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### Field Day report, White Hills to Myalup February 2011

For Sandra and I the weekend started on the Friday afternoon. After a quick stop at the Miami bake house we headed off to the nearby turn off to White Hills. Arriving at the entrance sign to the beach we stopped and I could try my new wheel deflator for the first time. In no time I had all four wheels down to 15 psi.



*White Hills Beach just a short drive south of Mandurah, Western Australia.*

We drove south and had our eyes peeled on the beach looking for possible good gutters and holes.

This year lots of reef was exposed and there were plenty of good looking spots. After driving up and down twice we decided on a good looking hole about 50 meters from shore.

We set up our camp and by 3 pm we had our first fish in the bag. A light SE was blowing and it was a very pleasant day.

I noticed some bait fish jumping for survival and I said to Sandra I thought the Tailor were in early.

She switched over to a Tailor rig and within minutes she landed a beautiful fish. The Tailor kept on biting until after sunset and we used so many Mulies I had to go back into town the next day to get some more. Our fishing came to an abrupt halt when I was spooled by something really big. This must have been a big ray as it took 350 metres of my new line in no time. Luckily the line snapped at the swivel and I could retrieve almost all of it.

Saturday morning as I drove to town I stopped at a few guys fishing. They all had good catches of chopper Tailor. Just after midday and most of the Surfcasters had started to make some noise on the Big 10. Soon they settled in and we were all fishing in a 400m stretch alongside each other. By this time the wind had swung and a stiff easterly was blowing.

Very soon some big balloons appeared in the hope of catching one of the Spanish Mackerel that had been reported to be in the area.



*Ray Walker launching his balloon. White Hills, Western Australia.*

I can only mention that some “strange” ballooning techniques were used eg. Swimming out balloons and swimming out to check if the bait was ok. It caused some laughs and smiles!

The wind was pleasant and kept the day a bit cooler, but it also cooled the Tailor down. In contrast with the previous day we could not land a single one.

The Herring however were in plague proportions and if you were quick enough you could catch one before your hooks were stripped naked.

Early Sunday morning we all tried for those elusive Tailor. However the mulies were taken to the cleaners in seconds, a clear indication that there were no Tailor around.

Soon 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 you can just not limit yourself to a single pie for the weekend.

Most people weighed in Herring with the odd Flounder, Gardie and Sweep to add to the variety. The best scale fish for the weekend went to Mark Hansen with a Sweep of 0.35 kg. The biggest bag of scale fish went to Peter Osborne with a bag of 3.75 kg.

Our next Field day is at Bluff Creek on 5/6/7 March. To me this is a very special location and I always look forward to this magnificent venue. This week end is also shared with the AAA State Rock and Beach Championship. The compulsory briefing has been cancelled and we can do a pre registration before 25 February. Any late changes to teams and individuals can be made to Jason Pember before 3rd March.

The fish to be weighed in for the AAA State Rock and Beach competition will be collected at 12 noon on Sunday at George Holman’s camp. George has volunteered to drive the bags through to Cheynes Beach Caravan Park for the AAAWA weigh in.

All bags must be clearly marked with your AAA number. AAA Rock and Beach registration forms are on the AAA website. Please fill in these forms and bring it with you to Bluff. Please contact me or any committee member if you need more information.

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

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

## Catch results and points for the February Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Justin Rose	3 kg	2	26	100
Peter Osborne	3.75 kg	1	30	97.5
Mark Hansen	1.41 kg	3	10	94.1
Peet Wessels	2.1 kg	1	16	81
Shane Wignell	0.98 kg	2	8	79.8
Peter Pekaar	0.68 kg	2	4	76.8
Sandra Wessels	1.35 kg	1	10	73.5
Ray Walker	0.56 kg	1	4	65.6
Marcia Pekaar	0.48 kg	1	4	64.8
Eric Parker	0.39 kg	1	2	63.9
Allan Jones	0.29 kg	1	2	62.9
John Crompton	0.22 kg	1	1	62.2
Danny Fimeri	0.19 kg	1	1	61.9
Liam Wignell	0.55 kg	1	4	55.5
Sarah Wignell	0.31 kg	1	2	53.1
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40
George Holman	0	0	0	20
Gary Gildersleeves	0	0	0	10

Points include Field Day and General Meeting points.

### **Sportsperson of the Year and Field day section winners for February 2011**

Best scale fish	Mark Hansen	Banded Sweep	0.35 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	3.75 kg

Species weighed in at the February Field Day were:- Herring, Flounder, Banded Sweep, Garfish.

### **Field Day top scores for 2010/11**

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1380.8	1	Sabby Pizzolante	188.9	18	Trevor Stam	62.6	35
Peet Wessels	1263.2	2	Sarah Wignell	182.6	19	Bob Henderson	50	36
Sandra Wessels	1001.2	3	Eric Parker	163.9	20	Dean Stewart	50	37
Peter Pekaar	604.3	4	Greg Keet	160.5	21	Greg Walker	50	38
Mark Hansen	557.6	5	Pat McKeown	150.1	22	Holly Walker	50	39
George Holman	555.6	6	John Curtis	131	23	Michelle Walker	50	40
Marcia Pekaar	475.9	7	Michael Gaudin	130.9	24	Wayne Collis	50	41
Allan Jones	474.7	8	Melvin Wee	130.4	25	Kathy Sedal	50	42
Ian Cook	423	9	Lea Taylor	124.8	26	Heather Osborne	40	43
Theo Van Niekerk	365.7	10	Nick Edwards	120	27	Jeff Hewton	40	44
John Crompton	349.7	11	Charles Faure	115	28	Louise Van Niekerk	40	45
Danny Fimeri	295.9	12	Wayne Shaw	110	29	Ray Digivsto	40	46
Wendy Hansen	284.6	13	Liam Wignell	108.8	30	Sharon Osborne	40	47
Shane Wignell	260.8	14	Frank Gaudin	107.3	31	Sumarie Gaudin	40	48
Ian Taggart	246.3	15	Tino Baiardo	102.7	32	Rhys Jones	10	49
Ray Walker	240.5	16	Gary Gildersleeves	73.7	33			
Justin Rose	225.9	17	Des De Villiers	65.5	34			

## **Field Day sections 2010/11**

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Allan Jones	Pink Snapper	6.75 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Peter Pekaar	Tailor	0.98 kg
2	Most Meritorious Fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Peet Wessels	Shark	6.50 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	1.1 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Ian Taggart	Salmon	3.23 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.18 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.08 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	15.55 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tino Baiardo	Tailor	4.27 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)			
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Frank Gaudin	Herring	0.13 kg

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