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Field Day report, December 2010

The gazetted field day for this weekend was Moore River to Seabird. However, after consultation with Peter Osborne, who had fished this area from the Friday and reported heavy seaweed, it was decided to extend the fishing boundaries from Quinns Rocks in the south to Hill River in the north. After consulting with all at the sign on and by phone to people who had signed on earlier, the decision was accepted unanimously.

A decision was made to fish together as a group and we set off to try our favourite fishing spot on the beach at Cervantes. Due to the change, we lost about 2 hours fishing time but we were all relieved when we found some clean water. The wind however was very strong SSW and we got a little sand blasted. Luckily the wind did die down after sunset and conditions improved considerably.



The midnight fishers at Cervantes. December 2010

We were a close group together with 9 members and two visitors. Very soon we had the area well berleyed and the fish started to roll in.

Even Danny was all smiles when he landed a nice Skippy. The Butterfish also kept him busy.

Sorry Danny I should have told you not to throw your bait into the grassy patches.

John Crompton was all smiles when he landed a great Tailor. It was just after midnight when I did the walk around and almost everybody was still enjoying themselves, even John was still hanging on to that fishing rod. Shane Wignell had put the kids to bed after a busy afternoon. Liam had caught a nice Skippy while Sarah got into the Herring earlier in the day. As the night settled Shane really got stuck into the Herring and every time I visited he had one on the line.

Our visitors, Mike and partner also enjoyed the fishing and got stuck into the Garfish and Herring. Well done you two, we hope to see you on some future Field days. Justin Rose fished the northern end of our group and was constantly busy fighting something big. He had a few big sharks on the line with the resulting bust off in the end. He also managed to get stuck into the Tailor and Herring. Looking at Justin's fishing equipment, layout and setup it was noticeable how well he was prepared and ready for the job. I predict some big fish from him in future.

Next to Sandra and me was Peter Osborne. Nothing had changed with him, still the berley bucket pegged into the beach and the two fishing rods competing for attention. These rods really worked overtime, giving Peter very little or no time to eat, drink or sleep. Peter is an

example of a keen fisherman who knows just about all the tricks in the book. He also enjoys giving advice and helps wherever he can.

Sandra and I fished at the southern end of our group. We were really pleased to have the group together and close to us. It made life so much easier and made the field day so much more controllable. We also started off with two rods each. The two rods were a fulltime job with Tailor and Herring running hot. It was great to spend some quality time together and when the clock struck midnight it was time to clean our fish and sadly say goodnight.

Sunday morning 5 am I had a peep outside. It was a beautiful day with almost everybody out of the feathers standing like soldiers on the beach. My first job was to get the kettle boiling. The little stove refused to give a good flame until we got the little gas bottle rubbed up nice and warm. After coffee we started to fish again.

The fishing was very slow and nothing much happened. We decided to call an end to the misery and do the weigh-in just there and then. The best scale fish section was won by Peter Osborne with a Tailor of 0.76 kg. The best bag of scale fish was caught by me with a mixed bag of 5.75 kg. George Holman donated two field day prizes which were won by Liam for the best junior and the other prize went to our visitor Mike for the biggest Garfish.

Our next Field day is Local. Fishing so close to home is a good opportunity for most of us to get out and wet a line. Latest fishing reports for our local waters are very positive with good numbers of Tailor, Tarwhine, Whiting and Herring.

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

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

Moore River Field Day, 11 December 2010

Our field day started on Saturday morning with a phone call from Peet Wessels. Peter Osborne had already been to the Seabird area and his report was that the place was weeded out.

Since he knew that we would not be at the sign on, Peet felt it best to call us and say that the boundaries were being extended north and south, if that helped us at all. We thought his call was a nice gesture, however we stuck to our game plan of fishing at Moore River since the Club only has one field day there this year, and it is an easy drive from Perth.

We arrived at the car park overlooking the river mouth around 3.30pm and inspected the beach conditions. To our surprise there was less weed than we expected, so we ventured down, rods in hand. There was a chap north of us by about 50m who had just landed a school shark. That was encouraging, so we set up our gear as quickly as possible and began fishing.

There was a very strong southerly wind blowing, making conditions a little difficult, but we were able to cast out and land several fish. Our catch mainly consisted of herring, with the occasional flathead/tailor thrown in for good measure. Unfortunately, the whiting were all too small to keep. One of the resident pelicans came down to see how we were going and enjoyed the spoils of our fish cleaning exercise, along with the seagulls.

The sun setting and the wind increasing meant we had to contend with severe drift. Even wire grip sinkers were not holding the bottom, so this was a good time to head back to the car for dinner (crumbed chicken & rice salad). Once packed up and fed, we headed back to Perth for a well earned rest.

Overall it was a good field day, even though we only fished for about three hours. We brought home dinner and/or entre for several nights. We would like to thank Peet Wessels & Peter Osborne for the great job they are doing as Field Day Officers for our Club.

Peter and Marcia Pekaar

Catch results and points for the December Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peet Wessels	5.75 kg	5	30	157.5
Peter Osborne	4.74 kg	4	22	137.4
Sandra Wessels	2.25 kg	3	14	102.5
Peter Pekaar	2.06 kg	3	10	100.6
Justin Rose	1.59 kg	2	13	85.9
Shane Wignell	2.2 kg	1	19	82
John Crompton	0.75 kg	2	2	77.5
Marcia Pekaar	1.2 kg	1	8	72
Danny Fimeri	0.26 kg	1	1	62.6
Liam Wignell	0.33 kg	1	1	53.3
Sarah Wignell	0.11 kg	1	1	51.1
George Holman	0.3 kg	1	1	33
Allan Jones	0.2 kg	1	1	32

Points include Field Day and General Meeting points.

Sportsperson of the Year and Field day section winners for December 2010

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Tailor	0.76 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	5.75 kg

Species weighed in at the December Field Day from the extended Moore River/Seabird were:- Herring, Tailor, Skippy, Flathead, Snook. Tailor and herring were caught at the local Field Day.

Field Day top scores for 2010/11

Total scores up to and including December Field Day and December General meeting.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1149.6	1	Ray Walker	174.9	17	Liam Wignell	53.3	33
Peet Wessels	1104.9	2	Greg Keet	160.5	18	Bob Henderson	50	34
Sandra Wessels	862.9	3	Pat McKeown	150.1	19	Dean Stewart	50	35
George Holman	454	4	John Curtis	131	20	Eric Parker	50	36
Peter Pekaar	442.1	5	Michael Gaudin	130.9	21	Greg Walker	50	37
Ian Cook	423	6	Melvin Wee	130.4	22	Holly Walker	50	38
Mark Hansen	413.5	7	Sarah Wignell	129.5	23	Michelle Walker	50	39
Theo Van Niekerk	365.7	8	Justin Rose	125.9	24	Heather Osborne	40	40
Marcia Pekaar	361.1	9	Lea Taylor	124.8	25	Jeff Hewton	40	41
Allan Jones	350.6	10	Charles Faure	115	26	Louise Van Niekerk	40	42
Ian Taggart	246.3	11	Frank Gaudin	107.3	27	Ray Digivsto	40	43
John Crompton	237.5	12	Tino Baiardo	102.7	28	Sharon Osborne	40	44
Wendy Hansen	204.6	13	Nick Edwards	70	29	Sumarie Gaudin	40	45
Danny Fimeri	194	14	Des De Villiers	65.5	30	Rhys Jones	10	46
Sabby Pizzolante	188.9	15	Trevor Stam	62.6	31			
Shane Wignell	181	16	Wayne Shaw	60	32			