowed but no fish to be kept
- John Curtis has requested fishing reports from members to be used in his weekly fishing report and on his radio show.
- Bob Henderson is looking for hand spools with or without line.
- The AAWA Estuary competition will be held in Cockburn sound as was the case in 2015

Pat Mckeown, AAWA Delegate 2015/16

Bob Henderson Charity Request

To keep himself busy Bob Henderson has been collecting fishing Tackle to donate to communities and individuals less fortunate than others.

Presently he is in great need of fishing reels to connect to the many rods he has been donated.

Bob has also made a request for donations of hand spools with or without line.

Contact Bob on 9561 5490 or 0439 978 832 to make arrangements for a collection or delivery of any items you may have for him.

Let's all have a dig around our sheds, I'm sure that we all have something we can add to Bob's haul.

A very worthy cause and initiative indeed.

March 2016 Field Day Report

Bluff Creek March 2016

Synopsis

The March 2016 field day was an away safari incorporating a major drive to Bluff Creek – East of Albany. Mixed weather underpinned an enjoyable weekend, of socializing, 4WD/recovery experiences and topped off with mixed bags of fish captures including some with Salmon. Weather changed each half day from initially wild, wind and rain, to sunshine coupled with occasional weed for the last couple of days. This resulted in tough fishing conditions for the Saturday field day event. Sunday and Monday the weather improved considerably and was even warm to hot by midday.

The Trip.

The trip down to Bluff creek is about a 7 to 8 hour drive including an allowance for fuel and food stop overs.

A total of 14 Surfcaster Anglers and 2 Visitors came to the away safari. (i.e., Pat McKeon, Dean Stewart, Martin Wearmouth, Shayne Wignell, Gary Parkinson, Ken Howells, Scott Williamson, Peter Butland, Sri Srigandan Peet and Sandra Wessels, Theo Van Niekerk, Mark Nurse and Peter Osborne.& Visitors, Vincent Tomazin, and Alistair McDonald)

The first group, including Ken, Gary, Scott, Peter B went down early on Wednesday, the second group (Peter, Pat, Dean and Alistair) set track on Thursday and had their camp set up by that evening. The next groups of the Wessels and Theo followed by Mark and Shayne then followed by Martin. The track in was in the usual conditions, i.e. narrow, parts heavily overgrown - so some vehicle scratches - with some steep dunes to climb over and some soft sand spots. The run along the beach was again on very very soft sand with many vehicles already cutting up the sand and then over a small dune and into the camping area. The initial groups set up Camp Number 1 of tents, tent trailers etc. with Mark dropping off the club generator for hooking up freezers, lights etc. The communal toilet was a walk and a shovel out of sight of others.

The Fishing

Fishing sessions were generally periods on Saturday and Sunday afternoon and Sunday and Monday mornings where fish captures were spread across these periods.

However early arrivals undertook some fishing on Friday – Pat got off to a good start with a good salmon and others determining there were Herring and Skippy about.

Unfortunately Alistair had contacted his family and had an issue where he needed to address. He returned to Perth without wetting a line

Sign on was on Saturday morning; however Mark organized a social that was a resounding success. He purchased all the goodies (bacon, eggs, sausages, mince, beans, and bread) and provided for all of us to have a barbeque breakfast. Martin had bought along his gazebo and set it up as the BBQ venue. Delicious, what a way to start a field day. From all of us, thanks Mark.

For Saturday afternoon, one group generally tried fishing along the stretch of beach stretching from in front of the camp from adjacent to the creek to less than a km further west. Others fished beside the west end exposed reef, and the South African group went down to their favourite reef area well to the east down a very soft beach track. Saturday afternoon gave tough fishing conditions with wind, rain and swell

One of the highlights of the weekend was Shane's experience. He had a voucher from a tackle shop and decided to use it to get an Alvey reel. He got the latest generation 650 Alvey, super drag and ultra-lightweight. He was thrilled to hook up and land two Salmon with the reel providing good control. The story goes further. He had one of those small surf poppers off the top swivel above the usual mulie set-up. Thinking he was attached to the Salmon on the Mulie hooks he used usual control and forces to eventually use a shore wave break to pull the fish up on the beach. The fish immediately dropped off the hooks; fortunately Martin was beside him and managed to grab the Salmon before the next wave took it away. On examining the rig he realized it was hooked on the Surf Popper and the small soft hook had straightened out and thus pulled out. Phew – what a way to catch a fish. Last field day he landed a Garfish on this same popper and this month the Salmon, a versatile lure. Shane also caught his bag limit of Herring and his bag limit of Skippy.

Sri also had a buzz on hooking up and landing a good Salmon near the east reef. He also got his bag limit of Herring and one a Skippy. He enjoyed the experience as catching Salmon is always a thrilling event.

Martin also found Salmon, he kept one and undertook catch and release on two more. He also did a catch and release on a 1 metre bronze shark. He also had his bag limit of Herring and Skippy plus a Whiting. Thanks to Martin for bringing and setting up his Gazebo.

Ken, Gary, Scott, and Vincent mostly fished in front of the camp. They ended up with some Herring and a few Skippy. Unfortunately they did not manage to capture any Salmon. Ken and Gary were going on to Esperance following the field day, so with small bags of fish they decided to miss the weigh-in and left early Monday to head East. Peter Butland has some health issues that precluded him from casting/fishing so he came along for the social aspects of the Field Day.

Pat and Dean initially fished between the Bluff Creek mouth and the south reef, with little success. They shifted up to beside the reef on Monday morning. Despite others getting Salmon right beside them, and Pat getting one before the field day started, they were unable to get connected to this species during the competition. They managed bag limits of Herring and one Skippy each. Pat assisted myself and Ken with overcoming problems with camp stoves – in my case he gave me his spare stove as I had left mine sitting on the bench and not being packed. He gave this to Ken and company to take to Esperance as Ken's camp stove had a gas fill bottle problem and would not properly light up.

Mark, Theo Peet and Sandra fished some of the time at the reef area well east of our campsite and beside the Salmon, Skippy and Herring, some of them getting additional species including Tailor, Tarwhine, Banded Sweep, Western Rock Blackfish, and Flathead. They moved a couple of times to adjacent to the east reef area and then on Monday joined me on the east side of actual Bluff Creek. Peet had a great bag of fish with a good selection of species. While only landing two Salmon, with all the fish weight he had the heaviest bag and with 9 species he had the highest field day points. He remains as the yearly top bag weight per Section 11 as his bag weight of 19.08 kg remained exactly the same as last year for fish weighed in June 2015. Sandra managed 3 Salmon, and included in her bag some of those misc. species. One of her Salmon was the heaviest at 4.41 kg, gilled and gutted. Theo managed Skippy and Herring bag limits and some misc. species, but was unable to hook onto a Salmon. Right place at the right time – 20 metres away the fish you can catch includes a Salmon but with a great amount of frustration, where you fish is devoid of this species.

Mark moved around and fished both east and west of Bluff Creek. He bagged out on Salmon, Skippy and Herring but did a "catch and release" on all fish caught. However he recognized that one of his Salmon was a really good one so managed to get his (calibrated) scales and determine that it weighed 7.80 kg before releasing same. Well done Mark, as this fish now takes out the Section 6 category.

I fished most of the time just east of actual Bluff Creek. Within an hour and a half of the field day start on Saturday, in rough conditions, I had 3 good Salmon in my bag. With great frustration, for the rest of the weekend, despite best efforts and long hours I could not find my fourth Salmon despite having people on both sides of me catching one. Early Sunday morning, I did revert to fishing off the exposed reef east of the camp, low tide, swell not too large and the start of a sunny day with little wind. First hour and a half, the action was very slow - only a couple of Skippy. Was thinking of leaving and just when I started to put this plan into action, a school of Skippy moved in – landed the next 6 in less than 30 minutes. I continued to catch Herring at all locations, used some for bait both fillets and a herring live bait but could not entice that elusive fourth Salmon.

Based on the SCAC scoring system, fish capture results and the top ten fisher persons, the results are listed below in this issue of Reel Talk.

While catches did have a hit and miss component or better luck for some, bag sizes were generally up on last year's Bluff Creek weigh-in. Hence most were pleased that they had a feed of fish to take home. It was also good to see that people with fish greater than their needs, handing them to people with low catches – that's what club fishing is about.

4WD Adventures

The first 4WD event was a police safety / breathalyzer test just south of Mt Barker. A potential new club member and visitor to the field day, Alistair, was pulled up and was lucky he did not get a

vehicle inspection notification – i.e. to fit his spot lights he bent the top two corners of his registration plate – Police advised that no modifications whatsoever to plates. He was able to straighten them out to the satisfaction of the police inspector. Those that came through on Wednesday and Friday did not run into the police check point.

As noted above, the beach section had very soft sand. Early arrivals including non-fishers had already torn up and down the beach where some did not have tires down to 15 psi, resulting in sand being very cut up with deep tracks wandering all over.

Tires down to at least 15 psi, and trying with care trying to stay in existing tracks and driving at a steady slow speed allowed one to get from point A to point B. Despite this we had a few vehicles that buried wheels and had to get towed out of their dilemma.

On entering the beach, Dean was to be the first one to get sand bogged, immediately followed by Peter who then took the corner too tight up into the camp area managed to get bogged a second time within 30 minutes. Going in convoy (i.e. at least a second vehicle) with access to shovels, snatch straps and Max Tracks were the order of the day. Club members continued to get bogged throughout the weekend and also assisted others in extracting themselves from wheels buried down to the axles.

Local Fishing

Three Surfcasters fished locally. Due to a vehicle problem and after getting well down the Albany Highway, Mark Hansen returned to Perth and decided to fish local. He fished the North Mole on Saturday afternoon/ early evening and caught 8 herring and tried the river a little later but to no avail. George Holman and Gary Gildersleeves fished beaches closer to their home, with Gary missing out completely and George bagging a Flathead and a Pike

Hope to see you at our April field day at Cape to Cape – while expectations for this venue are high review of above results gave low numbers of Salmon caught at Bluff, hence it will be interesting to see that for a later period (by 3 weeks) if Salmon will arrive at this section of coastline. There has been some limited anecdotal information that some have appeared in the Perth area.

Tight lines

Peter Osborne, Field Day Officer 2015/2016



The Supervisor



The Manager and his Boss



The Product



It's tough at most field days...



Our new Prez going old school



Management addressing the Board, the bait board that is, and the results...



Is that a slide bait nibble?



Bluff Salmon Fever



Some of the Bluff Crew

Sportsperson of the year sections for March			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Salmon Australian	4.41
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	19.08
Best shark	Martin Wearmouth	Shark	2.00
Best bag including sharks	Martin Wearmouth	Mixed bag	18.24

Field day prizes for March			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Salmon Australian	4.41
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	19.08
Best shark	Martin Wearmouth	Shark	2.00
Best bag including sharks			

Field Day Sections up to and including March			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
1A Best scale fish (1st six months)	Gary Parkinson	Snapper Pink	7.64
1B Best scale fish (2nd six months)	George Holman	Spanish Mackerel	3.10
2 Most meritorious fish	0	0	0.00
3 Best shark (4.5kg min)	0	0	0.00
4 Best mullo way (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
5 Best tailor (1kg min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	1.55
6 Best salmon (3kg min)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon Australian	4.48
7 Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.67
8 Best mackerel (2kg min)	George Holman	Spanish Mackerel	3.10
9 Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.41
10 Best scale fish (Other than above)	Peet Wessels	Baldchin Groper	1.84
11 Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	19.08
12 Best bag of mullo way (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
13 Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Sandra Wessels	Tailor	5.38
14 Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	Mark Hansen	Herring, Australian	0.12
15 Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0	0.00
16 Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	Mark Hansen	Wrasse (all species) 1 only	0.25
17 Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00

ANGLER		Species Salmon Australian	Species Tallor	Species Herring, Australian	Species Flathead (all species)	Species Pike	Species Skipjack Trevally	Species Whiting (other than listed)	Species Wrasse (all species) 1 only	Species Tarwhine	Species Banded Sweep	Species Shark	Species Western Rook Blackfish	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance			Total points
																		Field Day	Local	General Meeting	
Peet Wessels	Number	2	2	12	1		7		1	2	2		3	19.08	9	32	280.8	1		1	300.8
	Total weight	7.26	1.52	2.69	0.16		2.82		0.57	1.24	0.96		1.86								
	Weight of best	4.02																			
Sandra Wessels	Number	3	1	12			4		1	2			3	18.32	7	26	253.2	1		1	273.2
	Total weight	10.66	0.83	2.41			1.77		0.45	0.93			1.27								
	Weight of best																				
Martin Wearmouth	Number	3		12			8	1				1		18.24	5	25	232.4	1		1	252.4
	Total weight	10.27		2.61			3.79	0.07				1.50									
	Weight of best																				
Mark Nurse	Number	4		12			8							16.24	3	24	192.4	1		1	212.4
	Total weight	14.00		0.64			1.60														
	Weight of best																				
Peter Osborne	Number	3		12			8							15.23	3	23	182.3	1		1	202.3
	Total weight	9.91		1.79			3.53														
	Weight of best																				
Shane Wignell	Number	2		12			8							11.52	3	22	145.2	1		1	166.2
	Total weight	6.34		2.18			3.00														
	Weight of best																				
Theo Van Niekerk	Number			12			5			3	4			7.59	4	24	115.9	1			125.9
	Total weight			2.54			1.83			1.89	1.33										
	Weight of best																				
Sri Brigandan	Number	1		12			1							5.76	3	14	87.6	1		1	107.6
	Total weight	3.96		1.54			0.26														
	Weight of best																				
Dean Stewart	Number			11			1							1.57	2	12	35.7	1		1	55.7
	Total weight			1.18			0.39														
	Weight of best																				
Pat McKeown	Number			12			1							1.56	2	13	35.6	1		1	55.6
	Total weight			1.38			0.18														
	Weight of best																				
George Holman	Number				1	1								0.39	2	2	23.9	1	1		43.9
	Total weight				0.26	0.13															
	Weight of best																				
Mark Hansen	Number			8										0.70	1	8	17.0	1		1	37.0
	Total weight			0.70																	
	Weight of best																				
Gary Parkinson	Number	0												0.00	0	0	0.0	1		1	20.0
	Total weight																				
	Weight of best																				
Ken Howells	Number	0												0.00	0	0	0.0	1		1	20.0
	Total weight																				
	Weight of best																				
Peter Butland	Number	0												0.00	0	0	0.0	1		1	20.0
	Total weight																				
	Weight of best																				
Scott Williamson	Number	0												0.00	0	0	0.0	1		1	20.0
	Total weight																				
	Weight of best																				
Gary Gildersleeves	Number	0												0.00	0	0	0.0		1		10.0
	Total weight																				
	Weight of best																				



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Open fishing competition 2015/16

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2015 and 30 April 2016, other than on Club gazetted Field days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates. Entries for the Open competition close **30 days after capture**. See Competition Rules Section 4.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best shark	4.5 kg	Mark Nurse, 6.49kg Whaler shark, Preston Beach 10 th October 2015
3	Best mulloway	5 kg	Mark Nurse, 11.61kg, Preston Beach, 12 th September 2015
4	Best salmon	3.5kg	Peet Wessels, 7.17kg, Bluff Creek, 5 th March 2016
5	Best flathead	0.5 kg	Justin Rose, 0.93kg, Swan River 19 th November
6	Best tailor	1.5 kg	Eddie Korin, 3.5kg, Kalbarri 11 th October
7	Best samson fish	5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	Martin Wearmouth, 3.99kg Salmon, North Cottesloe, 23 May 2015
9	Best pink snapper	2 kg	Mark Nurse, 11.25kg, Preston Beach, 28 th June 2015
10	Best tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11	Best mackerel	4 kg	
12	Best skipjack trevally (southern)	1 kg	
13	Best trevally (northern)	2 kg	
14	Best snook or pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best black or yellow finned bream	0.6 kg	Sri Srigandan, 1kg Swan River, 23/10/2015
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3-15	2 kg	Ray Walker, 8kg King Threadfin, 80 Mile Beach, 5 th June 2015. Note 2
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	
18	Best fish caught using a soft plastic or hard body lure on a single handed rod (4kg line max.)	Legal size	Martin Wearmouth, 4kg (est) salmon, North Cottesloe, 24 may 2015. Note 1

Note 1. Fish Was released and the weight was estimated. Any future weighed entry of 4.0kg or more will replace this entry.

Note 2. Fish weight was estimated. Any future weighed entry of 8kg or more will replace this entry

Justin Rose, Recorder 2015/16

President's Report For March

May I start by thanking the membership for attending the special meeting at which I was elected interim president.

Several members approached me after the meeting to personally congratulate me and express their support. This was gratefully appreciated. I have subsequently spoken with George Holman and he also congratulated me and wished me well. George's contribution to this club over his 50 years of membership is enormous and it is an honour to succeed him as your president.

At the start of the March General Meeting I expressed a desire to run our meetings in a more formal manner. This seemed to work well in that virtually everyone who attended the March meeting spoke at some stage. Feedback I have subsequently received would suggest the membership support this style. The aim is for everyone who has the floor to be provided the courtesy of completing what they wish to say without any interruption, comment or gesturing. It is also imperative that members when speaking do not raise their voices or use derisive terms to emphasise their opinions. It is the role of the chairperson to ensure these codes of behaviour are followed and I will endeavour to do so. Whilst I feel overall the general and committee meetings were positive, there is still progress to be made here. Our standard should be that any stranger could walk in to any of our meetings and be impressed by the mood and general decorum of our meetings.

At the next general meeting it will be time to lock in our proposed field days for next season. Our Field Day Officer Peter Osborne has done a lot of work in ensuring this process has been conducted in a democratic way. Many members filled in their sheets with suggestions and there was much debate at both the general and committee meetings about the selections. I thank members for being involved and expressing their views. I would also ask that members who perhaps were not entirely satisfied with the outcomes, accept that the process was a democratic one and throw their support behind the selected venues.

Our present system for allocating field days is that effectively members are given a blank sheet in which to fill in their suggestions. We don't have any formalised guidelines to direct these choices. Perhaps we could consider such measures as a maximum number of field days at a single venue, ensure we have at least 1 field day at a venue not visited in the previous year etc. These are just a couple of ideas made to me by members. There are no reasons members cannot start discussing ideas now about how they would like future years' field days to be allocated.

At the recent committee meeting there was much discussion about how we manage new members. We presently have no formal system to ensure that new members are fully accommodated. Some new members have related that it can be quite daunting to approach established members to seek help with preparation for field days, drycasting etc. In order to address this the committee have assigned Ken Howells the role of new member co-ordinator. Whilst we are yet to fully outline the terms of this role, broadly speaking Ken will be responsible for ensuring new members are taken care of in this regard. Thank you Ken for taking on this role.

Whilst on the topic of new members finding their way in the club, could I offer some suggestions that I personally found useful. When I joined the club at the start of 2010 I knew nobody in the club and to be honest had never seen myself as a club type person. I have never been a big one for a formalised approach to recreation nor interested by political problems that are inevitable in any organisation. I did, however, like fishing and was very keen to improve in this regard. I made an effort to ensure I attended the general meetings before the field days I was interested in and let it be known I was going to attend. What I found was that established members would then often invite Sarah and myself to follow them. If not [and this was very much the exception] I would simply ask someone. I never received a negative response. I also found that attending drycasting was a very good way to get to know members in the club and start to establish those important networks. I must confess I didn't initially see much point in hurling metal down a grass field but it really is a very enjoyable morning and probably the most social activity in the club. This suggestion applies not only to new members but also established members who have not previously attended drycasting. You never know you might even improve your casting!

The recent field day at Bluff Creek was very well attended and very successful. Unfortunately, I was detained in Perth until Saturday so missed out on Mark Nurse's breakfast. By all accounts this was a big hit with all. It looks like it will become a tradition for future Bluff Creek field days. Such efforts by members is how club spirit and enthusiasm is developed and on behalf of all members I would sincerely like to thank Mark for this. I'm sure Peter Osborne will give more details about the fishing in his report.

Finally, I would like to welcome Sri to the committee to fill the vacant committee person position. His problem solving and small business experience is a very welcome addition to the committee. We now have a full committee of 13 with a good representation of older established members and more recent members. I look forward to continuing to work with them over the next few months.

Shane Wignell, President 2015/16

Notice of Motion – Ron Thomas

I Ron Thomas of 19 Santa Barbara Parade, Quinns Rocks, 6030, submit the following Notice of Motion.

Any SCAC member may seek to have their performances at any AAA WA affiliated club's official dry casting events to be considered for the purposes of claiming SCAC club records.

A claim for performance at WA State or National events would only be recognized when representing Surf Casting and Angling Club.

Recipes – Tomato and Tuna Casserole

Thanks to John Curtis for the Bachelors Brew

It is for the individual who can't catch his own fish - it all comes from packets and tins.

Ingredients:

- 1 large tin of tuna
- 1 450 g tin of tomatoes
- 1 packet cheese sauce mix
- 1 tin whole kernel corn
- 1 packet tomato and onion sauce
- 1 packet of quick cooking noodles

Method:

Mix together the tomato, tuna and corn. Make up the tomato and onion sauce and add to the tuna mix; leave to one side.

Cook the noodles, drain well and place evenly around the edge of a shallow casserole dish. Spoon the tuna mix into the centre. Warm in a moderate oven for 25 minutes (175°- 200 °C).

Remove from the oven and spoon the cheese sauce over the noodles and place under a hot grill until the cheese starts to brown.

Product Review

The Alvey Fish 'n Ezy Beach Seat

The quest that led me to this product began on the day I realised I was loosing fish when I just had my rod in PVC holders.

I felt that I had more that double the hook ups when I was holding the rod so I was looking for something different to my camping chair that I could use to rest my legs, back, feet and just about everything else that gets sore after 10 hours standing on a beach all while holding the rod for lengthy periods.

I scoured the net and saw the Alvey Fish 'n Ezy Beach Seat for the first time, however I couldn't find it in a shop, I eventually had it brought in by BCF as a special order.

First impressions were I had just wasted my money, it looked flimsy, wobbly and totally uncomfortable.

Clearly I'm not very good at first impressions. I fell in love when I took it to the beach

We all spend way to much money on our fishing obsession and although I bought it at BCF for around \$60 it is available at \$45 from MoTackle, <http://www.motackle.com.au/alvey-fish-n-easy.html> however they may have a shipping charge.

The Alvey Fish 'n Ezy Beach Seat is one of my best buys even if it were at double that price.

Being plastic it will never rust, it is small enough to go anywhere in the car and it's comfortable!

Once you are on the beach you simply sit on it to push the base spike down and that's where it will stay, you feel totally stable and it allows for as hard a strike as you wish to administer to the party interested in your bait.

It had added hours to me holding the rod without feeling fatigue.

It does have one drawback and that is the rod holder, for me it's at the wrong angle, is difficult to get a rod out of and well just an all round waste of time.

It's a small issue though as it comes off or I just point it backwards, my belt bucket works perfectly from the sitting position.

I haven't used it to hold the rod when I have walked away so cannot comment if the rod holder will equal a PVC pipe or if a large fish will rip the chair into the depths, I have my concerns hence the non testing of this yet.

Maybe in the future I will add a cushion held on with Velcro.

When I'm packing this is now one of the first things I make sure I don't forget.

The Alvey Fish 'n Ezy Beach Seat is clearly a product designed by fishermen for fishermen.

Mark Nurse





The Newbie Report

Hi All

Welcome again to the Newbie Report. Sorry for my absence in the past year as I have been unwell. Among other things I have recently been recovering from a shoulder reconstruction. Anyway I decided although still sore to get back into things and join the trip to Bluff creek. You guys certainly give me heaps to write about and contribute to the scuttle butt and good reading.

Keep it up.

Incidentally how many of you know what Scuttle Butt means. It's a very old term. Some of our senior members are not aware of this term. ?

Most of you may not be aware that at a recent General meeting George Belin asked me to look into Risk Management in reference to Dry Casting and Fishing in lieu of some recent unsafe events that have transpired. This is because I have a background in Safety. Anyway at our last Committee Meeting I was elected as the OH&S rep for the club. Yea I know I can hear some of you saying "Oh No" don't worry we are not going to go to crazy, just put some procedures in place and make things a bit safer for us all.

We as a committee do have a Duty of Care for the safe running and functioning of the club, and yes you will all get a say as soon as we put something together. With this in mind I will also be writing about unsafe acts and including some good safety tips which I'm sure we all know but just let slip now and again. Does not hurt to remind us all now and again.

For example: The club owns a First Aid kit which is taken on all Field Trips by Peter Osborne. Were you all aware of that? If not you are now. I asked nine members at Bluff Creek and out of that nine only three were aware of this – interesting.

Anyway back to the Newbie Report. This month so far we have had two new people come along to the field trip. Vince and Alistair. I guess I'm not really a newbie now however I can still be a roving reporter for the Newbies.

We had three main crews heading down to Bluff Creek. Wednesday Thursday and Friday and one member on the Saturday morning. It was great to see Ken Howells trying to organize when we were all driving down trying to make sure we were all traveling down in groups. As you will all agree it is always better to travel in groups just in case someone gets into trouble there are others in your party to help out. – Not to say that anyone would get bogged more on that later.

I traveled down with the Friday crew. I was told by Mark Nurse that we were all meeting at Williams at 0800 for breakfast. There was five vehicles in our convoy, all vehicles had CB radios so communication and conversation was great on the way down. Peter Wessels lead our group and Sri was in the end vehicle. As our convoy was extended along the road and with other vehicles on the road as well it was great to be able to converse with all parties in the convoy via CB radio. Peter was also able to make sure that all vehicles made the respective turns on the road as required. When we were finally on the beach, it was amazing, the sound of the tyres traveling across the polished beached sand. My shoulder copped a pounding during our 4x4 session along the beach. When we arrived at the camp site turn in off the beach Ken Howells meet us. He advised us all that the entrance to the camp site was quite soft and to beware. Ken knew I would be alright though as I drive a Patrol.

My shoulder was quite sore at this stage and we found that there seemed to be quite a few people at the normal campsite so therefore we proceeded to the Savanna campsite and noticed it was being used by another group. We then proceeded to the newly named Serengeti camp site. We then set up our various camps. I then saw Ken lopping across the hills at the side of the Serengeti. He told me that he had saved my camp site from last year for me. He jumped on the back of the Patrol and we drove across the Serengeti to the hills and into my old camp site that had been reserved for me. How nice of him. Later I found out this was not really a good idea as most of the members at this site were smokers, and being a nonsmoker well I guess you can imagine the rest as I slowly turned green. Next year I'm putting in for a smoke free camp site.

I believe that two members got bogged over the weekend. One was a senior member and not sure who the other one was, maybe you know.

After a coffee, thanks Ken, I decided to assemble my new Penthouse (Roof Top Tent) which went up quite easily. The following Morning I awoke quite rested, that is once the pain killers kicked in.

I had a comfortable sleep. I was very impressed with the Penthouse. The following morning also heralded the breakfast that Mark apparently offered to put on. It was a great time for everyone to get together and chat prior to the sign on and proceedings. My shoulder was still quite sore so

therefore I decided not to push it and decided not to fish and just enjoy the camping and company - as I was turning green.

Unfortunately one of the Newbies, Alistair had family problems and had to return home. Sorry to hear that mate. I hope all was sorted out okay. So therefore nothing else to report on Alistair. However Vince well that is a different story. More on Vince later.

Saturday at Bluff Creek was quite wet, it drizzled all day for the start of our comp. I sat under the shelter of Ken's tent veranda as the vehicles headed off at about 1030. All heading to their various fishing locations. As I sat there with my coffee in hand I thought to myself as everyone was out fishing, and would have been as well if my shoulder was better. How easy would it be for someone to go through our camp and raid our goodies? We are a trusting lot aren't we? Oh well just as well I stayed there. As all started returning to camp there was talk of a few Salmon being caught and a few Herring and Skippy. I believe the biggest fish caught that day was a 10Kg Dogfish caught by Mark Nurse. Don't forget to ask Mark about that one – interesting tale.

Sunday was a complete different day. Fine weather and all Solar Panels were working fine. Now for Vince. I noticed when he was washing his dinner bowls and pots that he dumped his wash water directly on the ground under the veranda of his tent. I thought to myself he will regret that move. Anyway as the day progressed that patch was getting blacker and blacker. Scott commented at one point how black it was getting. You might think why it was getting blacker? It seemed that every ant in the area was coming over to Vince's camp site to dine out on all the food particles in his dish washing water. The ants were sending out the word. I guess you can work out the moral of this story. You can imagine the stick Vince received when he returned from fishing. Peter O Do we have anything in the First Aid Kit for ant bites. Lucky for Vince that Scott had something to deter and repel the critters. On Sunday afternoon the call came over the CB that there was a member bogged south of our location. That was south of the river in no man's land. Apparently very soft out that way. Gary and Pat responded to the call in Gary's V8. Another long tale apparently Gary nearly lost his V8 to the mercy of the sea. This was not a Surf Caster member, his name was Bruce, he was a friend of Mark Hanson's from the Beachcombers. Ask Gary for the full story he will probably tell you a few times. Fantastic effort Gary and Pat for helping Peter out. Oh and by the way Marks 10Kg Dogfish came back to see him. The only injury reported for the day apart from Vince's ant bites was that Shane Wignell cut his finger with his fishing knife. - Where's a doctor when you need one.

Monday morning came after a good down pour during the night, good to report that all was warm and dry in the Penthouse. Ken and Gary had decided to push on that morning on their trip east to Israelite Bay. Scott and Vince were leaving with them and returning to Perth. So therefore I decided to depart with them.

Oh and before I go how about this pearler. As Ken was getting into his vehicle to depart Bluff Creek he caught himself on a set of gang hooks and had to call for help to unhook himself.

I'm really not sure about those Four. Don't forget to ask about the following stories:

- **Vince's increasing black sand**
- **Mark's 10Kg Dogfish**
- **Gary nearly losing the V8 to the sea**
- **Ken's gang hook up**

And that bring to a close the Bluff Creek Trip for 2016, as I missed the weigh in to find out the final catches you will have to – **Read it in the Reel Talk.**

Peter Butland, Newbie, 2015/16 and Onward

Safety Tips:

1. **If you do not have a CB radio fitted to your vehicle you should always fish with a person or group with a CB radio in case of trouble.**
2. **Travel with someone else were possible in convoy.**
3. **Travel with lights on for greater visibility.**
4. **Oh – and secure all hooks before hopping into your vehicle.**

Catch Of The Day

Peet with his 7.17kg New Club Record Bluff Creek Salmon



Kalbarri House For Rent

The Club owns a house in Kalbarri which is ideal for a fishing holiday in the area. Access to the famous fishing spots at Wagoe, Lucky Bay, Port Gregory, etc is just a short drive away via the main bitumen road.

The Mallard Street house has easy access to the river, beaches and town. It has two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 commercial grade 2 level bunks. The bathroom and shower were rebuilt in 2012.

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Off season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$100 per night	\$100 bond
On season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$120 per night	\$100 bond
	Weekly rates	6 times daily rate as above	

Surf Casting and Angling Club members

Off season	\$300 per week	On season	\$400 per week	} \$100 deposit/bond } plus \$80 cleaning (updated December)
Short term	\$80 one night	\$70 per night	(two or more nights)	

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See inside the latest Reel Talk for dates already booked. Contact Eric Parker for more details and for bookings, or email the Club surfcast@inet.net.au Collect keys in Perth before leaving for Kalbarri. Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am. There are 20 photos on the Club website www.surfcasters.inet.net.au/KalbarriHouse.html

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Eric Parker, Property Officer



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