

May Local Field Day report

Six members signed on for the May local get together, four at Floreat Drain. Allan Jones, John Curtis, Danny Fimeri and George Holman, and Mark and Wendy Hansen took on a roving role finishing up at Mindarie Marina on the Sunday. Mark caught his 30 herring on soft plastics under a blob and Wendy caught five. Mark's bag weighed 3 kg and Wendy's 0.472kg.

The four Floreat stalwarts had a lean time of it with Allan Jones catching two fish, a snook of 0.2 kg and a Flathead of 0.4 kg. The good thing about this is he needed both of those species for his species badge.

John Curtis spent a lot of time showing Danny rigs and baiting and reading the beach, and I know Danny really appreciated this. He was also shown a little on casting but realises he needs to attend our next casting day for a bit of tuition.

Even though we only fished for approximately 4 hours the conditions were pleasant and the company was great and we were also blessed by a visit from Vince Iozzi who came down after work to see what was happening.

George Holman

May Field Day report, Rottneest

Brilliant! That's the only way I can think to describe this field day. Everything was magical and totally in our favour. People who have fished this location a few times know that the weather and sea can be a real factor, sometimes completely un-fishable and very dangerous should you attempt to venture out against these elements.

This time however, we had the most perfect weather and sea conditions that you could ask for. The weekend started off with our group of 11 on the last ferry leaving Rous Head at 6:30 on Friday evening. Everybody's spirit was high and all were bubbling with fish talk, typically the type of people that I want to be with. The trip across was a little bumpy with a few big swells on the way. The total darkness of the trip did not make it any easier but most of us got to Thompson's Bay quite OK.

When we got to our cabins the crates with our gear were already waiting for us. All our arrangements with the Island authorities went very smoothly and we were very happy with the treatment and service we received from them. With the ever increasing cost and the huge effort it takes to go on this specific field day we had decided to try something new to make this a more attractive and a cost effective field day. What we did was change the fishing



times to 12 noon till 7:00 pm on both the fishing days. This made it a much easier and relaxing week end. It also gave us a huge cost saving due to the fact that the on duty bus driver could shuttle us to West End and back, in the past we had to pay for an additional bus driver to sleep over and take us early in the morning. This change also improved our chances for better fishing by spreading the fishing time over two afternoon sessions on Radar Reef.

The following members

signed on for the Field Day. Ian Cook, Theo and Louise Van Niekerk, Ian Taggart, Lea Taylor, Sabby Pizzolante, Peter Osborne, Malcolm Harris, Vix Alexander, Sandra and Peet Wessels. It was great to fish alongside such an experienced bunch of people. They all looked so professional and were so well prepared.

Sabby was the only rookie to Radar Reef, but with all the help and advice he got from everybody, he soon shone and fished with confidence as he landed one big fish after the other. Well done Sabby, I will always remember your smile when you landed your first Yellow Tail King. It was also fantastic to witness the joy of Vix, landing two quality Yellow Tail Kings and then to watch her as her little head light disappeared into the night as she negotiated the steep climb back to the top of the hill. There was a lot of quality fish caught on the weekend, with Masters and Grand Masters fish at the weigh in on the Sunday night. There was also a lot of bigger fish released due to the fact that some bag limits were reached quite early in the afternoons.

Theo, who had a miserable previous year, looked like he had done his homework well, he fished next to me and I witnessed him releasing 9 Kings over the week end. Sandra who fished on my other side learnt quickly that if there is a weakness in your equipment or rigs the King will knock you out round for round. She lost 3 Yellow Tails in quick succession on Saturday.

During the post-mortem on Saturday night we nailed the problem to a bad fishing knot. We fixed the problem, and Sunday she had the final say with a lovely King in the bag. Sunday night saw some heavy eskies around the scales. The Surfcasters were very happy and the smiling faces were a good disguise for the very sore and stiff bodies.

A total of 8 species were weighed in. Ian Taggart took the prize for the biggest scale fish with a Salmon of 3.234 kg which he caught at Wilson's. The biggest bag of scale fish went to Peet Wessels with a total weight of 15.564 kg.

Monday morning came quickly and we all gathered around the little shopping village where some had great homemade pies and others had some delicious breakfasts. Too soon this wonderful weekend came to an end with a very pleasant trip back to the mainland.

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

Acting Field Day Officer, Peet Wessels

Catch results and points for the May 2010 Field Day

| Angler | Weight | Species | Fish | Points |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Peet Wessels | 15.564 kg | 7 | 30 | 275.6 |
| Malcolm Harris | 14.556 kg | 4 | 30 | 235.6 |
| Sandra Wessels | 10.608 kg | 5 | 30 | 206.1 |
| Theo Van Niekerk | 11.164 kg | 5 | 15 | 201.6 |
| Peter Osborne | 11.73 kg | 4 | 30 | 197.3 |
| Sabatino Pizzolante | 9.9 kg | 4 | 19 | 189 |
| Ian Cook | 9.846 kg | 4 | 14 | 178.5 |
| Ian Taggart | 6.866 kg | 4 | 6 | 158.7 |
| Lea Taylor | 4.486 kg | 3 | 4 | 124.9 |
| Vix Alexander | 3.558 kg | 1 | 2 | 95.6 |
| Mark Hansen | 2.99 kg | 1 | 30 | 59.9 |
| Allan Jones | 0.6 kg | 2 | 2 | 36 |
| Wendy Hansen | 0.472 kg | 1 | 5 | 24.7 |
| Danny Fimeri | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| George Holman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| John Curtis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |

Species caught on the May Field Day were:- Salmon, Herring, Skippy, Wrasse, Western Rock Blackfish, Snook, Tarwhine, Cod, Yellow tailed kingfish, Flathead

Sportsperson of the Year winners for May 2010

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| Best scale fish | Ian Taggart | Salmon | 3.234 kg |
| Best bag of scale fish | Peet Wessels | Mixed bag | 15.564 kg |

Field day section winners for May 2010

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|------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Best scale fish | Ian Taggart | Salmon | 3.234 kg |
| Best bag of scale fish | Peet Wessels | Mixed bag | 15.564 kg |

Local catches were recorded by George Holman. Rottnest catches recorded by Peet Wessels and all entered into the Field Day computer scoring system by Terry Fuller.

Barron Lure competition 2010/2011

The Barron Lure competition is sponsored by Eric Parker, who donates the trophies. Try Eric's poppers, you will not be disappointed.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.

Heaviest Salmon on Lure.

Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.

Field Day sections 2010/11

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|----|---|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1A | Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months) | Ian Taggart | Salmon | 3.234 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) | | | |
| 6 | Best Salmon (3kg min) | Ian Taggart | Salmon | 3.234 kg |
| 7 | Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min) | Malcolm Harris | Skipjack Trevally | 0.944 kg |
| 8 | Best Mackerel (2kg Min) | | | |
| 9 | Best Scale Fish (Other than above) | Ian Cook | Yellowtail Kingfish | 3.082 kg |
| 10 | Best Bag Of Scale Fish | Peet Wessels | Mixed bag | 15.564 kg |
| 11 | Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min) | | | |
| 12 | Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min) | | | |
| 13 | Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max) | | | |
| 14 | Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod | | | |

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Field Day sections 2009/10 (updated)

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|----|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 1A | Best Scale Fish (1st Six Months) | Peet Wessels | Yellowtail Kingfish | 6.118 kg |
| 1B | Best Scale Fish (2nd Six Months) | Sandra Wessels | Salmon | 4.86 kg |
| 2 | Most Meritorious Fish | None suitable | | |
| 3 | Best Shark (4.5kg min) | Theo Van Niekerk | Shark | 6.042 kg |
| 4 | Best Mulloway (2.0kg min) | | | |
| 5 | Best Tailor (1.0kg min) | David Maxted | Tailor | 1.684 kg |
| 6 | Best Salmon (3kg min) | Sandra Wessels | Salmon | 4.86 kg |
| 7 | Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min) | Lea Taylor | Skipjack Trevally | 1.14 kg |

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| 8 | Best Mackerel (2kg Min) | | | |
| 9 | Best Scale Fish (Other than above) | Greg Keet | Yellowtail Kingfish | 5.816 kg |
| 10 | Best Bag Of Scale Fish | Peet Wessels | Mixed Bag | 17.63 kg |
| 11 | Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish Min) | | | |
| 12 | Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish Min) | Geoff Raftis | Tailor | 6.67 kg |
| 13 | Best Fish On S/H Rod 4kg b/s line (max) | Mark Hansen | Flathead | 0.566 kg |
| 14 | Best Fish Caught on Fly Rod | | | |

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April Field Day length competition

198 fish were entered, all caught at Bluff Creek, consisting of 6 species caught by 11 competitors. Monthly grand total of 55.03 metres. April winner of length total:- Peet Wessels, 15.18 metres.

Mark Hansen

May Field Day length competition

6 competitors submitted forms, 4 from Rottneest and 2 from the local. 152 fish made up of 7 species totalled to 46.81 metres. This includes 19 Yellowtail Kingfish measuring a total of 11.18 metres, only 8 of the Kingies were weighed in by these entrants. May winner with the most length was Peter Osborne with 17.47 metres.

This is the halfway point in the competition year for the length competition and there is only 60cms, or 2 feet in the old money, separating 1st and 3rd place after 6 months of Field Days. April's winner, Peet Wessels was awarded a weighted popper lure (handmade by Eric Parker) for his prize.

Mark Hansen