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Rottnest Field Day - May 2011

Once again we all fished West End, demanding but so SATISFYING!!! When I think back over the Rottnest field days I realize just how special a fishing venue this really is. Not only is it satisfying, but it leaves one with very special memories.

There is so much excitement and fun coupled to this Island that it is hard to describe it to the reader, but to those who do venture out there, how great is it to witness all that excitement with all the action, flies, lures, bait and plastics flying, rods bent to capacity and sounds of utter and total enjoyment! Thanks to you all for your help, mateship and camaraderie, it means so much to me.

With known high sea levels for this weekend, we had known for a long time that we would need absolute perfect weather conditions to be able to fish Radar reef and places like Wilsons. For some time before the weekend I paid special interest to the weather and swell updates. I was delighted when the swell dipped from 3.5 metres on the Monday to 1.5 metres for the weekend. Coupled with this low swell there was a beautiful high pressure system sitting over Perth. The skies were a little overcast with a few drops on the Sunday, with moderate East and Northeast winds for the entire weekend.

It was also 3 days before full moon and whilst the Ferry was crossing over flat seas to Thompson Bay, I realized that we were going to be extremely lucky. All we could hope for now, was that the fishing was going to be as good... Well it was! How could I have doubted Rottnest?

A group of 15 people ventured across to Rottnest and between us we caught 11 species. Yellowtail King Fish were small and few compared to last year. The group, however, did manage to land 2 legal size Kingies. The Skippy on the other hand made up for any shortfall in fish and most of us bagged out on rather big Skippy, in the region of 1 kg a fish landed. Herring and Wrasse were present in large numbers and it was difficult at times to get through them, usually taking only a few moments to destroy any bait presented. A few Tailor were around with most of them coming from Wilsons and Ian Taggart landing 5 of them.

Quite a few rare species were caught, with Thick lip/Bluefin Trevally, Western Fox Fish, Leatherjacket and a rather big Leopard Wirrah in amongst them. All the Bluefin Trevally were caught on either Fly or Soft plastics. Mark Hansen has entered his Bluefin for a new club record. Another possible record is the Western King Wrasse of 0.36 kg caught by Peter Osborne, as well as the two Western Fox Fish that were caught, first by me with a fish of 0.74 kg and then a short while later it was bettered by Sandra with a fish of 0.8 kg.



Happy Rottnest fishermen

The 3 children amongst us also had a productive field day. Morgan, Felicity and Olivia Keet brought 30 fish to the scales. Well done to you all, it was really great to see you guys doing so well.

My pick of the weekend was Wendy Hansen who surprised us all with her 25 fish she brought to the scales. All her fish were caught on soft plastics. Well done Wendy, keep up the good work!

My other favourite pick was Jane Keet who willingly cycled to West End to deliver Greg's forgotten tackle box. What a good woman, thanks Jane. I also have the pleasure to report that 4 Masters and 4 Grand Masters fish were landed over the weekend.

The prize and Sportsperson of the year points goes to Sumarie Gaudin for the biggest scale fish with her Yellow Tail King fish of 3.15 kg, and the biggest mixed bag goes to me with a mixed bag of 12.79 kg. All in all a very good fishing weekend.



Sumarie Gaudin with her Yellowtail

I can now also report on the "Radar Reef Bag". This reef bag was designed specifically for Radar Reef, capturing all the necessary elements into one bag - gathered from experiences at Radar Reef. I gave this design to Terry Fuller who took it to his sewing machine and created a wonderfully effective and strong bag. Three Club members have now tried this bag on a few field days, and I can genuinely say this is a must-have for the regular reef angler. Terry has indicated that he will make some more, if he can get good numbers of interest. All profits from these bags go to our club.

A quick update to members on the status of our next Rottneest Field Day. We have managed to get a booking for 3 Bungalows from the 12 August to 14 August 2011. We still need to confirm bus transport and prices, but a good estimate for cost would be round about \$180 per person. This cost will cover your accommodation for 3 nights, two bus trips to West End and back, your return Ferry ticket from Northport and also your Field day money.

To secure a place you need to pay a deposit of \$100 immediately. Should we get an early interest and we receive more than 12 deposits we will do our best to get more accommodation booked. We will, however, allocate accommodation in order of how it was paid, first come first served. Please contact your Field Day Officer should you require more information regarding this event.

Our next field day is S-Bend. This Field Day will run over the long week end 4/5/6 June. See details published elsewhere in this Reel Talk.

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

Field Day Officer, Peet Wessels

Local Field Day report May 2011

On Saturday afternoon, we received a phone call from Shane Wignell enquiring if we wanted to go fishing. We arrived at Floreat beach around 3pm and Shane and Sarah were already fishing. As we walked over the sand dunes, Sarah greeted us with a warm wave and we approached to see if they had caught anything yet. Whilst the fishing was a bit slow, most of did eventually land something, flathead being the most popular fish of the day. Sarah landed a nice herring and was only too willing to return some undersized fish later.

On Sunday, we had a leisurely trip to Fremantle where we met up with Jeff Hewton, Wayne Shaw, and our newest member, Stuart Spickett. Wayne caught and released a number of skippy on soft plastics further up the end of the mole before joining us.

At about this time, Stuart Spickett arrived, having started fishing earlier and had landed a 290g herring. His excitement was obvious when he landed his first ever gardie. He later landed a 342g King George whiting, making it three species landed on his first SCAC field day.

Let's hope we all have a successful time at the June long weekend field day at S-Bend.

Peter and Marcia Pekaar

Catch results and points for the May Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peet Wessels	12.79 kg	7	30	247.9
Sandra Wessels	9.63 kg	5	30	196.3
Peter Osborne	9.17 kg	5	30	191.7
Mark Hansen	9.58 kg	4	30	185.8
Theo Van Niekerk	7.88 kg	6	15	178.8
Greg Keet	9.03 kg	4	27	170.3
Frank Gaudin	6.74 kg	4	27	147.4
Sumarie Gaudin	4.85 kg	2	15	108.5
Ian Taggart	3.03 kg	2	6	90.3
Wendy Hansen	2.68 kg	2	25	86.8
Morgan Keet	0.63 kg	2	3	66.3
Michael Gaudin	1.6 kg	1	2	66
Felicity Keet	0.25 kg	2	2	62.5
Stuart Spickett	0.88 kg	3	4	58.8
Peter Pekaar	0.22 kg	2	2	42.2
Olivia Keet	0	0	0	40
Marcia Pekaar	0.46 kg	1	2	34.6
Shane Wignell	0.28 kg	2	2	32.8
Sarah Wignell	0.14 kg	1	1	21.4
Wayne Shaw	0.1 kg	1	1	21
Allan Jones	0	0	0	20
George Holman	0	0	0	20
John Curtis	0	0	0	20

Points include Field Day and May General Meeting points.

Field Day top scores for 2011/12

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

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peet Wessels	247.9	1	Morgan Keet	66.3	11	Allan Jones	20	21
Sandra Wessels	196.3	2	Michael Gaudin	66	12	George Holman	20	22
Peter Osborne	191.7	3	Felicity Keet	62.5	13	John Curtis	20	23
Mark Hansen	185.8	4	Stuart Spickett	58.8	14			
Theo Van Niekerk	178.8	5	Peter Pekaar	42.2	15			
Greg Keet	170.3	6	Olivia Keet	40	16			
Frank Gaudin	147.4	7	Marcia Pekaar	34.6	17			
Sumarie Gaudin	108.5	8	Shane Wignell	32.8	18			
Ian Taggart	90.3	9	Sarah Wignell	21.4	19			
Wendy Hansen	86.8	10	Wayne Shaw	21	20			

Sportsperson of the Year winners for May 2011

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Species weighed in at the Rottneest May Field Day were:- Herring, Skipjack Trevally, Garfish, Tarwhine, Wrasse, Tailor, Cod, Yellowtail Kingfish, Trevally (other), Western Rock Blackfish,

Leather Jacket and Western Foxfish. Species caught on the Local May Field day were Herring, Flathead, King George Whiting and Garfish.

Field Day sections 2011/12

Up to and including May Local 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)			
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)	Ian Taggart	Tailor	2.90 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

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller