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2010/11 State Dry Casting Championships.

This event was held at Yokine Reserve on Sunday 31 October with fine conditions but a reasonably strong easterly wind, (a head wind,) which blew all day and made accuracy casting difficult and distances hard to achieve. We had 58 casters in attendance including two Super Veteran casters in Jim Strong and Trevor Stam.

Magic Nissan once again sponsored all the individual winner and runner up trophies. Thank you.

People need to realise the amount of work and preparation needed to make an event such as this function, starting with booking the oval early (4 November 2009.) Just as well, as on the day we were confronted with a dog show wanting the oval as they had booked also - the oval was double booked! After negotiation an arrangement was made between the two groups which worked well. But it made for extra work and lost time.

Bob Henderson did a lot of work early in preparing the trailer and equipment needed for the day as it was left in a mess after last year's event. Thanks Bob for your hard work.

Pat McKeown and other Surfcasters organised the sausage sizzle and drinks for the day which were appreciated by all present. Thanks Pat and crew.

Marcia Pekaar and Terry Fuller did a lot of preparatory work in entry forms, rig diagram sheets, competition rules and expressions of interest forms which helped competitors on the day. Thank you both.

Peter Pekaar and Bob Henderson were in charge of courts one and two and worked hard all day. Terry Fuller was in charge of the Ladies, Super Veterans, Juniors and Mini Juniors court. Paul Frzop helped John Curtis who was recorder for the day. Appreciated Paul.

For fishing events run by the Association, the individual and team nominations and any changes don't really need to be finalised in the computer scoring system until the weigh in time and could be done (at a pinch) in the several hours between the sign on and the weigh in times.

Running Dry Casting is completely different to running the fishing events. Dry Casting cannot start until all the names and teams are finalised and entered into the computer scoring system and these entries are checked and confirmed by the Club team captains. The computer prints out the casting sheets which have everyone listed in casting order so that people can be called up in the correct casting order and so that

the markers can record the accuracy scores or use the correct numbered marker peg for the right caster number.

Everyone must also be listed in the correct divisional categories of Men, Veterans, Ladies, Super Veterans, Juniors or Mini Juniors, and it is usual for at least three divisions to be casting at the same time. And everyone nominated for Teams must be recorded in the correct division and the correct club. One seemingly "simple" change of division or team can cascade through several sets of sheets and require a lot of checking and rework.

One of the requirements was that all team and individual entry forms had to be in by the Wednesday prior to the event so that the draw and call up sheets and recording sheets could be prepared prior to the day so that we could start promptly at the advertised starting time. With Dry Casting this is critical for the smooth running of the day.

The person responsible for this was John Curtis who put a lot of time and effort into his job of recorder before the casting day, only to see most of this work wasted as there were late team and division alterations on the day. This meant most of the pre-prepared printed paperwork went into the bin, a lot of last-minute re-shuffling and the loss of at least half an hour in the starting time while the essential paperwork was prepared. These changes also led to a lot of confusion and problems later on with recording.

Such changes on the day as late as a few minutes before the expected starting time are simply not compatible with running a Dry Casting event on time. This needs to be changed to a definite shut-off time late afternoon on Saturday to allow ALL the essential call up and recording sheets to be ready at the advertised start time.

The other request at the briefing was to let the officer of the day or John Curtis know if anyone was leaving so that their names could be ruled off the sheets. Although many people left after the team events were finished, only one caster advised they were leaving so that their names could be ruled off the call up and scoring sheets. As a result it was difficult when calling up casters and numbers which again led to further problems with recording.

Casting should be about camaraderie, working together and enjoying the company and the event, but the cooperation by some was not what it should have been. This was detrimental to a smooth running event and some people need to make up their minds as to where they want casting to go.

Another request made at the briefing was to retrieve all the equipment and gear used during the event and bring it to the trailer so that it could be sorted and repacked in preparation for next year's event. One CB radio was missing despite asking everyone who was still around if they knew where it was. The radio was handed to me as I was about to leave, by a lady who was walking her dog on the field, who had found it out in the middle of the ground.

We have also had a written complaint from the City of Stirling that at least 22 galvanised iron distance marker pegs had been left on the ground and had caused some damage to the large lawnmower. We now have some letter writing and apologising to do.

Bob Henderson has once again sorted out and repacked the trailer, and other than the missing pegs it is ready to go for the next year's event. Thanks Bob.

Jim Strong made his speech and presented all the awards and also received the runner-up trophy for the Super Veterans which was won by Trevor Stam. We all need to realise that Jim is 88 years young and it would have been a long day for him. Congratulations Jim from us all.

To John Curtis and crew and to all who helped on the day, a sincere thank you.

Finally to all the contestants, thanks for attending and competing and to all the winners and runners-up, congratulations. We are all winners if you had an enjoyable day.

The results for the day are as follows:-

Teams.

Men	Surfcasters 1, Beachcombers 2, Fremantle 3.
Ladies	Beachcombers 1, Offshore2, Melville 3
Veterans	Surfcasters (1) 1, Fremantle 2, Surfcasters (2) 3
Super Veterans	Surfcasters 1
Juniors	Fremantle 1
Mini Juniors	Fremantle 1, Offshore 2, Beachcombers 3

Individuals.

Men	Joe Pullella	291.27% first
	Gary Gildersleeves	262.27% second
Ladies	Vix Alexander	295.09% first
	Sharon Smith	273.17% second
Veterans	George Holman	283.61% first
	Allan Jones	268.01% second
Super Veterans	Trevor Stam	300% first
	Jim Strong	185.71% second
Juniors	Dean Dicheria	300% first
Mini Juniors	Ben Pullella	259.09% first
	Owen Williams	183.7% second

Longest casts.

Men's	Joe Pullella	160.76 m	(longest for the day)
Ladies	Sharon Smith	97.2 m	
Veterans	George Holman	140.6 m	
Super Veterans	Trevor Stam	87.8 m	
Juniors	Dean Dicheria	81.6 m	
Mini Juniors	Ben Pullella	71.4 m	

George Holman, AAWA 2010 Dry Casting Organiser