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April field day, Cape to Cape

Overview. The April 2014 away field day was spread from Busselton Jetty to the mouth of the Blackwood River at Augusta with people fishing beaches and headlands from Meelup around to Canal Rocks.

For the local event, members fished Perth local beaches and the bit of reef just south of Club Capricorn north of Yanchep. Due to weather conditions, hot, nearly flat calm seas and patches of

heavy weed in some areas gave only small fish catches from the local areas. However for persons fishing Cape to Cape there were some successes in capturing a feed.

The trip. The sign on was at the south car park at 12 noon on Saturday 12 April with some signing on at the General meeting or by telephone to the FDO. The fishing period was from lines down at 1pm on Saturday with fishing through the evening with the lines up at 10am on Sunday. Weigh-in was at 11am with the venue again being at the south car park at Busselton Jetty.

It was noted that the car park was extremely crowded, particularly on the Sunday. We were advised that the park on the east side of the car-park is and will continue to be a venue for the local weekend markets and associated activities. For this weekend a vintage car showing was attached to the markets. Future sign-on/weigh-in locations needs to be reviewed in light of this information.

For the away trip a total of 7 SCAC members signed on. Gary Parkinson, Greg Keet and son Morgan, Bev Gringo, Peter and Sandra Wessels, and Peter Osborne. Beautiful weather conditions prevailed for the weekend, with light to medium winds to give excellent fishing conditions. So good it seemed that half the population of Perth appeared to be in the south west.

Unfortunately Gary got caught up in traffic and missed the sign on. He managed to catch up with me at some rocks at Yallingup. He misunderstood my verbal communication of lines up at 10am on Sunday and weigh-in at 11am. He interpreted this as weigh-in time as 10am. Hence when arriving at the car-park, of course he could not find us and with very heavy traffic he thought he had missed us and left after 15-20 minutes for returning to Perth. Message for all: as Ken reiterated to Gary - read the Reel Talk for fishing times.

Gary fished Canal Rocks with little success. Gary caught a couple of herring and managed to get a balloon out to a school of salmon, however as the school was being hassled by dolphins they were not feeding, so nil salmon hook-ups. Bit tough as the weekend was not prolific for salmon captures.

Peet and Sandra reviewed local areas and fished from Meelup around to Bunkers Bay with limited success. Both had good bags of herring, with some western rock blackfish, skippy and a wrasse. Sandra was delighted to see her bag was just a few grams heavier than Peet's. Despite concentrated effort and trying different locations they could not find salmon. They also confirmed what I had seen on Friday afternoon when I drove around looking for salmon, dozens of fisher, shoulder to shoulder on every headland chasing salmon and none hooking up.

Bev, Greg and Morgan tried around Eagle Bay and with minimum results with Greg and Morgan then going to the beach to fish at Yallingup for the evening and then the same location the following morning. Bev was frustrated by having plenty of bites (probably herring) but she could not hook-up. Greg and Morgan got good herring and Greg also got a good tailor at Yallingup Beach. Greg hooked up on a big salmon on the Sunday morning but unfortunately lost it in the wave swell.

The Club owns an air conditioned holiday house at Kalbarri which is available for rent to the public and club members at competitive rates. Link is above.

My story is: Following sign-on, on initially going to the Rocks at Yallingup after seeing and speaking to Gary, I concentrated on fishing effort and was rewarded with small, but size, western rock blackfish, a wrasse and a tarwhine. In the past I had caught salmon at this location but this species did not appear, hence I decided to shift to Wyadup as I had previously caught salmon there. Again no salmon showed up but I did find herring including some really good bull herring. Just before dark I went back to my cabin at Yallingup and following a quick meal, went down to Yallingup beach to find Greg and Morgan and the former with a good size tailor and both with herring. I initially caught some more herring and a couple of skippy, however on continuing to fishing through until nearly 11pm nothing happened.

This beach has yielded fish in the past for me so I decided to fish this location again in the morning. Came first light I was on the beach to see Greg and Morgan already hard at it. Greg advised he had lost a good fish, probably a large salmon, hence I put two surf rods out and not before long I had a tailor. An hour later I captured a reasonable salmon of about 4kg uncleaned, always a great sport fish to catch.

An hour later more action was to follow. A rod goes off; I feel the weight of a good fish, then a couple of minutes later, nothing. Ten minutes later the same thing happens.

Another good fish on for a couple of minutes and then nothing. Both of these hits had the gang of hooks bitten off with frayed leader just above where the knot would have been.

Another 15 minutes goes by and a rod goes off again, again a big fish. However the hooks must have been on the edge of the mouth as no bite-off, however the shark was big enough to head towards South Africa and even with drag at a maximum for 15kg line I could not turn him. With 300 meters nearly all gone and the bottom of the spool starting to show I locked the drag up, ping a break-off. Obviously with some salmon movement along the coast line, sharks were on patrol. Despite these bust-offs I felt I had a successful fishing week-end with about 10kg of a mixed bag of fish. Like lots of fishing being at the right place at the right time gives results.



Peter Osborne's salmon. A fish like that always brings a smile



Peter, Sandra, Morgan, Greg and Olivia with Peet putting fish on the scales



Sandra Wessel's bag included herring, western rock blackfish and skippy

In May we will be returning to Cape to Cape for the SCAC field day in parallel with the AAWA State Rock and Beach Championships. Hope to see you there.

Local Field Day. A report by Pat McKeown on local fishers' outcomes is elsewhere in the Reel Talk; below is a summary only of their story.

For the members fishing local, George Holman, Pat McKeown, Mark Hansen, Martin Wearmouth, Victor and Slavka Schilo, George Belin, Ray Walker and Ken Howells, results were not great. Fishing conditions encountered were flat seas for the beaches at Floreat and the beach south of Hillarys and similar at Club Capricorn, with heavy weed moving in at the beach south of Hillarys.

Fish captures were fairly minimal with a few tailor, pike, wrasse, and herring being landed.

For the 9 members signed on, 6 weighed in, with varying degrees of success. For the local fishers, Martin Wearmouth captured the heaviest bag which included 3 good tailor. Best tailor of the field day at 0.98kg gilled and gutted. The next sizes of tailor were Greg 0.83kg, Ken with a 0.80kg, Peter Osborne with a 0.75kg, and Ray with a 0.70kg fish.

Fish capture results, points scored and the top scores are listed elsewhere in Reel Talk.

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

April Local Field day report

It was arranged at the General meeting for those that wanted to fish local, to meet at Marmion beach by the south groyne.

It proved a popular spot with the following fishing and hoping to catch the big one: Victor and Slavka Schilo, George Belin, George Holman, Pat McKeown, Ray Walker, good to see Ray back on the beach, his shoulder getting stronger with each cast.

Received a phone call from Martin Wearmouth who is going to fish Club Capricorn. Ken Howells decided to try his luck at the ever popular Floreat. Mark Hansen fished the Fremantle area.

Out of the Club membership 9 members fished local, why is this so?

Please speak up if you have a problem getting to a fishing location with the club whether you are a new or old member we can help. On the meeting night or just a phone call away.

It is very relaxing on the beach with a line in the water as the sun goes down just enjoy the moment.

The fishing at Marmion was not that exciting, from what I heard they had all followed that Martin guy to Club Capricorn. I must get some bait off this guy it must be loaded with a fish magnet. Good on yer Martin.

One of the highlights was watching Slavka tearing up and down the beach with a pink rod trying to find that secret spot. Victor just looks on as only a husband can.

As time moved on Victor, Slavka and George Belin said their goodbyes and headed off home. A while later Ray decided it was time to go. Goodnight young Ray.

That left George (just one more cast) and Pat to fish on. It was a very pleasant night on the beach, very little breeze and still warm enough to be comfortable. Welcome to the good side of fishing.

I had run out of bait and decided enough was enough, time to go home. George and I packed up and left the beach after a very pleasant time on the beach with good company.

All catch results will be in the May Edition of the Reel Talk magazine.

Hope to see you at the next fishing event. Remember speak up and join the group fishing. Only the fish bite at the Surfcasters.

Pat McKeown

Sportsperson of the Year section winners for April 2014

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Salmon Australian	3.36
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	10.23

Field day section winners for April 2014

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Salmon Australian	3.36
Best bag of scale fish	Sandra Wessels	Mixed Bag	3.29

Catch results and points for April 2014 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	10.23	7	30	192.3
Sandra Wessels	3.29	3	21	82.9
Peet Wessels	3.06	3	23	80.6
Martin Wearmouth	3.02	3	7	80.2
George Holman	1.5	3	9	65
Ken Howells	1	2	2	50
Ray Walker	0.8	2	2	48
Greg Keet	1.7	2	7	47
Mark Hansen	0.69	2	5	46.9
Pat McKeown	0.3	2	2	43
Gary Parkinson	0.24	1	2	32.4
Morgan Keet	0.72	1	4	27.2
Beverley Grigo				20
George Belin				20
Slavka Schilo				20
Victor Schilo				20

Points include Field day and April General meeting points.

Species weighed at the April Cape to Cape field day were tailor, herring, flathead, tarwhine, skipjack trevally, western rock blackfish, salmon and wrasse.

Species weighed in for the Local field day were herring, pike, tailor, whiting, wrasse.

Field Day top scores for 2013/14 - interim

These results are interim only until I get time to check the operation of the Excel spreadsheet after some unexpected changes were made to the spreadsheet during data entry for April.

Field day spreadsheet developer, Terry Fuller

Total scores at the end of the Competition year including all Field day and General meetings. Competition Rules section 2.4.5 specifies only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. The winners will be announced at the Presentation of Trophies in June 2014, and adjusted scores will be published after that. Names with equal scores are sorted alphabetically.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	972.5	1	Sarah Wignell	192.4	14	John Crompton	50	27
Peet Wessels	872.9	2	Greg Keet	171.2	15	Thomas Wearmouth	46.5	28
Sandra Wessels	719	3	Dean Stewart	167.9	16	Christian Wearmouth	45.6	29
George Holman	696.1	4	Peter Pekaar	111.7	17	Wendy Hansen	37.3	30
Martin Wearmouth	634.9	5	Ray Walker	110.1	18	Morgan Keet	37.2	31
Pat McKeown	527.1	6	Justin Rose	106.8	19	Beverley Grigo	20	32
Theo Van Niekerk	447.9	7	Allan Jones	106.5	20	Gary Gildersleeves	20	33
Ken Howells	442.7	8	Frank Rystenber	100.8	21	George Belin	20	34
Gary Parkinson	328.3	9	Matt Howells	76.9	22	Jeff Hewton	10	35
Mark Hansen	318.7	10	David Maxted	67.4	23	Neil Maxted	10	36
Shane Wignell	262.7	11	Ian Taggart	58.6	24	Olivia Keet	10	37
Victor Schilo	225.3	12	Terry Fuller	56.7	25	Tino Baiardo	10	38
Slavka Schilo	193.4	13	Gerald Wearmouth	51	26			

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Field Day sections 2013/14

Up to and including April 2014 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Ken Howells	Mulloway	6.28 kg	May
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	George Holman	Salmon	6.19 kg	March
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)				
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Ken Howells	Mulloway	6.28 kg	May
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	2.74 kg	October

6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	George Holman	Salmon	6.19 kg	March
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	2.0 kg	August
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)				
9	Best scale fish (other than above)	Martin Wearmouth	Pink Snapper	3.08 kg	September
10	Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	17.82 kg	August
11	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish Min)				
12	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish Min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	5.58 kg	October
13	Best fish on S/H rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Martin Wearmouth	Flathead	0.34 kg	November
14	Best fish caught on fly rod				