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S Bend Field Day - June 2011

Looking at weather forecasts, past experience of Surfcasters and reports in recent newspapers, our Club anglers headed off to S Bend, filled with anticipation of some great fishing to be encountered. Most left Perth on Friday to set up camp and be settled in by that night, with only a few arriving on Saturday morning.

A total of twelve Surfcasters attended the sign on at S Bend, with a total of five signing on for the Perth local fishing venue; hence seventeen participated in this Club event.

A few of us (Peet and Sandra Wessels and I) drove up to S Bend on Friday morning, had a look around on Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning at popular spots. My wife Sharon was assisting at my daughter's Horse Riding School on Friday and drove up on Saturday morning.

On driving around it quickly became evident that seaweed was going to be the problem for this weekend. We found patches of clear water at Lucy's and some minor weed at Duncan's. The water looked good, but this exploration and wetting a line at both of these spots revealed no fish at these locations.

Come Saturday late morning and after the sign on and full of expectation, the various fisherpersons headed off to their favourite spots. Sharon and I headed to Lucy's as this was the cleanest water. The Wessels joined us but only one Dart caught between us. However another angler caught a tailor which raised our expectation. Fishing into the dark, nothing happened at the prime fishing time

We returned there on Sunday morning and evening, but slow. I managed only one tailor at each of these sessions with other Surfcasters getting nought, however a couple of Offshore fisherpersons managed to bag a tailor. Also had my arms stretched on large rays. Boy it's hard work to get a metre plus wide ray up on the beach, only to let it go.

John Crompton, Ray Walker and crew hit Nine Mile where they fished hard all day for nil result. Sunday was also plagued with rain nearly all day but generally not heavy.

The Wessels tried up at Greenough River mouth area, found plenty of tailor, pike, and whiting but nearly all well and truly undersize. Only a couple of whiting scraped into being size for the weigh-in, with Sandra adding a wrasse to her one whiting. The Pekaars had rented a cabin at the Greenough River caravan park. They met up and swapped notes, where the Pekaars also found these undersize fish with Peter persevering and coming up with one size tailor at the river mouth.

The following morning I decided on a venue at Lucy's again as was at least catching one fish each on the previous sessions. Wrong choice, and not enough time to relocate. I was the only Surfcaster there, and with weed moving in shortly after start of fishing, and despite moving down the beach to slightly cleaner water, a nil result ensued. However there was plenty of exercise pulling in lumps of weed. All of us, no matter where we fished, were very proficient at this activity by the end of the weekend.

Congratulations must go to Justin Rose for a respectable bag, his heaviest fish being a 1.7 kg gilled and gutted Tailor. Justin also had the heaviest bag comprising five tailor and two dart, for a total of 5.4kg. He caught a couple of fish at Lucy's but found fish on Monday morning on the beach driving well south of Flat Rock.

The beach consistently has very soft sand – I got bogged there last year.

He reported some weed but looking for gutters with reasonably clear waters which generally yielded fish. He dropped a few tailor and unfortunately lost a large mulloway. It appears to be the only place that fired for this weekend.

Weigh-in on Monday morning was one of the quickest ever, course this was due to the lack of fish across the scales.

Talking with other another club (Offshore) they did not do very well and also had a few fishermen with nil results, but one of their members was delighted to catch a 6 kg mulloway at Duncan's.



Justin Rose with his 1.7 kg tailor

As always a number of keen fishermen from Perth or even further south tow up trailers loaded with quad bikes. They searched various out of the way places not accessible by 4WD but only found weed.

But to cap the field day off, on return, discussion with some of the local field day fisherpersons gave that they also had the same problem in finding fish. While we had some wind, wave action and swell at S Bend, local Perth waters were like a millpond at prime fishing times. Three of the five participants caught up to three fish.



The team at S-Bend

Pat McKeown went searching for a garfish at various locations to complete his species badge but came up empty handed. George Holman managed a couple of good skippy at Floreat. Nick Edwards and Wayne Shaw tried the Swan River and caught some quality black bream. Wayne caught the only herring for the weekend. Allan Jones put in his usual effort at Floreat but no reward. It will be difficult for him to duplicate that snapper catch at Floreat.

For this field day, it was a less than desirable result with respect to quantity and quality of fish caught by nearly all of us; hence it does make us appreciate these field days that fire. But fishing is like that – prime spots fire, then a few days later it bombs out. Made me appreciate the recent field days down south and Rottnest.

Assistant Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

Catch results and points for the June Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Justin Rose	6.57 kg	2	7	135.7
Peter Osborne	1.51 kg	2	3	85.1
Sandra Wessels	0.28 kg	2	2	72.8
Peter Pekaar	0.43 kg	1	1	64.3
Peet Wessels	0.13 kg	1	2	61.3
Marcia Pekaar	0	0	0	50
Ray Walker	0	0	0	50
Stuart Spickett	0	0	0	50
Ron Lindsay	0	0	0	40
John Crompton	0	0	0	40
Lachlan Spickett	0	0	0	40

Sharon Osborne	0	0	0	40
George Holman	0.95 kg	1	2	39.5
Wayne Shaw	0.6 kg	2	3	36
Nick Edwards	0.34 kg	2	2	33.4
Allan Jones	0	0	0	20
Pat McKeown	0	0	0	20

Points include Field Day and June General Meeting points. Species weighed in at the Field Day were:- Tailor, Dart, Wrasse, Whiting, Skippy, Bream, and Herring. Species caught on the Local June Field day were Whiting, Skippy, Bream and Herring.

Sportsperson of the Year winners for June 2011

Best scale fish	Justin Rose	Tailor	1.70 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Justin Rose	Mixed Bag	6.57 kg

Field day section winners for June 2011

Best scale fish	Justin Rose	Tailor	1.70 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	1.51 kg

Field Day top scores for 2011/12

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peet Wessels	309.2	1	Ian Taggart	90.3	12	John Crompton	40	23
Peter Osborne	276.8	2	Wendy Hansen	86.8	13	Lachlan Spickett	40	24
Sandra Wessels	269.1	3	Marcia Pekaar	84.6	14	Olivia Keet	40	25
Mark Hansen	185.8	4	Wayne Shaw	67	15	Ron Lindsay	40	26
Theo Van Niekerk	178.8	5	Morgan Keet	66.3	16	Sharon Osborne	40	27
Greg Keet	170.3	6	Michael Gaudin	66	17	Shane Wignell	32.8	28
Frank Gaudin	147.4	7	Felicity Keet	62.5	18	Sarah Wignell	21.4	29
Justin Rose	135.7	8	George Holman	59.5	19	John Curtis	20	30
Stuart Spickett	108.8	9	Ray Walker	50	20	Pat McKeown	20	31
Sumarie Gaudin	108.5	10	Nick Edwards	43.4	21			
Peter Pekaar	106.5	11	Allan Jones	40	22			

Field Day sections 2011/12

Up to and including June Field Day.

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Sumarie Gaudin	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.15 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)			
2	Most Meritorious Fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)			
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	1.7 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)			
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	1.13 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Peet Wessels	Cod	1.44 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	12.79 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	5.34 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Peter Osborne	Wrasse	0.36 kg
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Frank Gaudin	Trevally, Skipjack	0.75 kg