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January field day extended local

Overview. The January 2014 field day was spread from the Dawesville Cut to Jurien with members fishing the Hill River area, south of the car park and South Point at Jurien, Perth local beaches, a bit of reef just south of Yanchep and Club Capricorn north of Yanchep. Due to weather conditions, extremely hot, windy and heavy weed in some areas gave nil or small fish catches from the local areas. However for persons fishing the Jurien areas they were successful in capturing a feed.

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.

In summary, persons who fish locally missed out on attracting and catching any sort of fish. For those that fished the Jurien/Hill River areas, particularly the Saturday evening, this location resulted in catches of tailor with some people bagging out although majority of tailor were in the 30 to 35 cm in length.

The trip. The sign on was at the January General meeting or by telephone to the Filed day officer with lines down at 2pm on Saturday with fishing through the evening with the lines up at 10 am on Sunday. Weigh-in was at 3pm under the Narrows Bridge in South Perth. For field days with extended boundaries both north and south of Perth this location was ideal for accessibility and room for parking etc. A total of 15 SCAC anglers signed on, George Holman, Pat McKeown, Martin Wearmouth with his two sons Christian and Thomas, Shane Wignell and daughter Sarah, Victor and Slavka Schilo, Gary Parkinson, Mark Hansen, Ian Taggart, Peet and Sandra Wessels, and Peter Osborne.

Victor and Slavka Schilo went to Jurien a couple of days before the field day, utilizing their caravan to stay at the local park. Before the weekend, they did a bit of research at South Point just south of the Jurien township and managed a few tailor. This prompted them to return Saturday afternoon. Like most of us, as it was very hot (40 deg+) hence they did not start fishing till late afternoon.

All was quiet for the first couple of hours apart from northwest blowies. Peter Osborne joined them shortly after they arrived and also managed three northwest blowies and some hook bite offs. See below for his fishing details. This prompted Victor (a bit tongue in cheek) to suggest we should add northwest blowies to our fish species list. Not exactly a fish you want to try eating hence tongue in cheek I advised him I doubted he would not find any support from other club members.



Slavka's catch of tailor



Victor's catch of tailor

Before dark, tailor turned up. Victor got 4, much to the delight of Slavka as she managed to hook up on 5. Nothing like showing hubby how to do it. Slavka had the slightly heaviest bag of tailor, however Victor had a heavier tailor than Slavka albeit by one gram.

They tried a few places on Sunday morning, but could not manage to find fish. Slavka is looking for a tarwhine to get her ten species and thus the species badge. Maybe next time Slavka.

Martin and his boys Christian and Thomas, and Shane and daughter Sarah set up camp and tried a beach some two kilometres south of the car park.



Martin and his boys Thomas and Christian also got amongst the tailor



Martin caught the biggest fish for the field day, a 1.15kg tailor

They stayed there for Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning. They encountered only a bit of weed, but a bit thicker at the very point on Sunday morning. As noted above for the Schilos, before dark, tailor made their appearance.

Martin managed to land a bag of eight tailor, a pike and a herring. His boys managed two tailor each. One of Martin's tailor was the heaviest fish for the weekend being 1.15kg cleaned.



Sarah showed her father Shane how to catch tailor

Shane managed five tailor with his daughter also getting five tailor and a herring. Go Sarah - you have a habit of showing your father how to catch fish. That rod you use works well for our style of fishing. It is noted that this piece of beach yielded only a couple of herring - generally herring along this bit of coastline can be prolific.

My story goes as follows: Went to Jurien on Friday afternoon to do a bit of research. I looked at one of my favourite places early evening, the South Point at the dog beach. Drove onto the beach and saw a few tailor come in.

So I fished for less than an hour and caught a couple of just size ones. Hence I made decision to come back and fish it hard in Saturday night. On leaving the beach, pumped up my tires.

Early Saturday morning, went to the mouth of the Hill River to see if this was working. I fished for about an hour and a half with not a sign of a tailor. Of interest a fellow beside me had specialty balloon gear, a large overhead reel with 1000m of 80lb braid, and sent out on the wind under a helium filled balloon a mullet bait rigged on a 180lb wire trace, 10/0 hooks. He got it out 400/500 metres then a short quick thunk and bait gone. On pulling it in, he found the wire trace bitten through, so must have been a pretty big shark. Returning to the car park, on just finishing up the last tyre the pump stopped working. So much for my decision to return

to South Point doge beach on Saturday night. Without a workable pump did not want to risk going back without ability to let down tires and then pump them back up.

I then went back to Jurien, enjoyed a coffee and returned to my air conditioned room for the heat of the midday sun. As I had spoken to Victor and he advised they had caught some fish at South Point the previous night I advised him I would be joining them. His favourite spot is very close to where I fish but has access via asphalt and gravel road and a walk from a car park of some 200m to the beach

Late Saturday I joined the Schilo team. They had been fishing for an hour or so before I arrived, but nothing had happened. Not too long after arriving, bang, a good weight but not long into the tussle, just knew it was not going to be a tailor, darn northwest blowie. This action continued with Victor also getting into these blowies however as noted above, before dark, the tailor arrived. Either side of sun dropping over the horizon gave a good tailor run. While still light, the tailor tended to be in the low 30 cm in length, but as it got darker the size increased. Following the tailor run, I then tried a tailor fillet for mulloway. Would you believe a herring hooked himself on 4/0 ganged hooks on a bait as big as the herring. With no fish showing up when fully dark, I returned to my air conditioned room. It was noted that on the beach, late afternoon and evening with a south west wind blowing, it was pleasant despite the 40 degree temperature at mid-day.

On rising early next morning went to the beach south of the Hill River car park where the Wearnmouths and Wignells were fishing. Walked up the beach to see what their action had been but they said very slow. I fished close to them but initially my effort confirmed action was nil. Was looking for herring and tried burleying up but could not get any of these species.

As they were not getting any action the Wearnmouths and Wignells upped camp to return to Perth earlier than original planned. Just as they were about to drive out, I started to get some activity. The burley raised some dart. I managed four, with a big one just three grams short of the weight of my largest tailor.



Peter Osborne with his quality dart

For the local fisherpersons, George Holman, Pat McKeown, Gary Parkinson, Mark Hansen, Ian Taggart, Peter and Sandra Wessels, results were as bad as they can get. Crowded beaches at Floreat, heavy weed at Club Capricorn and only a couple of under or just size fish, or no fish at all at some of the locations fished gave zero results for the weigh-in for these fishers.



At the weigh-in. From left, Sarah and Shane Wignell, Mark Hansen, Thomas, Martin and Christian Wearnmouth

As you can see from the photos at weigh-in smiles from Surfcasters who fished at Jurien indicated they were happy to have a good feed of fish.

Fish capture results and the top ten fisherpersons, based on the SCAC scoring system, are listed elsewhere in Reel Talk.

In February we will be going to the Cervantes/Jurien area for the SCAC field day and hopefully with less wind and no weed present, and not extreme heat conditions.

All anglers should be able to more than duplicate bags of fish caught here recently i.e. in January 2014, October 2013 and previous years.

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

Catch results and points for January 2014 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	5.23 kg	3	13	102.3
Martin Wearmouth	4.09 kg	3	10	90.9
Sarah Wignell	2.28 kg	2	6	52.8
Slavka Schilo	1.96 kg	1	5	49.6
Victor Schilo	1.8 kg	1	4	48
Shane Wignell	1.51 kg	1	5	45.1
Thomas Wearmouth	0.65 kg	1	2	26.5
Christian Wearmouth	0.56 kg	1	2	25.6
Gary Parkinson				20
George Holman				20
Mark Hansen				20
Pat McKeown				20
Peet Wessels				20
Sandra Wessels				20
Ian Taggart				10

Points include Field day and January General meeting points.

Species weighed at extended Local field day: tailor, herring, pike and dart.

Sportsperson of the Year section winners for January 2014

Best scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Tailor	1.15 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	5.23 kg

Field day section winners for January 2014

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Field Day top scores for 2013/14

Total scores up to and including January 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
Peter Osborne	606.1	1	Greg Keet	124.2	12	John Crompton	50	23
Peet Wessels	550.5	2	Slavka Schilo	123.8	13	Ian Taggart	48.6	24
Sandra Wessels	449	3	Peter Pekaar	111.7	14	Thomas Wearmouth	46.5	25
Pat McKeown	375.4	4	Justin Rose	106.8	15	Christian Wearmouth	45.6	26
Martin Wearmouth	371.4	5	Frank Rystenber	100.8	16	Wendy Hansen	37.3	27
George Holman	368.5	6	Shane Wignell	94.3	17	Ray Walker	20	28
Ken Howells	349.2	7	Allan Jones	86.5	18	Jeff Hewton	10	29
Theo Van Niekerk	310.2	8	Dean Stewart	86.1	19	Morgan Keet	10	30
Mark Hansen	271.8	9	Sarah Wignell	84.1	20	Neil Maxted	10	31
Gary Parkinson	192.7	10	Matt Howells	76.9	21	Olivia Keet	10	32
Victor Schilo	156.3	11	Gerald Wearmouth	51	22	Tino Baiardo	10	33

Field Day sections 2013/14

Up to and including January 2014 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				