

Field Day Officers Report

SCAC Field Day Report: Preston – 16th & 17th July 2016

Synopsis

The July 2016 field day was located at Preston. All away fisho's went north, with the main group only going up to 7km, while three went nearly up to the White Hill entrance. The forecasts were for strong NW winds, high swell (thus with dirty stirred water) and rain for the weekend. Given these extremes, the results for fish caught by individual anglers ranged from zero, to zero. Hence points scored were restricted to attendance points for those that signed on.

The Trip.

The sign on was at 11:00 at the Preston Beach Carpark on Saturday 16th July with lines down at 1:00 pm with fishing through on Sunday 17th July with the usual lines up time of 10:00 am with the weigh-in to be conducted at 11:00 am at the sign-on location.

The Preston advocates headed to a beach area some 7 km north of the carpark, Lee Yongli, Scott Williamson, Gary Parkinson and Peter Osborne. On first look at this stretch of beach it looked fishable. At the 1:00 pm start sinkers and mulies went seaward but immediately got caught up on weed. We persevered for about an hour but this area just came up as unfishable – seaweed so thick and heavy within a minute terminal gear was imbedded with weed, some so large on trying to retrieve, even with 30 lb line, a break-off resulted. Hence gear was retrieved and cars packed up and we went south again looking for better water. A spot was picked a couple of km north of the carpark - it didn't look as bad, but on trying to fish the same problem occurred. Hence Preston considered a write-off and a conscious decision to open up boundaries and include the Dawesville cut south side was made.

When pumping up tyres at Preston both Gary and Peter tried to contact Mark to advise him of the boundary change as he was so far north he was out of range of mobile phones. Dawesville cut was tried for 3 hours (to early evening) but while fishable no fish bites at all. As fishing was so bad Gary and Scott, and Lee decided to drive home early that night Peter tried this area early Sunday for a couple of hours, again no bites so then drove back to the Preston Carpark for the weight-in and enjoyed reading the paper and a good cup of coffee while waiting

Mark Nurse, Martin Wearmouth, (in company of Peter Butland who had not signed on) made an early start and drove north. They checked conditions and found a less weedy area about 1km from the White Hills Road. This area was also plagued by weed as your rig hit the water but they fished hard Saturday afternoon and evening, with nil result. Martin left early evening due to obligations on the home front. Mark and Peter tried again on Sunday morning, again with zero result so they decided to leave mid-morning, via the White Hills road. On getting onto the main road, Marks mobile picked up the slew of SMS messages from Saturday afternoon/evening and some from Peter on Sunday morning about the boundary change. The advised Peter they would not go down to Preston but drive home as they had a nil result.

Local

Two Surfcasters signed on for the local venue for this field day.

George Holman went to his local beach at Floreat on Saturday where he had some problems with swell and some weed and did not find any quality fish - another zero result.

While he had signed on for the Field day, Mark Hansen had a busy weekend and with the weather forecast not being favourable, decided not to put a line in the water.

Recommendation

For future Field days with venues on open beaches such as Preston, the Field Day date to be delayed by one week, if by the preceding General Meeting weather forecast gives the following:

- NW winds in excess of 25 km
- Swell in excess of 2 meters (giving dirty water)
- Rain/storms

Peter Osborne, Field Day Officer, 2015/16



Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Mark Nurse	288.0
2	Peet Wessels	230.7
3	Sandra Wessels	206.4
4	Peter Osborne	220.2
5	George Holman	188.0
6	Theo	151.7
7	Lee Yongli	96.9
8	Mark Hansen	92.6
9	Sri	87.2
10	Vince Tomazin	83.5
11	Shane Wignell	83.2
12	Morgan Keet	67.0
13	Martin Wearmouth	74.7
14	Glen Wong	50.8
15	Brad Zalnich	48.1
16	Greg Keet	43.5
17	Ian Taggart	42.3
18	Gary Parkinson	40.0

Field Day Sections up to and Including July				
	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Lee Yongli	Salmon Australian	4.56
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	0	0	0.00
2	Most meritorious fish	0	0	0.00
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)	0	0	0.00
4	Best mulloway (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
5	Best tallor (1kg min)	0	0	0.00
6	Best salmon (3kg min)	Lee Yongli	Salmon Australian	4.56
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	0	0	0.00
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	0	0	0.00
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	Theo Van Niekerk	Morwong 2 only	0.83
11	Best bag of scale fish	George Holman	Mixed bag	11.89
12	Best bag of mulloway (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
13	Best bag of tallor (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00
15	Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0	0.00
16	Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00
17	Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00

Sportsperson of the year sections for July				
	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
	Best scale fish			0.00
	Best bag of scale fish			0.00
	Best shark			0.00
	Best bag including sharks			0.00

Field day prizes for July				
	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
	Best scale fish			0.00
	Best bag of scale fish			0.00
	Best shark			0.00
	Best bag including sharks			0.00