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### January 2015 fishing field day

#### **Local with extended boundaries 17/18 January 2015**

**Synopsis.** The January 2015 field day was spread from Binningup to Jurien with about half of the members fishing the White Hills area and the others fishing at Jurien, one fishing at Seabird and one person fishing Swanbourne.

All captured at least one tailor, with some managing to bag out on quality fish

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.

**Field Day highlights.** Sign-on was at the preceding Wednesday night General meeting.

A total of 4 anglers fished the White Hills area. Gary Parkinson, Mark Nurse, Peet and Sandra Wessels, and 4 anglers fished the Jurien /Hill River area. George Holman had limited time available due to family commitments. Congrats, Grandpa. He fished the Seabird area. Michael Pisano fished Swanbourne.

Gary and Mark headed down to Preston and went north along the beach; and fished a piece of reef some 15 km north of the Preston beach entrance. This was the same section of beach they fished on the December field day.



*Gary Parkinson and tailor*

At late afternoon they found tailor. Gary caught a couple but Mark bagged out on good size tailor with one being the heaviest fish for the field day at 1.15 kg gilled and gutted.

He also had a ball on herring where he kept 4 and released more than the 17 for bag weight make-up. This added another 1.7 kg to Mark's bag weight. Mark also managed to find a size whiting among the herring. Mark had a prolonged battle with a huge ray that gave him a good workout.

Gary continued to confirm he can catch herring without throwing them away. He also showed he can catch tailor and weighed in 2 quality fish of this species.

Peet and Sandra let down their vehicle tires on the last major sand dune to the White Hills beach track.

As was encountered last month the drive along the beach was over very soft sand in most sections, and some 4WD skills were needed to negotiate the beach. Driving south some 15 km down from the White Hills entrance track, Peet and Sandra found the reef area that they fished last month was not occupied. They had to assist a driver of a 4WD who managed to tip his machine on its side by driving just slightly off the track and sliding down a small embankment. As last month, both parties ended up fishing less than a kilometre from each other.

The Wessels found a very large school of tailor just in front of them, Other parties fishing some 50 metres away did not get any fish, Peet and Sandra had one of those dream tailor catching experiences, where as soon as their mulie bait hit the water, a Tailor bite. So much so that they had to go into a catch and release mode whereby they figured between them they probably released some 60 of these fish. As before herring were scarce, probably the tailor school kept them from appearing but Sandra managed a wirrah and a tarwhine and Peet managed to capture a flounder and a couple of banded sweep.

Peter, Martin and Shane and daughter Sarah fished the usual spots in the Jurien area, where results were very disappointing. Expectation was high, as it was last month, with weather and water conditions looking good for tailor, but these fish did not show.

Martin went to the Hill River and initially tried the river for bream. He could not get one size and on trying the ocean, no tailor. He only managed 3 herring for the Saturday session. In the morning he tried our spots at the points south of Jurien with an absolutely zero result.

Shane and Sarah also fished the mouth of the Hill River. Shane managed to capture 4 herring and 1 garfish, with Sarah landing 1 herring, 2 garfish and 1 flounder.

On Saturday Peter fished his usual spots on the points just south of Jurien. One stray tailor, a wrasse, a whiting and 4 herring were the result of some concentrated fishing from 2 to 10 pm. Of course during this period Peter also had a 20 min battle with a huge ray. After getting a comfortable night rest at the Apex accommodation, getting up early on Sunday morning Peter went and joined the Wignells team at the mouth of the Hill River. Peter put out his tailor rod with mulie bait, where apart from blowies etc chewing the bait, no tailor. Shane and Peter also put heaps of burley out with expectation of having herring make an appearance. Despite calm conditions, a slick going out to sea, no herring appeared. Peter fished with his light rod using a blob and hook baited with prawn.



*Peter Osborne with gardie and tailor*

Observing the blob, there was disturbances behind it and the guess was there were some garfish. While not prolific, this was confirmed when Peter managed to land 4 garfish – the big 3 x 2 kind. i.e. They were really a good size and while bony, delicious eating. On observing Peter catching the first gardie, Shane and Sarah immediately switched to a blob and prawn bait with resultant success.

Again fishing Sunday morning from 5am to 10am, very limited success, i.e. no tailor or herring with only a few quality size gardies appearing. Course have to mention that Shane managed to cast out and have a break-off with his blob. It initially started to go out to sea, then started to travel back to land. Ever see a man wade out chest deep to retrieve a blob – with a blowie hanging off the end – now that's dedicated fishing.

George went to Seabird; he had to look around a bit as there was lots of seaweed. He found a spot adjacent to reef that although still weeded, with his skills was fishable. George managed to capture 3 tailor, and as with those caught south were of good size.

George also managed a tarwhine. Again not prolific tailor fishing, his hard work resulted in this small bag of fish.

Michael Pisano went to one of his local haunts, Swanbourne, a long walk down the beach. Michael managed to capture 3 tailor and 1 herring.



*Michael Pisano with tailor*

The weigh-in at Perth under the Narrows bridge was from 3pm Sunday and was completed by 3:30 with plenty of stories swapped on successes or otherwise and usual light hearted ribbing or teasing between fishos.

The tailor captures were interesting with the following showing the weigh-in results.



*At the weigh in under the Narrows Bridge*

Mark had the heaviest bag of tailor weighing in at 5.3 kg including the heaviest tailor of 1.15 kg. Mark was pipped at the post with a heavier tailor bag of 5.43 kg by Peet where his heaviest fish was only 0.79 kg.

Similarly Mark was pipped by Sandra with a heavier bag of tailor of 5.35 kg of which her heaviest of 1.04 kg.



Mark Nurse with the heaviest fish, a 1.15kg tailor



Peet Wessels with his heaviest tailor 0.79kg

The rest of us had tailor captures of 1, 2, or 3 fish, including George with a 2.39 kg bag of 3 tailor with his heaviest tailor at 0.98 kg. The scales showed the majority of tailor were in the 0.6 kg to 1.15 kg range. The results bring in the question of whether we should continue with the venue for the February Field day as being Cervantes/Jurien. Our fishing efforts there in Oct, Nov. and Jan gave results very much lower than previous years including the poor showing of tailor.

It intended we shall review venue selection at the February General Meeting. Refer to this edition of Reel Talk.

Hope to see you at this meeting and expectation we shall have a good participation at this fishing venue.

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

**Sportsperson of the Year section winners for January 2015**

Best scale fish	Mark Nurse	Tailor	1.15kg
Best bag of scale fish	Mark Nurse	Mixed bag	7.56kg

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Best scale fish	Mark Nurse	Tailor	1.15kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	6.08kg

**Catch results and points for January 2015 Field Day**

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Mark Nurse	7.56kg	3	27	125.6
Sandra Wessels	6.4kg	3	10	114
Peet Wessels	6.08kg	3	11	110.8
Peter Osborne	2.36kg	5	11	93.6
George Holman	2.76kg	2	4	67.6
Michael Pisano	1.34kg	2	4	53.4
Gary Parkinson	0.93kg	2	2	49.3
Sarah Wignell	0.74kg	3	5	47.4
Shane Wignell	0.6kg	2	5	46
Martin Wearmouth	0.38kg	1	3	33.8

Points include Field day and January General meeting points.

Species weighed at the January field day were: tailor, herring, mulloway, whiting, tarwhine, banded sweep, cod, garfish and flounder.

## **Field Day top scores for 2014/15**

Total scores calculated automatically by the field day scoring spreadsheet 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 2015, 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	1008.9	1	Peter Pekaar	157.4	13	Christian Wearmouth	38.1	25
George Holman	934.9	2	Peter Butland	145.8	14	George Belin	33.7	26
Peet Wessels	803.6	3	Geoff Raftis	124.6	15	Victor Schilo	32.3	27
Sandra Wessels	687.3	4	Michael Pisano	119.3	16	Jason Zerella	30	28
Martin Wearmouth	421.8	5	Terry Fuller	110.6	17	Nicolas Terpkos	28.5	29
Pat McKeown	361.3	6	Gary Gildersleeves	109.9	18	Slavka Schilo	22.2	30
Mark Nurse	335.6	7	Shane Wignell	100.9	19	David Maxted	20	31
Glen Wong	317.8	8	Sarah Wignell	99.4	20	Alan Osborne	10	32
Ken Howells	227.6	9	Paul Terpkos	84.6	21	Ian Taggart	10	33
Ray Walker	227.4	10	Dean Stewart	58.8	22	Robert Pekaar	10	34
Gary Parkinson	216.1	11	Klaus Schönwolf	40	23			
Theo Van Niekerk	175.7	12	Thomas Wearmouth	38.5	24			

## **Field Day sections 2014/15**

Up to and including January 2015 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	George Holman	Mulloway	15.6kg	August
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	Ray Walker	Mulloway	2.19kg	December
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)				
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	George Holman	Mulloway	15.6kg	August
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	1.51kg	September
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Peter Osborne	Salmon	4.08kg	May
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Theo Van Niekerk	Skipjack Trevally	1.11kg	August
8	Best Mackerel (2kg min)				
9	Best Yellowtail Kingfish, Samson or Amberjack (4kg min)	Theo Van Niekerk	Yellowtail Kingfish	2.79kg	August
10	Best scale fish (other than above)	Martin Wearmouth	Dart	0.96kg	September
11	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed bag	19.56kg	May
12	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish min)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	3.99kg	December
13	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish min)	George Holman	Tailor	7.96kg	September
14	Best fish on single handed rod (4kg line max)	Martin Wearmouth	Tarwhine	0.64kg	September
15	Best fish caught on fly rod				
16	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a soft plastic lure				
17	Best fish caught on single handed rod (4kg line max) and a hard body lure				

Field day spreadsheet developer, Terry Fuller