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### Field Day report Swan and Canning Rivers December 2012

**Synopsis.** The December 2012 field day was the Swan and Canning Rivers with all fishing the Swan river area. Weather was exceptionally comfortable with the fish not being too aggressive or on the bite –only a few beam and flathead were caught. Some did not get a fish to weigh in.

**The results.** The sign on was at the December General meeting or by telephone. A total of 6 anglers signed on. Peet and Sandra Wessels, Mark and Wendy Hansen, Peter Pekaar, and Peter Osborne. Peter Pekaar had his son Andrew and brother Robert join him, the latter for Saturday only. Victor and Slavka did not sign on, and did fish for a short period in one of their favourite river spots, but as they did not get a touch they quickly packed up to get involved with other obligations.

Peter Pekaar, Andrew and Robert did fairly well on Flathead. On Saturday afternoon, they all fished together at Freshwater Bay/Crawley area. They walked the walls to find fish and used lures only. Persistence in walking the wall to find fish paid off. Peter and Andrew used Marabou jigs, while brother Robert got many strikes on a hard body minnow style lure.

Unfortunately they did not have a long handle landing net and dropped quite a few fish when trying to lift them up the wall. Flathead can saw through fine monofilament or throw the lure when they shake their head when manoeuvred to the surface or start to lift out of the water.

Peter had a sad story as he dropped one that looked as though would have gone some 80 cm. The jig tail lures worked well but also attracted blowies that tended to bite the jig tails off.

The lures all worked but the hard body lures seemed to attract, on average, a larger specimen. Peter managed to get 3 flathead up on the wall but only a total for the three of 0.48 kg.

The rest of his family are not SCAC members, but had heavier bags. Andrew had 5 fish and nearly twice the weight at 1.31kg, but Robert with his hard body minnow lures captured two flathead with one that went 0.63kg.



*Saturday afternoon: Peter 1 fish, Andrew 3 fish and Robert 2 fish from Freshwater Bay/Crawley. The one on the right is that beauty.*

Peet and Sandra Wessels went well up river to various spots chasing bream, with lots of hours expended, quite a number of bream landed but nearly all were undersize. However Peet did manage two that were size giving him the heaviest bag and heaviest fish for our competition at 0.56 and 0.32 kg respectively. Sandra got one of 0.24 kg.

I only fished Sunday morning. Just before sun-up saw me at the Narrows Bridge on the south side wall. Hoping for a mulloway I was optimistic, but thought processes were not good enough.

Nil, except some excitement with my set heavy line, ratchet screamed, rod bent double and for a few seconds thought all my Christmases had come at once. However the heart stopper was a pelican that swam into my line while swimming and then he attempted to fly off.



Sunday morning: - Andrew's 2 fish and Peter's 2 fish (Canning area)

Had thoughts of how the h... am I going to lift this excited bird up the wall and untangle hooks, sinkers etc. But luck was with me here as he was only lightly tangled on his feet as when I got him up the wall the line untangled and he flew off. Phew.

Then I went to the Garret Road Bridge to try for bream. I have had success here in the past and in the long distant past got a 5 kg mulloway on my bream rod. However this time I only managed a few undersize bream, yellowtail grunter and one size bream, the same size as Sandra's of 0.24 kg.

We need do a lot more research as to where fish are in the Swan for future field days here. The Pekaars did show us there are some fish to be caught if you know where and use the right gear.

As expected, attendances were down, most due to being close to Christmas and having social obligations with friends and family.

However, hope to see you at our January field day at White Hills.

Tight lines



Andrew Pekaar shows how it is done. A future SCAC member?

Field Officer, Peter Osborne

### Sportsperson of the Year winners for December 2012

Best scale fish	Peet Wessels	Black Bream	0.32 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Black Bream	0.56 kg

### Field day section winners for December 2012

Best scale fish	Peet Wessels	Black Bream	0.32 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Pekaar	Flathead	0.48 kg

## **Catch results and points for December Field Day**

<b>Angler</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Points</b>
Peet Wessels	0.56 kg	1	2	65.6
Peter Pekaar	0.48 kg	1	3	64.8
Peter Osborne	0.24 kg	1	1	62.4
Sandra Wessels	0.24 kg	1	1	62.4
Mark Hansen				50
Wendy Hansen				50

Points include Field day and December General meeting points. Species weighed at the Swan River Field day were flathead and black bream.

## **Field Day top scores for 2012/13**

Total scores up to and including December 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 2013, and adjusted scores will be published after that.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Peter Osborne	1399.6	1	Greg Keet	295.1	12	Jeff Hewton	104	23
Peet Wessels	928	2	Justin Rose	264.9	13	Josh Gorringe	99	24
George Holman	741	3	John Crompton	264.5	14	Christian Wearmouth	85.8	25
Sandra Wessels	732.3	4	Francis Ford	251.8	15	Thomas Wearmouth	84.4	26
Martin Wearmouth	466.6	5	Ian Taggart	242.3	16	Emma Wignell	73.2	27
Mark Hansen	439.2	6	Debbie Korin	198.2	17	Peter Pekaar	64.8	28
Slavka Schilo	426.5	7	Theo Van Niekerk	177.6	18	Geoff Raftis	59.7	29
Victor Schilo	397.9	8	Eddie Korin	174.1	19	Beverley Grigo	40	30
Pat McKeown	386	9	Wendy Hansen	166.2	20	Raymond Walker	40	31
Shane Wignell	370.5	10	Morgan Keet	160.8	21	Chris Stickells	34.5	32
Sarah Wignell	321.3	11	Francis Gaudin	115.7	22	Allan Jones	20	33

## **Field Day sections 2012/13**

Up to and including November 2012 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	7.8 kg	June
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Peter Osborne	Mackerel	1.67 kg	Nov
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Justin Rose	Shark	6.1 kg	Nov
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	7.8 kg	June
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	1.22 kg	Sep
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	George Holman	Salmon	3.79 kg	Sep
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.42 kg	Aug
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)				
9	Best scale fish (other than above)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.72 kg	Aug
10	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	15.04 kg	Aug
11	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish Min)				
12	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish Min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	6.1 kg	Nov
13	Best fish on S/H rod 4kg b/s line (max)				
14	Best fish caught on fly rod	Frank Gaudin	Wrasse	0.54 kg	May