



KALBARRI SPORTS FISHING CLASSIC REPORT

1st, 2nd & 3rd March 2019

33rd YEAR

Kalbarri saw another very well run enjoyable Classic this year with 123 anglers registered to compete for the 39 trophies on offer in the River, Boat and Open Water Kayak Sections. There were 90 competitors in 29 boats and another 6 kayakers competing for game and bottom fishing prizes along with 27 river anglers.

And we had an outstanding turnout of 21 juniors this year.

During the lead up to the weekend the weather forecast looked grim for all 3 days and the Friday start was going to set the precedence, yes it was going to be a trying competition! A 20 knot southerly was met first thing out of the river mouth and it just got worse. Most boats decided to go out anyway and those that went North got particularly pounded. The kayak anglers did it tough! And unfortunately were not able to land a fish that was able to be weighed in for all 3 days, water clarity was not good and safety concerns kept the competitors on a short leash but our hats go off to the boys who gave it a red hot go.... The Saturday was not any better and the swell picked up a little as well. Ian Gregg weighed in a Rankin Cod of 8.11kgs among the team's bag of very good fish. The river anglers also had the benefit of fishing overnight, bringing in a variety of fish including Cod to 2.8kg, Mulloway, Bream over 1kg, Javelin Fish, Taylor & Whiting all mainly alive to be released. Of note was Wayne Mitchells 5.59kg Mulloway.

Sunday was the better day of the 3 with the wind turning Southeast and most anglers were able to go out anyway. Some decent fish were presented at the weigh-in and of note was Brian Evans 7.72kg Coral Trout. The clean water in the Murchison River meant the fishing was unreal and 12year old Sonny Hilton landed a 11.1kg Mulloway in the river. The ocean was stirred up and dirty meaning the gamefish were just not around.

Full results at the bottom.



Champion Angler River was won by Mark Ralph who had a good variety of fish over the 3 days while the **Heaviest Black Bream** of 1.1kgs went to Vaughn Ralph.





Champion Junior River was well fished by Sonny Hilton who had good fish on all 3 days. **Runner-up Junior River** went to Keely Ralph



Heaviest Cod River went to Jeva Gontier. A big Malabar cod of 2.85kgs

Heaviest River Whiting went to Vaughn Ralph who did very well considering he usually fishes offshore.



Runner-up Champion River was Cheryl Eley.



Ian Greig had a great comp landing good fish each day winning the top prize; **Champion Angler Bottom** fishing from “Captain Fathom” skippered by Terry Ash.

Champion Junior Bottom, was skillfully won by Clancy Norrish pictured with the Rankin Cod.



Champion Boat Bottom Over 7m was “Captain Fathom” skippered by Terry Ash with Paul Norrish, Ian Greig, and junior Clancy Norrish & Bodee Stevenson.



Champion Boat Game Over 7m. was Free Spirit skippered by Stan Sutherland with Anna Sutherland fishing on board to win Highest Point Scoring Snapper 2.62kg on 2kg line. Anna also took out **Champion Angler Game**.



Biggest Red Emperor went to Paul Norrish with a 4.27kg fish



Champion Boat Game 6-7m was won by “*Donik*” skippered by Nik Bramwell with Donelle Andrews. With Nik Bramwell winning Highest Point Scoring Gamefish a Mackerel 179.5points Nik also won Runner up Champion Angler Game got the Highest Point Scoring Mackerel.



Champion Boat Game Under 6m went to “The Harvester” skippered by Steven Eley with Emma Blackburn & Richard Gibson on board.



Champion Boat Bottom under 6m also went to “The Harvester”.



Runner Up Champion Angler Game went to Nik Bramwell.



Champion Junior River went to SonnyHilton who caught an 11.1kg Mulloway in his bag of fish.
Heaviest Dhufish, 7.72g was landed by Brian Evans from “Mandurah Outcasts”.



Peter Duffield landed a big cod of 12.98kgs **Heaviest Ocean Cod**



Heaviest Not Game Snapper was a well-deserved fish for junior angler Zac Hindmarsh which also gave Zac the Sutherland Family Junior “Top Gun” for the bottom section on day 1.



Heaviest Groper, a 4.41kg specimen was well angled by John Marshall on the last day, with very little Pelagic action John showed he can bottom bounce as well.



With the Kayakers doing it tuff this year we hope to see them back in 2020 for another crack.



Champion Boat Bottom 6 to 7 metres was Red Raider with Brian Beales the skipper and Phil Beales, Brian Mosley & Junior Thomas Beales fishing on board to weigh in fish consistently over the 3 trying days.

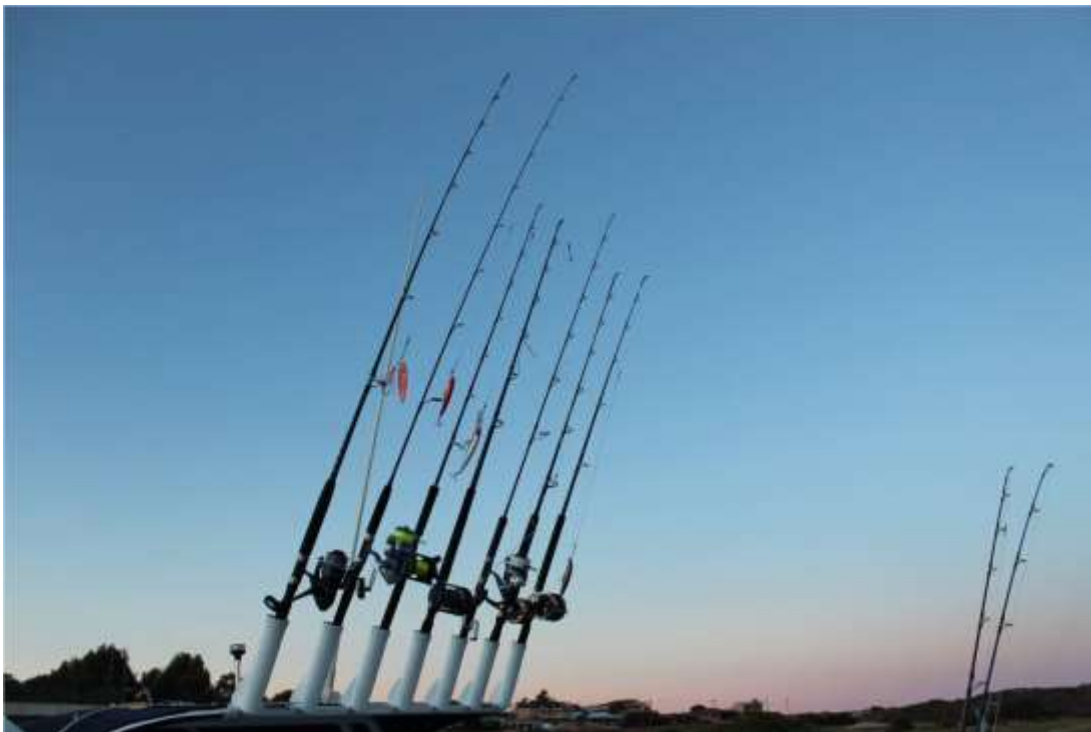


The **Rod Mitchell Meritorious** goes to an exceptional meritorious effort/catch over the three days and was awarded to Rylee Hurtado who fished offshore all weekend.



Catch and Release River was won by Jeva Gontier & Cheryl Eley who released 15 fish each back to the river.

Safest Boat Award was EW 723 “not a fishing clue” we think



Blind Mullet Award

This off beat award goes to the person who did the most stupid thing over the three days. It is an occasion for a lot of laughs and there were many contenders but Anna Sutherland took it out with her great effort.

Fishing On Free Spirit, Stan had a lineclass PInky on and Anna ran down to net it and the momentum of a wave combined with enthusiasm sore her promptly in the drink with hat,sunny's,net & fish. She managed to climb back onto the Marling board and net the fish soggy but in tact.

The presentation dinner at the Kalbarri Sport & Rec was an excellent sit down dinner prepared by local Chef's

Shane Fletcher & Luke Moss, and staff. The prize giving was well presented by Cheryl Eley. This year a great door prize donated by Peter & Jane Dooley was a swag was won by a tall dude with a beard. Overall it was a very successful competition, only possible with the support of all our generous sponsors. We would like to thank them most sincerely. Please show them your appreciation by using them whenever you can. **All the photos and more are on our Face Book page. Go and have a look, "Like" us and post your own pics.**

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Final results overall.

Champion Angler Game:

1st	Anna Sutherland	236.50 points
Runner up:	Nik Bramwell	179.50
3 rd	Steven Eley	157.00
4 th	Stan Sutherland	114.00

Champion Angler Bottom:

1st	Ian Greig	141.60 points
Runner up:	Terry Ash	104.32
3 rd	Clancy Norrish	97.44
4 th	Trevor Thomson	97.16
5 th	Bodee Stevenson	97.04
6 th	Paul Norrish	92.44
	Phil Beales	74.76
	Nik Bramwell	67.80
	Peter Duffield	66.60
	Brian Mosley	64.40
	Emma Blackburn	59.80
	Brian Evans	58.92
	Paul Youngman	55.24
	Brian Beales	54.36
	Richard Gibson	53.68
	Steven Eley	53.36
	Paul Parks	49.04
	John Marshall	48.80
	Thomas Beales	48.24
	Zac Hindmarsh	47.76

Paul Leatham	47.76
Donelle Andrews	46.36
Ross Shehan	45.72
Ty Hindmarsh	45.05
Ryley Hurtado	43.44
Shawn Wenn	40.16
Clint Hindmarsh	39.28
Justin Gilbert	38.88
Grant Ward	38.00
Mitch Hindmarsh	37.80
James Leatham	34.96
Nick Evans	25.04
Bradley Iredale	22.68
Wayne Sankey	21.16
Trevor O'Sullivan	18.84
Ron Neumann	18.76
Avril Dutton	16.44
Shane Parker	15.00
Jerry Freeman	14.80
Angus Foreman	13.92
Blair Foreman	12.72
Jarrold Elliott	12.16
Anna Sutherland	11.80
Noel Visser	9.08
Jarrold Hurtado	7.76

Champion Junior Bottom:

1st	Clancy Norrish	97.44 points
Runner up:	Bodee Stevenson	97.04
3 rd	Thomas Beales	48.24
4 th	Zac Hindmarsh	47.76
5 th	Ryley Hurtado	43.44
6 th	Mitch Hindmarsh	37.80

Champion River Adult:

1st	Mark Ralph	96.52 points
Runner up:	Cheryl Eley	87.28
3 rd	Jeva Gontier	85.32
4 th	Lisa Gould	53.12
5 th	Kate Ralph	51.80
6 th	Vaughan Ralph	48.64
	Wayne Mitchell	45.00
	Frank Rystenburg	37.36
	Robbie Leck	36.80
	Glenn Gould	34.24
	Kylie Johnson	24.68
	Dion Marin	24.00

Champion River Junior

1st	Sonny Hilton	96.64 points
Runner up:	Keely Ralph	44.28
3 rd	Tom Berry	36.68
4 th	Austin Ralph	23.92
5 th	Zac Johnson	21.36
6 th	Noah Ralph	15.40
	Eddie Ralph	10.76
	Ryan Leck	7.44
	Zane Reker	6.92
	Roy Burgess	6.80
	Levi Reker	6.68
	Jimmy Douglas	6.56
	Jackson Ralph	5.28
	Vera Burgess	5.20

Champion Boat Game over 7m:

1st	Free Spirit	350.50 points.
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Champion Boat Game 6-7m:

1st	Donik	179.50 points
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Champion Boat Game under 6m:

1st	The Harvester	157.00 points
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Champion Kayak Game**Champion Kayak Bottom****Champion Boat Bottom over 7m:**

1st	Captain Fathom	106.57 points
Runner up	Mandurah Outcasts	44.33
3 rd	Bait N Bullshit	42.70
4 th	Seaglider	40.24
5 th	KeyWest	29.25
6 th	Free Spirit	5.90

Champion Boat Bottom 6-7m:

1st	Red Raider	65.09
Runner up:	Donik	57.88
3 rd :	Two Tees	53.83
4 th	Prawn Stars	20.10
5 th	Anchor Management	17.07
Further North		16.27
Danger Zone		13.36
Ranger Outdoors		4.05

Champion Boat Bottom under 6m:

1st	The Harvester	55.61 points
Runner up	Mooniemia Mullets	22.86
3 rd :	Effishensea	11.73
4 th	Gruffish	7.50
5 th	Mixed Veges	4.13

Rod Mitchell Meritorious: Ryley Hurtado

Highest Point Scoring Game Fish: Nik Bramwell 179.50 pts (Mackerel 10.77kg on 6kg Line)

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Highest Point Scoring Tuna: No Winner

Highest Point Scoring Snapper: Anna Sutherland 131 pts (2.62kg on 2kg line)

Heaviest Not Game Snapper: Zac Hindmarsh 5.33kgs

Heaviest Red Emperor: Paul Norrish 4.27kgs

Heaviest Dhufish: Brian Evans 7.72kg

Heaviest Groper: John Marshall 4.41kgs

Heaviest Cod Ocean: Peter Duffield 12.98kgs

Heaviest Samson Fish: Bodee Stevenson 5.31kgs

Heaviest Whiting: Vaughn Ralph 100 grams

Heaviest Bream: Vaughn Ralph 1.1kg

Heaviest Cod River: Jeva Gontier 2.85kgs

Catch, Weigh & Release – river award Cheryl Eley&Jeva Gontier – 15 fish released

Top Gun day one: Bottom: Brian Beales

Top Gun day two: Game: Nik Bramwell

Top Gun day three: River: Mark Ralph

NAB Junior Top Gun day one Bottom: Zac Hindmarsh

NAB Junior Top Gun day two Game: No winner

NAB Junior Top Gun day three River: Sonny Hilton

Safest Boat Award EW723 from Not a Fishing Clue for doubling up with Epirbs and all the non essentials as well

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