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To: Australian Anglers Association Delegates Council

From: George Holman, Chairman, Dry Casting Sub-Committee.

Subject: Report on 2012 / 2013 State Drycasting Championships held at Yokine

Reserve East on Sunday 28 October 2012.

The day saw a total of 45 casters competing which was somewhat disappointing as some clubs were hardly represented and others didn't field a team at all. This is probably the best social day as well as a competition where club members can fraternize all day and enjoy themselves as well as learn.

The weather was all over the place, starting off with sunny conditions with a left to right north-westerly breeze, later to see a thunderstorm and some rain along with lightning, which halted casting for nearly an hour. But even with this delay, we were packed up, presentations done and on our way home by 4:45 in the afternoon. This was achieved by everyone working together and keeping the event flowing, and hopping in and packing up the gear which is now ready for next year.

John Curtis set the standard by doing all the computer work for the day and his efficiency and promptness of results made the day function. His method and planning is first class and makes my job a lot easier.

I can't say enough about the work and effort Ron Thomas has put into the day (before and after) looking after the trailer and gear and he and his workers were present very early and as a result the lanes and markers and flags were ready before 8 o'clock. He and his crew also had everything packed and put away before the presentations were made. Thank you.

Terry Fuller and Victor Schilo were our call up marshals all day and did a sterling job and kept things moving.

There were a lot of tired workers at the end of the day and a special thank you to Bob Henderson who kept tabs on workers and markers and also to John Benniman and even collected the perimeter flags at the end of the day. Thanks to you all.

Pat McKeown organised the sausage sizzle and drinks for the day and Ray Walker and Andy Thorgersen catered for the hungry casters. A very special effort much appreciated by all.

The standard of casting was very good with the fluctuating conditions and even though I would have certainly liked to see a lot more participating it was still a great group. I was particularly impressed by the number of juniors and mini-juniors as this is our future. Thanks to the participants who brought them along. I appreciated the co-operation and camaraderie displayed.

Magic Nissan once again were our sponsors for the individual awards, something they have done for over twenty years. Thank you.

It was great to see Marcia Pekaar come along later in the day and stay for the presentations. Her health was not great so it was an effort to be admired and an example of true commitment. She was rewarded later to see husband Peter receive a number of awards. Thanks Marcia.

John Curtis had the results ready shortly after the last cast and thus we were able to proceed with the presentations once all the gear was put away.

Thanks to Jim Strong (our Patron) for making the presentations and he congratulated all the winners and thanked all for participating.

From me, my appreciation to all who all who took the trouble to compete and I look forward to a larger attendance next year. My appreciation for the way you all worked together and made the day an harmonious and enjoyable one. To all who worked and helped out - thank you.

George Holman

Summary of Results, 2012 / 2013 State Drycasting Championships

Congratulations to the winners and runners up.

Longest Cast:

Was made by Peter Pekaar, Surfcasters with a cast of 176.44 metres.

Double Handed Accuracy:

Men's Joe Pullella, Fremantle, 151 points, (way in front)

Ladies Filomena D'Alonzo, Fremantle
Veterans Ron Thomas, Surfcasters
Juniors Ben Pullella, Fremantle
Mini Juniors Olivia Keet, Surfcasters

56 gram Distance:

Men's Joe Pullella, Fremantle. Longest cast 136.90 metres

Ladies Carolyn Benniman, Offshore (Beach) longest cast 94.16 metres

Veterans Ron Thomas, Surfcasters. Longest cast George Holman, 140.80 metres.

Juniors Ben Pullella, Fremantle, longest cast 93.85 metres
Mini Juniors Michael Pullella, Fremantle, longest cast 74.52 metres

Artificial Bait (Teams)

Men's Peter Pekaar, Surfcasters, longest cast 160.71 metres
Ladies Filomena D'Alonzo, Fremantle, longest cast 76.99 metres
Veterans George Holman, Surfcasters, longest cast 130.63 metres.

Juniors Ben Pullella, Fremantle, longest cast 92.63 metres Mini Juniors Morgan Keet, Surfcasters, longest cast 81.68 metres

Artificial Bait (Individual)

Men's Peter Pekaar, Surfcasters, longest cast 158.03 metres

Ladies Filomena D'Alonzo, Fremantle. Longest cast Carolyn Benniman (Offshore Beach)

69.86 metres

Veterans Ron Thomas, Surfcasters. Longest cast George Holman, Surfcasters 130.70m.

Juniors Ben Pullella, Fremantle, longest cast 97.65 metres Mini Juniors Morgan Keet, Surfcasters, longest cast 79.83 metres

112 gram Distance:

Men's Joe Pullella, Fremantle. Longest cast Peter Pekaar, Surfcasters, 176.44 m

Ladies Filomena D'Alonzo, Fremantle, longest cast 91.65 metres
Veterans George Holman, Surfcasters, longest cast 146.02 metres.
Juniors Ben Pullella, Fremantle, longest cast 105.08 metres
Mini Juniors Morgan Keet, Surfcasters, longest cast 91.28 metres

Individual Winners:

Men's 17 Competitors

First Peter Pekaar, Surfcasters; Second Joe Pullella, Fremantle Third Jeff Hewton, Surfcasters

Ladies 3 Competitors

First Filomena D'Alonzo, Fremantle,

Second Carolyn Benniman, Offshore (Beach)

Third Rosemary Bullock, Fremantle.

Veterans 14 Competitors

First Ron Thomas, Surfcasters Second George Holman, Surfcasters

Third Mick Burgin, Melville

Juniors 4 Competitors

First Ben Pullella, Fremantle
Second M Lipthorne, Fremantle
Third Felicity Keet, Surfcasters

Mini-Juniors 7 Competitors

First Morgan Keet, Surfcasters
Second Olivia Keet, Surfcasters
Third Michael Pullella, Fremantle

TEAMS RESULTS:

Men's

First Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
Second Surf Casting and Angling Club
Third Fremantle Amateur Angling Club (2)
Fourth Offshore Angling Club (Beach)

Ladies

First Fremantle Amateur Angling Club Second Offshore Angling Club (Beach)

Veterans

First Surf Casting and Angling Club (1)
Second Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
Third Surf Casting and Angling Club
Fourth Melville Amateur Angling Club

Juniors

First Fremantle Amateur Angling Club Second Surf Casting and Angling Club

Mini-Juniors

First Surf Casting and Angling Club
Second Fremantle Amateur Angling Club