

NATIONAL DRYCASTING RESULTS

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2007 AAA National Convention and Dry Casting Results for WA Entrants

The 30th AAA National Angling Championships and Convention was held at Phillip Island, Victoria from 21st of February to 9th of March 2007.

Sponsorship and support was forthcoming from the Department of Sport and Recreation and Recfishwest which assisted the group participating. Terry Fuller was integral in the early arrangements and Bob Henderson, who was State Captain, did a lot of the work before and at the Convention.

To Department of Sport and Recreation, Recfishwest, Terry Fuller and Bob Henderson must go a very sincere "thank you" from all who participated and from our WA AAA Division.

A contingent of 18 representatives attended from Western Australia and competed mainly in the dry casting events.

Planning and preparation commenced some 18 months earlier. When our 18 representatives finally arrived, it was the result of a lot of meetings, sorting out a few bumps along the way, making concrete decisions, and a group working together - teamwork!

The convention numbers were down on previous carnivals as New South Wales and Queensland fishers do not like fishing at Phillip Island.

Credit must go to Graham MacPherson (President General) and Tim Hose (Coordinator/Secretary) and the workers from the Victorian Division for the efficient manner the events were run and the success of the Carnival.

Most of our group travelled from Melbourne airport and around the venues in a 22 seater bus which was a positive way of bonding the group together and was very enjoyable. It enabled everyone to have a good look at what Phillip Island and surrounding areas had to offer and also helped us to transport our rods and equipment to and from the casting area.

Woolamai Race Course was the venue for the casting and four "V" courts were laid down in the centre of this venue which was quite appropriate. The Western Australian group was 95 percent responsible for marking and laying down the courts on the Thursday afternoon because of lack of workers due to one of the other competitions being held at that time. Thank you to those who helped out.

The weather for the Friday casting was hot and the breeze did a full 360 degrees during the day. Saturday welcomed us with a headwind varying from light to strong, some thunderstorm activity and even a shower of rain.



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I was very impressed with the comradery and teamwork of all our representatives, ably led by our State Captain Bob Henderson, and the manner with which they all went about the task of representing our State. The results were just reward.

In the team events we were successful in winning the Open and Veteran's divisions, and our Ladies came fourth.

Joe Pullella won the Open Individual event, Vix Alexander won the Ladies Individual event, and Gary Gildersleeves was runner up in the Veterans division.

Our junior caster, Andrew Pekaar, cast extremely well to run third and was very close to two very talented juniors who have a lot of casting experience. Andrew has been casting for less than six months but I am sure he will be the leader in this event in two years' time.

Keith Heaney from Western Australia had the longest cast of 172.56 metres in the 112 gram distance event which was cast into a brisk headwind.

All our team members cast well, learned a lot and have all put their hands up to attend the next Carnival.

This will be held at Wallaroo on the "Copper Coast" of Yorke Peninsula, South Australia from 21st of March to the 3rd April in 2009.

All events, Boat, Beach, Estuary and Casting will be over two days each and results will be counted for both individuals and teams. Charter boats will be available for the offshore fishing events. We look forward to seeing boat and beach fishers attend this venue.

The 18 members who attended are all members of the Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA, and were:-

Men:- Malcolm Harris, Joe Pullella, Nick Allsworth, Mark Hansen, Scott Maloney, Peter Pekaar, Keith Heaney.

Veterans:- Bob Henderson, Alan Jones, Malcolm Head, Gary Gildersleeves, Ian Cook, Trevor Stam, George Holman.

Ladies: - Vix Alexander, Wendy Hansen, Marcy Pekaar.

Junior: - Andrew Pekaar.

This report by George Holman



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Drycasting Nationals Adventure By Wendy Hansen (a "first timer" at AAA National Conventions.)

We left Perth early on Sunday 24th February. The flight went well. As we flew over South Australia going to Victoria, the drought that is being experienced at present was very obvious. We arrived safely into Melbourne ready for our bus journey to San Remo where we were to stay for the next week.

San Remo is the gateway to Phillip Island. Our accommodation there was comfortable, convenient and close to all amenities needed for the week. The first few days were used partly for sightseeing and shopping but most importantly casting practise. The club hired a bus for the week and this made travelling to and from the island much easier and it brought the group together. Our thanks to Ian Cook, our driver, for the "Cookie Contiki Tours"

During our travels, we managed to find a friendly farmer who allowed the team to practise our distance casting in his paddock [as the oval we were using for accuracy was too small for distance] with cows looking on. This was quite an amazing experience for me, and I couldn't resist taking a few photos while we were there.

The surrounding landscape, although dry, was picturesque The convention championships were held at the Wonthaggi Club Race Course [horse]. The day prior to the competition, as the team walked out onto the race course with the dry grass ankle high, I was amused at different conditions we were to be casting in.

By the following day the casting courts had been mowed and set up ready for the day's competition.

18 months ago, to think that I would be standing in the middle of a race track in Victoria, about to compete in a national dry-casting championship just amazed me. This was a unique experience!

Being my first national casting event, I was a bit nervous not knowing what to expect, I was doing my apprenticeship in casting so I just did the best that I could. The two days of casting went well and I learnt how to improve my casting ability. Many thanks to George Holman for his guidance during training.

During this week it was good to get to know the members of the club better and everyone helping and supporting each other. Congratulations to Vix Alexander for her great casting and my thanks to both Vix and Marcia Pekaar for their constant support during the week. What a GREAT ladies team!



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The final day, Sunday 4th March, we all had our bags packed ready to head back to Melbourne. All aboard the bus for some sightseeing around some of Melbourne and its environs before we arrived at Tullarmarine Airport to check-in for our flight back home. While waiting, hunger set in and everyone decided on some burgers for tea; the Fremantle Dockers apparently had the same idea.

The flight home went well and it was good to see the lights of Perth again, although we did arrive back into a heat-wave, which our city is well known for.

I can thoroughly recommend the National Dry-casting Championships for having a good time with good people doing good things together and remember, you don't have to win, you just have to experience it!

Thanks for the adventure, it was great!

Wendy Hansen



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Ladies National Dry Casting team members Marcia Pekaar, Vix Alexander and Wendy Hansen



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Veterans National Dry Casting team members George Holman, Allan Jones, Trevor Stam, Bob Henderson, Malcolm Head, Ian Cook and Gary Gildersleeves.



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Men's National Dry Casting team members Scott Maloney, Malcolm Harris, Nick Allsworth, Joe Pullella, Peter Pekaar, Mark Hansen



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Andrew Pekaar, Junior at National Dry Casting 2007





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Men's Division

1 st Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Joe Pullella 23 159.00 132.54	16 158.69 121.13	0	19	20	18	14	19	129 317.77 253.67	90.84% 94.34% 100.00% 285.19%	Overall 100.00%
5 th Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Malcolm Harris 22 142.17 105.28	15 133.30 99.09	7	7	0	21	22	20	114 275.47 204.37	80.28% 81.78% 80.57% 242.63%	Overall 85%
9 th Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	`Keith Heaney 6 172.56 130.94	17 0.00 113.17	6	19	0	21	18	20	107 172.56 244.11	75.35% 51.23% 96.23% 222.81%	Overall 78.13%
10 th Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Scott Maloney 10 127.26 119.10	20 122.64 93.35	0	19	9	21	0	13	92 249.90 212.45	64.79% 74.19% 83.75% 222.73%	Overall 78.10%
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11 th Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Nick Allsworth 12 135.55 122.23	22 0.00 11596	16	22	9	11	14	7	113 135.55 238.19	79.58% 40.24% 93.90% 213.72%	Overall 74.94%
23rd Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Mark Hansen 3 0.00 97.35	0 133.32 105.73	0	13	0	13	12	0	41 133.32 203.08	28.87% 39.58% 80.06% 148.51%	Overall 52.07%
24th Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Peter Pekaar 0 0.00 119.80	16 133.10 0.00	11	2	23	18	0	12	79 133.10 119.80	55.63% 39.52% 47.23% 142.38%	Overall 49.92%
Veterans Division											
2 nd Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Gary Gilderslee 16 129.53 106.73	eves 14 131.81 95.38	25	14	25	20	25	20	159 261.34 202.11	100.00% 88.59% 90.68% 279.27%	Overall 93.38%





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3 rd Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Alan Jones 16 114.74 96.85	20 114.43 93.16	23	19	21	16	23	18	156 229.17 190.01	98.11% 77.68% 85.25% 261.05%	Overall 87.75%
5 th Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Bob Henderson 16 132.79 107.41	1 131.85 96.12	8	20	14	19	0	7	85 264.64 203.83	53.46% 89.71% 91.45% 234.62%	Overall 78.87%
8 th Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	George Holmar 22 123.45 118.08	15 0.00 99.88	0	19	21	20	21	13	131 123.45 217.96	82.39% 51.85% 97.79% 222.03%	Overall 74.64%
10 ^h Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	lan Cook 5 122.45 99.14	20 105.78 94.34	0	0	5	10	11	19	70 228.23 193.48	44.03% 77.36% 86.81% 208.20%	Overall 69.99%
11 ^h Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Malcolm Head 1 109.64 87.21	24 111.32 81.92	11	14	18	0	13	10	91 220.96 169.13	57.23% 74.90% 75.88% 208.02%	Overall 69.92%



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20 ^h Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Trevor Stam 9 78.93 70.05	10 57.17 39.81	8	17	21	12	0	8	85 136.10 109.86	53.46% 46.13% 49.29% 148.88%	Overall 50.05%
<u>Ladies Division</u>											
1 st Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Vix Alexander 13 94.97 63.80	9 80.01 51.87	19	18	20	1	1	13	94 174.98 115.67	88.68% 93.09% 72.94% 254.71%	Overall 100.00%
7 th Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Wendy Hansen 0 86.41 53.47	7 76.64 34.32	0	13	0	21	2	3	46 163.05 87.79	43.40% 86.74% 55.36% 185.50%	Overall 72.83%
8 ^h Accuracy Up to 112 gram Distance Artificial Bait Distance Total	Marcia Pekaar 0 69.77 55.92	0 61.12 54.26	0	0	0	19	2	22	43 130.89 110.18	40.57% 69.63% 69.47% 179.67%	Overall 70.54%



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3 ¹⁴	Andrew Pekaar										
Accuracy	0	9	21	11	22	23	0	0	86	76.79%	
Up to 112 gram Distance	128.38	122.46							250.84	95.39%	
Artificial Bait Distance	77.80	81.67							159.47	82.04%	
Total										254.22%	Overall 86.28%

Dry Casting Team Results for WA Teams and Entrants

Me	n's	

1 st WA A Team		Accuracy Total	56 gram Total	Artificial Bait Total	
Nick Allsworth	W012M	113	247.80	280.68	
Mark Hansen	W021M	41	249.48	216.64	
Peter Pekaar	W017M	79	271.90	270.75	
Scott Maloney	W023M	92	246.25	242.29	
Keith Heaney	W024M	107	156.23	319.50	
Malcolm Harris	W015M	114	240.78	264.36	
Joe Pullella	W018M	129	135.82	162.63	
Reserve / low score eliminated	634	1412.44	1594.22		
Totals		100%	100%	100%	300.00%

Veterans

1 st WA A Team		Accuracy Total	56 gram Total	Artificial Bait Total	
Bob Henderson	W007VM	85	257.78	244.33	
Malcolm Head	W011VM	91	238.85	193.89	
Gary Gildersleeves	W010VM	159	258.47	245.04	
George Holman	W025VM	131	297.06	133.98	
Alan Jones	W013VM	156	244.16	223.76	
Reserve / low score eliminated	537	1057.47	907.02		
Totals		100%	100%	96.8%	296.80%



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Veterans 6th WA B Team Ian Cook W020V Trevor Stam W019V Reserve / low score eliminated Totals		56 gram Total 139.90 121.03 260.93 24.67%	Artificial Bait Total 201.35 189.94 391.29 41.76%	95.30%
<u>Ladies</u>				
4th WA A Team	Accuracy Total	56 gram Total	Artificial Bait Total	
Wendy Hansen W02	22F 46	155.70	134.25	
Marcia Pekaar W01	6F 43	0.00	134.01	
Vix Alexander W01	4F 94	205.37	161.29	
Reserve / low score eliminated	183	361.07	429.55	
Totals	70.11%	63.23%	81.07%	214.42%
<u>Juniors</u>				
3rd WA A Team	Accuracy Total	56 gram Total	Artificial Bait Total	
Andrew Pekaar W0	09J 86	268.09	210.00	
Reserve / low score eliminated	86	268.09	210.00	
Totals	41.35%	62.28%	53.71%	214.42%



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