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Field Day report March 2011, Bluff Creek

Thursday morning 3rd March finds us packing and repacking to fit everything in except the kitchen sink. But finally with everything crammed into a spot, we pointed the car in a southerly direction and set off on the long awaited Bluff Creek weekend.

Arriving at Williams we met three of our fellow club members. George, Terry and Pat were having a last sit-down meal before taking on the great outdoors. Sandra and I had planned a farm stopover for the night and had the experience and privilege to help do some farm work and even did some sheep shearing. Now that, I think, is a real job.

Early Friday morning we did some more sheep mustering and then set off to Albany where we stocked up with the last provisions and fuel. Mid-day and we were on our favourite beach. A quick stop, a stretch and a smell of fresh air got us all revived and ready for the next big job, setting up camp.

A stiff easterly breeze was blowing and it was impossible to identify any good gutters and holes as we enjoyed the drive southwards towards the Creek. We noticed how wide the beach was this year. The high drop-off from the previous year was all gone and it was just one wide and beautiful beach.

Early afternoon and our campsite was in tip top condition. This year we even had a "phone booth", but no reception! With some day light left we went on a little sightseeing tour and stopped over at some of our fellow members who had arrived the previous day. Soon we were updated with all the eventful happenings of the last 24 hours.

Saturday morning we woke to a beautiful day. We went for a drive to inspect the beach and to look for possible fishing spots. To our surprise all our previous fishing spots were sanded up and there was a sand bar running close and wide for almost the entire beach. Soon it was time for the sign on with many members and a few new faces in good spirits and ready for the weekend's fishing.

We started fishing right in front of our campsite and enjoyed the Herring that were on the bite like there was no tomorrow. It did not take long before we had our bag limit of 8, which was all that was required for our AAA State competition.

We decided to move on in the search of finding some more species and were especially looking for Salmon and Skippy. This proved to be a bigger task than previous years, as all our proven fishing spots were sanded up.

After a lot of driving and stopping with not much to show we only had a few options left. Either we go and try at the rocks due east, or we try the little reef at low tide, or we drive through to Bremer Bay? As it worked out the tide was nice and low and the reef was very fishable. On arrival we met up with Justin Rose. He was busy doing some drift fishing and had a few good Skippy in the bag.



By this time we were starving and decided to have a little feed while watching the conditions on the reef.

Soon we started fishing with our standard Skippy rigs and it was not long before we had some good success.

With a few good fish in the bag we decided to head for camp while there was still day light available and the solar shower was still nice and warm.

Veterans in action during Rock and Beach competition.

Sunday morning was another great day with very good fishing weather. The morning tide was low and we decided to try the reef again. This was a good decision. Soon there were a number of Surfcasters fishing in a tight line next to each other.

It was not long before we all had some good fish in the bag. Peter Osborne especially had some good fortune to land a few Salmon in between all the Skippy.

At 12 noon we all got together at George Holman's campsite to hand in our fish for the AAA event and also to enjoy our barbeque.

George and Pat kindly took our fish through to Cheynes for the AAA weigh in. Thanks guys, very much appreciated.

I am very happy with the number of participants our club had in this year's AAA rock and beach championships. I am also very happy with the results and would like to thank and congratulate everybody that represented our club. We had some very good results with our Veterans A-team winning their section. Congratulations to Peter Osborne, George Holman, Terry Fuller and Pat McKeown.

We also had another winner with Peter Osborne winning the Veterans Individual section. Our ladies also performed well with Sandra Wessels and Sharon Osborne ending up in 6th and 8th place overall. Our men's section had very stiff competition but also managed some good individual performances.

Sunday afternoon some stormy clouds started to build up. It started to rain intermittently with the storm passing over to the west. Soon the wind died down and we were all fishing again. With some good catches in the afternoon we decided to head off to camp and enjoy an early night's rest.



Early morning bait casting on Bluff Reef. Who can it be?

Monday morning we woke to another beautiful day. The first ray of sunshine was met with the first fish for the day.

By 10 am we were all gathered around the scale for our club weigh in. During the weigh in it became apparent how much some of the members' fishing had improved over the last year or so.

It was good to see almost everybody weighing in some decent bags of fish.

The biggest scale fish for the weekend was caught by Pat McKeown with a Salmon of 1.91 kg. The biggest bag of scale fish went to Peter Osborne with a total of 13.3 kg.

Our next field day is over the Easter weekend in April down at Bremer Bay / Reef Beach. This should be prime time for Salmon and I am looking forward to an exciting weekend with lots of good fishing. The competition will run from 12 noon on Saturday to 10 am on Monday morning. There will be 2 weigh in points, one at the end of Bremer Bay road near the river mouth and the other one at the campsite at Reef beach.

Hope the next time I see you is with a bent rod in the hand. Tight Lines

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

Catch results and points for the March Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	13.3 kg	4	30	223
Sandra Wessels	9.6 kg	4	30	186
Justin Rose	10.5 kg	3	26	185
Peet Wessels	9.06 kg	4	30	180.6
Pat McKeown	5.12 kg	4	16	141.2
George Holman	5.56 kg	3	29	135.6
John Crompton	4.04 kg	3	12	120.4
Mark Hansen	4.15 kg	2	30	111.5
Ray Walker	3.02 kg	4	15	110.2
Sharon Osborne	3.89 kg	3	11	108.9
Marcia Pekaar	1.5 kg	4	7	105
Terry Fuller	2.16 kg	2	13	91.6
Peter Pekaar	2 kg	2	13	90
Dean Stewart	1.47 kg	2	6	84.7
Ron Lindsay	2.15 kg	2	11	81.5
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	40
Allan Jones	0	0	0	20

Points include Field Day and General Meeting points.

Sportsperson of the Year and Field day section winners for March 2011

Best scale fish	Pat McKeown	Salmon	1.91 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	13.3 kg

Species weighed in at the March Field Day were:- Salmon, Skippy, Herring, Whiting, Flathead, Banded Sweep, Yellow-eyed Mullet and Wrasse.

Field Day top scores for 2010/11

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1603.8	1	Ian Taggart	246.3	18	Terry Fuller	91.6	35
Peet Wessels	1443.8	2	Sabby Pizzolante	188.9	19	Ron Lindsay	81.5	36
Sandra Wessels	1187.2	3	Sarah Wignell	182.6	20	Gary Gildersleeves	73.7	37
Peter Pekaar	694.3	4	Eric Parker	163.9	21	Des De Villiers	65.5	38
George Holman	691.2	5	Greg Keet	160.5	22	Trevor Stam	62.6	39
Mark Hansen	669.1	6	Sharon Osborne	148.9	23	Bob Henderson	50	40
Marcia Pekaar	580.9	7	Dean Stewart	134.7	24	Greg Walker	50	41
Allan Jones	494.7	8	John Curtis	131	25	Holly Walker	50	42
John Crompton	470.1	9	Michael Gaudin	130.9	26	Kathy Sedal	50	43
Ian Cook	423	10	Melvin Wee	130.4	27	Michelle Walker	50	44
Justin Rose	410.9	11	Lea Taylor	124.8	28	Wayne Collis	50	45
Theo Van Niekerk	365.7	12	Nick Edwards	120	29	Heather Osborne	40	46
Ray Walker	350.7	13	Charles Faure	115	30	Jeff Hewton	40	47
Wendy Hansen	324.6	14	Wayne Shaw	110	31	Louise Van Niekerk	40	48
Danny Fimeri	295.9	15	Liam Wignell	108.8	32	Ray Digivsto	40	49
Pat McKeown	291.3	16	Frank Gaudin	107.3	33	Sumarie Gaudin	40	50
Shane Wignell	260.8	17	Tino Baiardo	102.7	34	Rhys Jones	10	51

Field Day sections 2010/11

1A	Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months)	Allan Jones	Pink Snapper	6.75 kg
1B	Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months)	Pat McKeown	Salmon	1.91 kg
2	Most Meritorious Fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Peet Wessels	Shark	6.50 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	George Holman	Tailor	1.1 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	Ian Taggart	Salmon	3.23 kg
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peter Osborne	Skipjack Trevally	1.24 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish	3.08 kg
10	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	15.55 kg
11	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min)			
12	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min)	Tino Baiardo	Tailor	4.27 kg
13	Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max)			
14	Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod	Frank Gaudin	Herring	0.13 kg

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