

REPORT ON 2019 / 20 STATE DRY CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Held at Perth Polo Ground, Meadow Street, Guildford
27 October 2019

The 2019 / 20 State Dry Casting Championships were held at the Perth Polo Ground in Meadow Street Guildford on Sunday 27th of October 2019. Weather forecast for the day was good with easterly winds and a temperature in the mid 30's. The grass on the oval had been mowed and the oval looked very good for casting.

On Saturday afternoon Mark Hansen, Ron Thomas, Tony Ayrey and John Curtis met to mark out the courts and check the ground. After a brief discussion on the layout it was decided to cast west to east with the Men's courts set to the north of the covered area. This allowed for a court distance of almost 300m. The Ladies, Veterans Juniors and Mini-Juniors court was laid out to the south of the shelter, with a casting distance of over 200m as had been done in previous years. The accuracy courts were set out in front of the shelter allowing casters to mingle when not casting.

An accuracy draw was conducted and Men drew Group 3 with casting distances of 36, 52, 67 & 82m. The Ladies, Veterans and Juniors drew Group 2 with distances of 35, 42, 49, & 56m. Mini-Juniors drew Group 1 with distances of 20 and 30m.

Casting on the day got underway at 8:05 am with 27 casters. Fremantle Amateur Angling Club fielded a team of 17 casters followed by Surfcasters with 7 and Beachcombers with 3. It is sad to note that for the last 2 years we have not had a participant in the Junior Division and clubs need to promote fishing and casting to these people. The number of casters participating was disappointing although it was up on previous years. It was widely advertised and is a part of the competition for Champion Individual and Champion Club.

On the day Beachcombers provided the BBQ and also sold cold bottled water and soft drinks which was appreciated by all participants. They also sold raffle tickets with the prizes being donated by Ron Thomas. Overall there were 4 rods offered as raffle prizes. The raffle raised \$98-00 for the Association. The sausage sizzle and drinks raised \$155-90.

The competition ran smoothly all day, although one concern was again the lack of volunteers to assist with scoring and marking. Several people who were not casting assisted with these tasks and included Tony Ayrey, Vic Schilo and Chris Stickells. Although these people are members of the Association, they do not cast competitively and gave up their day to assist. Others who cast and also scored and marked were Ron Thomas, Mark Hansen. Other volunteers included Glenn, Joshua and Hayden Macdonald who are not members of that Association but worked hard all day in the sun marking and running. Helen ran the raffle, drinks and BBQ and was busy all day.

Following discussion at the Delegates Council it was recommended that the Artificial Bait Individual casts be dropped and that the Art Bait Teams event count for both. This was trialled and it did speed up the day by not having 2 additional casts but it does have an impact on scores both for Teams and Individuals. It is recommended that we go back to casting both Artificial Bait events next year to allow for a fairer competition.

With reduced numbers of participants, and a reduced number of casts to complete, the competition was completed by just before 12 o'clock and the presentation was completed by 12:30PM. With assistance from a few people everything was packed up and finished by 1:00PM. There was an

error in the scoring but this was not picked up in the prescribed time. This caused one individual some angst, however it has been rectified.

All results have been sent to the participating clubs and will be posted on the web site shortly.

Results for the day were;

Team Results:

Mens	Won by Fremantle AAC, Runners Up, Beachcombers
Ladies	Won by Fremantle
Veterans	Won by Surfcasters #1, Runners Up, Surfcasters.
Junior	No participants
Mini-Junior	Won by Surfcasting & Angling Club, Runners Up, Fremantle AAC

Individual Results:

Mens	Nick Allsworth	Fremantle AAC
Ladies	Sarina Hoskins	Fremantle AAC
Veterans	Gary Gildersleeves	Surfcasters
Juniors	No participants	
Mini-Juniors	Darcy Tomlinson	S C A C.
Longest Cast:	Nick Allsworth	Fremantle AAC