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December field day White Hills

Synopsis. The White Hills 14/15 December 2013 field day was spread from the south wall of the Dawesville Cut at Mandurah to Preston Beach with the majority of persons fishing a stretch of beach 10 to 15km south of the White Hills road. Tailor were light on, herring were light on, a couple of small but size mulloway and dozens of tiny tarwhine were landed but we all had a feed to take back home.

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.

The trip. The sign on at the car park behind Miami Bakery was at noon Saturday 12 January with lines down at 2pm with fishing through until through Sunday with the weigh-in at 11am back at the same car park.

A total of 11 anglers signed on, George Holman, Pat McKeown, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Victor and Slavka Schilo, Ken Howells, Dean Stewart and Peter Osborne. Our starting point has become a tradition to sign on at the car park at the back of the Bakery. This gives the opportunity on both arrival and departure to treat oneself to a good cup of coffee with a pie and/or donuts or other goodies.

The track in was not too bad except one section where we had to cut off the beach behind sand dunes and then return to the beach. We could see this could be a problem for our return trip.

A point we need to consider for the future, is that this date is during school holidays and 4WD vehicles were prolific. Even during fishing, vehicles were tearing up and down the beach for the whole time. Observing how some drove with tires over inflated, some drivers were definitely not experienced resulting in tracks badly cut up.

On returning to the weigh-in, a number of us went the long way round via Preston, just level beach driving. Also when discussing with various club members as to whether they were coming to White Hills, a number said they had family obligations associated with Christmas. Hence, when it doesn't interfere with our dry casting date we might consider this venue be to shifted to a date a week earlier.

Invariable, while not for every field day, we usually have person or party run into a difficulty or bad luck. eg get tangled with a stingray, get stung by bees or have a vehicle incident. However this trip was incident free.



Setting up on the beach at White Hills, in beautiful weather. Victor & Slavka and Peet & Sandra in the background

We fished in small groups along the beach looking for a bit of small reef structure that appears intermittently along this bit of coastline. Some 12km down from the entrance track we found some suitable small reef area that was not occupied. Initially the wind was a slight southwest and stayed that way all afternoon and evening, a really balmy night for beach fishing.

The group fishing this area consisted of Peet and Sandra Wessels, Victor and Slavka Schilo and Peter Osborne.

Just to the south of us, George Holman and Ken Howells fished together.



Left: Slavka trying hard to get a size Tarwhine, needed for her species badge. She caught a couple of dozen but none were size.

Throughout the fishing period, all had issues with very small fish stripping mulies. This turned out to be very much undersize tarwhine and some blowies. This gave periods of having lines out but no bait on the hooks.

Slavka wanted an additional fish for her species badge and tarwhine was on her list. Of course Slavka started to spit bricks when I cheekily walked up to her with a size tarwhine after she had put back her 20th undersize tarwhine.

Sandra hooked the first tailor but large time gaps between fish coming in. Most got at least one tailor, but there was a lot of water between them. Only bags of 1 or 2 tailor were weighed in. Peet Wessels had the heaviest bag of fish, mixed tailor, herring and a couple of skippy.

As above, tailor were very scarce with all getting one or two tailor around dark and an odd one in the morning. Herring were more prolific in this area, with Slavka really getting stuck into a bag of herring. Beside tailor and herring this group caught odd pike, some whiting, one size tarwhine from all attempting to catch one, and an odd skippy.



Sandra gets one of the first tailor in our group.



Ken and George with their mulloway

Congratulations to both George and Ken for each getting a small but legal size mulloway.

While not so clear in the photo, George's fish was slightly longer, but Ken's was a fat one and earned him the heaviest fish capture for the weekend. I managed to get two mulloway, but both were slightly undersize. That size when pulled out of the water, they are a beautiful sculptured silver animal that look as though they are hand crafted and finely polished.

I also managed to have a little tease at Sandra's expense. If you have read and picked up in previous issues of Reel Talk, particularly discussions on field days in May and August at Rottneest, Sandra earned the title of Buffy Queen.



At the weigh-in where Slavka put a good bag of herring on the scales



Some of the herring were a good size

Early morning I thought I was pulling in a size tarwhine, but on picking up realized it was a buff bream. As she hadn't caught one for a while, I had to walk up to Sandra to remind her

what a buffy looked like and further reminded her to get her act together if she wants to retain her title.



Victor and a couple of his tailor



Dean managed to get one tailor to the weigh-in table

Pat and Dean fished a bit of reef area further down towards Preston and managed small bags of tailor and herring.

Back at the weigh-in, incorporating coffee and bakery goodies etc, all the fish went across the scales. Various bags of fish but disappointment that tailor did not make a strong appearance. See further below in Reel Talk for the actual capture results. In summary, for the field day location at White Hills nearly everyone had a small bag of fish so smiles at the weigh-in.

Local Field Day. Two Surfcaster menfolk, Gary Parkinson and Mark Hansen, fished locally for shorter time periods due to family social obligations, with neither putting fish in their bags.

Hope to see you at our January Field day weigh-in. Boundaries from Mandurah/Dawesville Cut to Jurien for lines down 2pm Saturday and lines up at 11am Sunday with the weigh-in at 3pm under the south side of the Narrows Bridge in South Perth.

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

Addition to points for November 2013 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peet Wessels				20
Sandra Wessels				20

Points include Field day and November General meeting points.

Catch results and points for December 2013 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	2.93kg	5	14	99.3
George Holman	2.94kg	4	9	89.4
Peet Wessels	3.16kg	3	18	71.6
Pat McKeown	1.25kg	3	4	62.5
Ken Howells	2.18kg	3	4	61.8
Victor Schilo	1.42kg	2	7	54.2
Sandra Wessels	2.23kg	2	11	52.3
Slavka Schilo	1.42kg	1	11	44.2
Dean Stewart	0.44kg	1	1	34.4
Gary Parkinson				20
Mark Hansen				20

Points include Field day and December General meeting points.

Species weighed at White Hills field day: tailor, herring, pike, skipjack trevally, whiting, tarwhine, mulloway.

Species weighed at the local field day: none.

Sportsperson of the Year section winners for December 2013

Best scale fish	Ken Howells	Mulloway	1.80kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	3.16kg

Field day section winners for December 2013

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Field Day top scores for 2013/14

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 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
Peet Wessels	530.5	1	Peter Pekaar	111.7	12	Ian Taggart	38.6	23
Peter Osborne	503.8	2	Victor Schilo	108.3	13	Wendy Hansen	37.3	24
Sandra Wessels	429	3	Justin Rose	106.8	14	Sarah Wignell	31.3	25
Pat McKeown	355.4	4	Frank Rystenber	100.8	15	Christian Wearmouth	20	26
Ken Howells	349.2	5	Allan Jones	86.5	16	Ray Walker	20	27
George Holman	348.5	6	Dean Stewart	86.1	17	Thomas Wearmouth	20	28
Theo Van Niekerk	310.2	7	Matt Howells	76.9	18	Felicity Keet	10	29
Martin Wearmouth	280.5	8	Slavka Schilo	74.2	19	Jeff Hewton	10	30
Mark Hansen	251.8	9	Gerald Wearmouth	51	20	Morgan Keet	10	31
Gary Parkinson	172.7	10	John Crompton	50	21	Neil Maxted	10	32
Greg Keet	124.2	11	Shane Wignell	49.2	22	Tino Baiardo	10	33

Field Day sections 2013/14

Up to and including December 2013 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Ken Howells	Mulloway	6.28 kg	May
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Ken Howells	Mulloway	1.80 kg	December
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)				
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				