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April 2015 fishing field day

Cape to Cape. Overview. The April 2015 away field day, including the local venue, was spread from Busselton Jetty to the mouth of the Blackwood river at Augusta and was extended at the previous General Meeting to include local Preston.

For the local event six members fished Perth local beaches, five members fished Preston and three members fished the Capes.

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.

All venues suffered to varying degrees of rain and wind and local beaches also suffered from weed.

Some quality fish were caught with a total of 8 different species and a total bag weight for all 15 members of 46.5 kg

The trip. Cape to Cape. For the away trip, as all anglers had cabins booked a total of 3 members signed on at the Yallingup caravan park, Peet and Sandra Wessels, and Peter Osborne. Harsh weather condition prevailed for the weekend, with medium to strong and gusty wind and rain varying from heavy downpours to showers with odd patches of sunlight continuing through the weekend to give tough fishing conditions.

Compared to a year ago, hardly any other fishers were seen in the south west.

Peet and Sandra did not fish as hard as normal as Sandra's parents were across from South Africa and doing the tourist bit was also on their agenda. They reviewed local areas and fished from Yallingup down to Margaret River with limited success.

Both had bags of herring, with some tarwhine, skippy and Sandra getting a 3.54 kg salmon. Sandra was delighted to see her bag was just a kilo heavier than Peet's.

Despite concentrated effort and looking and trying different locations they could only find the one salmon.



Peet Wessels with his bag of Skippy



Sandra Wessels with her Salmon

My story goes as follows: Following sign-on, on initially going to the rocks at Wyadup, I concentrated on fishing effort and was immediately rewarded with small, but size western rock blackfish, on my outfit rigged up for salmon. No salmon appeared but herring were thick, destroying a mulie within minutes of cast in. Hence I decided to concentrate on and get my bag of herring.

After about the fourth herring was landed, whack, this was no herring, With my light surf rod, small reel loaded with 12 lb line and a blob with 8 or 10 lb leader, and a no 4 long shank hook, with a pea size piece of prawn - I knew I was in trouble. Taking my time and playing carefully managed to work it up to the rocks. There was a V gap in the rock face wall and with a wave surge managed to get it on the edge of the rocks, scrambled down to retrieve but on grasping the leader, using another wave surge to move it up into the V gap, the leader broke.

Fortunately the wave surge was sufficient to have him sit on the rocks and enabled me to grab a really good salmon of 4.63 kg. Phew very relieved at achieving this capture. Thinking

that was going to be the first of many, was disillusioned as it was the only one I caught during the competition.

Small fish were prolific; while only about 1 in 3 were size I continued to add to the bag with herring, tarwhine, skippy, cod, blackfish and a wrasse. About 4pm, I decided to clean the fish and get them on ice and take them back to the car.

On returning to the rock, using my tailor/salmon outfit on the first cast, whack on again. Salmon, no was too strong, took me 5 minutes to work out must be a samson, further consideration, the fight was not right and finally realize I had a large ray on. Worked him to the rocks and then broke him off.

Second cast after releasing the ray, was on again, no mistake this time, was a large shark, 15 kg line with drag tight as possible, it went out to sea and peeled about 250 metres of line in less than a minute. Again deliberately broke it off. But a minute of excitement until I realized I was not going to stop him. In retrospect burley attracts fish, not necessarily the species we want.

Hoping for a tailor, I fished through until dark. Course raining when I decided to walk out. First cleaned fish with hard work carrying fish and gear back up to the vehicle.

Following morning I went to the rocks at Yallingup. Again rain and wind but this position puts the wind behind you. Lots of western rock blackfish, but not many size, some tarwhine and a skippy including one of the latter about 8 cm caught on large hooks and a mulie. I have caught salmon at this place before, but no show for this species. Water here is very shallow. I generally start with a bait casting rig with a mulie and a small bean sinker but as usual after about a dozen cast get hooked up on the reef and had to break off. I then switched and used a large float with a mulie under. Works but a lot of bites (a downer on the float) however, as wind creates slack line this results in a lot of missed strikes.

As we agreed with all Cape to Cape participants we changed the weigh-in to Yallingup on Sunday morning and completed this by 11:15 am.

Preston. Summary only. See separate reports from the following participants that fished this beach.

While some wind and rain was encountered, conditions were not as severe as the Capes and while at Floreat, weed was not present.

The team of Gary Parkinson, Glen Wong, Peter Butland, Ken Howells, Mark Nurse, went down to Preston on Friday.

On fishing on Friday evening and Saturday morning they got into salmon and tailor plus herring. Mark managed a salmon over 5 kg.

Unfortunately over the competition period fish were there but were not as plentiful. The bigger fish captured were of good quality. Gary Parkinson landed a good tailor of 0.95 kg. but unfortunately dropped a salmon.



Peter Osborne with his Salmon



Mark Nurse with his salmon



Peter Butland's tailor

Peter Butland landed a tailor of 0.82 kg. and a good size salmon of 4.25 kg.; Ken Howells landed a tailor of 0.69 kg., some herring and a salmon of 3.15 kg.

Mark Nurse landed herring, six tailor with the heaviest being 0.73 kg and two salmon with the heaviest being 3.8kg. Glen Wong managed to miss out on tailor but landed herring and a salmon of 3.7 kg.



Ken Howells' salmon

Preston continued to give good capture results and was a good call for giving better opportunity to "local" fisherpersons.

Local Field day. For the local members George Holman, Pat McKeown, Dean Stewart, Michael Pisano, Reuben Ball, Lee Yongli, results were not great.

Fishing conditions encountered were wind rain and weed, water was shallow, no close in gutter, strong current from south to north.

Hence no tailor appeared and only a few herring were landed. In summary: atrocious fishing conditions.

Pat reckoned the best part of the evening was getting into his vehicle and getting out of the wind, rain and sand.

To rub it in, reports said at the following evening (Sunday) salmon appeared on this stretch of beach such that any angler fishing late afternoon, and/or early evening at Floreat had a great time catching salmon.

As with salmon fishing anywhere, the key is being at the right place at the right time. With salmon in the metro area this early we hope to see more of this species at various venues over the next couple of months

Fish capture results, points scored and the top scores, based on the SCAC scoring system, are listed elsewhere in Reel Talk.

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

Catch results and points for April 2015 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	11.88kg	7	30	208.8
Mark Nurse	11.18kg	3	10	161.8
Sandra Wessels	4.73kg	3	8	97.3
Ken Howells	4.09kg	3	4	90.9
Peter Butland	5.07kg	2	2	90.7
Peet Wessels	3.36kg	3	16	83.6
Glen Wong	3.92kg	2	2	79.2
Gary Parkinson	0.95kg	1	1	39.5
George Holman	0.56kg	1	4	35.6
Dean Stewart	0.4kg	1	3	34
Lee Yongli	0.3kg	1	2	33
Pat McKeown				20
Michael Pisano				10
Reuben Ball				10

Points include Field day and April General meeting points.

Species weighed at the April field day were herring, skippy, tarwhine, salmon, wrasse and western rock blackfish.

Species weighed in at the Local field day were tailor, herring and salmon.

Sportsperson of the Year section winners for April 2015

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Salmon	4.63kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	11.88kg

Field day section winners

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Catches on April 2015

Field Day

		Tailor	Herring	Cod	Skipjack Trevally	Tarwhine	Salmon	Western Rock Blackfish	Wrasse	Total
Peet Wessels	Number		11		3	2				
	Total weight		1.44		1.32	0.6				3.36
	Weight of best				0.5					
Sandra Wessels	Number		5		2		1			
	Total weight		0.52		0.67		3.54			4.73
	Weight of best				0.44					
Peter Osborne	Number		12	1	2	3	1	10	1	
	Total weight		2.13	0.36	0.63	0.99	4.63	2.7	0.44	11.88
	Weight of best				0.41					
Gary Parkinson	Number	1								
	Total weight	0.95								0.95
	Weight of best									
Glen Wong	Number		1				1			
	Total weight		0.22				3.7			3.92
	Weight of best									
Peter Butland	Number	1					1			
	Total weight	0.82					4.25			5.07
	Weight of best									
Mark Nurse	Number	6	2				2			
	Total weight	3.6	0.18				7.4			11.18
	Weight of best	0.73	0.10				3.8			
Pat McKeown	Number									
	Total weight									
	Weight of best									
Dean Stewart	Number		3							
	Total weight		0.4							0.4
	Weight of best									
Michael Pisano	Number									
	Total weight									
	Weight of best									
George Holman	Number		4							
	Total weight		0.56							0.56
	Weight of best									
Ken Howells	Number	1	2				1			
	Total weight	0.69	0.25				3.15			4.09
	Weight of best									
Reuben Ball	Number									
	Total weight									
	Weight of best									
Lee Yongli	Number		2							
	Total weight		0.3							0.3
	Weight of best									

Field Day top scores for 2014/15

Total scores calculated automatically by the field day scoring spreadsheet including April Field day and General meeting. 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 2015, 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	1394.8	1	Theo Van Niekerk	175.7	14	George Belin	33.7	27
Peet Wessels	1157.6	2	Sarah Wignell	173.5	15	Lee Yongli	33	28
George Holman	1047.8	3	Michael Pisano	161.7	16	Victor Schilo	32.3	29
Sandra Wessels	1007.1	4	Peter Pekaar	157.4	17	Jason Zerella	30	30
Mark Nurse	578.7	5	Dean Stewart	126.8	18	Nicolas Terpkos	28.5	31
Martin Wearmouth	558.5	6	Geoff Raftis	124.6	19	Slavka Schilo	22.2	32
Glen Wong	482.8	7	Terry Fuller	110.6	20	David Maxted	20	33
Ken Howells	415.9	8	Gary Gildersleeves	109.9	21	Alan Osborne	10	34
Pat McKeown	401.3	9	Paul Terpkos	84.6	22	Ian Taggart	10	35
Gary Parkinson	311.6	10	Gerald Wearmouth	60.5	23	Robert Pekaar	10	36
Peter Butland	294.4	11	Klaus Schönwolf	40	24	Reuben Ball	10	37
Ray Walker	251.2	12	Thomas Wearmouth	38.5	25			
Shane Wignell	229.4	13	Christian Wearmouth	38.1	26			

Field Day sections 2014/15

Up to and including April 2015 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	George Holman	Mulloway	15.6kg	August
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Ray Walker	Mulloway	2.19kg	December
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)				
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	George Holman	Mulloway	15.6kg	August
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Peet Wessels	Tailor	1.7kg	February
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Peter Osborne	Salmon	4.63kg	April
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Theo Van Niekerk	Skipjack Trevally	1.11kg	August
8	Best Mackerel (2kg min)				
9	Best Yellowtail Kingfish, Samson or Amberjack (4kg min)	No entry	Previous entry listed was less than the minimum weight		
10	Best scale fish (other than above)	Peet Wessels	Cod	1.47kg	August
11	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	19.56kg	May
12	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish min)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	3.99kg	December
13	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish min)	George Holman	Tailor	7.96kg	September
14	Best fish on single handed rod (4kg line max)	Martin Wearmouth	Tarwhine	0.64kg	September
15	Best fish caught on fly rod				
16	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a soft plastic lure				
17	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a hard body lure				

Field day spreadsheet developer, Terry Fuller