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Field Day report Cervantes February 2013

Synopsis. The February 2013 field day was spread from Jurien to Cervantes with the majority of people fishing the Hill river area and the South Point near Jurien township. While very strong winds and minor weed at most locations, mixed catches resulted from our effort concentrated over 10 km of coastline. No one fished locally.

In summary, it was a reduced bag repeat of the previous months for our field day at Cervantes. In particular tailor catches were down, as only three fishos bagged out on tailor.

The rest of us had 2 or 3 tailor plus miscellaneous fish. Notwithstanding this, we had a majority of smiles at the weigh-in as we all had a feed.

The trip. The sign on at the Hill River car park was at 1pm Saturday 16 February with lines down at 2pm and fishing through until Sunday with the weigh-in at 11am at the same car park.

A total of 14 anglers signed on with one new club member plus George had the company of his wife Kaye at his luxurious caravan.

Participants in the fishing were George Holman, Peet and Sandra Wessels, Pat McKeown, Martin Wearmouth, Shane Wignell, Victor and Slavka Schilo, John Crompton, Eddie and Debbie Korin, Ray Walker, Dean Stewart and Peter Osborne.

A new club member, Gordon Richards, came along for the ride but did not sign on.

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.



We all experienced and had frustrating fishing due to high southwest to south winds right through our fishing period, and some minor weed, but as the afternoon started to disappear a few fish finally came in.



Now that's a good Dart caught by Slavka

George Holman and Victor and Slavka Schilo tried the sandy point just south of the Jurien township. All was quiet during the afternoon but as dusk arrived, a few tailor turned up. George managed a few tailor, a herring and a small whiting.

Despite having an accident while juggling his metal storage box to the back of the car and having a tip of his finger nearly sheared off, Victor managed to get through the pain and discomfort barrier and land a couple of tailor.

The local doctor did a great job in sewing the finger back together and we hope it all knits together well and Victor retains all dexterity in that hand. Slavka managed to get a couple of dart as well as a tailor.

Peet and Sandra Wessels started off at the mouth of the Hill River, but as this was quiet they shifted to their favourite spot south of the car park, but not before Peet threw a line behind us into the actual Hill River and landed a size black bream.

A good move south as they managed to find good, aggressively biting, schools of tailor at both dusk and dawn and had no problem getting their bag limits, as well as herring and miscellaneous skippy and whiting.

Despite fishing only a couple of hundred metres north of where Peet and Sandra found schools of tailor, Eddie and Debbie had only managed small bags of tailor.

Eddie had the slightly heavier bag of fish with 3 tailor compared to Debbie's 2 fish. We see a bit of rivalry between these two.

The rest of us continued to fish the mouth of the Hill River. As were the others we were also plagued with wind and some minor weed. We did not have a major run of fish. During the afternoon and evening only a couple of tailor came in from the efforts of the seven of us.



Peet and Sandra had a visitor join them. Maybe this gave them that extra bit of luck.



Shane managed to capture the biggest fish of the field day, a spotted mackerel at 0.99kg.

Shane captured some tailor and again captured a spotted mackerel, the heaviest fish for the weekend. The rest of us got one, twos and threes bags of tailor from both dusk and dawn sessions. The surprise was that Martin, while bag less through the evening, at 5:45 am on Sunday a localized school of tailor moved in right in front of him. Again they were biting aggressively and with a concentrated effort of bait-up, cast, immediately hook up, land and unhook fish and with quick repeating same soon had his bag limit. The rest of us within 50 to 150 metres only saw the odd fish.

Shane was very close to him and did manage 4 tailor, plus he managed to get a small spotted mackerel plus some miscellaneous fish of a herring and a whiting. He had a similar bag of fish in November 2012.

I was just north of Shane but did not manage to find those tailor schools. Only a few tailor (3) that sucked on the mulie and did not give an aggressive bite. Hence hard to feel if there was a good fish biting rather than small fish stripping the bait e.g. blowies, whiting or butter fish.

George had a similar problem with identifying tailor fish bites at his location. John, Pat, Dean had a similar experience managing only one or two tailor each. With few tailor about I tried fishing late through to 11:30pm.

Just on dusk had a good hit and thought I had a monster tarwhine, but on close up inspection under my light turned out to be a pink snapper at 38 cm. Darn, it was undersize.

At about 10:30pm I had a bit more action although most fish I could not put in my bag. e.g. Another undersized snapper at 39 cm, a very small undersize flounder, a mulloway at of some 44 cm. Martin had also caught one of these after dark, and some minor bag additions of bull herring and a just size flathead.



Pat with one of his tailor. Note the big smile.



Blowing up tires. Can you recognize this backside? Our cameraman or should I say woman, has a warped sense of humour

New club member, Gordon Richards, fished with us at this location but needs casting experience to get out to tailor, however he also took out a flick rod and tried the actual Hill River and also managed to land a size Black Bream. Good work.

Action slowed down about 9am on Sunday so we started to leisurely pack up to get back to the weigh-in point, to blow up tires, swap stories of successes and otherwise and undertake the weigh-in. See below for the results. The wind was still blowing as hard as ever, but was not the stinking hot weather you can experience at this time of the year



As you can see, lots of smiles from Surfcasters as a result of all catching fish on our field day weekend.

Hope to see you later in 2013 for some further successful field days at Cervantes.

Can you find the bandaged finger? Hint: it is on a left hand and not held as high as the rest.

Check out the coloured versions of the photos in the Reel Talk on the Club website.

Tight lines Field Officer, Peter Osborne

Catch results and points for February 2013 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peet Wessels	6.01 kg	4	19	150.1
Peter Osborne	3.24 kg	6	13	142.4
Sandra Wessels	5.53 kg	3	19	135.3
George Holman	4.09 kg	3	16	120.9
Shane Wignell	2.86 kg	4	7	118.6
Martin Wearmouth	3.7 kg	1	8	97
Slavka Schilo	1.08 kg	2	3	80.8
Raymond Walker	0.81 kg	2	2	78.1
Eddie Korin	1.47 kg	1	3	74.7
Pat McKeown	1.27 kg	1	3	72.7
Debbie Korin	0.84 kg	1	2	68.4
Dean Stewart	0.79 kg	1	2	67.9
Victor Schilo	0.72 kg	1	2	67.2
John Crompton	0.37 kg	1	1	63.7

Points include Field day and February General meeting points.

Species weighed at the Cervantes Field day were tailor, skipjack trevally, herring, flathead, long finned pike, whiting, bream, wrasse, dart and spotted mackerel.

Sportsperson of the Year and Field day section winners for February 2013

Best scale fish	Shane Wignell	Spotted Mackerel	0.99 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	6.01 kg

Field Day top scores for 2012/13

Total scores up to and including February 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.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1653.8	1	Greg Keet	295.1	13	Peter Pekaar	125.7	25
Peet Wessels	1203.8	2	Debbie Korin	266.6	14	Dean Stewart	122.8	26
Sandra Wessels	1001	3	Justin Rose	264.9	15	Melvin Wee	121.5	27
George Holman	961.7	4	Francis Ford	251.8	16	Francis Gaudin	115.7	28
Martin Wearmouth	644.6	5	Eddie Korin	248.8	17	Jeff Hewton	104	29
Slavka Schilo	583.7	6	Ian Taggart	242.3	18	Josh Gorringe	99	30
Mark Hansen	552.3	7	Wendy Hansen	206.2	19	Emma Wignell	73.2	31
Victor Schilo	534.8	8	Raymond Walker	187.1	20	Geoff Raftis	59.7	32
Shane Wignell	489.1	9	Theo Van Niekerk	177.6	21	Rob Pekaar	41.8	33
Pat McKeown	458.7	10	Morgan Keet	160.8	22	Beverley Grigo	40	34
John Crompton	328.2	11	Christian Wearmouth	136.9	23	Chris Stickells	34.5	35
Sarah Wignell	321.3	12	Thomas Wearmouth	135.6	24	Allan Jones	20	36

Field Day sections 2012/13

Up to and including February 2013 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