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### Field Day report Cervantes November 2012

**Synopsis.** The November 2012 field day was spread from Jurien to Cervantes with the majority of persons fishing the Hill river area, and the South Point near Jurien Township. While strong winds and weed everywhere, good catches resulted from these locations. No one fished locally. In summary, it was a repeat of the previous months for the field day at Cervantes, as again this venue resulted in catches of tailor plus miscellaneous fish resulting in lots of smiles at the weigh-in.

**The trip.** The sign on at the Hill River car park was at 1 pm Saturday 15 November with lines down at 2 pm with fishing through until through Sunday with the weigh-in at 11 am at the same car park. A total of 16 anglers signed on. George Holman, Pat McKeown, Martin Wearmouth and two sons Thomas and Christian, Shane Wignell and daughters Sarah and Emma, Victor and Slavka Schilo, John Crompton, Justin Rose, Jeff Hewton, Eddie and Debbie Korin and Peter Osborne.

Pat, John, Jeff and George Holman tried the sandy point just south of the Jurien township. All was quiet during the afternoon but as dusk arrived, the tailor turned up. George did hook rays and one thought to be a very big ray or a shark that headed to South Africa and with line on his spool rapidly disappearing he increased pressure and the fish let go. Terminal gear pulled out with bait OK but flattened, so the hooks did not penetrate. George did manage to avoid stingray tails this time so he did not have to call on Pat to do the safety officer bit.

This group also caught fish the following morning at the same place, with George also getting herring, a flathead and pike. Congratulations go to John for a first ever bag of 8 tailor, and with the Sunday morning fish, he came close to the two day bag limit with his 13 tailor.

Jeff also had a good bag of 8 tailor of 5.4 kg with his best tailor at 1.16 kg gilled and gutted.

Victor and Slavka and Eddie and Debbie fished south of Hill River car park. As we all had encountered they also had frustrating fishing due to high winds (SW to S) and weed right through our fishing period, but as the afternoon started to disappear they started to catch fish.

Victor got a couple of tailor plus a dart, some herring and pike, while Slavka landed a similar bag. While you both caught the same number of fish the statistics give Victor as having an additional species, he managed more points than Slavka, but Slavka had a heavier tailor of 0.72 kg, compared to Victor's at 0.69kg.



*Peter Osborne, Slavka and Victor Schilo*

With similar catches Eddie had some tailor and Debbie had tailor plus a herring. Debbie had the higher points count, but Eddie had the slightly heavier tailor at 0.68 kg compared to Debbie's 0.59kg. Victor pointed out that where they were fishing a shark came swimming along the foreshore in just inches of water, so no place for swimming.



*Emma and Sarah Wignell with tailor*

The rest of us (Shane Wignell and his two daughters, Martin and his two young sons, Justin and I) went to the mouth of the Hill River. As were the others we were also plagued with wind and weed. While we did not have a major run of fish, during afternoon, evening and morning between us, tailor continually came in ones and twos.

Shane captured some tailor and a spotted mackerel. He managed to out-fish his daughters with Sarah getting 4 tailor and Emma getting 2.

Shane only just managed to capture the biggest tailor of the field day at 1.17kg, only 0.01kg heavier than Jeff's. However congratulations to Emma (on the left) with her first ever tailor.

At the northern end of the group at Hill River the Wearmouth family quietly started to fill their bag. Martin continues to show his fishing skills as he had a full bag of tailor plus a flathead and dart.

His two boys, mini-juniors, Thomas and Christian also managed to capture 3 tailor each. They took a good esky of fish home as Martin also got his two day bag limit of tailor over the two days.

Justin fished hard and achieved his bag limit of tailor, plus herring, pike and a shark. Both Justin and I put burley out. Justin had several losing battles with large stingrays, however his efforts paid off and he landed the 6.1kg shark. He fished until nearly midnight, catching several mulloway but all undersize. With this shark he had the heaviest bag for the weekend.



*Thomas, Martin and Christian Wearmouth with tailor*



*Justin Rose with 6.1kg shark*

Fishing beside Justin, no battles with rays for me. First time in a long time fishing here that I have not hooked one of those monster eagle rays. Like Shane, late afternoon I managed a spotted mackerel that would have gone close to 2.0kg uncleaned.

Over the two days I had my two day bag of 16 tailor so was able to present my best 8 of these species to the weigh-in, plus some herring, a flathead and a pike and that pleasant surprise of the mackerel. Despite trying for large fish, no rays hooked, one good point but what I was really looking for was one of those small sharks and a good mulloway.

Like Justin I landed a few of those undersize mulloway. We could not find any large ones mixed in with these little soapies.

As in the last field day a month ago at Cervantes, there were lots of smiles at the Sunday morning weigh-in. Everyone had a good feed of fish to take home. With an hour to undertake the weigh-in and blow up tires we all departed by noon. The changed time of 1 pm Saturday sign-on and a 2 pm lines down and weigh-in of 11 am on Sunday was a good period for the club fishing.

You might notice that club members are starting to wear the new SCAC yellow caps. If you had been there you would have noticed a ring-in.



*Smiles and fish at the weigh-in*

George took his new caravan to Jurien and afforded a bit of luxury to allow his wife Kaye to accompany him. Victor and Eddie also had caravans and with a large caravan park in Jurien it is an ideal venue for persons with this sort of mobile accommodation.

People who attended this and the previous field day all consider this venue one of the best and is within 2 to 2.5 hours' drive from Perth.



*Peter Osborne and mackerel*



*Shane Wignell and tailor*

Tight lines

Field Officer, Peter Osborne

**Sportsperson of the Year winners for November 2012**

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Spotted Mackerel	1.67 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	8.43 kg
Best shark	Justin Rose	Shark	6.10 kg
Best bag including sharks	Justin Rose	Mixed Bag	11.98 kg

**Field day section winners for November 2012**

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Spotted Mackerel	1.67 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Mixed Bag	6.24 kg
Best shark	Justin Rose	Shark	6.10 kg

## **Catch results and points for November Field Day**

<b>Angler</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Points</b>
Justin Rose	11.98 kg	4	12	199.8
Peter Osborne	8.43 kg	5	13	184.3
Martin Wearmouth	6.24 kg	3	10	142.4
George Holman	3.75 kg	4	10	127.5
Shane Wignell	4.52 kg	2	7	115.2
Victor Schilo	1.87 kg	4	7	108.7
Jeff Hewton	5.4 kg	1	8	104
Slavka Schilo	1.87 kg	3	7	98.7
John Crompton	3.75 kg	1	8	97.5
Sarah Wignell	2.49 kg	3	6	94.9
Debbie Korin	2.34 kg	2	6	93.4
Pat McKeown	2.72 kg	1	6	87.2
Eddie Korin	1.67 kg	1	3	76.7
Emma Wignell	1.32 kg	1	2	73.2
Christian Wearmouth	1.36 kg	1	3	63.6
Thomas Wearmouth	1.34 kg	1	3	63.4

Points include Field day and November General meeting points. Species weighed at the Cervantes Field day were tailor, Australian herring, flathead, dart, long finned pike, spotted mackerel and shark.

## **Field Day top scores for 2012/13**

Total scores up to and including November Field day and General meeting. Competition Rules section 2.4.5 specifies only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. The winners will be announced at the Presentation of Trophies in June 2013, and adjusted scores will be published after that.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Peter Osborne	1337.2	1	Greg Keet	295.1	12	Jeff Hewton	104	23
Peet Wessels	862.4	2	Justin Rose	264.9	13	Josh Gorringer	99	24
George Holman	741	3	John Crompton	264.5	14	Christian Wearmouth	85.8	25
Sandra Wessels	669.9	4	Francis Ford	251.8	15	Thomas Wearmouth	84.4	26
Martin Wearmouth	466.6	5	Ian Taggart	242.3	16	Emma Wignell	73.2	27
Slavka Schilo	426.5	6	Debbie Korin	198.2	17	Geoff Raftis	59.7	28
Victor Schilo	397.9	7	Theo Van Niekerk	177.6	18	Beverley Grigo	40	29
Mark Hansen	389.2	8	Eddie Korin	174.1	19	Raymond Walker	40	30
Pat McKeown	386	9	Morgan Keet	160.8	20	Chris Stickells	34.5	31
Shane Wignell	370.5	10	Wendy Hansen	116.2	21	Allan Jones	20	32
Sarah Wignell	321.3	11	Francis Gaudin	115.7	22			

## **Field Day sections 2012/13**

Up to and including November 2012 Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	7.8 kg	June
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)				
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee			
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	Justin Rose	Shark	6.1 kg	Nov
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)	Peet Wessels	Mulloway	7.8 kg	June
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	1.22 kg	Sep
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)	George Holman	Salmon	3.79 kg	Sep

7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Peet Wessels	Skipjack Trevally	1.42 kg	Aug
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)				
9	Best scale fish (other than above)	Sandra Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	4.72 kg	Aug
10	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	15.04 kg	Aug
11	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish Min)				
12	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish Min)	Peter Osborne	Tailor	6.1 kg	Nov
13	Best fish on S/H rod 4kg b/s line (max)				
14	Best fish caught on fly rod	Frank Gaudin	Wrasse	0.54 kg	May

## Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches and entries during November. See also lists in earlier Reel Talks. Some members are close to the 10 species needed to qualify for a badge.

Name	Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Justin Rose				1	1		1		1		1	1	1		1	1		9
Shane Wignell		1	1	1	1		1					1	1		1	1		9
Slavka Schilo	1	1			1	1		1		1		1	1			1		9
Victor Schilo	1				1					1		1	1					5
Christian Wearmouth		1		1									1					3
Thomas Wearmouth	1												1			1		3
Debbie Korin					1								1					2

Recorder John Curtis

## The trip to Jurien November 2012

It was decided that a trip to Jurien Bay was in order for the November club fishing competition Cervantes to Jurien. Geoff Raftis had invited me and John Crompton to join him for the trip which was eagerly accepted as Geoff has access to a house at Jurien.

It was arranged to leave on the Friday, coming home on the Tuesday early morning. We called into Grey on the way up to Jurien. If you haven't seen it, call in and look how they did it in the early days.

We arrived at the house in Jurien after doing a detour to visit the caravan park where George and Kaye Holman are staying in their brand new caravan. The Lady of the house was trying to have a snooze when we arrived. Had to put a stop to that! The caravan is very nice indeed, well suited for long trips and comfortable living. Has everything that open and shuts. Hit the road, George and Kaye.

After all of that it was time to go to the house and unload. With everything sorted it was load up the fishing gear and eagerly off fishing. So we drove to the South Point to try our luck. It was very windy, with a strong southerly turning south westerly. That made for good chop and hard fishing but the results came along.

George rolled up had a chat (unusual for George) caught a couple of fish then went back to his van for the night. We all packed up and wandered home for a feed and rest ready for the Club competition to start on Saturday.

Had a sleep in Saturday morning to freshen up for the weekend's fishing - felt good. Had breakfast then it was decided to go and have a look for fishy water clear of weed.

Called into Greenhead. Very nice, has everything for good fishing, good beach and rocky outcrops. Problem! All weeded up so decided to give it a miss and return to Jurien.

As time was marching on, we drove straight to the sign on. Good rollup, all eager to go fishing, so after signing and a bit more chatter everybody parted for their favourite fishing spot.

Decide to go back to fish the South Point as the wind was still blowing quite strongly causing a good chop. Had a good fishing session. Called it a night at 8pm and left George on the beach for his famous one more cast.

Back to the house, shower, feed a couple of beverages, amber and red, then off to bed to rise at 4am ready to do it all again.

Back on the Point. Daylight was starting to happen, the wind was still doing its best to blow us off the beach. John Crompton was having a magic time catching one after another and soon bagged out. Well done John. Oh what a feeling.

As time was marching we decided to pack up and return to the house to clean up and go to the weigh in. The weigh was well attended with lots of smiling faces. All weighed in and a further chat or two - just can't keep Kaye quiet. Must just love that fishing especially in that brand new yellow Club hat.

All done and dusted returned to Jurien to change and get ready for a night's fishing. We had just settled in when Ed and Deb Korin arrived, set up a fishing spot and, blow me down with a feather, Deb catches a good sized tailor with all the males looking on, and then did it again. We all fished on then Deb and Ed decided to call it a night. Can't wipe that smile away, Deb.

Later in the evening Geoff handed over a very nice glass of red to George and me. We all tipped our glasses to the sun, thanks Geoff, never know what is next with Geoff.



*John Crompton with nine tailor caught over 2 days.*



*John Crompton with 2 of his tailor*

Monday back on the beach at daylight. Still windy, some weed starting to come in but the fishing was still happening. Decided to pull the pin at 9am. John would not leave the beach. "Still more fish out there" was the reply.

Come on John, get rid of that big grin. But it is good to see.

Time to pack the gear and tidy the house. All of that done, it was decided to have a night at home and relax on the last night in Jurien. All fed and watered it was off to bed as we wanted to be on the road at 7am. Had a good trip home. Aine and the cat were overjoyed when I got home with all my washing etc.

Geoff and John - thanks for a wonderful 5 days in Jurien. Also to all my fellow club members thanks for the fishing session with you all.

Pat McKeown