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December 2011 Field Day.

Field Day report for White Hills to Preston.

What a pleasant week end it was, with absolutely beautiful weather conditions. Saturday saw quite a few members and visitors at the sign on at the famous Miami bake house. After we all had a fresh and delicious pie we headed towards the White Hills beach. Soon we all had our tyres deflated and were ready to drive south in the direction of a nice little reef area. The beach was pretty soft at places but nobody had any problems negotiating the tricky spots.

This is a fantastic little beach section close to Perth and it is always enjoyable to fish this area. The beaches are nice and clean with some rather deep channels close to shore. The reef area we fished had a steep drop off with quite deep water. We did lose a couple of rigs, but this is always a sign that you are fishing a fish holding area.

Most of us had an encounter or two with the resident Ray population, but that was mostly when you had a nice piece of fish fillet as bait out there.

Our group of ten fished close together and it was good to see plenty of action.



Peet fighting a Stingray



Sarah with a Gardie

The Herring were very active early in the afternoon but then the blowfish discovered us and they plagued us for a couple of hours.

As the sun started to dip in the west the Tailor came in strong for an hour or so, and then it was dark and they went quiet again. With darkness a huge school of small Tarwhine got active and started to destroy any bait we presented out there. This forced us to an early retirement and by 9 pm most of the lines were out of the water. We started to clean fish and settled in for a well-deserved rest.

Early Sunday morning we all got back into the action again. The Tailor were very scarce but a hungry school of Herring and small Tarwhine was present. By 9 am we started to pack up and head off to the weigh in at the Miami bake house. Those lovely pies are always a highlight of this field day and one can just not limit yourself to a single pie for the weekend.

Most people weighed in Tailor and Herring with the odd Salmon, Skippy, Whiting and Gardie.

Five people also signed-on for the Local Field day. Some had more success than the others. Leighton beach was a hot spot and delivered quite a few Tailor just on dusk.

The Swan River also produced a number of good Flathead. Swanbourne was the disappointment of the Local with only one Tailor coming from this area.

Our next Field day is also close to home with Mindarie to Yanchep (Two Rocks). This Field day will take place on 14/15 January 2012.

We will do the sign-on at the General Meeting or by phone, message or email. The weigh in will be on the Sunday at George Holman's house. There will be no separate Local field day for January.

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

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer



Mark with a Swan River Flathead

Catch results and points for the December Field Day

| Angler | Weight | Species | Fish | Points |
|-----------------|---------|---------|------|--------|
| Peet Wessels | 6.12 kg | 4 | 22 | 151.2 |
| Sandra Wessels | 4.67 kg | 4 | 19 | 136.7 |
| Shane Wignell | 2.93 kg | 4 | 14 | 119.3 |
| Liam Wignell | 1.89 kg | 3 | 6 | 98.9 |
| Sarah Wignell | 1.72 kg | 3 | 10 | 97.2 |
| Justin Rose | 2.46 kg | 3 | 12 | 94.6 |
| George Holman | 3.2 kg | 3 | 10 | 82 |
| Ray Walker | 0.47 kg | 1 | 1 | 64.7 |
| Dean Stewart | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| John Crompton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Mark Hansen | 1.52 kg | 1 | 4 | 45.2 |
| Chris Stickells | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Pat McKeown | 0.58 kg | 1 | 1 | 35.8 |
| Peter Osborne | 0.56 kg | 1 | 1 | 35.6 |
| Wendy Hansen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |

Points include Field Day and December General Meeting points. Species weighed at the White Hills Field Day were:- Tailor, Herring, Skippy, Yellowfin Whiting, Salmon and Garfish. Species weighed at the Local Field Day were:- Tailor, Herring, Flathead, and Pike.

Sportsperson of the Year and Field day section winners for December 2011

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| Best scale fish | Justin Rose | Tailor | 0.67 kg |
| Best bag of scale fish | Peet Wessels | Mixed Bag | 6.12 kg |

Field Day top scores for 2011/12

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

| Name | Points | Rank | Name | Points | Rank | Name | Points | Rank |
|------------------|--------|------|------------------|--------|------|-----------------|--------|------|
| Peet Wessels | 1277.6 | 1 | Peter Pekaar | 196.9 | 15 | Chris Stickells | 90 | 29 |
| Peter Osborne | 1179 | 2 | Frank Gaudin | 187.4 | 16 | Geoff Raftis | 85 | 30 |
| Sandra Wessels | 1005.2 | 3 | Allan Jones | 183.2 | 17 | Melvin Wee | 84.3 | 31 |
| George Holman | 879.3 | 4 | Ian Taggart | 174.2 | 18 | Malcolm Head | 67.2 | 32 |
| Mark Hansen | 633 | 5 | Sabby Pizzolante | 156.4 | 19 | Morgan Keet | 66.3 | 33 |
| Shane Wignell | 388 | 6 | Marcia Pekaar | 150.7 | 20 | Felicity Keet | 62.5 | 34 |
| Justin Rose | 336.1 | 7 | Sumarie Gaudin | 148.5 | 21 | Shane Becu | 60 | 35 |
| Theo Van Niekerk | 327.7 | 8 | Michael Gaudin | 123.5 | 22 | Wayne Shaw | 57 | 36 |
| Greg Keet | 324.7 | 9 | Stuart Spickett | 108.8 | 23 | Dean Stewart | 50 | 37 |

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|---------------|-------|----|--------------------|-------|----|------------------|----|----|
| John Crompton | 316.9 | 10 | Nick Edwards | 103.6 | 24 | Des De Villiers | 40 | 38 |
| Wendy Hansen | 304.5 | 11 | Ron Lindsay | 100 | 25 | Lachlan Spickett | 40 | 39 |
| Sarah Wignell | 283.9 | 12 | Liam Wignell | 98.9 | 26 | Olivia Keet | 40 | 40 |
| Pat McKeown | 255.3 | 13 | Aniello Pizzolante | 97.8 | 27 | Sharon Osborne | 40 | 41 |
| Ray Walker | 250.3 | 14 | David Maxted | 92.5 | 28 | John Curtis | 20 | 42 |

Fishing Local

It was the club's weekend fishing comp for December 2011. As I had decided not to go away but to fish local, I decided on Floreat which is always a good spot to fish.

Started to set up for fishing when Bob and his wife Leonie arrived. They also started setting up for a fishing session. The tide was starting to come in and the southwester was just starting to come in causing chop on the water. Looked very fishy.

Another guy with his girlfriend set up just south of me, we nodded and set about fishing.

Bob got the first, a flathead, not much bigger than his bait, casts out then gets only what can be described as the smallest of flathead, not much bigger than a tadpole.

Not much action a few nibbles and that's about it. Looking around the women are having a great time watching. The sea breeze is now quite strong and stirring the sand.

George arrived later. Bit of a chat as you do in times like this, about bait, fish, etc. Very important info in the world of fishing. Sun is just starting to set, what an awesome sight.

As it got later the breeze settled and made a glorious night to be on the beach fishing, club camaraderie at its best.

Well after a while the other bloke, George, has a grin on his dial like the cat that got the canary. Catching at will, tailor, snook, etc making for a good bag of fish .

Bob Henderson came up and bid his farewells as time was getting on. George and I decided one more cast was the order of the day. After several bites I finally hooked onto a tailor. About time, I thought!

Me old mate alongside is still bringing in fish. Must get some of those magic hooks that make fish queue up to jump on. One more cast is still working and another fish comes ashore. I looked at it and it looked at me and said "I am too small to keep, put me back." So fish for the future I did.

Time marches on and it is time for one last cast only. No more fish left out there. We decide time to pack up and get off the beach which is a feat in itself .Sounding like two old Puffing Billies, we finally get off the beach and get our wind back. Good fun this fishing, clears the lungs and makes the joints creak.

What a good night's fishing, good company and a great location.

Pat McKeown

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches during the December Field Day.

| Name | Black Bream | Flathead | Flounder | Garfish | Herring | Yellow Eyed Mullet | Mackerel | Mulloway | Pink Snapper | Salmon | Samson Fish | Snook or Pike | Tailor | Tarwhine | Trevally | Whiting | Wrasse | Number of species caught |
|---------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|--------------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------|----------|----------|---------|--------|--------------------------|
| Justin Rose | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 6 |
| Shane Wignell | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 6 |
| Sarah Wignell | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 5 |
| Liam Wignell | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 4 |

Recorder, John Curtis

Field Day sections 2011/12

Up to and including December Field Day.

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|----|---|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 1A | Best scale fish (1st six months) | George Holman | Pink Snapper | 6.55 kg |
| 1B | Best scale fish (2nd six months) | George Holman | Tailor | 1.26 kg |
| 2 | Most meritorious fish | To be awarded by Committee | | |
| 3 | Best Shark (4.5kg min) | George Holman | Bronze Whaler | 5.48 kg |
| 4 | Best Mulloway (2.0kg min) | | | |
| 5 | Best Tailor (1.0kg min) | Justin Rose | Tailor | 1.92 kg |
| 6 | Best Salmon (3kg min) | | | |
| 7 | Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min) | Sandra Wessels | Trevally, Skipjack | 1.13 kg |
| 8 | Best Mackerel (2kg Min) | | | |
| 9 | Best scale fish (other than above) | Peet Wessels | Yellowtail Kingfish | 5.83 kg |
| 10 | Best bag of scale fish | Peter Osborne | Mixed Bag | 17.38 kg |
| 11 | Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish Min) | | | |
| 12 | Best bag of Tailor (2 fish Min) | Justin Rose | Tailor | 5.58 kg |
| 13 | Best fish on S/H rod 4kg b/s line (max) | Peter Osborne | Wrasse | 0.36 kg |
| 14 | Best fish caught on fly rod | Frank Gaudin | Trevally, Skipjack | 0.75 kg |