

## **Local Field Day report, 24 April**

Following a few emails sent after the committee meeting on Wednesday, 21 April Peter Pekaar, Andrew Pekaar, Marcia Pekaar, Ray Walker, John Crompton, Allan Jones, George Holman, Danny Fimeri and John Curtis all met at Floreat and signed on at 4pm. John Crompton had thought ahead and brought drinks in case anyone was thirsty.

A quick decision was made to move 200m south from the car park to find a better fishing spot. We spread out along the beach and began casting out. Andrew was first on with a herring. Not much happened for a while but a variety of fish including herring, yellowtail, and whiting were caught.

AJ also caught a squid and it was fascinating to watch John Curtis show us all how to prepare it ready for the pan. He even prepared it Bear Grylls style, removing part of its skin with his teeth to get at the quill! Very impressive. Some undersized fish, including a ray, were put back.

Allan Jones offered his place for dinner. We phoned Val Jones who ordered pizzas for us and we proceeded to drive to AJ's. Val welcomed us and after we had all cleaned our hands and brushed off the sand, the pizzas arrived and we proceeded to eat them in the comfort of the Jones's patio. Val served us coffee and biscuits for sweets which made for a very pleasant evening indeed. We all enjoyed a wonderful social atmosphere until about 9.15pm when we set off home to prepare for an early rise to attend the dawn ANZAC service in Victoria Park.

Late on Sunday afternoon, Peter and Andrew decided to try their luck at a couple of their favourite spots in the river. Others must have had the same idea, getting there first, so the Pekaars ended up fishing at the Canning Bridge foreshore. Andrew got talking to a fellow fisher, about Andrew's age, who had caught a 35cm bream and said he had caught more earlier on. That was encouraging, but there were blowies galore, even on lures, and they came back empty handed.

Pat McKeown phoned through his apologies to Marcia on Monday morning. He had intended to fish with us on Saturday, but had a change of plan at the last minute.

On Monday morning, George Holman phoned through his and Allan Jones's catch results, having fished again later on the weekend. These results were added to Saturday's list and were forwarded by email to Terry Fuller & Vince Iozzi by Marcia.

### **Open Competition – Reminder for the new club year**

Members are reminded that fish caught outside Field Days can be entered in the Open Competition. This is taken from the SCAC Competition Rules:

*Open Competition Eligibility. The Open Competition is for fish caught other than on Club Gazetted Field Days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates.*

If you have any queries, feel free to contact us.

Marcia and Peter Pekaar

## **April Field Day report, Bluff Creek**

Sandra and I departed Perth at 7 am on Friday morning. The "Fish Jeep" was packed to capacity with everything that you could possibly think of - especially fishing gear was high on the priority list with fresh bait second on the list. I made certain we had enough heavy sinkers this time - the last Bluff field day still fresh in my mind.

At Williams we had our regular breakfast, then left for Albany where we stocked up with the last needed provisions and fuel. Early afternoon and we were on our favourite beach, driving east at a snail-like pace with eyes and ears focused on what Bluff had on offer for the weekend. First of all the weather was at its best, a light westerly breeze with almost clear skies. Secondly, we noticed a lot of action over the water, the birds were diving like crazy

and there were huge schools of dark patches moving over the surface of a very flat sea. At this stage my emotions took over and I shouted out loud in pure joy and excitement, I just knew we were in for a Bluff Creek bonanza. I accelerated and geared up to second gear, eager to get to the camp site.

Late afternoon and our campsite is in tip-top order, generator running, powering the freezer and our 20w fluorescent light. There is still some daylight left and the perfect time to test my serviced overhead reel. Straight down on to the beach were we met an old friend. A quick few words and then down to business. The first cast was with caution and respect, the Mulie however travelled smooth and straight and landed perfectly in the gutter that was running all the way down the beach. Still setting my drag when an almighty tap and a huge pull on my line got me straight into battle action. My first salmon for the weekend was scarcely on the beach when Sandra was into action fighting another lively salmon. This action continued until our small packet of mulies ran out. Within a half hour we had caught and released 3 salmon, a couple of nice skippy and a few rather big herring. These were all caught on 4/0 gangs. We retired all smiles and were waiting in anticipation for the next day.

Saturday morning we woke up late after a rather cold night. It was another perfect day with the flag on the ute indicating a very light westerly breeze. After a great breakfast Sandra walked down to the beach with fishing rod in the hand while I got the campsite back to order. Every now and then I peeped over the dune just to see how she was nailing the herring. I was just smiling quietly and really enjoyed every moment.



Soon it was time for the sign on and from all directions the Surfcasters, visitors, friends and dogs assembled in good spirits. There were some new faces, old faces and some forgotten faces and they all had something to yarn on about. After a rather lengthy sign-on everybody disappeared to their secret fishing spots.

We fished right down in front of our campsite and enjoyed the advantages one has when the fish are biting right on your doorstep, however the plague of the herring meant that we would not catch anything else if we stayed there.

On the other hand my good friend Theo was fishing only 100 meters to one side and he could not land a herring. I called him over the radio and asked if he wanted to move with us. He said he would rather take our spot and get his fair share of herring first.

We found another good looking spot with some deeper water and some rocky structure around. With plenty of herring in the bag we switched over to bigger gangs and mainly targeted skippy and salmon. It did not take long before the skippy started to roll in. Just after 5 pm the salmon started to show up and Sandra got stuck into a really big one. When she finally got it onto the scale the digits came to rest at 6.92 kg. By 7 pm I also had 3 salmon in the bag, one of just over 6 kg and the other 2 around the 2.5 kg mark. By that time there were a few nice skippy in the bag as well and we decided to go back to camp and enjoy our friend's companionship around the barbeque and camp fire.

After another cold night we woke up to another glorious day, totally in contradiction to the weather prediction. By now most people I came across had good bags of fish and everybody's spirit was high except old Theo who was trying his level best to catch a salmon.

Soon after breakfast I took the spade over the sand dunes, making plans for the day ahead. Being another glorious day meant some more time for fishing. We decided to try an old spot where we had caught some rock fish in the past. Sure enough within a few casts I got my rock fish. We moved on to some friendlier water and started to experiment with some

different fishing rigs. It was not long and Sandra was onto her second big salmon of the weekend....., oops the rig snapped as she pulled it onto the beach and with the next wave it was gone. Not long after and with a proper salmon rig she landed another big salmon.

Midday we were all back at our respective camp sites for the 2 hour lines up. This was a good time for a little get together with some good food and friends. In the afternoon the wind changed slightly in a more North Westerly direction which meant a little better casting distance, which also meant some good size skippy. Soon after lunch and Theo is on..., yes he's got a real big salmon on the line. He plays it well and gently brings it closer with every wave and then just when he thought he had it, the hook straightens and well the rest is history. Oops!

With the night fast approaching we jumped into our wetsuits and geared up for a couple of hours' night fishing. Just on dark my rod bent over with the reel screaming as it loses line rather rapidly, I am on to another mighty big salmon. This was the end of our fishing and so we moved on to the next step to clean and prepare the fish for the weigh in the next day.

Around the campfire that night we had some lengthy discussions about some special moments we had, the fish we landed and the ones that got away.

During the night we had our first rain and we awoke to a rather overcast but pleasant morning. The sky over the ocean was alive with diving birds and when we took a closer look we saw so many dark patches moving as the salmon were pushing the bait fish up against the sand banks.

This was the activation one of our friends, Frank needed to get his fly rod out. He has been chasing salmon on fly for the last 2 years. He returned with a great smile on his face, smiling from ear to ear as he told us his story of how he caught this 5 kg salmon on his little fly rod. This is a fantastic achievement, as Frank is a handicapped fisherman. Well done Frank!!



At 10 am everybody was around the scale for the weigh in. Many thanks to all the people who assisted me in doing the weigh in, many hands make light work. A total of 6 species were landed during the weekend and the highlight was the 13 salmon that landed on the scale. There were quite a number of quality fish and quite a few people achieved full bags.

It was great to see some old members in the form of Peter Osborne, Josh and Tina Lucocq back, they also weighed in some quality fish. A great thanks to Malcolm Harris for cleaning Sandra's one skippy that had slipped through

un-noticed. Malcolm also weighed in a quality bag. Great to see Mark Hansen back on field days, the fish he weighed-in is a sure sign Mark is back on the recovery trail. Theo worked hard for a reasonable bag and I am sure his big reward is just around the corner.

The best scale fish for the weekend goes to Sandra Wessels with a beautiful salmon of 4.86 kg. Well done Sandra. The best bag of scale fish goes to Peet Wessels with a bag of 17.63 kg.

Hope the next time I see you is with a bent rod in the hand. Tight Lines

Acting Field Day Officer Peet Wessels

### **Catch results and points for the April 2010 Field Day**

<b>Angler</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Points</b>
Peet Wessels	17.63 kg	4	30	266.3
Peter Osborne	16.395 kg	4	30	254
Sandra Wessels	13.75 kg	3	30	217.5

Malcolm Harris	12.23 kg	4	30	212.3
Josh Lucocq	6.302 kg	2	4	133
Theo Van Niekerk	5.78 kg	2	19	117.8
Tina Lucocq	1.852 kg	2	6	78.5
Mark Hansen	1.15	1	12	71.5
Greg Walker	0	0	0	50
Vix Alexander	0	0	0	50
Holly Walker	0	0	0	40
Michelle Walker	0	0	0	40
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40
Francis	0	0	0	40
George Holman	0.4 kg	1	2	34
Allan Jones	0.2 kg	1	1	32
John Curtis	0.2 kg	2	2	32
Ray Walker	0.17 kg	1	1	31.7
Peter Pekaar	0.162 kg	1	1	31.6
Marcia Pekaar	0.076 kg	1	1	30.8
Andrew Pekaar	0.21 kg	1	2	22.1
Danny Fimeri	0	0	0	20
John Crompton	0	0	0	20

Species caught on the April Field Day were:- Salmon, Herring, Skippy, Wrasse, Banded sweep and Whiting.

The people attending the April Field Day were (in no particular order):

Peet Wessels	Sandra Wessels	Peter Osborne
Josh Lucocq	Tina Lucocq	Greg Walker
Michelle Walker	Holly Walker	Mark Hansen
Wendy Hansen	Francis (visitor)	Malcolm Harris
Vix Alexander	Theo Van Niekerk	Andrew Pekaar (local)
Ray Walker (local)	Peter Pekaar (local)	Marcia Pekaar (local)
George Holman (local)	Allan Jones (local)	John Crompton (local)
Danny Fimeri (local)	John Curtis (local)	

### **Sportsperson of the Year, and Field day section winners for April 2010**

Best scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Salmon	4.86 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	17.63 kg

Local catches were recorded by Marcia Pekaar. Bluff Creek catches recorded by Peet Wessels and all entered into the Field Day computer scoring system by Terry Fuller.

### **Field Day top scores for 2009/10**

Total scores up to and including April Field Day.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Malcolm Harris	1807	1	Geoff Raftis	166.7	24	Bev Grigo	50	47
Peet Wessels	1690.7	2	Marcia Pekaar	165.6	25	Eric Parker	50	48
Sandra Wessels	1450.7	3	Morris Kolman	150.4	26	Joseph Kolman	50	49
Mark Hansen	844.7	4	Holly Walker	140	27	Steve Gee	50	50
George Holman	820.7	5	Michelle Walker	140	28	Ray Walker	41.7	51
Theo Van Niekerk	668.9	6	Adam Metro	130.6	29	Alex Michaelidis	40	52
Vix Alexander	592.6	7	Andrew Vanzyl	124.4	30	Aniello Pizzolante	40	53
Ian Cook	506.1	8	Tina Lucocq	118.5	31	Bill Ransted	40	54

Peter Osborne	503.4	9	Daniel Jambanis	114	32	Chrystyne Crompton	40	55
Greg Keet	471.2	10	Ian Taggart	112.6	33	Clive Verburgt	40	56
Charles Faure	456.2	11	Kaitlin Stoeckel	110	34	Daniel McKeown	40	57
Wendy Hansen	430.8	12	Peter Iozzi	106.1	35	Felicity Keet	40	58
David Maxted	420.4	13	Nick Edwards	104.2	36	Luke Hatingh	40	59
Lea Taylor	419.2	14	Wayne Shaw	104.2	37	Olivia Keet	40	60
Peter Stoeckel	311.2	15	Simon Ryan	90	38	Patrick McKeown	40	61
John Crompton	289	16	Morgan Keet	80	39	Sharon Wee	40	62
Peter Pekaar	214.1	17	John Curtis	74.8	40	Shaun Herbst	40	63
Josh Lucocq	202.7	18	Michael Gaudin	71.2	41	Francis	40	64
Greg Walker	200	19	Vince Iozzi	70	42	Allan Jones	32	65
Sabatino Pizzolante	199.5	20	Stefan Wiklund	69.2	43	Andrew Pekaar	22.1	66
Pat McKeown	194.4	21	Dean Stewart	61.9	44	Trevor Stam	21.3	67
Melvin Wee	186	22	Pat Wee	55.6	45	Sarah Wignell	21.1	68
Shane Wignell	173.5	23	Terry Fuller	51.2	46	Danny Fimeri	20	69